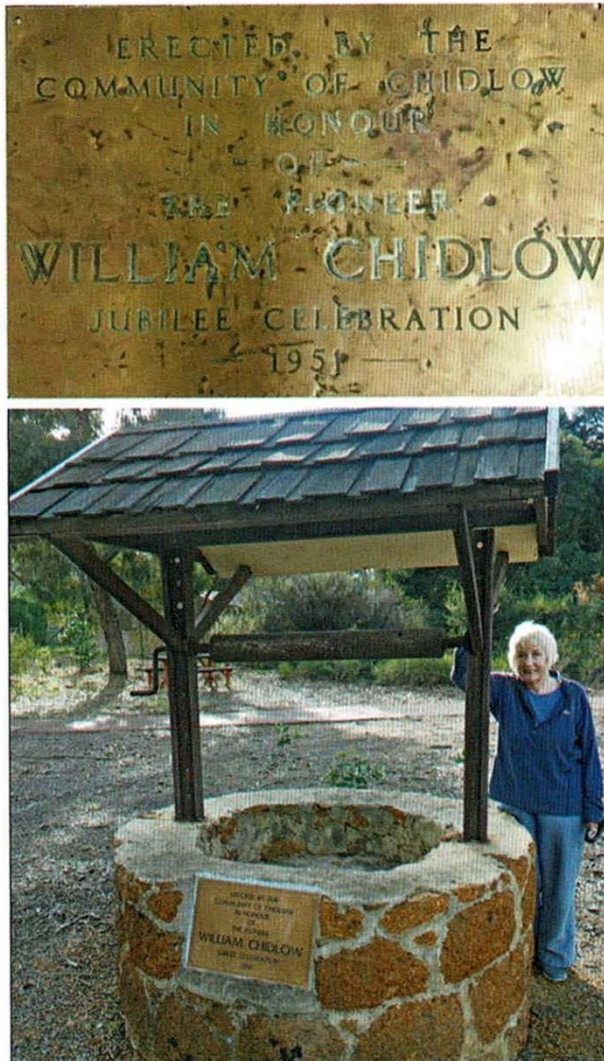


# Mundaring & Hills Historical Society Inc.

## CHIDLOW'S WELL PLAQUE

On June 23rd this year is the 70th anniversary of the construction of the stone base of the wishing well, close to the original site in the grounds of the Chidlow State School. It was erected in 1951 to honour the Chidlow family who used a nearby 66-mile track to travel over the hills to Northam carrying produce to the Avon Valley in the first decade of the Swan River Colony. Chidlow was the overnight stopping place where William Chidlow had sunk a well to



provide water for his team and stock. The journey may have taken two or more days over rugged terrain. As the district attracted more settlers, the Townsite of Chidlow's Well was established. However, the reconstruction of the well was abandoned some years later and the plaque removed.

Fifty years later, in June 2001, the Chidlow Primary School Committee obtained funding from Mundaring Shire to complete the project, adding a shingle roof and a windlass. The well can be seen at the corner of Old Northam Rd and Thomas Rd in Chidlow.

Today Chidlow is a thriving village with a primary school, a tavern, post office, shops and beautiful Lake Leschenaultia.

MHHS's next general meeting is at:

**2pm on Saturday 19th June at The Hub, Craig Street Mundaring.**

Following the meeting we present our Guest Speaker –  
**Trea Wiltshire, author of "ARTS ON THE EDGE".**

This book tells the story of the energising impact of the arts in a community. It includes some impressive illustrations from public and private collections.

(ABOVE) Chidlow's Well brass plaque

(LEFT) Jenny Johnson, MHHS President, at the Well

