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The Jetty at Dawn Photo by Kelvin Jones

SWANSEA TASMANIA 1973

Tasmania Is Down Under the Land Down Under

By Paul Hendrickson
Feb. 4, 1973

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Times Archives

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<https://www.nytimes.com/1973/02/04/archives/tasmania-is-down-under-the-land-down-under-tasmania-is-the-other.html>

It is a Sunday morning in Swansea, Tasmania (pop. 680). Great Oyster Bay sleeps. The golf links off Waterloo Point are empty. The public bar at the Swan Inn is locked tight.

Every sound seems magnified: the clang of a Sunday School bell, on the hill, the lurching of Tom Bryan's bakery truck as he finishes his daily rounds, even the slurps of a milk shake being downed by a teen-ager outside Ray Short's Milk Bar. A dog barks, a cat purrs, a few seagulls cry. All else in this sandy hamlet on the edge of the Tasman Sea, at very nearly the bottom of the world, is still.

Or so you would suspect. But actually, at this moment, hidden safely away behind the thick oaken doors of the Swansea Football Club, a raucous, bawdy tradition is being honourably up: held—the Sunday morning “practice.” While their womenfolk sleep away the day, while apples grow ripe in orchards and sheep graze in pastures gone brown from the hammer heat of summer, the men of Australia's oldest rural municipality once again whoop it up. Noisy Bill Gray is the focus of this Sunday's attention. Shoes unlaced, cardigan on backwards, unshaven, this hulk of an aging farmer can trim any two men his size—and did it several weeks earlier over in Campbelltown. But it is going to take more than insults to get a rise out of Noisy Bill this crisp morning, and no matter how hard his mates continue to poke away at him, he isn't having any.

“You'd steal anyone's chickens, you would,” says Hilton Salter, the village census taker, handyman at the Swan Inn and, according to his boss, the most likable rogue in town.

Noisy Bill doesn't stir. Mickey Flynn, much younger than Gray and something of a village Don Juan, says: “Blokes are sayin' you're the biggest fibber this side of the black stump.” * Nothing.

Kevin. McConner, bartender at the weekly slosh, winks at Spud Hill, the sawmill owner, and tells Noisy Bill: “Mate, you're cut off. Go home and boil the billy.” **

So Hal Rouleston, publican, resident intellectual and probably the only man in Swansea with more than one tie, changes the tactics. A proper Englishman who immigrated to Tasmania five years ago in search, of a hotel, Hal ties a finely

clipped moustache that twitches as he speaks. In his starched shirt and pressed trousers, he makes a comical contrast with Gray and company. No matter. Bill for once is listening.

“I know I'm supposed to be a Tasmanian 50 years before I'm allowed to comment on the island,” he says. “But if you were to ask me, I'd say there's too many damn liberals here. Besides that, we're over governed.”

It works. If there is one thing close to Bill Gray's heart—closer than a stubbie of Hobart Bitter, closer than a Saturday night hoot or this Sunday morning howl—it is talking politics. So for the next hour, he badgers them, joking at one point how even his “bloody chickens lay eggs like they're unionized,” serious enough at another to shout about communism, bringing the house down finally with his castigation of organized labour: “I work so 'ard on me own farm that I 'ad an itch on me behind,” three days ago and ain't scratched it yet.” When the last bottle is drained, when the hat has long since been passed for next week's “practice sermon” Old Bill Gray is still there shouting to his teammates. When he does leave, it is with the reluctance of a man who still has points to press.

* black stump: an Australian phrase going back to frontier days, the legendary farthest point in the hinterland beyond which there was nothing.

** boil the billy: make a pot of tea. A billy is a can, pot or kettle in which tea is boiled, usually over a campfire. stubble: a squat, fat little bottle.

These are the men of Swansea, Tasmania—farmers, fishermen and foresters whose lives seem lost in a pristine time and a place clipped from the picture books of England or Ireland. Theirs is a story of The Other Australia the forgotten big toe of that giant in the southern seas. If much of mainland Australia is still the empty, vast and brooding continent, then its island state Tasmania is still the hidden seascape, tucked away in a land mass only 180 miles long and 190 wide. The

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The GOBCNews team

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Opening Hours:

Tuesday 10am to early afternoon

(men & women's group)

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(men's group)

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(men's group)

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(women's group)

Contact Colin Stevenson 0400 030 746

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10am to 3pm

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Contact Tracey Kean 0407 639 022

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Contact Heather Groombridge

0416 200 172

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6257 8205

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See details on the website or call

Reverend Ben Allen 0407 242 522

www.eastcoastanglican.church

10 Noyes Street, Swansea

&

1 Franklin Street, Triabunna

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will be holding services on

the 1st & 3rd Sundays of

each month at 10m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

All Welcome

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TAP DANCING CLASSES

Swansea Town Hall on Mondays

at the new time of 4.30pm

All enquiries phone

Janelle

0437 264 332

SWANSEA & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Meetings held 2nd Thurs each month 2pm at Swansea Community Hub.

New members welcome.

Ph 0417 977 118 or 0402 043 621

Swanseadistrictgardenclub@gmail.com

DOLPHIN SANDS

RATEPAYERS ASSOC. (DSRA)

Email: dsra.7190@gmail.com

Website: dsra.org.au

Mail: PO Box 133, Swansea, 7190

SWANSEA MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

meeting start 10am every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Swansea Golf Club with Social Distancing

SWANSEA BRANCH CWA

meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. New members always welcome. Craft days alternate months.

Contact 0402 043 621 for details

CRANBROOK CRAFT GROUP

Every Wednesday 10.30 am at Cranbrook Hall, Cranbrook.

Contact Edith 0409 216 793

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Mondays 8:45 for 9 am. (currently full)

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0429 178 076 / 0448 649 765

(re Exercise Group) or

0448 649 765 (re Qigong)

SWANSEA TENNIS CLUB is open to all members and available for hire.

Ladies day Mondays, playing 11am.

Contact

Kathy Dance 0439 732 496.

All new members welcome.

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Are you interested in local History? Then consider joining the Historical Society.

Currently our office is open Tuesdays

10am to 4pm

22 Franklin Street, Swansea

<https://glamorganhistory.org.au/>

Phone: 03 6256 5077

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Meets in Orford.

Contact Gaye 0422 961 678

for details.

SPRING BAY WALKERS

Every Thursday morning, contact

Peter Hutememier 6257 7506.

See programme

www.triabunnavillage.com.au/springbay-walkers

MAHJONG & SCRABBLE

1.30 pm every Monday

at Swansea Golf Club.

Contact Lyn Lyne 0438 578 208



THE ORFORD & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB INC.

The last weekend of every month between 10.00am & 3.00pm

57 Inkerman Street Triabunna

For info. Phone: 0427796096

E-mail: sandmgraham@bigpond.com

Facebook— Orford and District

Riding Club Inc.

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Nathan Jacobs 0482 471 443

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Online in colour every week at www.gobcnews.weebly.com

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Inquiries to Cheryl on 0419393774

SPRING BAY POTTERS

The Spring Bay Potters Group started in 2020 by local artist Dorothy Duncombe-Jackson. Situated in specifically built facilities at The Village in Triabunna, the Group regularly meet for classes and potting on

**Wednesdays & Fridays
10.00am to 1.00pm.**

As well as tuition, clay, tools, glazes etc. are provided for a cost.

Peter Hüttemeier

LET'S GET WALKING

Day	Meeting place	Time
Mon	Duck Park	9am
Tue	Duck Park	9am
Wed	Duck Park	9am
Thur	Duck Park All fitness levels encouraged	6.30pm
Fri	Duck Park - Slow walk suitable for beginners and mums with bubs	10am

Christmas—No organised walks between 20th Dec 21— 10th Jan 22

For further information, please text Susan on 0429 146 950.

DOLPHIN SANDS ART GROUP

King's Gallery
22 Cambria
Dolphin Sands



- 11am to 1pm
- BYO everything \$5 for charity
- Some easels available
- Coffee from gallery

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE VILLAGE

20 Melbourne Street, Triabunna

Community Market third Sunday of each Month 10.00am to 1.00pm. Large range of stalls and activities. Sell from your car boot, charge applies. Large range of community activities during the week, for details see:

<http://triabunnavillage.com.au/>
<https://www.facebook.com/VillageTriabunna/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MEALS ON WHEELS SWANSEA ROSTER

Date	2021	Name
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Thur	02 Dec	A Simson
Fri	03 Dec	A & R Smith
Mon	06 Dec	L & S Evans
Tues	07 Dec	J Whittaker

Glamorgan Suicide Awareness Network

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- ✓ glamorganspn@gmail.com
- ✓ Crisis Life Line 24/7: 131114
- ✓ Support Life Line Tas: 1800 984 434

everyone needs someone to talk to

MILITARY COMPENSATION & REHABILITATION ADVOCACY SERVICES

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Contact **Marcia 0448714419**

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Sally, Carrie & Leni
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANGLICAN CEMETERY Waterloo Street

Due to the rain and heavy grass growth, many graves in the Cemetery need some attention. I would like to encourage anyone who has a family grave there to help by tidying up. This will leave the cemetery in neat condition ready for Christmas and those that will visit at that time.

D.Lord

SWANSEA TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 2nd December
at 4.00pm

Bark Mill Tavern Dining Room
All members very welcome to attend.
Kathy Dance
Secretary – 0439 732 496

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SWANSEA ONLINE ACCESS CENTRE (SOAC) & GREAT OYSTER BAY COMMUNITY NEWS (GOBCNews) CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S CLOSURE

This issue marks 2 weeks left until the end of the publishing year for the Great Oyster Bay Community News. As usual we will finish the year with a colour issue so any advertiser or resident wishing to place adverts or other end of year greetings is asked to have a think & get them in early. Deadline 12pm Friday 10th Dec

The GOBCNews plans to print its final 2021 issue on
Tuesday 14th Dec. 2021.
The first issue for 2022 planned for
Tuesday 11th Jan. 2022

The Swansea Online Access Centre will close for Xmas & New Year's break at
2pm on Friday 17th Dec. 2021
and reopen at
10am on 10th Jan. 2022

Bill Fry (coordinator for SOAC) & Rob Gaspari (desktop publisher for GOBCNews)

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fierce Australia, those thousands of miles of outback, is a land far to the north. That Australia, as Dorothea MacKellar described it in one of her poems, is the “sunburnt country.”

Tasmania is nothing like that. It is a gentle place of valleys and lakes, of soft green plains, of rocky coasts. It is hedgerows shaved smoother than carpet, picket fences, stone walls, misty mornings. But more than anything else, Tasmania is tiny, almost invisible clots of humanity like Swansea, barricaded against time alongside sleeping bays and rivers.

Imprinted by Time

You can go up the eastern coast to St. Helens, or down to Bust-me-Gall, or around the neck of Oyster Bay to Coles Bay, where the population has increased by 40 people and an odd number of cats and dogs in the last 20 years, and in each you will find a common denominator: towns imperilled by the passage of time. They are nearly artifacts, dusty curios of a world that has passed them by, yet in each there is that certain fragile something that endears them to you and makes you cheer their efforts to survive. Call it quaintness or simplicity or the Good Life and you haven't quite got it. It is deeper, stirring at the roots of our instinct to want something to live and the fear that if it doesn't we shall all be the worse. It is this that gives a remote speck of humanity called Swansea, Tasmania, an infinite importance, and links it with all other vanishing Main Streets of the world.

But if Swansea appears lost in time, from another viewpoint it almost seems above time, beyond its caprices. Except for the two trailer parks and few new buildings and more houses up on the hill, a visitor gets the feeling that, were William and Sarah Lyne alive today, they would recognize the village they helped found nearly 150 years ago. The Lynes put ashore on Christmas Day, 1826, after a three-month voyage from England with three sons, two daughters, two servants, two dogs, two hogsheads of rum, and their determination. The Council Chambers they built soon afterward still stand on Noyes Street and remain the site of a monthly town meeting. The Registrar of Births and Deaths posts his notices there just as he did 100 years ago.

The permanence is everywhere. Morris's General Store on Franklin Street, opened in 1846, remains the basic source of dry goods for the community—and is operated by the descendants of James Morris, who became proprietor in 1868. The library (the quaint sign on the door reads Glamorgan Public Library and Ladies Rest Room) continues to operate on the subscription basis it began with 104 years ago. The town still has one banker, one

butcher, one druggist, one greengrocer. The Roman Catholic priest makes it through town every two months. The lawyers serving the community are in attendance once a fortnight.

So, fascinated by this sense of timelessness, the visitor stops into Tom Bryan's bakery to see if he, will talk about his town. Except for a hitch in the service during the war, Tom has spent his life in Swansea, as have his parents, who just the previous evening celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Swan Inn.

Tom starts out by denying the lack of change. But when you press him, all he can do is smile, run two fingers along the brim of his old felt fedora, stick the other hand into his faded baker's coat and, say, “Well, we do have the new sawmill on the edge of town . . . and lately during holiday periods the tourists come like flies....”

The tourists are coming—and in terms of the town's bid to stay alive that is a blessing. But such blessings can be mixed, and when you look a bit closer at the town and discover a souvenir shop and a photo store and, worse, tacky motel units stuck incongruously to the front of the otherwise stately Swan Inn, then it is hard not to feel tinges of regret. But these are ripples on otherwise undisturbed waters, and your, guess is that Swansea will not become swamped by commercialism.

People there probably don't even know the word. Some how they just don't seem to have angles, and to a “Sydney-sider” or an American that can be a difficult proposition to accept. To be convinced, it is necessary to study the unintentional message behind signs like “War Memorial and Billiard Room.” Or better, think about the instructions at the golf course that ask you to “put your 50-cent green fees in envelope and slide under door, or else pay at Morris's General Store when convenient.” It is both a disarming unsophistication and an inherent trust in one's fellow man, an instinct—no, a compulsion—of these people to be no more than they are and to expect the same in return.

And what of the youth, the real hope of any Main Street? Lyndon Salter, 22, and every inch his father's son except possibly for his shoulder length hair, works as a tire fitter in Hobart Tasmania's capital, 87 miles south of Swansea. Each weekend Lyndon catches a bus home to Swansea. He shrugs and says it is because of football games and his girlfriend, but as he goes on, he indicates it is just as much because of the “mateship” he knows will be waiting there for him each Friday night.

A Real Football Team

(It turns out there really is a playing football team in addition to the drinking one. Not a very good team, however. On the day before Bill Gray fumed about poli-

tics, St. Helens came to town and clobbered the boys by 60 points. The next morning the team got to the field early, kicked the ball around for 45 minutes, then piled inside the clubhouse to join their fathers already awash in grog. Bill calls it “the mental part of their game—the internal training.”)

The mateship young Salter speaks of is purely Australian in philosophy and kind, different from the camaraderie or fellowship Americans and other nationalities experience. It has to do with the brute facts of the Australian geography and is less a Social circumstance than a product of the immense distance this country is from the rest of mankind. Any Main Street anywhere could claim dependencies based on human interrelationships that are deeper than those based on synthesized entertainments, but in Main Street, Tasmania, human interrelationships constitute more of a sole dependence.

You can see this on Sunday mornings at the clubhouse. You can see it on Saturday night's when they pack up the babies and grab the old ladies and all gather at the Swan Inn for what called a cabaret but is closer to hootenanny and free-for-all, the kids doing the funky chicken, their parents the jitterbug, their grandparents the box step waltz—all to the same music. And you can see it in newcomers to the town like Rita, a young girl who emigrated from Europe and now works in Tom Bryan's bakery. She understates her feelings by saying, “This is a place where my children don't get knocked about,” but the smile on her face argues for much more.

And so the final feeling a visitor begins to get about this Main Street Down Under is that for now at least things are pretty much working. Swansea, Tasmania, like most other small towns in the world, is severely threatened by time and may one day become such an anachronism that it will fade back into the sandy soil from which it first grew. But for this moment if not the future, much like those “Diggers” in their slouch hats who held firm on the crags of Gallipoli during the First World War, the people of Swansea are not giving up. They have dug in and are trying to go on.

If You Go . . .

. . . to Swansea, Tasmania, you'll discover that getting there is a roundabout proposition. Plane connections must be made first at Melbourne, on the Australian mainland, then at Hobart, Tasmania's capital city. Once in Hobart you can rent a car or take a bus to Swansea. The auto drive, along the scenic Tasman Highway, is the better bet: You can park your car along any number of stretches, hop a fence and be on a deserted beach within seconds.

In Swansea, prices are uniformly low. A hamburger “with the lot” is 45 cents. A

full meal at the Swan Inn costs less than \$3. Greens fees at the public golf course, low enough on a daily basis (50 cents), are even lower by the week--\$2.

Although there are several guesthouses in town, the English-style Swan Inn, with its cheery fireplaces, is your best lodging bet. Manager Hal Rouleston's wine cellar is a good one, and the inn's three pubs are neatly always merry. The Saturday night cabaret is not to be missed.

Australian-rules football is close to the game of rugby, only rougher. The town team generally kicks and gouges its way downfield on Saturday afternoon from April to June. If that doesn't interest you, a drive around the neck of Oyster Bay to the tidy little town of Coles Bay might, or a drive to Port Arthur near Hobart to see the ruins of an early maximum security penal colony.

Driving holidays are popular on Tasmania, "the Apple Isle," because of its scenic beauty. Australia's springtime (September through November) is probably the best time for a visit, but no season is unpleasant.

Post script by Rob Gaspari

Even though more of a travel log it is an insightful article on Swansea in the 70's by US journalist Paul Hendrickson. A trip down memory lane for those who lived the time.

Hendrickson born in 1944 would have been just a lad of 29 at the time. Now an author, journalist, and professor. He is a senior lecturer and member of the Department of English at the University of Pennsylvania. USA.

As of 2014, Hendrickson has written five nonfiction books, including a memoir and biographies about Marion Post Wolcott, Robert McNamara, and Ernest Hemingway.

Thanks to Noel Stanley for the great find.



Fireman Bob preparing the fire engine.

THE XMAS PARADE IS COMING

upon us very quickly. The street decorations are going up, the houses & businesses are starting to look festive & the weather is looking great. So keep working on your floats etc. for the parade.

Please don't forget to fill in your forms which are available in the newsletter below.

Cheers from the Xmas parade committee.



Chantelle from the Swansea Post Office with the newly arrived Santa's Mail box. Make sure that you get your letters to Santa in early to make sure Santa and Australia Post has enough time to get them back to you.

Swansea Community Christmas

THE POM
Is going to have a
GARAGE SALE
at
14232 Tasman Highway
starting 8 am
Sat 4th December 2021
Tools etc. and Lots More
"Ye All Come Ye Hear"

Glamorgan
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URGENTLY NEEDED
Committee Secretary
Call Sherry
0467 972 578



Swansea community Christmas
Float Registration form

Name :

Phone:

Email:

Type of float eg. walking/ car / truck:

Name of float:

Email your completed form to swanseacommunitychristmas@gmail.com
or place it in the box @ Morris' Store

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Many of you would know of the work of Steve in our community assisting our veterans. Hopefully many more will now contact him for support. His contact details are available in the GOBC newsletter each week.

A huge thank you to Garry and Steve for donating their time to attend. Their commitment to our veterans and the assistance they provide to improve their quality of life is immeasurable.

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Bureau of Meteorology declares La Niña underway

The Bureau of Meteorology today declared a La Niña has developed in the Pacific Ocean.

La Niña is part of a cycle known as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), a naturally occurring shift in ocean temperatures and weather patterns along the equator in the Pacific Ocean.

During La Niña, waters in the central or eastern tropical Pacific become cooler than normal, persistent south-east to north-westerly winds strengthen in the tropical and equatorial Pacific, and clouds shift to the west, closer to Australia.

The Bureau's Head of Operational Climate Services, Dr Andrew Watkins, said that typically during La Niña events, rainfall becomes focused in the western tropical Pacific, leading to wetter than normal period for eastern, northern and central parts of Australia.

"La Niña also increases the chance of cooler than average daytime temperatures for large parts of Australia and can increase the number of tropical cyclones that form," Dr Watkins said.

"La Niña is also associated with earlier first rains of the northern wet season, as we've observed across much of tropical Australia this year.

"The last significant La Niña was 2010-12. This strong event saw large impacts across Australia, including Australia's wettest two-year periods on record, and widespread flooding.

"La Niña also occurred during spring and summer of 2020-21. Back-to-back La Niña events are not unusual, with around half of all past events returning for a second year."

Dr Watkins said that this year's event is not predicted to be as strong as the 2010-12 event and may even be weaker than in 2020-21 La Niña event.

"Every La Niña has different impacts, as it is not the only climate driver to affect Australia at any one time. That's why it is

important not to look at it in isolation and use the Bureau's climate outlooks tools online to get a sense about likely conditions for the months ahead," Dr Watkins said.

The Bureau previously shifted to La Niña WATCH on 14 September 2021, and to La Niña ALERT on 12 October 2021. La Niña is likely to persist until at least the end of January 2022.

For more information about climate drivers, visit [our website](#).



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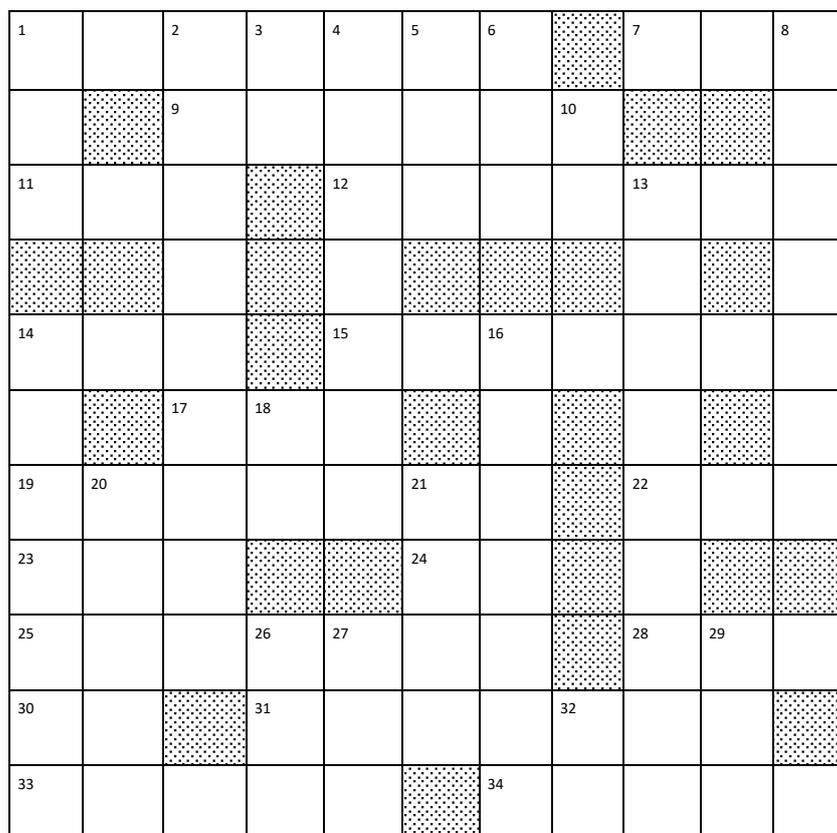
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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Boulevards (7)
7. Mineral spring (3)
9. Newsmonger (6)
11. Work unit (3)
12. In the vertical (7)
14. Exclamation of wonder (3)
15. Scottish youths (7)
17. Everything (3)
19. Pawpaws (7)
22. Sol (3)
23. Shade of colour (3)
24. Two of (2)
25. Laborious (7)
28. Skilled (3)
30. Sodium (2)
31. Makes a sound (7)
33. Slope (5)
34. Japanese roles (5)

DOWN

1. Ate (3)
2. Oval (3-9)
3. In the negative (2)
4. Customarily (7)
5. Seers possess this (1.1.1.)
6. Knights title (3)
8. Craftsman (7)
10. II (2)
13. Sliding dance steps (9)
14. Parentless children (7)
16. Ceases (7)
18. Lanthanum (2)
20. Pertaining to the ear (5)
- 21.
26. Funeral vase (3)
27. Fodder grain for animals (3)
29. Burnt residue (3)
32. Lutetium (2)

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**ALL ANSWERS
ON PAGE 7**



LIFE'S LIKE THAT :-

Children in the back seats of cars cause accidents, but accidents in back seats cause children.

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WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

Three men are all working on building a house. They go up to the roof for lunch, and unwrapped their sandwiches. The Brunette says "if I get one more Tuna sandwich, I'm going to jump off this roof and kill myself. The black haired one says "if I get one more pickle and lettuce sandwich, I, too, am going to jump off this roof and kill myself. The blonde looks at his sandwich and also declares, "if I get one more peanut butter and jelly sandwich, I'm going to jump off this roof and kill myself." The next day, they all get the same sandwiches and kill themselves. That night, their wives all meet up and mourn. "If I had known that my husband was going to kill himself over a sandwich, I wouldn't have given it to him." The brunette cries. "Same," the raven head replies. They both look at the blonde. "Don't look at me, he packed his own lunch!"



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Swansea Golf Club

Results 27th November 2021.



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Winners Rick Fulton, Shane Bartel, Jason Kerrison, Paul Morris 46.75

Runners Up Kathy Dance, Rick Dance, Christine Ring, Derek Ring. 47.5

Nearest the Pin 9th/18th Ricky Wright

Super Pin 4th/13th Ricky Fulton, 7th/16th Paul Nunn

Next Week December Monthly Medal – Stroke

20th November 2021

Results of the 4th and final round of the annual FOBS inter club competition played at Bicheno Golf Club. A very large field competed, with the overall winners and congratulations to Orford Golf Club The final totals were, Orford 539 followed by Swansea 512

Freycinet 489 and Bicheno 466.

Swansea Best Scores

Men Tim Bond 38,
Runner Up Jason Kerrison 37,
Ladies Alison Smith 29

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Lady's Mid-week - Stroke
18-Holers Winner Kathy Dance 61,
Runner Up Joanna Whelan 62 c/b.
9-Holers Winner Pip Cardno 34 c/b,
Runner Up Jennifer Whittaker 34.
Nearest the Pin 4th Jennifer Whittaker, 5th Pat Hardcastle, 7th Joanna Whelan, 8th Pip Cardno.

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Wednesday 17th November 2021

Ladies Canadian Foursomes - Delayed Results
18-Holers Winners Lee Bennett & Christine Ring 61.5

Runners Up Sally Siepen & Alison Smith 63.5.

9-Holers Winners Jennifer Whittaker & Pip Cardno 30.25.

Runners Up Lynden Harris & Helen Hall 40

Chicken Run (Scores Only)

Wednesday Greg West 27.5, Rod Smith 30.5

Putts Greg West 12.

Friday Christine Ring 28, Derek Ring 30, Ricky Fulton 31.

Putts Shane Bartel 13 c/b

Results & jokes supplied by Paul Nunn



Swansea Cricket Club

Levendale 3/222 df Swansea 36
T Bryan 0/16 10 overs
L Young 0/21 7 overs

Date /result	Match
Nov 06/Lost	Swansea V Mt. Pleasant
Nov 13	Bye
Nov 20/Lost	Dodges Ferry V Swansea
Nov 27/Lost	Swansea V Levendale
Dec 04	Swansea V Triabunna

Swansea Bowls Club



The East Coast Bowls Fours Grand Final turned into a Swansea tussle at Bicheno on Sunday. Swansea's Shane Pollington, Steve Hanaveer and Michael Dalla-Vecchia defeated Swansea's Barry Hill, Dean Pyke and James Amos! 9 shots to 15. Well done all you have done Swansea proud.

5-Day Glamorgan-Spring Bay Weather from Bureau of Meteorology

Bicheno

Tue. 30 Nov	Wed. 1 Dec	Thu. 2 Dec	Fri. 3 Dec	Sat. 4 Dec
Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.	Partly cloudy.
21 °C	22 °C	24 °C	18 °C	17 °C
11 °C	13 °C	15 °C	13 °C	10 °C

Orford/Triabunna

Tue. 30 Nov	Wed. 1 Dec	Thu. 2 Dec	Fri. 3 Dec	Sat. 4 Dec
Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Shower or two.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.
22 °C	25 °C	25 °C	18 °C	18 °C
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Tue. 30 Nov	Wed. 1 Dec	Thu. 2 Dec	Fri. 3 Dec	Sat. 4 Dec
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22 °C	23 °C	24 °C	19 °C	18 °C
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Swansea

Tue. 30 Nov	Wed. 1 Dec	Thu. 2 Dec	Fri. 3 Dec	Sat. 4 Dec
Mostly sunny.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Possible shower.	Partly cloudy.
23 °C	25 °C	26 °C	18 °C	18 °C
9 °C	13 °C	14 °C	12 °C	9 °C