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**MEETINGS: 8.00 PM  
THIRD WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
IN CLUB SHED AT  
MONT De LANCEY  
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**JUNE 2020**

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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

# YVMPS NEWS

## SPECIAL EDITION No 200

Our clubs first News Letter was produced in 1988 by Bob Richardson of Ringwood, and I presume he continued until 1995 when David Aitkin's name appears on my oldest copy of YVMPS. David continued as editor until June 2002. Lewis Carlton took on the job from August 2002 and continued until June 2013. We the current editors hope that you enjoy getting your Newsletters as much as we enjoy doing the job for you, so here is number 200

### OPTIMISM

It has now been almost three months since all our activities came to a sudden halt and this Virus took over our Shed, Rallies and Lives. Are we coming out from behind it?? I hope so.

This 200th Edition marks the end of what has been a year in turmoil but also is the beginning of a new Club Year when we can remember what has past and look positively into the future and be grateful that we have survived.



“Don't settle. Don't finish crappy books.  
If you don't like the menu, leave the restaurant.  
If you're not on the right path, get off it.”—  
**Chris Brogan**

**PLEASE NOTE**  
***SUBS DUE***  
**BY JULY 31, 2020**  
**PLEASE FILL IN DETAILS**  
**RENEWAL FORM MUST**  
**ACCOMPANY PAYMENT**  
***RETURN TO THE TREASURER***

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**BREAKING NEWS**

**Wearing a mask 🧐  
inside your home is now  
highly recommended.  
Not so much to prevent  
Covid-19 but to stop eating.**

**EDITORIAL**

from the Brain's Nunawading home.

Greetings everyone

I feel rather embarrassed writing this, as it appears very much to be the edition celebrating the lives of the Brain family, but the 'party' was wonderful, and I can't bring myself to get rid of them totally, as I don't wish to throw them away, and it's not time to store stuff now. It's tidying up and throwing away time.

That's all very well, too, but throwing away good stuff is a waste, and the Op shops aren't open to receive yet. I think the day they do open they will be inundated.

Every time Niel decided to have a bit of a shed tidy up he'd get to the back and find something put there that was too hard, so he'd drag it out and has actually had some successes, as I guess several of you have done too. Anyway, life goes on, but it will take a good while before we are back to 'previous' times, and for some life may never be the same. So, for now, best wishes, and we hope news may be better in two months.

Heather and Niel Brain. editors.

**What a surprise ??**

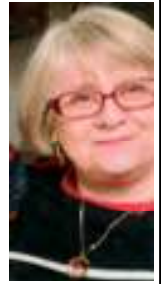
At 8AM on Tuesday morning I found that our children and grandchildren were around our dining room table (see photo below) to wish

**Heather a happy birthday.**

Apparently our daughter Joanne, had crept into our house during the wee small hours of the morning and set the table, blew up balloons, hung streamers and placed cardboard cut outs of our family while we slept.

All our grand children had been involved during the previous weeks and not word had slipped out about what was going on. The youngest grand children aged 5 and 7 of one family made the birthday cake, while the remaining seven were involved with the rest of the decorations.

**A birthday in isolation that will never be forgotten.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

**Special note from Treasurer.**

**Breaking News:-**

**Mont De Lancey will be opening June 2020 from Convid 19!!**

**YVMPS Committee meeting on Wednesday 17th June.**

**First club meeting will be on Wednesday 15th July.**

**Membership fees will remain the same, to be paid by July 31st.**

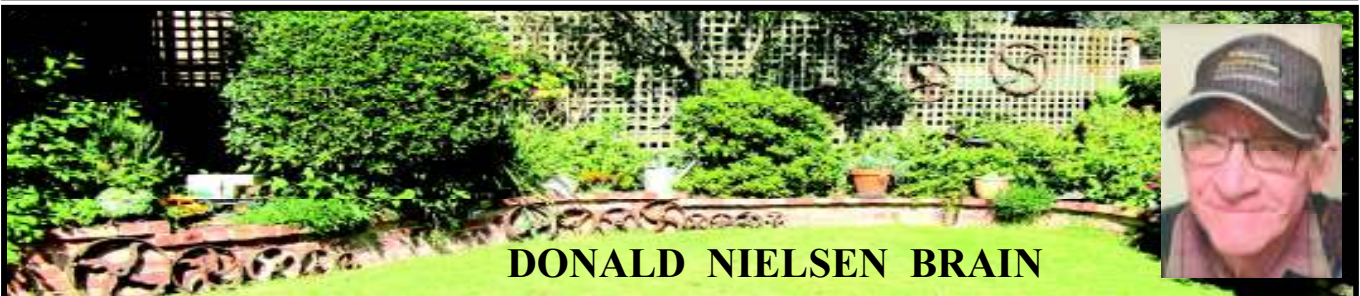
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EFT BSB 633 000, a/c 1393 16129, Bendigo Bank  
Please return the Membership Renewal Form ASAP,  
so your "Insurance" can be arranged.**

**Our AGM Wednesday 19th August .**

**Stay Well and Safe !**

**Rod Daniel; Treasurer.**





## DONALD NIELSEN BRAIN

With the current situation of not being able to visit the **Member of the month** it left only me.

**I was born** 28 July 1937 in a small private hospital in Blackburn. I have a younger sister by four years, Lynne, who was also born on 28th July. We lived behind our greengrocer's shop in Blackburn and in 1949 my father purchased an old home with 12 acres in Springvale Rd Nunawading. In 1956 he subdivided the property naming **Nielsen Ave.** and **Lynne Court** after his two children. **I married** Heather Harle, a school teacher, on 18th May



1963 at the Nunawading Methodist, now Uniting Church. We have four children, Andrew, Christopher, Matthew & Joanne, and nine **grandchildren** seven boys and two girls aged from 22years to a five year old.

**I attended** the Blackburn primary school, (the same school my parents attended) and then four years at Box Hill High school. At the age of 17 I began work with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Melbourne repairing and installing industrial machines in the many clothing factories then operating in and throughout the city. It was during this time, that I did my National Service Training at Puckapunual living in tents in the cold winter months of 1956. After five years of train travel to and from the city, I found a job with Turner Industries in Nunawading as a washing machine serviceman and I continued this trade for the next 20 years. My next job was indoors with Combined Instruments Systems being, a purchasing officer, spare parts Div. & store man until retiring after nineteen years in the year 2000. I then helped a friend, three days a week with his lawn mowing business for the next four years, .

**I became interested** in engines around the age of 10 or 11 when our family went camping on a dairy farm at Launching Place, and we would walk to the dairy to buy our milk. The cows were being milked and I think it must have been a little R&T Mod. N engine I saw working with its catching *put put put* beat that stayed with me as a fond memory.

For Christmas 1994 my son Christopher presented me with a R&T CF Diesel 8HP which he brought home from out back Silverton N.S.W. and thus began my collection.

**My favorite** engine is a New Way Mod A type C No 7234 3 1/2 HP built 1908 (you will find it's story in TOMM No 106 April May 2003 edition). I have about ten engines in total. **I joined YVMPS** in 1995 to get some info on my recent Christmas present as I new very little about Diesel engines.



**My other Hobbies and Interests.** For a time I was interested in collecting Australian coins, but most of my leisure time has been spent doing alterations, renovations & additions to our home in **Lynne Court** over the last 57 years. I am involved in several volunteer groups, as a driver taking people to medical appointments and continuing my trade by volunteering one day a week to repair washing machines for Eastern Emergency Relief Network who in turn give them away to the poor and needy. I also enjoy producing this magazine etc.

**What was a real highlight** in my life? It would have to be getting married and starting a whole new life, establishing a new home in Lynne Crt. and raising a family of whom I am very proud, along with getting my driving license, as I just love driving, any where anytime.

*I hope that things will have changed and that I will be able to visit one of our members for the August Newsletter.*

LIFE IN ISOLATION.

On a cold wet wintry day in May Heather suggested I should ring around a few of our members to just see how they are spending this time of isolation and restrictions. Well, it seems apart from not being able to visit family and friends all appear to be spending their time fruitfully.

I found that Ron had dragged out a couple of forgotten old engines and moved them to where they can now be worked on, and while in the back of the shed he found that the termites had been busy, so some urgent repairs were necessary there. He has also undertaken to re line another shed to better mount and display his collection of old tools.



Would you believe that Jamie has at last attacked the blackberries in the bottom paddock? He will no doubt have a bonfire to finish them off now. He has just purchased another engine; yes another engine! I think it's a small International, along with an old petrol bowser. Now that's going to keep him of the streets for some time.

When I rang David and he had just returned home from visiting his daughter, who lives near by. She was having a good clear out of old stuff and David was helping move old furniture and mattresses out to the garage, and then re arrange the inside furniture. On the home front his garden has had a long overdue make over with fish ponds cleaned, and edging and paths tidied. I imagine it would now be picture perfect. At the end of our conversation with rain still teeming down David felt it would be a good time to spend the rest of the day reclining on the couch.



Heather and Don have had their regular outings to doctors and specialist like us all but Don tackled a major job of chopping down and grubbing out several old plum trees and a fig tree which were there when they moved in many years ago. (Jamie had to come around and lend a bit of extra weight to a couple of stumps). Don is now going to saw it up for fire wood.



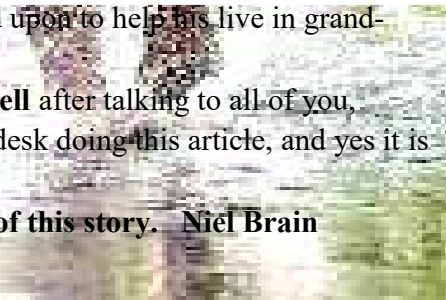
Then I called Max who has been spending a lot of time doing research on the engines

he owns, by going through old Tomm Magazines, and other engine publications etc. His mother recently moved into a retirement village so now he is busy building extra shelves in his shed to accommodate all of his Dad's old tools and many jars of nuts, bolts, screws ,washers etc. so he does not now have to fossick through old boxes of stuff. Because swimming is not available he has been doing a lot of walking and exercising to help with an old shoulder injury and two new knees. Occasionally he is called upon to help his live in grand-child with the home schooling



And so what did I do today?? Well after talking to all of you, I spent the rest of the day at the computer desk doing this article, and yes it is still raining outside.

Thanks to you all for being part of this story. Niel Brain





We have all spent a lot of time over the past couple of months doing engine stuff either in the shed , on the internet or just lazing around !!. How about having a stint in the kitchen. Here is a couple of suggestions. This joke came from my sister in law who actually does have their pantry organized in alphabetical order.

The recipe is from my Sharp Microwave Cook Book, it's easy and I can recommend it. Ed.

To those who live alone I trust you have been able to cope with the isolation.



I told my wife, "I'm going to arrange the herbs in alphabetical order from now on."  
She said, "Where would be the time?"  
I said, "That should be to the sage."



### Rice Pilaf▲

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped green capsicum
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 can (125 grams) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/3 cup uncooked long grain rice
- 1 tablespoon instant chicken stock Or Vegimite.

Makes 2 to 3 servings

1. Combine onion, celery, green capsicum and margarine in 1-litre casserole. Microwave at HIGH (100%) until vegetables are tender-crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients; cover.
2. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 5 minutes. Reduce power to MEDIUM (50%). Microwave until liquid is absorbed, 10 to 12 minutes. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes. Fluff with fork before serving.

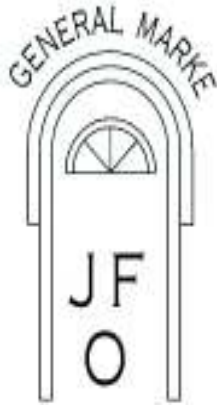
*My wheelie bin goes out more often than I do.*



# Pitt Oil Engine

## Otto Magneto and LV Ignitor Ignition

Nikolaus Otto is credited with inventing and demonstrating the four cycle compressed charge engine in 1876; used to this day. To improve the operation of the engine he developed electric ignition in 1884 to replace the previous flame ignition method of firing the compressed charge. This was the earliest form of spark ignition for engines and is called ignitor or low voltage ignition.



In this system a magneto fitted with a trip mechanism worked from the engine provides an intermittent source of current as the trip lever returns to the rest position. The trip point is set to be when the engine cycle requires a spark to fire the charge.

The current from the magneto coil flows through contact points located within the engine cylinder, called the ignitor, and back through the engine frame to the magneto. The magneto trip lever is arranged to momentarily interrupt the ignitor contact points connection when the current is at its peak. The contact points spark due to the induction of the magneto coil and as a result fires the charge in the engine cylinder

Robert Bosch was trying to improve the ignition systems when he invented the High Voltage ignition system in 1902 that took over from low voltage systems. The contact points are on the magneto and there is a high voltage coil in the magneto which is magnetically coupled to the low voltage coil. Engines are provided with spark plugs rather than ignitor contact points. The high voltage coil produces up to 12,000 volts so that current can jump the gap of a spark plug producing a spark and firing the charge.

Origin of the Pitt engine magneto was at first a mystery; it being simply stamped JFO – “General Marke”. An answer to a smokstak forum question mentioned that these magnetos’ were of German origin and fitted to Deutz – Otto engines.



Cologne was a centre of manufacture and Otto engines were produced at Deutz, a part of the Cologne area. Nearby is the town of Junkersdorf which is also in the Cologne area and had engine and automotive manufacturing. While most records were lost in WWII, it is likely the mark indicates that the long name is Junkersdorf Fabrik Otto or in English phrasing “Otto Factory Junkersdorf”. A date stamp “5” equating to 1905 has been added at the time of manufacture or during assembly of the engine.



***Thanks to club member Tom Deveney for this article, seen below with his 1906 6 Horse power Pitt engine.***



**Once again no Rallies to report on so lets hope this page makes you SMILE**

***I heard this song by Nat King Cole the other day and felt that the words are relevant to our times.***

Smile, though your heart is aching  
Smile, even though it's breaking  
When there are clouds in the sky  
You'll get by...

If you smile  
Through your fear and sorrow  
Smile and maybe tomorrow  
You'll see the sun come shining through  
for you

Light up your face with gladness  
Hide every trace of sadness  
Although a tear may be ever so near

That's the time you must keep on trying  
Smile, what's the use of crying  
You'll find that life is still worthwhile  
If you just smile

**SOME MORE BRAIN TEASERS**

1. *What has to be broken before it can be used ?*
2. *Jimmy's mother has three children, 1st is called April the 2nd called May, what was the name of the 3rd child ?*
3. *What can you hold without using your arms or hands?*
4. *Take away my 1st. letter ,then take away my 2nd. Letter. Then take away the rest of my letters yet I remain the same?*
5. *Two Fathers and two Sons are in a car, Yet there are only three people in the car. How can it be?*
6. *I am the start of the end, and the end of the end of every place, I'm the beginning of eternity and the end of time and space. What am I ?*
7. *There was a plane crash in which every single person died, yet there were 12 survivors ?*
8. *You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before the crossing Finish line, you overtake the person in second place. In what place did you finish?*
9. *How many times can you subtract 2 from the No 50 ?*
10. *Your parents have 6 Sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people in the family.*

**Answers are on back page**

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares?... He's a mile away and you've got his shoes!

**Billy Connolly**

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is."

**Ellen DeGeneres**

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**BICENTENIAL PUZZLE**

**Shed items line search**

The items may be up or down, left to right, or diagonally up or down.

Axe, Bench, Bolts, Broom, **Cat**, Compressor, Drill, File, Gasket, Grinder, Jack, Kero, Ladder, Lathe, Level, Nuts, Oilcan, Paint, Planes, Rag, Reamer, Spade, Spanner, Sparkplug, Vice, Welder.

What do all the unused letters spell out ???

Solution in next edition

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See Heather Butcher



**COMING EVENTS**

Some to be Remembered

\*Denotes YVMPS event.

Contact Alan Shepherd for phone numbers.

- June \*17th WED. YVMPS Committee meeting.**
- . **17th** 1885 Statue of Liberty build starts.
- . **18th** 1815 Battle of Waterloo.
- . **29th** 1613 Globe Theatre London burns down.
- . **30th** 1830 Henry Ford born.
- July 14th** 1789 Storming the Bastille.
- \* **15th WED. Club Meeting Mont de Lancey .**
- . **15th** 1099 Crusaders take control of Jerusalem.
- . **21st** 1969 Apollo 11 lands on the Moon.
- August 3rd** 1492 Christopher Columbus sail from Spain.
- . **15th** AD14 Roman Emperor Augustus dies.
- \* **19th WED. YVMPS AGM. 8PM.**
- . **26th** 1920 19th Amendment gives women the vote.

**Lets hope that our August News Letter will have Events to look forward to.**

Answers to Brain Teasers

- 1.An egg. 2. Jimmy. 3. Your breath. 4.The Postman.
5. A Grandfather, a Father, & Son. 6.The letter E 7.The 12 were married (not single) 8.2nd place.9. Only once.(Then you are subtracting from 48.) 10. Nine, Mum, Dad, 6 Sons and one Daughter.

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