

**CRIMINALS AT WORK**

No. 1 July, 1978

In the 3 weeks prior to writing, there have been at least 6 burglaries, or attempted burglaries, in Beaconsfield Upper.

A seventh episode illustrates, what may be a typical method of operation. An established resident answered a mid-morning knock on the front door to a man who asked about cleaning the chimneys. The resident became suspicious and subsequently noticed that the caller was accompanied by a friend, similarly well dressed, in a panel van with no obvious aids to chimney cleaning. A call to the police, with descriptions and car registration, raised an immediate response involving several police cars. The apprehended men were unable to explain their presence, and one in fact, did have a record. They were not linked to the previous burglaries, but an effective deterrent was exercised.

A spokesman for the Pakenham CIB suggested that action by police in the inner suburbs may be forcing criminals into "quieter" areas. He advises extra care in locking houses and protecting valuables, and extra vigilance for suspicious persons or vehicles.

If your suspicions are aroused ring D24 on (03) 662 0911.

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MEDICAL SERVICES IN RSL HALL

Dr. Gedeon Herschberg has commenced regular weekly surgery hours at the B.U. RSL Hall in Halford Street. Over the next 3 months, public response will be assessed with the view of establishing a permanent part time practice.

Dr. Herschberg has a private practice in Cockatoo, in conjunction with the Mountain District-Community Health Service whose excellent facilities have also become available to us. These include a qualified nursing staff, a 24 hour Emergency Service (68 8146), plus a wide range of ancillary services.

Dr. Herschberg was originally contacted by a BUA group of Ray Ratcliff, Keith Ewenson and Graham Jackson, who over the last 6 months have explored many avenues of providing a local medical service. The generosity of the RSL in making their club-rooms available was also a major factor in the present arrangement.

Intending patients can telephone the MDCHS (68 8146) or ring Ray Ratcliff on 44 3200, at the Post Office, for appointments or further information.

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AID TO FIRE VICTIMS

In the early hours of May 12, the Degens awoke to flame and smoke. Anton and Jenny, Paul (14) and Isa (10) escaped, but their house, off Stoney Creek Rd, was totally destroyed along with all furniture, clothes and personal effects.

Anton, a panel-beater, recently completed a 5 year project, involving the renovation and extension of the home, which stood on the site of Beaconsfield Upper's first schoolhouse. Two days after the fire, the remaining possessions of value, power tools and tools of trade, were stolen from a nearby shed.

Insurance goes some way to replacing a home, but can never replace years of toil and possessions accumulated over a lifetime.

A raffle will be drawn at the BUA FORUM Wednesday, August 2, (see back page), with all proceeds to the Degen family, So many prizes have been donated by local craft and business people that the original 2 hampers have grown into 8 valuable prizes - including pottery, woodwork, food and wine.

TICKETS AT POST OFFICE, MILK BARS, LOVERIDGES and at the FORUM before 9 p.m.

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EDITORIAL - "THE VILLAGE BELL"

What's in a Name?

Historically, a village bell has served to bring a community together.

A less obvious, but more original association is with the Bellbird, or Bell Miner, a bird still prevalent in the thickly bushed gullies and creek beds of Beaconsfield Upper. The Beaconsfield Upper Association has as a primary aim the retention of the character and atmosphere of the locality - the habitat of the Bellbird and its very unusual social structure symbolise this character and atmosphere.

A neighbourhood of Bellbirds represents a compromise between a true bird colony and birds which live in isolated family groups. In a true colony nests are so close that the constant, noisy coming and going of neighbours has resulted in a vigorous, aggressive territorial defence of each nest. In contrast neighbouring Bellbird nests are sufficiently far apart that a totally different social interaction has evolved. Members actively co-operate in the chores of the group, and the only aggressive behaviour is exhibited by ALL members against outside interference.

While we can still hear the song of the Bellbird in the village, and understand its message, the character and atmosphere survives!

Co-operation or Confrontation?

Ideals are relatively common, their achievement relatively rare. In attempting to swim against the current of normal suburban development we are certain to meet opposition from without and within the community; however opposition need not mean confrontation (the best of friends have opposing opinions). It is most important that before we start looking for things to disagree about, we must explore the things we have in common.

This newsletter is primarily about getting to know each other and exploring our common interest. If confrontation ever becomes necessary, it can only be effective and constructive, when, as with the Bellbirds, it involves all (or at least a sizeable majority of) residents against a commonly perceived outside interference.

Who Sounds This Bell?

The Village Bell has been forged by the Beaconsfield Upper Association.

It is intended that the community be the bell ringers. This first edition sets an excellent precedent with some 30 community members contributing to articles.

These people are loosely organised into study groups which assemble facts on a variety of topics. Membership of a group, or the nature of a topic, are no more or no less than an expression of community interest. Groups are open to, or can be formed by any community member. The groups are not political in nature.

This newsletter (initially every two months) and the 2 monthly BUA FORUM (see back page) are intended to be focal points for a wide ranging constructive community activity - be in it.

Broad editorial guidelines are determined by an editorial committee whose initial composition is Paul Easton, Graeme Kidd and Roger Francey. It is intended that a rotation of Editors will ensure a healthy variation in editorial content and production style.

Roger Francey

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"--- our bellbirds
have some unusual
characteristics ---"



COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL - Cr. Keith Ewenson (44 3372)

Communication is vital to any area, I commend, this publication and seek your support for its continuing contribution in our diverse community. I welcome the opportunity of informing you of council matters relating to Beaconsfield Upper and hope you will be kept informed.

Major Works in Progress in the village includes

New Kindergarten Centre to be erected on the west side of the Recreation Reserve facing Stoney Creek Road, adjacent to school. The style of the building is to be log cabin type. Tenders have been let and we are hopeful of first sessions commencing in Term 1, 1979. The building will have an intimate meeting room for community use.

Associated with this project is the improved access to the Recreation Ground. Construction is imminent of a 10m wide access road off Burton Road past the new building, then turning into original Recreation Ground entrance. When completed all traffic for school and kindergarten will enter from Burton Road and exit on to Stoney Creek Road.

It should be noted that the Shire, in conjunction with the Committee of Management for the Recreation Ground are doing what they can to improve the safety factor in this area, nevertheless the ultimate safety is dependent on every driver exercising the greatest care at all times.

An amenity block is to be constructed for patrons of the Recreation Ground.

General Improvements

Stoney Creek Road: The redesigned southern intersection is nearing completion, and favourable comments on the safety and aesthetic aspects have been received. Work on sealing and the northern intersection is not expected to commence until late in 1979.

Young Street Drainage Schemes: Work in progress.

Double Lines on Emerald Beaconsfield Roads: Being investigated.

Locations where accidents have occurred: Work in hand.

Increased parking area adjacent to stores: Long traffic island to be reduced in width to permit additional parking along service road. Work will commence as soon as suitable equipment is available in the area.

Paul Grove Drainage Schemes: On design programme.

Horse Trails: First stage work proceeding.

Garbage Collections: Some new roads have been added at request of majority of residents. If there are others desiring this service advice should be given now. (Shire is to negotiate new contract with subcontractor). (Beaconsfield Tip approaching closure).

Un-named Road off Emerald Beaconsfield Rd north of High Street: Referred to BUA and Berwick/Pakenham Historical Society.

By the time this report is published the Riding Councillors, E.A. Owen (Pres.), Peter Meeking and myself will have had our first Riding meeting and inspection with Mr. Colin Ackehurst (Shire Engineer) regarding items for inclusion in the 1978/79 year capital works programme within the Beacon Hills Riding. Submissions and suggestions should be made now if they are to be considered in the 1978/79 programme. (Council resolves expenditure Aug/Sept.).

Quarry (Hillview/Leppitt Road Property)

It was reported in Council that the Company is currently lobbying other regional planning authorities with regard to possible early rezoning, and data to support their operation of a plant 12 to 15 years from now.

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The death in a road accident of Mr. Arthur Billing occurred at Mathoura, New South Wales, on June 10th.

Mr. Billing came from England associated with the Shell Oil Company and was a foundation member of the B.U. Association and closely connected with many local activities.

During the Second World War he served with the R.A.A.F. in South East Asia. After the cessation of hostilities he took up residence in Beaconsfield Upper and was for some time engaged in business in Dandenong.

Subsequently he acquired "Fassifern", in a Beckett Road and then for some eighteen years was poultry farming.

Early this year he retired to live in Mathoura where, not long after, he met his untimely and tragic death. Our sympathies to his wife and daughter.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

In order to implement the principal aims of the BUA, and as a direct result of the interest shown at the Special Public Meeting on May 24, a Planning and Development Sub-Committee has been formed to investigate fully impending development applications and to initiate long term plans for the future development of the village centre and surrounds. Present members are Terry Dance, Lee Borman, Bruce Freeman, Ian Sprague, John Struckett and Eddie Vaughan.

The Interim Development Order, which came into force in December, 1974, has curtailed the development of inappropriate and undesirable subdivisions, and by virtue of the zones created has set certain minimum sizes for subdivided lots together with restrictions on their use.

However, it must be appreciated that this is an "interim" order only, and will therefore be amended from time to time either as a result of successful applications by individual land owners or as a result of further, and more detailed, study by the planning authorities concerned.

An important impending development concerns an application by the Beacon Hills Country Golf Club which in effect would allow them to sell off eight residential lots fronting Stoney Creek Road and McArthur Road. Under the present "Special Landscape Zone" of the area they are precluded from such action as their total holding is regarded as a single tenement regardless of the number of individual small freehold titles within that holding.

A recommendation by the Shire proposes to rezone the Golf Course to "Restricted Use", and the allotments to "Special Study Zone". This proposal would mean that the entire area of the golf club, less the allotments, could only be used for a recreational activity and could not be further subdivided - a right which at present exists under its "Special Landscape" Zoning. Placing the allotments into a "Special Study Zone" empowers the Shire to decide both the eventual size of lots and the degree of environmental and habitat protection required. In short, it gives them total control over the future use of the individual lots.

On a more constructive note, we have initiated a study into a desirable development plan for the centre of the village. Over the next 2, 5 or even 10 years, it is inevitable that there will be further commercial development to meet the needs of an expanding population. Random development, without regard to location and visual presentation, could ruin for all time the pleasant and peaceful appearance of the village, reducing us to one more example of haphazard and unsightly ribbon development.

To create a starting point in analysing the "character and charm" that we all value so highly, a draft plan is being produced which will be promulgated to all residents as well as being displayed in the village. Stimulated by this initial draft we hope to receive many comments, criticisms and most importantly very many constructive suggestions from the residents.

Whilst this is a long term planning project it should be remembered that a drainage scheme is scheduled for the north side of the Beaconsfield Emerald Rd in this vicinity in 12 months time, thereby removing the present restraints on commercial developments.

These then are our present activities and initiatives in the Planning and Development field, and should any resident have any ideas or views on these topics we would be delighted to hear from them. (Terry Dance 44 3637 after hours)

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RED CROSS NEEDS YOU!

If you have been thinking of joining the Berwick-Beaconsfield Upper Branch of the Red Cross and feel uncertain of going alone please ring Mrs. Joanne Dance 44 3637 after hours.

Coming up - a mobile blood bank, organised by Apex, will start operation in Berwick in August.

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AS IT USED TO BE ---

The group concerned with matters of local historical interest presently consists of Roy Harris, a fourth-generation resident of the district, with Diana Rocke and John Milligan, who are, relatively speaking, newcomers. Their aim will be to collect information, to record it, and to spread it.

In the past, historical material has appeared in two books, both available the Berwick Library, but now out of print. These are "Early Days of Berwick" by N.E. Beaumont, and "Bullock Tracks to Bitumen" by the Berwick and Pakenham Historical Society. However both these books cover a much broader field than Upper Beaconsfield.

Early on a list of projects, the group proposes to collect information about various village institutions. They include St. John's Church, the Village Hall, which is 94 years old, the Recreation Reserve, with a minute-book dating from 1898, and the State School. Other subjects are the Volunteer Fire Brigade, Beacon Hills Golf Club, and the Country Womens' Association. In future issues of the newsletter residents will be invited to contribute information about these topics.

In the future we also expect to appeal for the loan of old picture postcards and photographs - buildings, events, scenery, and groups of schools, families and sports teams - in order that they can be photocopied for a Permanent duplicate record. Help will also be needed to identify people and places in some of these old photos.

Apart from old photographs, it would be desirable to make a permanent record, preferably in colour prints, of the older houses and buildings in our community. We have seen them disappear, by demolition, modernisation, or fire, but records of those that survive should be preserved, pictorially and in writing. The help of residents will be sought, for permission to photograph, and for information and reminiscences about their old buildings. The group looks forward to collecting a large amount of useful and interesting information, which will be available to residents or historical writers who wish to refer to it - and we have at least one historical writer, John Wells, in our midst. Such information, in full or in condensed form, will be offered to the editor of the newsletter.

Another feature in mind is the naming of our roads, many of which commemorate pioneer families, whose connection with the land is unknown to those who now live on it. For instance, how did Craik Road get its name? or for that matter, the name of Beaconsfield?

From "Early Days of Berwick" it appears that in 1881 a deputation consisting of Dr. L.L. Smith, Professor Halford, William Goff, T.T. and W.A.C. a'Beckett, and W. Brisbane, interviewed the Minister for Railways to request a station where the recently opened line crossed the Cardinia Creek. Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield) had died that day, and so it was suggested that his name be given to the new station. He had been a world-renowned statesman, and took his title from a Buckinghamshire village, which is about as far from London as Beaconsfield is from Melbourne. And Hughendon Road plainly takes its name (despite mis-spelling) from Lord Beaconsfield's country home named Hughenden, a Buckinghamshire manor dating back to Anglo-Saxon times, before the Norman Conquest.

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Berwick and Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month, at 8 p.m. in the Society's room in John Street, Pakenham, (round the corner by the "Justly Sew" shop). Membership costs \$1.00 per year. The next speaker, on Friday, 4th August, will be Mrs. H. Hunt of Upper Pakenham, on the subject of "Herbs". Visitors are welcome.

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1925 - an unsigned note found in the Annual Report of St. John's Church reads - "The Vicar was very annoyed that the organist left without playing the last two hymns last Sunday."

Below this was written the following -

"The Vicar needs to remember that he is no longer in Melbourne. When the organist hears that one of her cows is sick the last two hymns can go to blazes.
signed Organist"

who was believed to be Mrs. Christine Drake of whom more shall be heard in later newsletters.

C.W.R. Dart.

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PERSONALITIES

In this and subsequent- editions of the newsletter it is the intention to give thumbnail sketches of district personalities. Paul Easton, Diana Rocke, Fay Wilson and Carole Ross have indicated interest in this activity; the following article has been prepared by Paul Easton.

Who to start with? Like TV shows it fell to "spinning the wheel" and the number came up of a serviceman ... with unique distinctions

an American on the Hill

Those who drive regularly along Albers Road are probably now familiar with the 10 year-old sign, Artillery Hill. The man who named it also nominated its original counterpart during the Vietnam conflict, former U.S. Army Lt/Colonel Leo (Lee) Welch.

Born (1923) in Dover, New Hampshire, U.S.A., he served with the army from 1942-67 seeing service in World War 2 (New Guinea), Germany (Occupational Force), Korea and Vietnam (Artillery Group Executive). The 'hill' was his last strategic manoeuvre.

Early in his career while navigating on Catalinas in the South West Pacific campaign the crew came south with their aircraft for maintenance at Lake Boga, near Swan Hill, Vic. There he first met his wife Val (ex Birchip); after wartime hostilities he returned from America to marry her in Scots Church, Melbourne. The couple moved back to the States where their only child, Vicki, was born. One of Lee's major decisions was to eventually quit the permanent service life and return to Australia.

As years rolled by Vicki was to serve clerically with the Shire of Pakenham before marrying Don Hill, who recently was appointed manager of the VEC on Emerald Road. Vicki is closely linked with her mother in the operation of the Gold Rush Palomino Stud on Albers Road.

Lee was encouraged to participate in RSL affairs by another local personality, ex Changi veteran Percy Renfree. The crew-cut, cigar-smoking ex-State-sider has now created history by being the first American to head an RSL sub-branch (locally, and currently secretary) and through a recent appointment the honour of being appointed an RSL State Councillor.

As apprenticed pre-war, he is once again involved with engineering, draughting and supervises a Dandenong manufacturing company.

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ST. JOHNS CHURCH OF ENGLAND

As there have been questions by our community as to the building we have moved below the Church we hope we can give some answers as to its purpose. Firstly, with quite a large following at Sunday School and the need to begin a youth fellowship, we felt it necessary that there be a meeting place connected with our working Church.

Although plans for a new building had been discussed, finances were keeping it from getting underway. Mayes Tyre Service at Beaconsfield, generously offered us this house for the cost of removal and renovation. After negotiation and wonderful co-operation from the local Council and the Department of Public Health we moved it in March and to comply with their requirements we will be erecting a toilet block behind the building.

At the moment we have employed a local carpenter to repair and replace timber and bring the building to lock up stage, electrical wiring has been completed and replastering is underway. (Working bees of interested members have removed three internal walls making a hall room 30' x 20').

Our Sunday School organised a "Car Rally" raising \$90 towards replanting and beautifying the grounds. Over the past nine months the Sunday School have raised \$800 towards this venture and have future functions planned to add to this. We look for community support and ask everyone to bear with us during the time it takes to achieve our goals. Given time we are sure when this building is completed and painted it will merge with the character of our Church and become a valuable asset to the whole community.

Barry and Alison Medwin on behalf of St. Johns Sunday School and Church members.

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THANK YOU

Mary and Peter Petruccelli for letterhead, Sandra Francey for typing.

TRANSPORT

There is no denying our deep and abiding love of the motor car. If like Romeo, cars grind to a halt, do we, like Juliet, up and do ourselves in?

A group interested in transport problems includes Gillian Lewis, Fay Wilson, Elvie Ratcliff and Roger Francey. The long term intention is to conduct a major survey of transport patterns - as an aid in inevitable dealings with government/transport bodies, but also as a means of self-help, for example in setting up "youth hitch-hike" and "emergency car pool" clubs.

In the meantime, we have raised with council the possibility of a secure bicycle storage near the village centre for high school students, and have prepared the following survey of existing services.

Bus Services

MALONEY'S: Mr. Maloney was quite straightforward, he will only run if he is to make money! This is why the bus only runs in school-time, not during holidays. It is a public bus. The present schedule is

To Beaconsfield Station - from Split Rock Rd (Emerald Rd end) 7.40 a.m.
- from Loveridges 7.45 a.m., 8.10 a.m.

From Beaconsfield Station - to Loveridges 3.55 p.m.
- to Split Rock Rd (via Loveridges) 4.25 p.m.

Single Fares - child 24¢, student 33¢, adult 48¢.

Asked about a business mans' bus and shoppers' bus, he said he would need at least 20 people per trip and would leave from Loveridges only.

GRENDA'S: Mr. Ian Wall confirmed that Grenda's ran two buses to Pakenham High School under contract to the Education Department, who pay the fares involved. Operation is restricted to school terms, but public (if they are brave enough) can travel on the buses.

Mr. Wall said Grenda's would consider an extension of certain public services to Beaconsfield Upper only if Mr. Maloney categorically refused to provide them.

Taxis

We are in the Dandenong area.

Sandown Cabs: \$7 - \$8 from B.U. to Dandenong or B.U. to Cockatoo
(03 791-2111) (Bookings available, fee charged)

Mr. Maloney runs Pakenham Cabs: \$5.50 from B.U. to Pakenham
(41 1138) (no service to Dandenong)

Mountain District Cabs: \$7 - \$8 from B.U. to Cockatoo.
(03 729-6677)

Peninsula Ambulance Service

From Beaconsfield Upper to Dandenong - approx. \$99.50!

If you subscribe to the service,

Family - \$12.00 (\$5.00 pensioners)

Single - \$ 5.00 (\$3.00 pensioners) annually

you get "free transport and attention anywhere in Australia, no matter how many times you or your family need the service". The subscription includes free use of the air ambulance.

With some health insurances (e.g. Medibank Private, HBA) the full subscription is refunded!

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB

President: Victor Greenaway (44 3573)

Secretary: Peter Gray Treasurer: Julie Jamieson

Venue - 4 Courts situated next to the Hall in Salisbury Road.

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15th, 1978, at 8.00 p.m. in the Supper Room at the Hall.

Points for discussion will include a Round Robin Tournament to be held on August 20th, and teams to be entered in the Summer Competition, which is to commence early October.

New members are most welcome.

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BUSH, BIRDS AND BEES ETC.

An ENVIRONMENT working group presently comprises Charlie Wilson (44 3404) Graeme Robertson, Paul Chick, Max Dunlevie and Peg Belair. An early venture, the selection of local native shrubs suitable for replanting the new Emerald Rd - Stoney Creek Rd intersection, has been welcomed by Shire Engineer, Colin Ackehurst.

The following article is by Paul Chick, who is interested in compiling information on unusual bird sightings or records. Field excursions can be conducted if sufficient interest is forthcoming (44 3773).

"In Springtime particularly, Beaconsfield. Upper comes to life with the beautiful calls of the bush birds. In particular, the melodic calls of the Grey Shrikethrush, Rufous Whistler, Golden Whistler, Grey Butcherbird, Bell Miner and the migratory Cuckoos (of which I have heard up to four different species calling at the one time) enhance the character of the area. The call is a very diagnostic feature in the identification of birds, and most have several different calls for various situations, such as alarm calls, territorial warning calls and mating calls.

For naming purposes, birds are classified into various groups of similar type e.g. flycatchers, honeyeaters, hawks, parrots and they have naturally different feeding habits. It is not uncommon to see different species of birds from one group feeding together in the same place. Some birds have a distinct preference for a certain type of habitat, e.g. open forest, dense scrub, fern gullies, swampland. It is most important that this habitat is not drastically disturbed because it follows that if a particular form of vegetation, with its various plant associations is removed, then the birds will disappear with it. The recognition of this delicate ecological balance has led responsible bodies to declare and set aside special areas for the preservation of endangered species.

The most common resident birds to be found locally, at most times of the year, include Yellow Robin, Grey Shrikethrush, Blue Wren, Striated Thornbill, Grey Fantail, Crimson Rosella, Eastern Rosella, Yellow Tailed Cockatoo, Eastern Spinebill, White Eared Honeyeater, Bell Miner, Golden Whistler, Rufous Whistler, Pied Currawong, Magpie, Kookaburra, Little Raven, Spotted Pardelote, Silvereye, Common Bronzewing, White Throated Tree Creeper, Varied Sittela, Shriketit, Red-brow Firetail."

Charlie Wilson has supplied the following list of plants native to this area, which are flowering at the moment - Victorian Heath, Dusty Miller, Blue Pincushion, Silky Hakea, Rosemary Grevillia, Yellow Everlasting, Guinea Flower, Nodding Greenhood and the leaves of the Acianthisis. Anyone interested in a tour of identification should contact Charlie.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Present Enrolment	256	-	Staff of 13
Principal	J. Crosbie		
Vice-Principals	G. Mitchell, J. Wells		
School Council	President - D. Jamieson (11 members)		
Mothers' Club	President Mrs. A. Phillips		

A Dinner Dance will be held in the Hall on Saturday, August 19th - tickets at \$18 Double will be available shortly - 7 piece Orchestra and Floor Show.

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PONY CLUB

The Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club provides for children and teenagers with an interest in horses and horsemanship, instructions in riding, care of and safety with horses, as well as the opportunity of competing in novelty events, games and gymkhanas within the club and inter-club.

A club rally is held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every 4th Saturday of the month at the Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve.

Enquiries: Mr. Graeme Robertson, District Commissioner, 44 3458
Mrs. J. Green, Secretary 44 3527
Mrs. P. Bellgrove, Treasurer 44 3429

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CUBS AND SCOUTS

On July 6, the Scout Group Committee held a belated Annual General Meeting, The response to a threat of closing down, due to lack of leaders and Group Committee activity was extremely pleasing, with 23 attending, 6 apologies and a new committee of 10.

President: Bill Bliss 44 3368
Sec.: Peggy Stacey Treas.: Joe de Maria

Brian Dickinson remains Acting Group Leader and Scoutmaster with 18 Scouts. Jean Cox is Cub Leader with a full pack of 24.

A first task of the new Group Committee is to recruit more leaders.

Next Bottle Drive - Saturday 29th July. (Co-ordinator Bernard Bellgrove).

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GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION

We wish to welcome Mrs. Sandra Francey and Mrs. Marion Graham as the Leaders of the Upper Beaconsfield Brownie Pack. The Brownies will resume after the August school holidays when both Leaders will have completed their Brownie Training, Brownies are open to girls from 7½ to 10½- and all enquiries can be made to Sandra Francey (44 3642).

Unfortunately there is still no leaders for the Guide Company which went into recess last year. Anyone interested in learning more about the movement please contact Mrs. Dorothy Halliday (44 3478).

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

We have a volunteer fire brigade under Captain Eric Bumstead (44 3298), Ken Ballinger (44 3395) is secretary. The Brigade meets regularly each Sunday morning at the Fire Station in Halford Street.

Despite a recent display of ancient fireman's equipment on a Peter Couchman Show, it does not apply to this station which has latest, up-to-date CFA issue. This is supplemented by such things as brigade-owned self contained breathing apparatus, donated by the community.

There have been two recent fires of consequence. The Degen house was well alight before noticed and could not be saved. The Hunter fire caused extensive damage, but was contained by prompt brigade action.

In both cases the people concerned acted quickly and correctly and no lives were lost. That action was to get everybody out of the house, ring the brigade

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giving details on fire type (house or bush) and location (nearest land mark).

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FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

President: Sue Packham 44 3273
Secretary: Heather Topp Treasurer: Terry Milligan

We aim to assist the fire fighting men by -

- (a) raising money for equipment (b) help with radio communication
- (c) assist by operating hydrants (d) provide refreshments at fires.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month in Fire Station meeting room at 8.00 p.m.

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SPINNING AND WEAVING

A group meets the last Thursday evening each month. Anyone interested would ring Pam Chaplin 44 3312, or Jeanette Ballinger 44 3395.

"CRAFTS IN COMPANY"

Jeanette Ballinger is also interested in meeting each Thursday with anyone wishing to do their own Craft "Thing" in Company - with perhaps a cup of coffee and chat at the same time.

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YOUTH SCENE

Following recent meetings by parents and youth a YOUTH CLUB will kick off with Disco, Discussion, Refreshments in the B.U. Public Hall 8.00 - 10.30 p.m. Saturday, July 29th. Youth, parents can drop-in, Admission 40¢.

For information ring Peter Foster 44 3473, or Brian Dickinson 44 3322.

Ed. Note: It is hoped that youth will contribute to a regular page in the "Village Bell". They would also be more than welcome in BUA sub-groups.

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BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

President: Graham Jackson (44 3554)

Secretary: John Milligan Treasurer: Jeanette Ballinger

Vice Presidents: Keith Ewenson, Roger Francey. Committee: Terry Dance, Brian Dickinson, Beryl Hails, George Silberbauer, Bob Trumper.

The BUA has worked for, and now enjoys, close contact with Pakenham Shire Council. It is concerned with development issues and community issues. This year has seen the formation of the working groups who have provided most of the material for this newsletter.

General meetings occur on the first Wednesday of the even months. In an effort to cope with the expanded operation of the sub-groups, and to give all residents a greater access to information about, and/or participation in community activity the next general meeting will take the form of

BUA PUBLIC FORUM

Wednesday, August 2, 1978 - B.U. Public Hall

7.30 - 8.30: Working session for sub-groups on Planning/Development, History, Environment, Culture, Newsletter, Transport, etc. - Public participation and observation welcomed.

BUA Minutes, correspondence available for perusal.

Shire Councillors, BUA committee members available to assist.

8.30 - 9.00: Formal meeting - minutes, correspondence, sub-group reports in precis form. General business requiring more than 5-10 minutes of discussion will be directed to a sub-group or to a special session after 9.00 (involving only those interested).

9.00 - 10.00: Tea/Coffee, access to sub-group reps, and work books, special sessions. N.B. Suggestions or conclusions of import can be registered into work books for later follow up by committee.

KEY NOTES: ACCESS AND INFORMALITY DEGEN RAFFLE 7.55 p.m.

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STOP PRESS

Red Cross: Blood Donor Session, Masonic Hall, Berwick, Tuesday August 15th, from. 2 - 8 p.m.

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We almost reached the end without the matter of money rearing its ugly head, but not quite. The production of this newsletter has consumed a sizeable fraction of the BUA account. In the future it is intended that the newsletter become self-supporting, but in the meantime if you wish to express your appreciation, and ease the production of the next edition, one way of doing so is to join the BUA.

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