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PAKISTANI - AUSTRALIA NIGHT

Sat. 17 June ~ 7.30pm

at GLEBE TOWN HALL, St Johns Rd.

In April 1977, the Glebe Society held its first Asian Night, partly as a function for members but particularly as an attempt to get to know people who don't usually attend Glebe Society functions : overseas students, migrants, people from overseas who for whatever reason are now living in Glebe. The themes of that night were mainly Indian and Indonesian.

This year the Society has had the great good fortune to have gained the full support of the Pakistani community of Sydney. Members of the Pakistani community are presenting a full program of entertainments and a large supper of authentic Pakistani food. The program includes :

- a display of handicrafts, art and jewelry
- films
- a fashion parade
- a play
- songs and music
- supper and refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to the Pakistani - Australia Night, and members are asked to bring along people from overseas now resident in Glebe.

TICKETS : \$4.00 (children \$1.00)

Please buy or book your tickets by Tues 13 June to allow for catering. For tickets ring :

Merle Larcombe 660-0491
David Grant 660-1109
David Reeve 660-2207
Jeanette Knox 660-7781
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"GEORGE DREYFUS PLAYS, SINGS AND CHATS"

Monday 12 June, 8pm - Uniting Church
19 Toxteth Rd.

Don't miss this one-man show by George Dreyfus which received excellent reviews when it played at La Mama last year, and which will start at the Nimrod right after its Glebe Society debut. Like the Gerald Hendrie recital, this evening has been arranged by Heather Stewart (Minerva Music Management) together with the Glebe Society.

George Dreyfus is most well-known for his film scores, but has had a much wider and varied career and output, including opera, ballet, symphonies and chamber music. He has a particular reputation as a wit and something of an eccentric. After his performance, the audience will have a chance to meet George Dreyfus over coffee and cheese.

Tickets : \$2.50 from

Heather Stewart 660-0487
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David Reeve 660-2207

or at the door if still available.

GEORGE DREYFUS at La Mama: 11th June 5

An evening of music and talk in which local composer and musician George Dreyfus plays and simultaneously chats about his work.

Dreyfus having composed the music for *Marion*, *Let the Balloon Go*, *Power Without Glory*, *Break of Day*, *Rush* and even Tim Burstall's first children's films *Sebastian* *The Fox*.

However his operatic sorties; *The Gill-edged Kid* and *Loony Tunes* are more interesting and deserve a wider airing.

COMPOSER George Dreyfus is playing his big hits at La Mama in Carlton at the moment. Best known for his TV themes. Dreyfus also writes operas which seem to get more exposure in the US than in Australia.

The La Mama season constitutes an intimate portrait of Dreyfus the musician and Dreyfus the man. He combines his music on bassoon and keyboards with idiosyncratic and whimsical chat with the audience.

The real surprise of the evening came from the late show, which would certainly have made it into "critics choice," had I not caught up with it on the last night.

This was George Dreyfus at La Mama, a delightful hour or so with one of Australia's top film score composers, chatting about his music and friends, singing songs from his operas and playing his film music on an unlikely bassoon.

What made it work was the warm personality and dry humour of Dreyfus, who, if he had no musical ability, could easily have made a living as a stand-up comic.

coffee mornings:

At the beginning of each month (except January), the Society holds a Coffee Morning. Although modest in scope, these mornings are among the most frequent of the Society's social events. Those of us who attend regularly are familiar with the organisation and know how pleasant they can be. Other members, however, might like to learn more about these mornings.

They are usually held on the first Saturday of the month, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, in one of the members' homes. Arrangements are made as simple as possible, both for the host members and for those attending. One of the Society's members acts as organiser and takes all the necessary equipment round to the house. This includes plastic cups - no washing up - coffee, tea, milk, sugar and biscuits. The hosts, then, have only to supply the venue, the hot water, and of course their good will. The charge to members, at present, is 20 cents.

The purpose of the Coffee Mornings is to provide an informal, friendly place where members can get together, during or after their Saturday morning shopping, for a chat and a chance to meet some people in the local community. Such informal, pleasant meeting places tend to be rather rare in a busy inner-city suburb.

The idea of Coffee Mornings originated with Maureen Colman when she was Social Activities Convenor for the Society, in 1971. During that year, the first Coffee Morning was held by Kathie and Albert Mispel at their home near Wentworth Park, overlooking Blackwattle Bay. Under Maureen's able management, the organisation of the Coffee Mornings got off to a good start, and they have continued up until the present day.

They are open to all members of the Society (and their friends), and although there tends to be a majority of women, lately there have been more men present. On a regular basis, it would be good to see more male faces around. New members are especially welcome and it is a pleasantly casual way of meeting some of the longstanding members.

As 'Coffee Morning Person' for 1977-78 (ending July), I would like to thank, on behalf of the Society, all those generous people who have held or are about to hold a Coffee Morning in their home. I would also

like to thank Pat Moore, who looks after things when I am not able to be present.

The person arranging Coffee Mornings for the 1978-79 year (starting August), will be again Maureen Colman. I wish her good luck and I am sure she will be pleased to hear from any member who would be willing to hold a morning in the coming months, (phone : 660-2302).

Sue Johnson.

Planned mornings:

June Sat. 3rd. Gwen Willis, 5 Northcote.

July Sat. 1st. David Potter, 90 Wigram.

Aug. Sun. 6th. Nan Waterford. Something different. Bring something you have made eg craft. Wine and coffee (details to be confirmed).

REPORTS:

HARPSICHOORD RECITAL :

The Society was delighted to sponsor a recital by well-known harpsichordist, Gerald Hendrie, in the Uniting Church, Toxteth Rd., at the beginning of April. The opportunity to arrange this came at fairly short notice and our advertising was plagued by a series of minor disasters and delays, such as a breakdown in the production of the Bulletin. Our apologies to members who did not hear about it in time, and our thanks to Heather Stewart who initiated the idea. Some three to four dozen people, in the event, formed an appreciative audience for a delightful recital in a truly intimate chamber music atmosphere. Several people have suggested that we should have more such events, and this is now being investigated. Future recitals will be publicised with more time to spare.

Gardening

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 August :

The Garden Club of Australia has approached the Glebe Society about the XXth International Horticultural Congress to be held in Sydney from 15 - 23 August. There will be many overseas and interstate delegates and an offer of private hospitality has been made for the Monday and Tuesday mentioned above. If any member of the Glebe Society would like to assist on those days, perhaps by providing transport, visits to home gardens or lunch, please ring Theo Ahlston on 660-1083.

USING OUR PARKS :

A band playing, chairs and tables placed outdoors near the sea wall, families and friends exchanging greetings over a wine or coffee, others strolling around, everyone relaxed and happy - that is a typical summer evening in many of Europe's small towns.

In particular, I remember Zadar, in Yugoslavia, on the Dalmatian coast, where we spent a few days last July. It is an old town with a fort and some thriving industries. Some tourists, although the main tourist town is Dubrovnik, further along the coast.

On many occasions when I've enjoyed the atmosphere of these summer evenings, I've thought wistfully of Sydney. Why not use some of our under-used parks for such relaxed festivities. How pleasant to be able to stroll down Jubilee Park, Glebe, hear a band playing, have a coffee or wine, and say hello to friends and acquaintances.

Against this, of course, are the T.V. addicts and our summer rain. However we could give it a go on an occasional Saturday evening for a start. If enough people were interested, it could lead to a regular event, providing, of course, that we obtained a weather chart.

Provided we could get co-operation from the Council by way of enough toilets, tables and chairs, spotlights etc, I'm sure some of our good local restaurants could be persuaded to sell some take-away food and drinks, perhaps from mobile vans. Bands are available, but no rock please.

Remember the slogan 'Life - be in it'.
rolling, talking, drinking, eating are all part of the living experience, so how about it? Would you be interested in trying to organise one evening for a try-out? Let us hear your ideas! And let us have your reliable brain and brawn to carry them out.

Merle Larcombe.

BRIDGE :

Are you interested in playing bridge? Betty Wright is interested in forming a bridge group which could meet weekly or monthly. You don't have to be good to take part. If you are interested, please give Betty a ring to discuss suitable nights on 660-1875 (home) or 660-7582 (day). The Bulletin is very grateful to Betty Wright for drawing attention to the activities of the Council for Civil Liberties held in Glebe. Details are given below.

NEW ACTIVITIES...

LOCAL HISTORY :

Max Solling has been thinking for some time of forming a group of people interested in interviewing long-established Glebe figures, so as ^{to} compile an oral history of Glebe. He and Kate Smith have collected a lot of material as background for this sort of history. He is particularly interested in working on the theme of 'Glebe Between the Wars'. This work needs to be done now, and anyone who took part would make a permanent contribution towards the history of Glebe. The results would probably be made into a publication. If you are interested, please come to Max's place on Wed. 21 June (see For Your Diary) at 8pm, or ring him on 660-1160.

COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

Members may not be aware that the Council for Civil Liberties has its office in Glebe (149 St Johns Rd., 660-7582) and that the Council holds a number of activities to which our members are most welcome. The Council was formed in 1963 and has been in Glebe since 1971. For the last five years it has been holding a series of monthly Open Nights, usually on the second Wednesday of the month, at the address given above. Recent topics include 'The patients' bill of rights' and 'Special Branch, secret files and privacy'. The Council also holds barbecues in Glebe and in the mountains. In July the Council will be holding its Inaugural Civil Liberties Endowment Lecture at which Don Dunstan will speak.

Interested people can subscribe to a Newsletter setting out the Council's activities, but the Council is particularly interested in recruiting new members.

Two forthcoming events are :

Open Night - Wednesday 14 June - 6.30 pm

"Medi-bank, Social Security - Greek
Anti-Discrimination?"

Speaker: Maria Baldas, Psychologist, Greek
Welfare Centre.

The Inaugural Civil Liberties Endowment Lecture

Speaker : The Hon. Don Dunstan

Topic : "The Right to Dissent"

Monday 3 July, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

the York Theatre, Seymour Centre, Cleveland St.

Admission free.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 3 June : Coffee Morning.

To be held at Gwen Willis', 5 Northcote Rd., Glebe. Northcote Rd runs alongside Jubilee Park, between Eglinton and Federal Rds.

Monday 5 June : World Environment Day Festival

The Friends of the Earth are organising a festival for all environmental groups and interested parties at the Paddington Village Bazaar. There will be stalls, street theatre, bands, food and all kinds of entertainment.

Monday 12 June : The Monday Group

The Monday Group is having a trip to the Botanical Gardens. Bring your own lunch. This excursion is open to all interested. For details ring Pat Moore on 660-4178. The Monday Group is also continuing its work for Elsie.

Monday 12 June : Recital

The second recital will be held on this date. George Dreyfus will perform at the Uniting Church, 19 Toxteth Rd at 8pm. See front page for details. Tickets \$2.50. Ring Jeanette Knox 660-7781, John Hoddinott 692-0071 and Heather Stewart 660-0487. Tickets may also be available at the door.

Thursday 15 June : Play-reading.

This playreading will be held at Dale Dengate's, 25B Avenue Rd., Glebe, at 8 pm. A group of short plays by Ionesco will be read, and scripts will be provided on the night. Enquiries to Jo Bastian (660-7107).

Saturday 17 June : Asian Night.

Following the great success of last year's Asian Night (with an Indian and Indonesian theme), this year the food, entertainment etc will be provided by the Pakistani community. Dont miss this night, and bring along Asians you know. Tickets \$4.00, covering food, drink and entertainment. Glebe Town Hall, St Johns Rd., 7.30 pm. Please book tickets by Tues 13 June, for catering purposes. Ring Merle Larcombe 660-0491, David Grant 660-1109, John Hoddinott 692-0071 and David Reeve 660-2207.

Wednesday 21 June : Local History Meeting

Max Solling is keen to form a group of people to work on the oral history of Glebe. The theme will be 'Glebe Between The Wars'. A lot of background material has been collected but interviewing needs to be done. If you are interested, please come for a chat at Max Solling's, 17 Avona Ave., at 8pm.

Monday 26 June : Drinks at the Rowing Club

Second of a regular set of meetings for members to meet the Committee in the pleasant surrounds of the Rowing Club at the end of Ferry Rd. From 6 to 7.30 pm. Pay for what you drink. Members will be there to sign you in. Raise complaints and suggestions over a social drink.

Saturday 1 July : Coffee Morning

To be held at David Potter's, 90 Wigram Rd., Glebe.

Monday 10 July : The Monday Group

A meeting is planned for this date. For further details and confirmation of this date, see the next Bulletin or ring Pat Moore on 660-4178

Saturday 15 July : Glebe Society Birthday Party

To be held at Michael Creswell's, 6 Dargan St., Glebe from 7.30 pm. For details of tickets, cost, booking etc see the next Bulletin, or ring David Grant 660-1109 or Merle Larcombe 660-0491.

Wednesday 19 July : Social Activities

Tentative date for the next meeting to plan social activities. For confirmation of place and time see next Bulletin.

Thursday 27 July : Observatory Tour

Planned date for this family outing. Free. We need to make up a party to confirm the booking. If you are interested for this date, or would prefer another, please ring John Hoddinott on 692-0071

Sunday 6 August : Coffee and craft morning

Instead of a Saturday morning, Nan Waterford has suggested a Sunday morning for a glass of wine or a cup of coffee. Bring along any craft that you have made. Confirmation in the next Bulletin.

Wednesday 16 August : Annual General Meeting

Reports and elections enlivened by wine and cheese. Free and all welcome. Stand for high office ! 7.30 pm at the Glebe Town Hall.

Sunday 20 August : Visit to Katandra Bushland Sanctuary.

A complement to the successful Garden Slides night held in May. All welcome. Enquiries to Theo Ahlston on 660-1083.

