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SATURDAY SATURDAY SATURDAY

4th. APRIL

STALLS open at 10.30 a.m. at the Recreation Reserve -
Wide variety of food and drinks available.

PROCESSION leaves Town Centre (to Rec. Reserve) at 1.15 p.m.
still room for more entries.

Further enquiries: 059-443708 -- Convenor: Kaylene Crook

Afternoon of games, displays, music, childrens' activities and

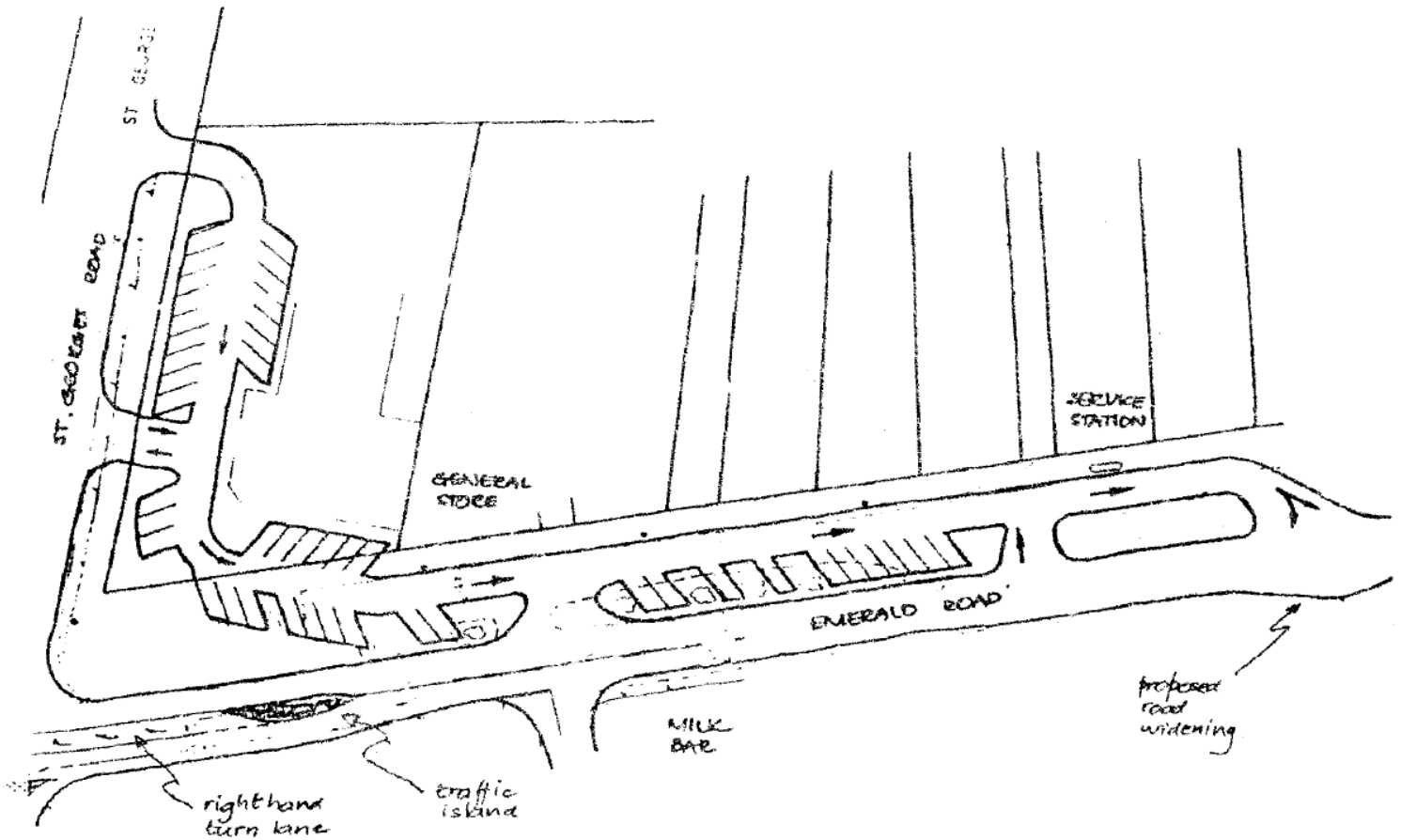
E N T E R T A I N M E N T

U.B.A. PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL, 1987 - 7.45 P.M. - VILLAGE HALL

- 7.45 P.M. - MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT AVAILABLE
- 8.00 P.M. - MEETING OPENED
- 8.30 P.M. - F.O.D. SHIRE ENGINEER WARWICK BAYLEY
REGARDING VILLAGE PARKING
U.B.A. INC. AT LAST
HORSE TRAILS MEETING REPORT
U.B. FAIR REPORT
PAKENHAM YOUTH FORUM
"VILLAGE BELL" NEW GESTETNER
SHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

PARKING AT THE GENERAL STORE



The Shire Engineer's Department has proposed the above scheme to meet the parking requirements outside the General Store. Note the one-way traffic flow and the new entrance in St. Georges Road, as well as additional turning lanes and traffic islands. The plan can be inspected at the General Store. Mr. Warwick Bayley, the shire Engineer, will attend the next Upper Beaconsfield Association meeting on 1st April to discuss the proposal.

VILLAGE SERVICE ROAD - COMMENT

George Decelis

The business community is concerned that the Shire's proposals for the service road would be too restrictive and would have a harmful effect on the businesses in the shopping area.

We would like to see the bus bays being left out for the time being and the edges of median strips tidied up with sleepers (which can be re-cycled in long term) and the road, sealed at present levels.

This plan would not be very costly and would give the time and opportunity to properly study the traffic and the needs of the community. To implement the Shire proposal would be to set into concrete a scheme which the traders feel would be quite unsatisfactory and dangerous in the "half-baked" way in which the traffic lanes would be left until the roundabout is re-designed and built.

FAMILY TREE ENTHUSIASTS

Laura Levens

Telephone Narre Warren Library - 704 7696 - during opening hours to book your viewing time with the pre-1896 Births, Marriages & Deaths microfiche (including Convict records) which will be available from 7th April for two weeks.

WHAT'S HAPPENING - PAKENHAM SHIRE COUNCIL

CR. P. MEEKING

BERWICK POLICE STATION:

Police services for a large part of the Pakenham Shire, including Upper Beaconsfield, are provided from the Berwick Police Station. The Government has programmed the replacement of the Berwick Police Station by a larger and more modern building, but due to a shortage of funds, not until 1993. In the interim the number of personnel based at Berwick will be less than the numbers necessary to serve the locality as there is insufficient office space. Pakenham Council is concerned at this resultant understaffing, and has expressed these views to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

PASSING LANE - BEACONSFIELD/EMERALD ROAD

Council has been endeavouring to gain funds from the Road Construction Authority to construct a passing lane on a section of the Emerald Road between Guys Hill and Upper Beaconsfield. A further application has now been made to the R.C.A. for inclusion in the 1987/88 programme.

FUNDING - IGLOO, UPPER BEACONSFIELD RESERVE

Riding Councillors endeavoured to convince Council colleagues that the funds sought to finalise the Igloo building should be listed as the top priority in applications being called for by the Department of Sport and Recreation. Unfortunately such endeavours were not entirely successful and from a total of 14 applications the Igloo project was submitted as third priority. This project together with others will now need to be considered by Council when preparing the 1987/88 budget.

LOSS OF FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE PUBLICATION OF THE "VILLAGE BELL"

Council is most concerned that the Westernport Regional Consultative Council has determined to withdraw funds which were previously available to assist in the publication of community newsletters, without any consultation with Local Government. A response has been sought.

FIRE ACCESS ROADS

Attempts are still being made to obtain supporting funds which will enable the completion of fire access roads which have been sought by the C.F.A. In particular, the connection of Yackatoon Road to Hein Road at an estimated total cost of \$21,000 and the extension of McBride Road to link with the Beaconsfield Emerald Road at an estimated total cost of \$3,800, are still top priority, and matching funds will again be sought, from the Ministry of Police and Emergency Services in 1987/88.

FORWARD STRATEGY PLAN - SHIRE OF PAKENHAM

A Committee comprising four Councillors, and four Executive Officers has now been appointed by Council with the view of looking to forward planning. Residential Township growth, where permitted, can suddenly bring additional pressure on the existing structures of any township, evidenced at the moment by the sudden demand for Kindergarten/Pre-school places as a result of the residential development which has occurred at Beaconsfield. Similarly, future recreational needs, both passive and active, can be pre-planned, as too can future road needs. The Committee's task is certainly an onerous one, and any community views or support would be certainly appreciated.

VALETE

CHARLES WILSON

TREVOR CRAWFORD

It is with regret that we record the death of well known local identity, Trevor Crawford, who died at the age of 86 in Canberra earlier this year.

Trevor and his wife Helen, first stayed in Upper Beaconsfield at Runnymead, Mr & Mrs English's boarding house in St. Georges Road, spending their holidays there from 1939-1950. Over the next few years they spent many weekends in Upper Beaconsfield with the late Mr & Mrs A J Day.

In 1965 they bought Col. Dawson's property Kimbolton and in 1970 they built Mundarlo within Kimbolton grounds. In 1972 they sold Mundarlo and moved very briefly to Canberra. Canberra was not to their liking so they returned to Upper Beaconsfield and bought the home on the corner of A'Beckett & Salisbury Road where they lived until 1984 when they moved to Berwick.

Trevor was an active member of our local church and very interested in community affairs. He had many sporting interests and was a foundation member of Yarra Yarra Golf Club; also a member of Beacon Hills where he stayed until 1985. He was, in fact, watching golf on television five minutes before his sudden death.

GEORGE PRESTON

RAY RATCLIFF

George Preston died on 11th February after a short illness. He will be remembered for many things - for his sporting prowess in football, tennis, golf and cricket; for his dedicated service to Montuna Golf Club, to RSL and Lodge members, for his love for his family and friends and his help to many people throughout his life. Our thoughts go to his widow, Mrs. Gladys Preston and his children and grandchildren. This community was the richer for his life and work.

LT COLONEL JOHN POOLE

CYRIL MOLYNEUX

John, who died recently, was born at Hawthorn and spent his early life there. He excelled at many sports, particularly athletics, and was runner up in the Junior sprint championship of Victoria. He was destined for higher success in athletics, had not the Second World War broken out.

John joined the Citizen forces prior to the Second World War, serving with the 6th Heavy Brigade, Royal Australian Artillery. At the start of the Second World War, the Unit was called up for full time duty and John commenced his long Army career. This included service with the AIF in the south west Pacific area and Darwin. Subsequently he served in Korea and also with the Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan where he was Staff Officer to the Commander and Chief, General Wells. He later served as the Australian Army Ordinance representative in London and retired as a Lt. Col. about 12 years ago. John and his family moved to their home in Stoney Creek Road in 1971.

John met his wife Kay in Japan while she was serving with the Canadian Red Cross. They have a daughter Anne. John never sought any limelight in any organisation in which he was connected, preferring to work quietly in the background, particularly as a member of the Upper Beaconsfield RSL. His popularity amongst those who knew him was legendary and he was a great ambassador for his country wherever he served.

Prospective Members & Interested Residents

are warmly invited to attend

THE BIENNIAL ELECTION

of the Upper Beaconsfield Rural FIRE BRIGADE

to be held at the Brigade Meeting Room, Halford Street at 8.00 p.m.

on Monday 6th April, 1987

Light Supper Provided.

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AUCTION - SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 1987 - 10.00 a.m.

The Upper Beaconsfield Rural FIRE BRIGADE will hold their ANNUAL BARGAIN AUCTION DAY at 10.00 a.m. on 16th May 1987 at the Igloo, Recreation Reserve, Burton Rd., Upper Beaconsfield.

Pledges of saleable items would be appreciated.

Goods may be considered on consignment.

Total proceeds from this day will go towards the Building Fund for our new Fire Station.

Contact: Stan Hamilton - 443 531 or Peter Deering - 443 521

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SHIRE COUNCIL NOTES

CR. KEITH EWENSON

Free Holiday Winners

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Vasko for winning a free holiday to Central Australia. It is great to have a local winner. The early pay rate scheme incentive prize was made possible by Westpac Travel, Ansett Pioneer and Ansett Trailways. The Shire's financial liquidity for the early part of the Municipal Year is considerably improved by the use of this scheme and we are appreciative of the totally sponsored project. Have a great time Marjorie and Stefan.

School Traffic Safety

Concern has been expressed for the safety of children crossing Burton Road due to traffic entering the Recreation Reserve. The police and Shire Engineer have been notified. If you use Burton Rd. at this time or Stoney Creek Road it is impossible to be too careful.

Public Phones

The Council has expressed concern to the Minister for Communications at the 100% increase in public phone calls. The Council has called for a report of costs involved with the installation of public phones at Recreation Grounds throughout the Shire.

REVISED SHOOTING LAW

BERWICK POLICE

Juveniles from ages 12 to 18 years are required to have a Juvenile Permit and only shoot in the company of an adult who has a shooter's licence. This applies to all firearms including air-rifles.

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HOUSE FIRES

COLIN MAY 443 015

With winter on our doorstep it becomes the second busiest time of year for our local Fire Brigade. The reason is chimney fires, with three out of four houses in this area having open fires, wood heaters or combustion stoves the number of chimney fires is increasing. So, as fire prevention applies to outside the house in summer, it also applies to inside the house in winter.

If you have, or are considering buying a wood heater or similar, do not believe the salesman when he says that this model only needs the ash emptied. All wood burning heaters need maintenance every four to six weeks during regular use.

A fire in the chimney of a regularly maintained heater can do more good than harm. But a fire in the chimney of a poorly maintained heater can be disastrous and expensive.

Dry wood free of bark should be used to keep the build-up of soot to a minimum. If green or wet wood is regularly burnt the soot buildup will greatly increase plus increasing the chance of a chimney fire.

The first signs of an excess build-up of soot are the sound of soot falling down the chimney or the heater smoking more. The first sign of a fire in the chimney is sparks coming out the top and a faint roar in the chimney may be heard. If the sparks continue for more than fifteen minutes or increase in number, a small amount of water sprayed down the chimney until steam comes from the chimney is usually enough to put the fire out. If the fire does not go out after a few tries or the fire increases - indicated by flames or a larger number of sparks from the chimney, a roar coming from inside the chimney, the chimney changing colour, glowing or the rafters smouldering - the fire brigade should be called immediately.

So ensure your wood heater is properly maintained and the chimney clean and you should have a fire safe fireplace this winter.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRINCESS

FAY VAN DUIN

Congratulations to Philippa Hails whose success as the Princess was announced on 27th February at a dinner at the Beacon Hills Golf Club. Philippa is a student in Applied Science at Rusden College. She spends a lot of time with her horses and was considered a good representative of the youth of Upper Beaconsfield.

The entrants this year were Heidi Konecny, Philippa Hails, Kerry Smith, and Kelly Verscharen. The judges were David Brown (Berwick Travel); Marie Nichol (Shire Office); Diarme Shacklock (Berwick) and our thanks must go to them for spending this evening with us.

The evening was very capably hosted by Joyce Bumpstead, President of Woorinyan C.W.A. and Dot Pockett of the C.F.A. Auxilliary. Thanks was extended to the Sansom family for the lovely dinner.

SECOND UPPER BEACONSFIELD BROWNIES

The Brownie waiting list remains closed due to a lack of Leaders. We urgently require interested people for this very rewarding position. Any queries please call Gwyn Bynion 443 538. No special skills, or experience needed - just a real interest in children.

FIRE NOTICES

KEITH EWENSON

In the last edition of the "Village Bell" I was critical of the very short time one person had to undertake clearing and I invited other people so effected to contact me. I received no response, so maybe it was not as widespread as I feared. Nevertheless I believe it is desirable to maximize the time given for these notices.

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GREAT NEWS FOR FAMILIES

**THE REV. P. HARRADENCE
PH. 443 862**

"Focus on the Family" is the title of a series of six films by Dr. James Dobson, child psychologist and family counsellor. He exercises gentle humour and much illustration as he discusses how family life can be enriched. Topics covered by the films include: The Strong-willed Child, Preparing Children for Adolescence, Christian Fathering, and What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women.

These films will be screened at St. John's Church Upper Beaconsfield at 8.00 p.m. on the four Tuesdays in May (5, 12, 19, 26). Two films will be screened each week except on 26th May when there will be one film followed by a panel discussion featuring Mr. R. Carroll (the Primary School Principal), two doctors and a marriage counsellor who will answer questions from the audience.

There will be a charge of \$2 per person per night or you may purchase a "season ticket" at \$6 to include all four evenings. This covers the cost of hiring the films and supper will be served each night. Dobson's books will be on display and on sale.

This venture is a co-operative community service sponsored by St. John's Church together with the primary school, pre-school and Community Centre. We invite all interested folk to attend.

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NARTHEX YOUTH CLUB

BEN MAGHANOV

The Narthex Youth Club has already commenced this year and is open to all secondary school people (Year 9 onwards) within the Upper Beaconsfield district. The Club meets each Friday night, 7 p.m. for excursion nights and 7.30 p.m. for coffee, games nights etc., at the church.

Excursion activities include swimming, camping, roller skating, hiking, conoeing and the like. New members are most welcome. For information contact Ben Maghanoy on 443 614 or Fay Van Duin on 443 73.

Persons interested in a Junior Youth Club (Years 7 and 8) should contact Fay Ulph on 03 707 57 07.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP

SUE HARRIS 443 ...

Good News over dredging in Stoney Creek

On Boxing Day local residents saw five men dredging in Stoney Creek. They recorded the car registration numbers and reported the incident to us. We contacted the Department of Minerals and Energy who in turn sent out an Inspector. As a result the Department has recommended that the mining lease in Stoney Creek be terminated. This still has to go through the proper channels, i.e. the Mining Warden's Court, however the future looks bright for Stoney Creek.

More on Dogs and Cats

Residents may not be aware of the damage done by cats and dogs in the bush. In Sherbrooke Park, an area very similar to ours, the remains of marsupial mice, indigenous bush rats, small possums and native birds were found in cat scats (droppings). Whilst in Croajingalong National Park, possums, two species of wallabies, wombats, marsupial mice and native rats were the main food source as identified in the scats of dogs.

Cats, whether feral or the well-fed domestic, will prey on our native species and dogs, if not properly restrained, will sneak out from time to time to hunt in packs. Dogs can easily kill wallabies or wombats or cause the natives such stress through being terrorized that they are incapable of reproduction. Please restrain your animals.

The "Image and Soundscape of the Rodger River" had a very successful showing to over 120 residents. The beautiful photographs made us all aware of the heritage value of East Gippsland Forests.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday April 8th - we will be voting on our Constitution and Incorporation
Wednesday May 13th.

Meetings are held in the creche section of the Community Hall at 8.00 p.m.
All are welcome.

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SUCCESS FOR PONY CLUBBERS

BARBARA MARS

Young Pony Club members have recently been successful in two major events. Lee-Anne Lynch gained a place in the West Gippsland Zone team to compete in the State Dressage and Showjumping Competition of the p.c.a.v. and came fifth out of ten - a very good effort. Lee-Anne also won the chance to compete in the Berwick Show Evan Henry Manorial event by winning the Ice-King Memorial event at the Pony Club Christmas Gymkhana. Vanda Morgan, Rebekah Curtis and Penny Granger won the Team of Three event in the Pony Club ring at the Berwick Show.

In conjunction with the Adult Riding Club, the Pony Club is holding a One Day Event at Rix Road, Officer on Sunday 29th March, 1987. Ring 443 763 for more details.

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NEW PHOTOCOPIER

A new photocopier at the Kindergarten is available for public use at 10¢ per copy, Monday to Thursday 9 - 4.00 p.m. and Friday 9 to midday.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CRICKET CLUB

B. FORD

The Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club has enjoyed another successful season. After being promoted to A. Grade in the West Gippsland Cricket Association, the senior team won five of their eight games to finish in fifth position and were most unlucky not to make the finals. They can take some consolation from the fact that they had defeated the teams which finished in third and fourth positions.

C Grade won their Grand Final, the final day being last Saturday, and will be promoted into B Grade. This final match was a closely contested one with the Upper Beaks managing to win by ten runs.

E Grade reached the first semi-final but were defeated by Pakenham. The Under 14's finished on top of the ladder but also lost the first semi-final. During the season two of its members, Shannon Ford and Troy Lansbury, represented Dandenong which won the Victorian Under 14 Championship known as the Hatch Shield.

It was pleasing that the A Grade Grand Final between Beaconsfield and Narre Warren was played at the Upper Beaconsfield ground. It certainly is a feather in everyone's cap that our ground has improved to the stage where the W.G.C.A. is able to draw the top Grand Final at the Upper Beaconsfield ground. Congratulations to those who have contributed to the oval's improvement. Special thanks to Peter Delarue who has cut the ground so regularly. Many people commented that the oval was in top condition for the A Grade Grand Final.

The Senior Presentation Night will be held at the Pine Grove Hotel on Saturday 28th March at 7.30 p.m. For further details contact Rob Hansen - 443 871 . Junior Presentation Day will be on Sunday 5th April in the Igloo commencing at 5.30 p.m. This will follow a Working Bee earlier in the day.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 4th May at 8.00 p.m. in the "Long Room" cricket pavilion. New members are cordially invited to attend.

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GOOD NEWS FOR HORSE RIDERS

All horse riders in the area now have a chance to work towards safer more pleasant riding. At a meeting between the Shire of Pakenham and representatives of pony clubs, adult riding clubs, conservation groups and local associations on 11th March, a motion was carried to form a committee, comprising nine representatives of horse riding groups, two representatives from conservation groups, two council officers and two councillors who would invite representatives from local associations to form working parties when their region was involved. The committee's first task is to review the Shire Horse Riding Trails Map, and then to look at such matters as horse riding difficulties in township areas, environmental issues, publicity, damage to public areas, signs and funding of projects.

The organizations will be contacted by letter asking them to nominate their representatives for the first meeting on 29th April at 8.00 p.m. at the Shire Offices.

Anyone who wishes to comment or discuss this committee should contact their riding group, conservation group or the Shire, before the first meeting.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

BOB TAYLOR 443 645

Group Committee Annual Meeting

This will be held next Wednesday 1st April at 8.00 p.m. in the Igloo. The feature of the meeting will be a film on Baden Powell and the Group will be recognizing the valued work of a number of people who are retiring after many years of service to the youth of Upper Beaconsfield. The meeting will conclude at 9.15 p.m. with supper. All parents, leaders and venturers are invited and any apologies should be directed to Lenore Gullquist, 443 499.

Quiz Night

Thanks to everyone who supported this enjoyable evening on 4th March, especially to the Tennis and Golf Clubs who accepted the challenge issued to other sporting and community groups to send a table of "brains". The table "led" by Sheila and Graham Kidd pipped the Tennis Club by one point. We will not disclose the answers from the Golf Club table which won the wooden spoon!

Cub Packs

Both packs are at near full strength and have already had a special evening at the Golf Club. A pack holiday for both packs is planned for Camp Gundiwindi at Wandin from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May. This is a must for every cub. We have welcomed Marcus Chester and Kynan Ford to "B" pack and Anthony New, Darrell Smith, Ross Easton and Paul Muir to "A" pack. Our next intake will be in mid-May.

Scout Troop

The troop has almost 30 boys involved and the next big event is the Easter Camp, The Stradbrook Cup is a Statewide camping competition which we will be entering for the first time this Easter.

Venturer Unit

There are 20 active Venturers in our unit under the leadership of Paul Oke and Jenny Conn. Boys and girls of 14-17 years may join Venturers and take part in a wide range of activities and participate in our Award Scheme which culminates in the Queens Scout Award. The Venturers meet on Wednesday, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in the Venturer Den in the Long Room Cricket Pavillion.

The Unit will be farewelling leader Reg Mattingley on Friday 27th March at a dinner function in the Igloo. Reg joined the Group in 1980 and held warrants in the Cub and the Venturer sections as well as carrying out the responsibilities of acting Group Leader. His leadership and wise counsel have made the Unit what it is today. Thanks Reg for seven years of great service to scouting in Upper Beaconsfield.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

LIN CHADDER

Wanted! Ideas for Term II programme, currently being compiled, shortly to be circulated.

Mums for Creche duty: we cannot function without you. Help please.

Your Community Centre is otherwise extremely well and flourishing. What a busy term, it has been lovely seeing you all there. See you next term.

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B.U.A. MEMBERSHIP

The Annual General Meeting of the Association in February decided on new fees for 1987. The new fee structure is:

Individuals \$3 per year or \$5 for 2 years

Families \$4 per year or \$6 for 2 years

Mailing List people pay \$2 as previously.

As the Association is close to Incorporation with the Corporate Affairs Office, a new requirement is that members need to complete an application for membership. With family membership each person over 18 years of age can be enrolled but must be listed on the family membership form. Those who have paid up until 1987 need take no action at this stage. A list of members is available at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office for inspection. If you have paid a subscription and your name is not listed please leave your particulars (name, address, amt. paid) at the Post Office and the matter can be corrected.

Those who wish to join or renew membership may complete the application form below and remit it to the B.U.A. Treasurer either by mail or by leaving it in an envelope at the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office. A receipt will be made available.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NO:.....

SINGLE

FAMILY

Please list all family members over the age of eighteen years

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Signature of Applicant/s
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DATE:.....

Please forward this application form in an envelope addressed to:

The Treasurer,
Upper Beaconsfield Assoc. Inc.
C/- Upper Beaconsfield Post Office,
UPPER BEACONSFIELD. 3808

A HISTORY OF UPPER BEACONSFIELD

An oral history of Upper Beaconsfield has been initiated with great vigour at the Community centre. To research and write the history is the aim of the creative writing class under the guidance of Tor Holth. Being the result of oral research; the history will include copious little anecdotes of human interest which more formally researched histories often lack. Many records were lost on Ash Wednesday but memories remain of this community as far back as the early 1900's.

Through oral historical research Tor and his wife Jane wrote Cattlemen of the high Country and Challenge of the High Country, talking with hundreds of cattlemen, stockmen, miners, skiers and their wives in the process.

The creative writing course plans to talk with at least 30 "repositories of local history" in Upper Beaconsfield and they want help. If you would like to take part in this endeavour, even in only a small way, and develop your creative writing skills at the same time, please contact Lin Chadder at the Community Centre.

Would anyone willing to contribute original historical research or early photos of Upper Beaconsfield, please leave it at the Community Centre.

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VILLAGE FAIR DONORS

The Village Fair Committee wishes to thank the following DONORS for their contributions:

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WEBBER TYRE SERVICE
GRAHAM WOOD MACHINERY
BILL WYNEN FRUIT MART

NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome the following new residents:

- Burton Road - Wayne & Kerry Bence and family.
- Leppitt Road - Leonard Crowther
- Macarthur Road - Geoff and Jeanette Jolly
- St. Georges Road - Julia and John Wurf and family
- Stoney Creek Road - Anna Bowen, Brett Whitmore; K.& L. Geoffrey
- Sutherland Road - Ken and Judith Faulkner and family
- Yackatoon Road - K. Rawlinson & J. Payne

We also welcome the return of Angie, Mike and Bianca Schimizzi to St. George's Road

STARTING SCHOOL

RON CARROL

Another group of children have happily commenced their formal school career and now have a path to follow for perhaps up to thirteen years. In Victorian schools, children may commence as young as four and a half years old but no later than six years old. The starting age was lowered during the Second World War to allow more mothers to go to work and Victoria is now the only State which has not gone back to a starting age of five or six. Many four and a half year olds cope quite comfortably with such an early start but more parents are now seriously considering the wisdom of a later start if their child is in that young group, ie. born from April to June.

In my experience in schools and confirmed by research on the subject, many school children from that group of young beginners, have academic, social or emotional problems. Many survive the pathway through primary and secondary schools but falter in tertiary institutions. Others defer further study after completing their secondary schooling, maybe to gain further experience before studying more. Sadly some don't recommence at all. A later start initially may well have meant a happier and less stressful time at school for many children.

It may be opportune to consider the appropriate starting time for your child. Either your local primary school or kindergarten will have someone to discuss the matter.

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TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

F. HILL

A playgroup of twelve children has commenced one morning a week at the Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten. The facilities are ideal for this active group of two year olds who are each accompanied by a parent. Activities so far have included cut and pasting, painting and exploring the well equipped playground.

BABY-SITTING CLUB

Secretaries	-	March	Sheila Kidd	443 400
		April	Alison Ryan	443 984
		May	Sharyn Padoms	443 559

New Members are welcome. Please contact the Co-ordinator, Irene Physick - 443 563.

Please remember to leave an information sheet for your sitter. It is important that Emergency Services know the address.

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RED CROSS TRANSPORT

PEG BELLAIR

The Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Red Cross are short of voluntary drivers. Most of our volunteers come from the Berwick, area and are heavily committed. Are there any volunteers from Upper Beaconsfield who would like to take residents from Hyland Park and Salisbury House to the Dandenong Hospital for treatment or therapy when the need arises?

Please contact the Matrons of the Nursing Homes. Otherwise contact the Red Cross Secretary, Mrs. Lorna Bird, telephone no. 03 707 2618 (Berwick/U.B. Red Cross Unit). How about the idea of a Community Bus?

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ROTARY NEWS

MICHAEL KEOGH

A golf day for the Catholic Clergy of Melbourne on 16th February raised \$8,000. Of this, \$4,000 was donated to the Infirm Priests fund at a function at Beaconsfields attended by the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Sir Frank Little. Other projects included work at the pre-school playground, a donation towards a young scout's trip to Japan and, of course, the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake night. Irene Behrend recently returned from Japan while Stephanie Besanko began her twelve months exchange to Japan in January.

The Club looks forward to having the President of the Upper Beaconsfield Association, Ray Ratcliff, address its meeting on 14th April. It feels the exchange can only be to the mutual good of both organizations, ultimately leading to better understanding and assisting in co-ordinating and streamlining the services offered to the local community by both bodies.

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

COMPILED BY JUDI PRATT 443 236

- 28th March Presentation Night, Cricket. Club. Pine Grove Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
- 31st March Dinner & Parade of new Winter fashions by Pol and Mansized of Berwick. Pre-school/Kinder at the Pine Grove Hotel, 7.00 p.m. \$16 single
- 6th April Fire Brigade Biennial Election - 8.00,p.m.
- 11th April W.G.C,A. Presentation Night at Pakenham,
- 11/12th April Junior Club Championships, Tennis Club at Upper Beaconsfield Courts.
- 12th April Palm Sunday Service at St. Johns - 9.30 a.m.
- 16th April Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing - St. Johns Church, 8.00 p.m.
- 17th April Good Friday Service, St. Johns - 9.30 a.m.
- 18th April Easter Stall, St. Johns - outside the General Store
- 18th April Communion, St. Johns - 11.50 p.m.
- 19th April Easter Day Service, St. Johns - 9.30 a.m.
- 25th April Anzac Day Ceremony, R.S.L- at the Cenataph, 11.00 a.m. A warm welcome to all to join members afterwards for morning tea at the R.S.L. Club rooms.
- 12th May Tupperware "Freezer" Party - Kinder/Pre-school at Pre-school, McBride Rd., 1 - 3.00 p.m.
- 16th May Quiz Night, Tennis Club at the Hall. Tickets from Gill Shead 443 439
- 16th May Fire Brigade Auction at the Igloo - 10.00 a.m.
- 18th May Wool Fashion Parade - Primary School Parents and Friends Assoc. - Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

OUR MAN OF MANY PARTS

CHARLES WILSON

Readers of an earlier Village Bell may recall the departure in 1979 of John Belair for England. John, then in his early seventies, wanted to see the Mediterranean again. With his wife Peg and friends John & Mary Sadgeley, he went to Littlehampton, England, purchased a nine ton Hillyard yacht called Gander of Headley and sailed it across the Channel and via the French canals to the Med. John and Peg spent two years there before sailing the boat back to England.

This was not John's first sailing experience. In 1969, deciding he would like to learn to sail, he went to England to spend three months sailing dinghies and learning navigation. He then purchased his first Hillyard yacht called "Merrywind" in which he sailed a similar course to the above, much of it singlehanded.

The evening of Ash Wednesday John spent fire fighting in an attempt to save his lovely old home, Applecross, in St. Georges Road, Despite his efforts, the fire gained a hold on the house and he was forced to leave, saving only the manuscript of his book, "Amateur Soldier", which was published in 1984.

The success of this book on his war experiences prompted him to write another. John served with the 2/1 Machine Gun Battalion in Greece and afterwards helped to form the 2/3 Machine Gun Battalion. This new book is the story of this latter battalion as it fought in Syria, Java and New Guinea - an exciting history which has taken him two and a half years of hard work to complete called "From Snow to Jungle", it will be published later this year by Allen & Unwin.

After the fire John & Peg built a different and lovely new Applecross on the old site. They have established a delightful semi formal garden.

Time for a rest? Not likely! From 1960-1962 John had lived in France and speaks French fluently. He also paints in oils for a hobby. The French-speaking island of Martinique in the Caribbean sounded interesting and a place to exercise both these talents. While reading books on Martinique he discovered some written by Lafcadio Hearn who had lived in New Orleans and also Martinique and later Japan. John is now in Martinique to research this man for possibly another book. Peg is staying home to look after the garden and on John's return in May is going to Mexico, The Rockies and the Grand Canyon.

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU.

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The Public are invited to attend 24 Main Street, Pakenham, on:

Monday 30th March to speak to a representative of C.E.S.
10.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 31st March—an executive member of the Housewives Association will be present, 10.20 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. At 12 noon she will speak on "Healthy Foods on a Low Budget". This lady also speaks on "Nut Milks", "The Effects Food Have", and "Foods and Allergies".

Thursday 2nd April - Retirement Financial Investment Counsellor,
Mr. Trevor Richards 10.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

Friday 3rd April—a representative of the M.S. support group 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and at 1.00 p.m. a speaker from "Fragrant Corner" on Planning and using a herb garden and aromatics for the home.

HEARTWORM

DR. BULLSEYE

Heartworm is common in Queensland and N.S.W. and is moving south. However so far no heartworm has been diagnosed in this area in locally kept dogs.

Heartworm is a parasite which lives in the heart and major vessels of the affected animal. It is long and thin and even light infestations can kill dogs. The parasite is transmitted from dog to dog by mosquitos which, upon biting an infected dog, ingest an embryo heartworm (called Microfilaria) which is circulating in the blood stream. These embryos are then transmitted to an unaffected dog at a later stage while the mosquito is sucking blood. After the mosquito has bitten a dog it may take months or even years for signs of heartworm infestation to show. During this time the worms grow from minute larvae which lived in the mosquito to up to twelve inches in length.

Heartworm diagnosis without a blood test is impossible. At the present time veterinarians are suggesting blood testing dogs in the hope of ascertaining the full extent of this problem. Recent laboratory reports indicate an increase in incidence from one per cent of dogs surveyed in 1982 to six per cent In 1986. Blood testing is essential before a dog can be placed on the preventative heartworm treatment.

Heartworm is a curable disease especially if diagnosed early. Please contact your veterinarian for further information.

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WORMS

DR. WHO

Worms are a common problem especially in young children. The most common form found in our community is threadworm. It is characterised by perianal itching, especially at night. The mature worms live in the intestine and the females migrate out of the anus and lay eggs on the skin surrounding the anus. They then die. The eggs are then transferred to the mouth via the fingers, although they may also be in bedding and pyjamas. Once they are swallowed they hatch and the cycle begins again.

The itching comes from the migration of the female worms across the skin, "These worms can be seen if a piece of sticky tape is applied to the perianal skin and then removed. The worms are around 10 mm long.

They are easily treated with worming agents e.g. Combantrim and Vermox. The whole family should be wormed as all members are likely to carry the worms. Reinfection is common and the treatment may be repeated. Bedding and pyjamas should be washed at the time if required.

ERRATUM Upper Beaconsfield veterinary surgeon after hours number is 707 2835, not as previously stated.

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EXTENSIONS TO MONTUNA GOLF COURSE

TERRY WORRELL

The Montana Golf Club are hopefully in the process of completing negotiations with Roshop Nominees, the owners of the property presently known as "The Downs" for the purchase of a further 28 hectares of land to extend the present 9 holes to an 18 hole layout.

Apart from offering improved amenities and playing conditions to the present members of the golf club, the course will become an integral part of the Upper Beaconsfield community, enhancing the facilities already available to the budding Greg Normans of the local golfing fraternity.

It is planned that the development through the Cardinia Creek area will provide beautification and encourage the already abundant fauna and flora extant in the area. The flat to undulating land to be purchased will compliment the interesting picturesque course and provide some relief to the more senior members of the community.

Montuna Golf Course, which was established in 1927 and recently celebrated its 40th birthday as an affiliated golf club, offers an ideal venue for both social and competitive golfers, fielding three pennant teams and competing in many district and Victorian events.

The future growth and development of the Montuna Golf Club, with the support of the community, will doubtless keep abreast with the long term recreational demands of our progressive district.

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As some members of the community have expressed concern regarding the extension proposals it was thought appropriate to publish the following outline by Keith Ewenson.

Schedule of Council's involvement:

- 12th March 1986 - Site meeting. Golf Club with D.V.A. and Shire to consider possible work onto and across flood plain of stream.
- 17th March, 1986 - Application for permit.
- 7th April, 1986 - Application approved.
- 8th April, 1986 - Shire receives complaint of dust pollution. Inspection follows which discovers the extent of the work exceeds permit conditions.
- 14th April, 1986 - Permit issued.
- 7th July, 1986 - Contravention Notice served - work stopped.
- 17th July, 1986 - Contravention Notice acknowledged.
- 11th August, 1986 - Report to Council (copy of recommendation available at B.U.A. meeting)

From that point consultation has occurred between the Design Engineers acting for Montuna, Officers fo the D.V.A., Pakenham Shire Officers and Berwick City Officers with a view to producing an acceptable plan for consideration in the near future, considering the many constraints of environment, ecology and topography related to the site.

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