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WW2 Lancaster pilot from Lenswood to be remembered



Hartley Norton's actual Avro Lancaster.

A young man from Lenswood, born 101 years ago, will be remembered with a special presentation at Lobethal this November. The story of Hartley Graham Norton is one of remarkable achievement and tragic sorrow. Born and raised

in Lenswood, Hartley was the youngest of 12 children. His oldest brother William was tragically killed in World War I before Hartley was even born. With the outbreak of World War II, Hartley enlisted

with the RAAF, the day before his 20th birthday. To become a pilot, he learnt to fly in a tiger moth and on his final training run, did a loop-de-loop over Cold Store Road. As fate would have it, the very

same tiger moth, which still flies today, is owned by Tim Brownridge of Cold Store Road, Lenswood.

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Christianity is under attack! Of course, from its very beginning almost two thousand years ago until today nothing has really changed. I have heard that more Christians died for their faith in the 20th century than in the previous nineteen centuries put together. In our modern democracies we are too civilized to kill someone for being a Christian. The method often used is to mock. For instance, I watched an episode of Midsummer Murders last night and true to form we had a Vicar on his knees whipping himself in front of an altar. The

makers of this show and many others appear to go out of their way to attack Christianity at every opportunity. Admittedly, some of the practices in some churches do seem strange and complicated, but the Christian message is very simple and straight forward.

From Jesus' own lips we hear the choice each of us have, to either believe or not to believe, to be saved or condemned. Because you matter to Him God wants to save you. Ask Him to show you how, and He will.

John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only

begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 Those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Christians have much to offer our troubled world.

From Turning Point with David

Jeremiah - "When London's Millennium Bridge opened in 2000, it became known as the Wobbly Bridge because it would shake and shimmy for no known reason. After some research, engineers found the cause. When the bridge moved just a tad, people adjusted their weight and stance. When enough people exerted energy trying not to fall, it created a human-caused wobble—a problem that has since been corrected.

With our world seesawing around us, people everywhere are trying not to collapse.

As Christians, we

have a stabilizing factor built into our personalities. We have God's peace amid uncertainty. Jesus brings stability in an unstable world. We don't need to waver because we are strengthened by faith in the promises of God.

Just as God kept His promise to Abraham, God will keep His promises to you. He is ever present, so don't be afraid of world events. He is with you every moment of every day. You can be confident in His presence, strengthened in faith, giving glory to God." YOU matter to God.

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Bridge Repairs Required to Keep SteamRanger on Track

South Australia's SteamRanger heritage railway requires funding to keep its line operating to Victor Harbor.

A series of bridges along the line, including the stunning Currency Creek viaduct, built in 1869, are in poor condition.

Dan Cregan MP, Member for Kavel, said the State Government needed to make an investment to protect SA's industrial heritage.

"The State Government needs to repair these critical bridges. Unless the repair work is undertaken, there is the very real risk SteamRanger's depot and yards in Mount Barker will eventually be cut off from its operations in Victor Harbor. SteamRanger is part of our industrial heritage and



one of the most significant tourist railways in Australia," Mr Cregan said.

Peter Charlson, President of SteamRanger, said the railway received no government funding.

"Despite being a very significant tourism operation, we receive no government funding. Instead, we support our local communities in the Hills and Fleurieu

through the volunteer efforts of our team. We need to partner with the State Government to ensure our existing bridges do not fall further into disrepair and threaten the line," Mr Charlson said.

Currently all bridges are deemed safe to operate, but the nature of the deterioration being experienced means that repair work is required within 3 years.

Photo courtesy of steamrangerheritagerailway.org/

Gumeracha, Forreston and Kenton Valley



We would love to have you come and join us for our next meeting, this coming **Monday, 7th November at 7.30pm** in the Police Station, Albert Street, Gumeracha. This is our last

meeting for the year, there will be some light supper afterwards, and you will be most welcome!

For further information please contact Paula on 8389 1395.

DEADLINE

For next issue, ads & editorial
Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

Publication out
Saturday, November 19th, 2022

After 25 years of bringing you
community news and upcoming events from across the Adelaide Hills,
Along the Grapevine will be finishing up
at the end of 2022.

Keep an eye out for our last edition in December where we will be publishing a spread with some 'interesting' photos of some VERY old pieces of paper and a brief history of our little rag.

We have 3 editions left, coming out on
November 19th, December 3rd and December 17th.

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Hartley was married ten days before being sent to Europe where he would fly eight successful bomber operations over Nazi Germany with the British RAF. This was considered to be one of the most dangerous callings of the war, suffering an exceptionally high death rate of 46%. 22-year-old Pilot Officer Hartley Norton, along with 5 members of his crew, lost their lives on the 3rd of October 1943 when their Lancaster was shot down near Kassel in Germany. One crew member, Sergeant Frank Thompson, managed to bail out and survived, however,

he was captured and became a prisoner of war. Miraculously, he returned home safely at war's end.

A vast amount of research on Pilot Officer Norton, has uncovered a fascinating story, not only about Hartley but also the Norton family. It picks up the enormous loss that the Norton's suffered, but through their tragedy,

they unwittingly gave the people of our community, a gift of being connected to some amazing historical events. Hartley was the only member of the Lenswood and Forest Range district to be killed in action during WWII. It is hoped that his story will be forever remembered.

Please see details of the special presentation for Hartley Norton below.



The Liberal Party's Mayo Federal Electorate Convention

invites you to

The life of Lancaster Pilot Officer Hartley Graham Norton,
killed in action fighting Germany on 3 October 1943

with guest speakers

Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston

Senator the Hon. David Fawcett

Date: Sunday 13 November 2022 | Time: 1.30pm for 2.00pm start

Venue: Lobethal Recreation Ground Sports Club, Onkaparinga St, Lobethal

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Torrens Valley Lions members manned the BBQ for Lion Chris and Cathy's open garden in Kersbrook where Lions Christmas cakes and raffle tickets were available.

Unfortunately the 5th Sunday Market was cancelled due to forecast wild weather.

Members will be attending the Bunnings Modbury BBQ on Sunday 6th November and will also be selling raffle tickets and Lions Christmas cakes and puddings in the foyer.

Drop by, say hello, enjoy a BBQ'd sausage and purchase your Christmas

cake and raffle ticket - you never know you may win the first prize - \$500 Bunning Gift card!

Collection containers are still out for the collection of single vision glasses on behalf of Recycle for Sight.

The Club continues to support the local community pantry and our coin drive is still on, look for our donation boxes in Gumeracha, Birdwood, Mt Pleasant and Cudlee Creek.

For more information on "what Lions do", please contact one of our friendly members, Phil - 0419 830 754 or Peter - 0429 664 297.

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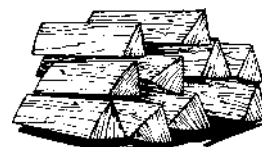


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