

Torn paper craft holiday programme



Wednesday Holiday Programme got off to a busy morning, as more and more children joined in the activity.

In the end we were operating at full capacity. I started the session off with a quick design and colour combination demo.

Then it was straight into the children designing their own picture, with them choosing their own contrasting colour combinations from magazines, to tear out and glue on.

There was a steady hum as everyone got down and gluey to produce some fabulous original design pieces which were then laminated as they were finished.

Thanks to the CRC volunteers who assisted to get this session running so smoothly. It went like clockwork.

~Marg Everett.

LOOKING BACK...with Molly

Smith's Mill in the 1940s



The Walpole Weekly has previously featured the history of the Bow Bridge sawmill. When the mill re-opened in 1946 after a period of

closure for four years, 1947 saw the inclusion of 'displaced persons' in the work force and one of these was Jan Galos, a Polish refugee who arrived in the 1950s. Jan lived with his wife Celia and their two little boys in one of the huts provided for accommodation for the mill workers.

Recently, a gentleman left his name and telephone number at the Community Resource Centre in the hope that someone could provide him with information of his father who worked at the Bow Bridge Sawmill. This was Charlie Galos, son of Jan. His number was passed on to me and I recalled knowing the family after I came to Bow Bridge in 1954 as a new bride.

I rang Charlie and he was delighted to have response to his query. He explained that his family were questioning him about his early life and he was looking for answers. As a result we hope in the very near future to meet up with Charlie at the Mill site in order that he can browse the area where there are still indications of mill structures. From this connection will come further information of the family and a great human interest story. Charlie also has information he has gathered which he is anxious to pass on to the Historic Society.

To look back on displaced persons... After the Second World War around one million European refugees were displaced from their countries of origin. They included people from countries invaded by the Nazis. The International Refugees Organisation was formed by the United Nations Organisation and in 1947 the Australian Government signed an agreement with the IRO to arrange transport, accommodation and employment for 4,000 displaced persons who agreed to work for the Government for two years. Australia actually took 170,000 people over five years.

~Molly Smith



The Walpole Sport and Recreation Centre will be hosting our AGM Wednesday 14th October at 5pm