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Our Thoughts

I NEED TO MAKE A CORRECTION !!!

Following my editorial last week I received this email from local Irish & Scottish historian and I am happy to bow to his superior knowledge. See the history of the Halloween Tradition on the rear page of this week's newsletter. - Thanks Jack.....

Hi Les,

Just read your latest edition of *The Grapevine* and took particular note of your article regarding Halloween. Regrettably the senseless acts of morons lessens the significance of the occasion.

You may wish to read the attached information which rectifies the fact that you - and most others - think that Halloween is something 'created' by our brash friends from across the water. Whilst they may have commandeered this event (and also Christmas), for their own (commercial) purposes, anything stating that the 'customs' followed are American is totally incorrect.

Hopefully the attached will give you an insight as to the real meaning of Halloween and the customs relevant to such a festival.

If you so wish, I don't see any reason why you couldn't run excerpts in future editions of *The Grapevine*, thus educating others accordingly - therefore retracting the misinformation you published today.

Cheers! D.M. "Jack" Frost,
The Irish Shop, The Scottish Shop
& Heraldic Gifts, Montville.
www.heraldicgifts.com.au

COME & HAVE SOME FUN

An invitation to the Maleny Community - COME & HAVE SOME FUN - you deserve it!!

Described as one of the best-equipped rural hospitals in Australia, the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital will host an anniversary celebration on Sunday, November 11.

The celebrations, from 10am - 4.00 pm, is designed as a thank you to the community and local service clubs for 20 years of support.

Director of Nursing Mark Sierakowski has invited everyone to join in the festivities after attending the Remembrance Day ceremony at the RSL club.

The original hospital, built in 1920 from public donations, was rebuilt

environment.

Mr Sierakowski said the Hospital Auxiliary and various community groups had not only donated special equipment and items to make patients more comfortable, they had also donated their time - a precious commodity in the time-pressured world.

The local community is welcome to attend the Garden party to celebrate this milestone.

Mr Sierakowski said it was not a fund raising event, but a gesture by the hospital executive and staff to express their gratitude to the local community.

Various hospital suppliers have donated goods for the occasion to reduce costs so you can have a sizzling sausage for 50c and a free

cuppa and cake from the hospital auxiliary.

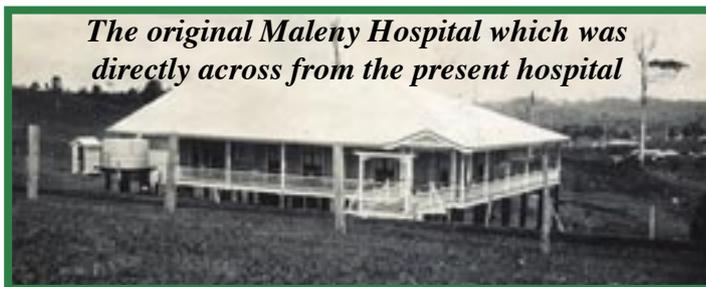
There will be a jumping castle and face painting for the kids, hospital tours by the hospital volunteers and the

chance to get your blood pressure and blood sugar level checked by a nurse. There will also be a fashion parade, music and some fun races organised by the Apexians.

"We'll see who the champion 3-legged racers are," Mr Sierakowski said.

The rededication ceremony will take place at 2.30 pm - so come along and enjoy yourselves at Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital, your local health facility.

The original Maleny Hospital which was directly across from the present hospital



at its present site in October 1987.

Mr Sierakowski said he admired the community spirit and support that locals showed the facility over many years.

"This is probably the best equipped rural hospital in the country. Something the Maleny community should be very proud of."

Situated on about two hectares of picturesque rolling parkland, it's easy to see why the staff and patients enjoy the ideal therapeutic

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Another paint hint from Maleny Paint Place

Doors are one of the most difficult painted surfaces in your home to keep clean. Dirty handprints from the kids and scuffs at the bottom of the door from shoes are just a few of the things that you will be battling in an effort to keep it clean. If the door is paneled, you have the additional challenge of trying to keep dust and grime from settling into the grooves on the door. Occasionally, you may find that cleaning just isn't enough and that you need to paint the door in order to keep it looking fresh.

Painting a paneled door can be a bit tricky. It's not like a flat door where you can just get a roller and paint the entire surface of the door in a few minutes. It is impossible to get the roller into all of the panel corners and angled surfaces. With a few simple steps and a little bit of patience though, you can have your paneled door looking like new with a fresh coat of paint.

Preparing the Door

The first step in any painting project is to prepare the surface to accept the paint. If you don't do this, then you may end up with peeling or flaking paint in the near future. Use

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a standard household cleaner to make sure that all of the surface dirt and grease is removed from every surface that you are going to paint. Once you are confident that the door is clean, use a piece of 150 grit sandpaper to lightly scuff all of the flat surfaces. This will help the new paint to stick better.

If you have any paint that is peeling, then you need to use a putty knife to scrape it away before you sand. You can use the sand paper to smooth any rough edges that may be left after scraping. Although this step generally isn't needed on interior doors, you may find that some scraping is necessary on paneled doors that have a surface exposed to the weather.

Painting

When painting a paneled door, you will definitely need a high quality brush. Some folks also like to use a small roller for the flat surfaces, but you can do the entire door with a brush and still get a quality finish. When selecting the paint, make sure that you get a gloss sheen. Not only is this paint much easier to keep clean than low sheen or a flat, it is quite a bit more durable.

Begin with the panels. Using your brush, paint the corners and the grooves of the panels in much the same way that you would if you were cutting in the corners of a wall that you were about to paint. Make sure that you don't get too much paint, as it will gather in the milled grooves and distort the appearance of the door. It is much better to use a light coat and then apply a second if necessary than it is to put on too much paint at the beginning.

After you have cut in the corners of all the panels you can brush over the flat surface of the panels. This is an area where some people like to use their small roller. Just use the roller to apply the paint, and then use the brush to make sure that it is spread evenly. This is the best way to avoid the stippled roller texture that will be left on the smooth surface of the door.

The last portion of the door that you should paint is the stiles and rails. These are the flat surfaces that actually hold the panels into place. With these, as with the flat face of the panels, you can use a roller to apply the paint and then finish the texture with your brush, or you can paint them entirely by hand with the brush. Work slowly around the corners and edges of the panels to make sure that you don't cause any drips that will flow down into the panels and cause runs.

Painting a paneled door does not require a lot of skill, it just takes a little bit of patience and proper preparation.

This week's Saying
No one likes a dobber
.....Think about it

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This weeks notices brought to you by Maleny Paint Place

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Nev leaves his mark

Saturday November 10th between 10am and pm celebrations will be in full swing at the Peachester Community Hall.

Whilst the Peachester Hall may be nearly 120 years old the celebration this year will focus on the 60 years old since the last major rebuild. The man who led that 1947 rebuild will again be a focus of the celebration this Saturday. Since that original rebuilding there have been a number of additions made to the hall.

The popular Nev Anning is well known in the Peachester / Maleeny area and is known as a bit of a "bushie bloke" and he is sure to be spinning a bush tale or two. Nev also authored a bush story book, "The Mug from the Bush" which is a very amusing look at country life. I am sure many locals could see a bit of themselves in this book.

Since the 1947 rebuild the

Peachester Hall has become a centre of community activities. The close knit Peachester community of the 1940's - 1960's was like a large family and so the hall became like a second home to most community members and a Community Centre for Peachester where local dances and a local cinema ran for many years. More recently the Sunday Markets have been held there.

This year there will be a large display of photos from the activities held in their district during those 60 years.

The celebrations run between 10am and 4pm and admission is free. There will be food and drink stalls and a licensed bar will be run. Not only will this be a great afternoon for longer Peachester area residents to catch up with old friends, but it will be a great opportunity for newer residents to meet local community members.

For more information call Howard Walker on 5494 9564.

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The new Christmas catalogue is out, and is filled with great gifts for that special person in your life.

Jewellery is the number one gift that women love to receive, and what a beautiful way to say Merry Christmas. There are some gorgeous pieces for the little miss, something dashing for the men, and a special Christmas brooch.

ONE DOLLAR of every Christmas brooch sold will be given to breast cancer research - and what better way to assist this worthy cause and also have this delightful snowman to wear. He is decorated with genuine swarovski crystals and can be worn with any outfit.

There are some enchanting mobile phone or purse dangles, stunning sets, quirky pins, gorgeous earrings and bracelets, and on Friday 9th is the release of the new President's pieces - always an occasion to look forward to.

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Mum's favourite Recipes

Meatballs

- great as a nibble with a cold stubbie!

Ingredients: 500 g beef mince - 1 onion, chopped - 1 carrot, grated - 1 egg - 1 cup soft white breadcrumbs - salt and pepper

Method:

1. Combine 500g beef mince, chopped onion, grated carrot, an egg, a cup soft white breadcrumbs. Add salt & pepper and mix well.
2. Roll into 10-12 balls and toss lightly in plain flour.
3. Cook meatballs in a frypan on medium heat for approximately 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

Serving Suggestion: Serve with tomato sauce, noodles and salad.

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Chapter 3 The Sleeping Volcano Zihuanava

At 0800 hours the following morning the dam constructors were devouring their favourite breakfast, huevos rancheros, spicy eggs and rice, oblivious

they all did. In fact, they liked all creatures, and out at the dam site were actively involved in a program to save the native fauna when the dam commenced to create a lake and flood a huge upstream area.

When Penny came up to their table, the silence was profound, only broken by a demanding purr from under the table. Courteously, again they all stood, and after seating her, continued to finish their meal, albeit a little more rapidly than usual.

Chirpily she told them that she had slept wonderfully and was ready to slay the dragons, making the fellows shift in their chairs a little uneasily. Following their advice, she also began to tuck into

a plate of huevos rancheros, showing no signs of discomfort from the fiery jalapenos which usually caused all Gringos to emit unladylike expletives and drain the water jug in quick gulps.

“Now”, she said, “ can you tell me where is the Linda Presa office in Santa Marta”?

Cal reacted first, and slid his business card across to her, the others following his example, while all watched warily, anticipating the outcome. She turned pale, burst into tears, and crumpled deeper into her seat. Bob attempted to pat her on her back as they quickly exited, while Tomasino, taking this fantastic opportunity, leapt onto the table, and scavenged any of the remaining edibles which appealed to his feline palate. Most did.

Back at the dam site they checked that their specific fields of endeavour were on target and met in Hank’s office for a noon lunch and report. They never had scheduled meetings, as they considered them time consuming, and instead relied on their radio code of ‘on schedule’ for no problems and ‘busy right now’ meaning that a problem was being sorted out.



We continue with our serialisation of the adventure “La Presa Linda” written by Jervis Sparks.

Jervis Sparks is an international drilling consultant and local Maleny identity.

His profession takes him all around the world, mostly to most remote areas. This has given him an insight into an adventurous life style.

He has previously written a number of technical books and articles for industry magazines and also a book on his life’s adventures.

Now he has written a purely fiction adventure novel and we are pleased to be able to serialise it over the next few weeks.

A full copy of this book will be available from the “Hinterlandgrapevine Online” web site in the “Stories of Interest Section”

to external distractions which included those of Tomasino, the perennially hungry hotel cat, now pestering and rub-

bing against Lars’s ankles. He liked cats, they all did. In fact, they liked all creatures, and out at the dam site were actively involved in a program to save the native fauna when the dam commenced to create a lake and flood a huge upstream area.

This time however they had a lot to discuss, all from their weekend visit to the capital. Charlie's warnings about student and insurgent inspired activities, the vague but potentially disastrous threat of a natural calamity, and finally the pesky interference of Penny the Greenie.

Hank opened with, "From what Charlie says, we have two separate groups of ratbags who could be very destructive. Destructive as in damage to the dam itself. At the moment their motives seem to be holding the dam to ransom in one case, and its wrecking in the other. Both scenarios are horrible, and the only good point is that neither group knows each other's agenda so they can't join forces to increase the odds. Their stance never softened, because it was always easier to keep a rigid ideology when not mugged by reality".

"Regarding the seismic disturbances which the vulcanologists will check out, it is the 'lap of the gods' until we receive more information. Engineeringly we have done all our figures and sums, and worst case scenarios are unlikely. That puff of smoke from Zihuanava after 30 years of being dormant, certainly activates, to use a pun, the pucker factor".

"Now for Penny. We have done everything to appease the locals, past, recent and in the future, the birds and the beasts likewise, but I guess we overlooked the American liberals who bruise so easily. It seems that every time there is the slightest change in progress or life, a politically correct liberal, greenie, tree-hugger or lawyer is activated, ready to do battle

with their specific dragons, no matter where you are on this planet".

"The CNN is their bible, which they ingest without reading all the fine print, and never do they check other more informed sources. Why is it that a news reader, who has not a single professional qualification in anything, deemed to be the ultimate guru" groused Chepé.

"As we all know, native peoples are the only ones who care about the environment. That's why emotional quotes from 'native chiefs' are always dished up to make us all feel bad. Usually these heart-tugging quotes are thought up, not by real natives, but by green activists", added Chepé sarcastically, finishing his beer with a mighty swallow.

"We have to limit the collateral damage, that famous Vietnam euphemism, by the LAS and GDS groups, so that is where Willie and Lars enter the picture. Inge and her team will do all they can regarding Zihuanava. We are on our own, or as the politicians call it, plausible deniability".

Hank continued. "Okay, first steps. A discreet meeting with Luis, our local police commander, to inform him of the potential threats, and then we need to arrange a sports day and picnic with the upstream villages and villagers. Plenty of prizes, lots of food and soft drinks, and plenty of emphasis of how important they are and what the future holds for them, when the dam starts to fill and they are relocated. Give them all the facts, the bad as well as the good".

Truthful Jones Tells us that his church has a new priest



At his first mass the new priest was so nervous he couldn't stand still. He asked Father Murphy for some advice. Father Murphy replied, "When I'm worried about gettin' nervous on the pulpit, I take a wee bit o' whiskey. Just to calm my nerves." So the next Sunday he took the older priest's advice. Before the mass, he got nervous and took a drink. He then proceeded to talk up a storm. Upon return to his office after mass, he found the following note on his door:

1. A few sips of whiskey. Not the whole bottle.
2. There are 10 commandments, not 12.
3. There are 12 disciples, not 10.
4. Jesus was consecrated, not constipated.
5. Jacob wagered his donkey, he did not bet his ass.
6. We do not refer to Jesus Christ as the late J.C.
7. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not referred to as Senior, Junior, and the Spook.
8. David slew Goliath, he did not kick the shit out of him.
9. When David was hit by a rock and knocked off his donkey, don't say "He was stoned off his ass."
10. We do not refer to the cross as the Big T!
11. The Virgin Mary is not referred to as the, "Mary with the Cherry".
12. The recommended grace before a meal is not: "Rub-A-dub-dub, thanks for the grub, yea God"
13. Next Sunday there will be a taffy-pulling contest at St. Patrick's, not a patrick-pulling contest at St. Taffy's.So who is confused?

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Irish Halloween Traditions

from "Jack Frost" of the Scottish - Irish Shop, Montville

The Celts celebrated Halloween as Samhain, 'All Hallowtide' - the 'Feast of the Dead', when the dead revisited the mortal world. The celebration marked the end of Summer and the start of the Winter months.

During the eighth century the Catholic Church designated the first day of November as 'All Saints Day' ('All Hallows') - a day of commemoration for those Saints that did not have a specific day of remembrance. The night before was known as 'All Hallows Eve' which, over time, became known as Halloween.

Here are the most notable Irish Halloween Traditions:

Colcannon for Dinner: Boiled Potato, Curly Kale (a cabbage) and raw Onions are provided as the traditional Irish Halloween dinner. Clean coins are wrapped in baking paper and placed in the potato for children to find and keep.

The Barnbrack Cake: The traditional Halloween cake in Ireland is the barnbrack which is a fruit bread. Each member of the family gets a slice. Great interest is taken in the outcome as there is a piece of rag, a coin and a ring in each cake. If you get the rag then your financial future is doubtful. If you get the coin then you can look forward to a prosperous year. Getting the ring is a sure sign of impending romance or continued happiness.

The Ivy Leaf: Each member of the family places a perfect ivy leaf into a cup of water and it is then left undisturbed overnight. If, in the morning, a leaf is still perfect and has not developed any spots then the person who placed the leaf in the cup can be sure of 12 months health until the following Halloween. If not.....

The Pumpkin: Carving Pumpkins dates back to the eighteenth century and to an Irish blacksmith named Jack who colluded with the Devil and was denied entry to Heaven. He was condemned to wander the earth but asked the Devil for some light. He was given a burning coal ember which he placed inside a turnip that he had gouged out.

Thus, the tradition of Jack O'Lanterns was born - the bearer being the wandering blacksmith - a damned soul. Villagers in Ireland hoped that the lantern in their window would keep the wanderer away. When the Irish emigrated in their millions to America there was not a great supply of turnips so pumpkins were used instead.

Halloween Costumes: On Halloween night children would dress up in scary costumes and go house to

house. 'Help the Halloween Party' and 'Trick or Treat' were the cries to be heard at each door. This tradition of wearing costumes also dates back to Celtic times. On the special night when the living and the dead were at their closest the Celtic Druids would dress up in elaborate costumes to disguise themselves as spirits and devils in case they encountered other devils and spirits during the night. By disguising they hoped that they would be able to avoid being carried away at the end of the night. This explains why witches, goblins and ghosts remain the most popular choices for the costumes.

Snap Apple: After the visits to the neighbours the Halloween games begin, the most popular of which is Snap Apple. An apple is suspended from a string and children are blindfolded. The first child to get a decent bite of the apple gets to keep their prize. The same game can be played by placing apples in a basin of water and trying to get a grip on the apple without too much mess!

The Bonfire: The Halloween bonfire is a tradition to encourage dreams of who your future husband or wife is going to be. The idea was to drop a cutting of your hair into the burning embers and then dream of your future loved one. Halloween was one of the Celt 'fire' celebrations.

Blind Date: Blindfolded local girls would go out into the fields and pull up the first cabbage they could find. If their cabbage had a substantial amount of earth attached to the roots then their future loved one would have money. Eating the cabbage would reveal the nature of their future husband - bitter or sweet!

Another way of finding your future spouse is to peel an apple in one go. If done successfully the single apple peel could be dropped on the floor to reveal the initials of the future-intended.

Anti-Fairy Measures: Fairies and goblins try to collect as many souls as they can at Halloween but if they met a person who threw the dust from under their feet at the Fairy then they would be obliged to release any souls that they held captive.

Holy water was sometimes anointed on farm animals to keep them safe during the night. If the animals were showing signs of ill health on All Hallows Eve then they would be spat on to try to ward off any evil spirits.