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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - 1981 - ROGER FRANCEY

On behalf of all the citizens of Upper Beaconsfield, congratulations to Dr. Roger Francey on the presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award at the Village Fair this year.

It is encouraging to note that each year more people are voting for this award and the strong feeling in these votes was that Roger should be honoured for his service to, and involvement with, the community, in particular for his work on the Village Bell, B.U.A., Youth Work and Film Nights, work on the Quarry Issue and the Drainage Scheme; and, as one person put it on the bottom of their vote, etc. etc. etc.

Congratulations again to Roger and to Sandra and their family Fern and Matthew.

Jeanette Ballinger

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TEENAGE CAMP IN MAY VACATION

The Shire of Pakenham will be conducting a Holiday Camp for teenagers during the first week of the May Vacation. The camp, to be conducted at the Y.C.W. Camp at Phillip Island, will commence on Sunday afternoon, the 10th May, and conclude on Friday, 15th May. The camp will introduce to teenagers many new recreational experiences and social issues, as well as having a good time.

Some of the activities to be included are fencing, orienteering, driver education, bush-walking as well as discussion groups on social issues. The age of the participants will be in the 13 to 18 year old bracket.

The group will be in residence for five nights and will have all meals prepared by the resident cook. As the camp is being subsidised jointly by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Shire, the cost to participants will be in the vicinity of \$25 to \$30, which is very reasonable.

If you are interested, please contact the Municipal Recreation Officer, Bob Utber, on 059 41 1011, extension 21.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 1981

At this meeting Colin Ackehurst, Shire Engineer, will be making a presentation on the proposed PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME. (see P.3 for summary).

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THE VILLAGE NAME AND LOGO

Graeme Kidd

In the last Village Bell we ran a couple of articles on two contentious and related issues - the name of the Village and the proposed Shire logo. To help us get an indication of what name residents preferred, and whether they thought the logo acceptable, we asked people to cast a vote. The response has been very good. The results of the voting as at 10 March were:

<u>VILLAGE NAME</u>		<u>LOGO</u>	
Upper Beaconsfield	80		
Beaconsfield Upper	16		
Both	12	Approved	76
Beacon Hills	4	Disapproved	21
Beacon Heights	2		
Beaconsfield Heights	1		

It is apparent that of those who voted the majority prefer the Village to be called UPPER BEACONSFIELD. However it is also obvious that substantial minorities prefer BEACONSFIELD UPPER or the use of both names. This information will be given to the Shire with the suggestion that any future reference to the township should favour the majority preference.

As far as the rest of us are concerned I suggest that we each use the name we find most natural, while accepting that others say prefer to use the alternative. That hardly resolves the issue, but then it is obviously an issue that can't be easily settled.

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One letter which puts a case for the use of both names comes from Nola Hamilton of Berglund Road, who also designed the masthead for this issue:

"I have lived here for all of my life (sixteen years) and my father has also lived here all of his life, plus my grandfather also lived here many of his years. To us it has always officially been known as Beaconsfield Upper. However I do refer to it as Upper Beaconsfield in conversation and on many of my letters. This is fine but I believe that more official things as far as the Council, business firms, etc. go, should refer to the village as Beaconsfield Upper."

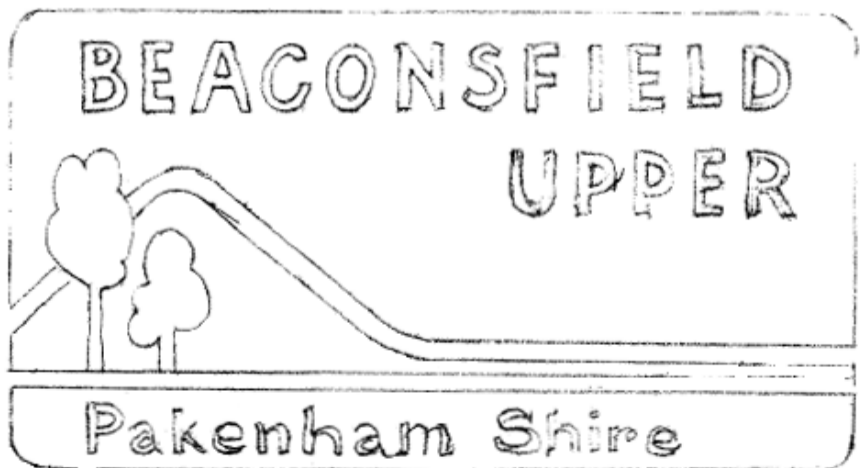
Mrs. Jack was a little more definite : "We are the only Upper Beaconsfield in the world!" She makes the observation that the old sign on the former bus garage, "Harris Bros., Carriers, Upper Beaconsfield," can still be just discerned. "I remember seeing that in about 1913," she says.

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THE LOGO

Many of the residents who indicated that they didn't like the logo felt that the colours were inappropriate or that it was too large. Typical of these was Robert Reid of Berglund Road who felt that a more harmonious colour would be dark green or similar with white or perhaps yellow/orange writing. He states that "the present rather naive logo floats in a space too big for it."

Gene Kellock of St. George's Road felt that it should be smaller and simpler with the name proportionately larger and easier to read. He went so far as to design a logo incorporating these suggestions, which we reproduce here.



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PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME

Shire of Pakenham

On the 1st April at 8.00 p.m. a meeting arranged by the Upper Beaconsfield Association is to be held in the Upper Beaconsfield Hall to discuss the various aspects of the above Scheme.

Officers from the Shire of Pakenham will be attending and will explain the planning and engineering approach adopted.

Readers will recall that a Scheme for the Paul Grove area was presented in 1980, but was abandoned after a number of objections were received. The Scheme now prepared is the same physically as the previous Scheme, the only change being the method of apportionment. This change was necessary in the light of decisions being handed down by the Drainage Tribunal on similar schemes in other areas.

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PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE - B.U.A. STUDY

Roger Francey

The B.U.A. has expressed concern that some aspects of the proposed scheme will, if implemented now, seriously restrict the UPPER BEACONSFIELD STUDY in its role of recommending rational development for the area.

Some 20 residents attended a recent meeting of the B.U.A. Drainage Subcommittee and defined the following as important questions to be answered :

- 1) Why is the drainage scheme required?
- 2) What additional cost to owners will be necessary, either to upgrade individual sewage/sullage systems or to contribute to a centralised treatment plant?
- 3) Will dense development occurring as a result of the scheme inevitably lead to the necessity of an expensive treatment plant.

To help answer (1), Peter Bligh, Malcolm Graham and Mike Schimizzi have attempted to survey the 47 owners of allotments involved in the scheme. Questions were aimed at identifying the source of, and annual expense incurred by, drainage problems. At this time about 2/3 of the responses are in (most of the local residents). The big majority report no problems at all. Several report storm water problems, some causing damage. Several residents have spent sums of up to \$200 curing Storm water problems. Three from Paul Grove report problems associated with sullage/septic overflow.

Once all responses are in the Committee will be asking whether the proposed scheme solves the identified problems, and attempting to reconcile the identified expense with the proposed cost of the scheme.

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DRUGS IN UPPER BEACONSFIELD

Roger Francey

There have been recent rumours of drug abuse amongst teenagers in Upper Beaconsfield. How well founded are these rumours and how serious is the problem? The following points emerged from a discussion with Senior Detective Ingle, Pakenham C.I.B. :

- * No unusual activity has been reported from U.B.
- * Pakenham Shire does have hard and soft drug problems, but thankfully at a low level.
- * Parents and friends should be on the alert for marked and persisting behavioural changes which may indicate a serious drug problem.
- * If someone close to you has a serious drug problem then they need all your support and understanding. Seek professional help from your local doctor, or health department, a social worker or one of the drug abuse organisations.
- * By far the most damaging drug in Australia is alcohol.

Recent government enquiries on drug abuse are recommending action at a community level as the most effective way of combating drug abuse. It is a responsibility we must learn to accept.

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DANDENONG VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE -

L. LEVENS

Dandenong Valley Library Service has new schedules for all branches and Bookmobiles. These are available at all branches and Beaconsfield Upper Post Office.

Narre Warren Library, Malcolm Court (off Webb Street) and Doveton Library, 148 Kidd Road, now have records for loan. The selection ranges from Bing Crosby and children's stories through jazz to complete symphonies and operas.

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NARRE WARREN LIBRARY -

SHEILA KIDD

Being a frequent visitor to Narre Warren for the various sporting and musical activities my family are involved in, and having on some occasions an hour's wait or so, I have found the nicest way to pass this time (instead of in the Supermarket!!) is to browse around the delightful Narre Warren Library, which is tucked away at the end of Malcolm Court, next to the Community Centre.

Considering the small size of this Library, it contains an excellent selection of adults' and children's books, an extensive reference section, L.P. records for loan, the latest magazines, and plenty of up-to-date information about what is available in the way of studies, hobbies, events, etc. in the district.

Also, for those with young children in tow - toys, drawing books and crayons are provided to keep them amused while you select your books.

This Library is unfortunately threatened with closure due to lack of patronage, and I would like to draw the attention of its existence to those Upper Beaconsfield residents I often see flitting around Narre Warren for the same, purposes as my own.

As it is part of the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service, any books borrowed from Narre Warren can be returned to any of the Libraries in that system, including Pakenham and the Bookmobile which visits Upper Beaconsfield every fortnight.

The Narre Warren Library hours are:-

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday	1.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Thursday	1.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Saturday	10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.....Re Place Name and Logo -

Miss Maguire of Armstrong Road writes:-

"I would like to add my support for the retention of Upper Beaconsfield for the following reasons:-

1. It seems a pity to drop a name that has been in long and common usage.
2. It is common practice of the English language to preface the noun with the adjective, not vice versa.
3. While it is noted that Australia Post lists the village as Beaconsfield Upper, a perusal of Post Codes reveals that it is more common to place the adjective first, e.g. Upper Pakenham, Lower Templestowe."

Miss Maguire further writes:-

"On reading the apologia or article on village place names, I wish to ask three questions and make one observation -

- Q. 1. What is wrong with the use of 'place name'?
- Q. 2. Is the use of 'logo' just another sign of the intellectual snobbery which is so much a mark of our times?
- Q. 3. What is wrong with our language which is very expressive when used simply?

Observation: The sign itself is too large, the wrong colour and generally unpleasing to the eye. The old black and white sign was much more acceptable."

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

As mentioned in the last issue of the Village Bell, three Monash University-Graduate School of Environmental Science students are undertaking part of the DVA-Shire of Pakenham Environmental Study of the Upper Beaconsfield area. The three of us are doing this study under an agreement with the DVA and as part of the requirements for our Master of Environmental Science degrees.

Specifically our group is to prepare an assessment of the likely effects of the various development and servicing options for the Upper Beaconsfield area. In this context servicing can be taken to mean the provision of water, sewerage and drainage.

Sonia Shaw, our Town Planner, is currently compiling a questionnaire which will form the basis of a survey of the Upper Beaconsfield community. Initially a small pilot survey will be undertaken to refine the questionnaire before the final survey is made. The aim of the survey will be to gauge community aspirations for the future of Upper Beaconsfield and obtain development option preferences.

In addition, Sonia will be investigating the history of development in the area and past and present planning requirements.

The group's Chemist, Pat Condina, will be looking in detail at the potential impact of the various development options on the water quality in Stoney and Cardinia Creeks and to the local natural environment in general. To this end he has begun to gather the existing water quality data, geological and topographical data, and flora and fauna information that is available.

Pat will also be responsible for liaising between the study group and the joint sponsors of the study.

Ian Newman, the group's Engineer, will attempt to identify the possible servicing options available for the Upper Beaconsfield area and to assess their impact on the township. As the study progresses it is proposed to carry out several small experiments related to on-site disposal of domestic wastes. He is currently searching the literature for relevant information.

The members of the Study Group intend to be at the Village Fair and will be available, in the UBA tent, to discuss the project with any interested persons.

Sonia Shaw
Pat Condina
Ian Newman

BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1981

7.30 Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Correspondence available for inspection before meeting.

8.00 PUBLIC MEETING on PROPOSED PAUL GROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME -
Address by Colin Ackehurst, Shire Engineer

LATER - B. U. A. GENERAL MEETING -

Report on - Water Rates
Youth Group/Disco
Joint study & survey of Upper Beaconsfield
Lookout point in Upper Beaconsfield
F.A.C.S. application for Grant.

Coffee, biscuits.

MISS UPPER BEACONSFIELD 1981 - LEANNE POULTON.

About 90 members of the community enjoyed a pleasant evening at the Beaconhills Golf Club on Friday, 6th March, when the judging of Miss Upper Beaconsfield took place. The function was jointly organised by the Woorinyan Group of the C.W.A. and the Upper Beaconsfield Fire Brigade Auxiliary, and the hostess for the evening was Mrs. Terry Milligan, who presented the contestants with locally made gifts of intriguing little witches.

To the four delightful young ladies who participated in this competition, we thank you for entering and making the function such a success. We are very grateful to the judges - Mrs. Sadie Kirkham, Mrs. Beverley Burgess and Mr. Ian McCausland, who had a very difficult task. Miss Leanne Poulton was chosen to be this year's Princess. Congratulations Leanne, we wish you luck when you go on to contest the Yakkerboo Queen award.

Terry Milligan

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each of the five awards presented to date have been made and donated by local craftspeople. They are lovely craft pieces in their own right and have been produced in our own community -

1977	Eric Bumpstead	Woodcraft by Heinz Moritz
1978	Marie Howard	Ceramic by Vic Greenaway
1979	Joan Harris	Ceramic by Ian Sprague
1980	Terry & John Milligan	Water colour by Sheila Marshall
1981	Roger Francey	Ceramic by Peter Petruccelli

Jeanette Ballinger

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POSTSCRIPT - CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

We don't usually divulge the names of those who have been nominated for Citizen of the Year, but we have made one exception this year. We quote the supporting statement:

"I nominate Mr. Stan Hamilton

for the following reasons, He has lived in Beaconsfield Upper all of his life went to school at Dewhurst, helped to put in one of the village's tennis courts, has been a member of the Fire Brigade for twenty four years and is a lieutenant in the Brigade, he is also a Deputy Group Officer for the Berwick - Pakenham Fire Brigade Group: he was one of the leaders when the village's first Youth Club was commenced: was on the school committee for nine years and attended nearly all of the school working bees and sometimes bringing with him tractor, slasher, etc: he made Guy Fawkes for the school bonfire for thirteen years running and has conducted the fireworks display for fourteen years: he has taken an active part in the Yakkaboos at both Pakenham and Beaconsfield Upper each year and is a fantastic father.

signed Nola Hamilton"

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ROBBED BY A RATBAG

The highly esteemed owner of Beaconsfield's Hardware store, Arthur Adamson, was recently robbed by a man purporting to come from Telecom to check the phone.

Residents should check the credentials of men who arrive without an appointment and ask to enter their premises. The man should produce his credentials if he is genuine: otherwise a check should be made with the people who are alleged to have sent him. Meanwhile, stand by to stun him with a meat-axe!

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ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CLUB

Steve Waters.

It is often said that there is little for teenagers to do in Upper Beaconsfield. One organisation which endeavours to fulfill this need, is the Youth Club at St. John's Church.

The Club is non-denominational and basically caters for teenagers in the 12 + bracket. It is held each Friday evening from 7-9 p.m. at the Fellowship Centre alongside the Church.

Club members have raised the money to buy a billiard table and table tennis table and a record and cassette recorder are available for 'loud' background music. Two excursions are held each term and normally include ice skating and swimming. The club is run along democratic lines, and therefore members decide the venue for excursions (within reason!). Once a month the club is fortunate to use the extensive facilities of the Pakenham High Gym, thanks to the generosity of the Principal, Mr. Williams, a local resident.

Topical films are hired from the State Film Centre, and so far screenings have depicted a variety of subjects such as drug abuse, advertising (or how to get sucked in without realising), marriage, common emotional problems, e.g. low self-esteem, and a film entitled "Coping with Parents" - (we all know what a hassle that can be). Lively discussions follow, and help teenagers air their opinions and values in an accepting and non-judgmental atmosphere.

The cost for members is \$5 per term and this includes excursions. New members will be made welcome any Friday at 7 p.m. If you need further details phone Steve Waters on 443 540

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On Friday April 24th at 7.30 p.m. the Youth Club will present two gospel films that will have appeal for the whole family.

The first is entitled "Welcome Home" and tells the story of Tony, a teenage drug pusher who eventually re-evaluates his life through the love and concern of a Christian family, he meets. It is an action packed film including a police chase, a hotted-up Chevvy, prison drama, together with the latest in contemporary gospel music.

The second, shorter film, is entitled "Home Run for Rusty", and should have special appeal for the younger members of the family.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults and 50c for children.

All concerned hope to see a packed hall that night.

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U. B. A. YOUTH GROUP REPORT

Pat Finn.

Disco The proposed disco night to be organised by Belinda Trumper is still at the planning stage. Roger Francey met with some of the organisers, and guidelines were discussed. The ball is back in the teenagers' court.

Film Nights Film nights will not be attempted during 1981 until we have overcome the audio problems with our projector. I have obtained some expert advice which seems to indicate that our make of projector has a common fault in this area. The projector is to be serviced this week and we will make a final decision after the service report. It may be necessary to hire a projector of a different type.

Film Group Dr. Charles Wilson and a few other people have expressed a desire to form a film appreciation group or society using the existing facilities. It would involve a membership fee and have restricted membership. Although this does not form part of the brief of the Youth Group, I would be interested to hear from anyone wishing to be involved.

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FOR HIRE - Backhoe & Ditch Witch 443 611

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ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

We welcome into our midst Barbara Simonsen, a Rotary Exchange student from Palmerston North, New Zealand. Barbara is living with the Halliday family of Burton Road and is attending Berwick High School for Term 1. Barbara's Aussie twin Robyn Halliday will return with her at the end of the term and attend Freyburg High School, Palmerston North, during second term.

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INFORMATION RE WATER RATES

Peter De La Rue

To the few interested persons who contacted me in regard to the exorbitant water rates charged in Upper Beaconsfield:

Despite numerous phone calls to local member Mr. Maclellan, it appears to him that the Minister for Water Mr. Granter's time is too valuable to discuss our problem further. Nevertheless Mr. Maclellan has assured me that in the near future he will persuade Mr. Granter to discuss this matter with me, the outcome of which remains to be seen.

Any future significant developments will be published - I have not given up hope of obtaining consideration from S.R. & W.S.C. to the critical problem that exist with respect to the unfair rating of water in Upper Beaconsfield.

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BEACONSFIELD JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Don Rogers

For the third consecutive year Beaconsfield Junior Cricket Club Under 14's and Under 16's have reached the Grand Final in their respective Grades. The U/14's have completed the Home and Away games unbeaten and must have a great chance to win the final against Endeavour Hills.

The U/16's play Pakenham and if they can carry on from their win against Toomuc Pakenham Park the Club have a great chance of completing the double. Congrats to the 9 boys who represented Beacy in the Inter League games during the season.

- U/12's Martin Molony (V.C.)
- David McConchie
- David Sewell
- U/14's Will Brodie (Capt.)
- Alistair Bliss
- Phil Gardner
- U16's Rohan Nancarrow
- Mark Palmer
- Anthony Thomas

A point of interest - Of the 24 boys who will participate in the finals, 17 reside in the Beaconsfield Upper area.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BASKETBALL CLUB

Graeme Kidd

The Club is now in recess after a fairly indifferent summer season. However we did redeem ourselves somewhat by beating the top team, Officer, by two points in the second last game of the season. Geoff Zellely and Graham Matthews, our two most consistent scorers, contributed significantly to this success.

The School Council has given permission for a basketball backboard to be installed in the multi-purpose room, and it is our aim to have this completed before the start of the winter season. Regular practice may not make us perfect, but it might give us that extra confidence necessary to win a few games.

We welcome Bruce Cooper to the side, after losing one of our stalwarts, Graeme Robertson, who has moved to Nunawading.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR

- April 4 Beaconsfield Football Club (seniors)
Dinner Dance at Beaconhills Golf Club
- April 7 & 8 C.W.A. Day Group - "Song in Costume" Festival,
City Hall, Springvale.
- After April 20 Fire Brigade Rag Drive Residents will be notified
- April 24 St. John's Youth Club Film Night
- April 25 Beaconsfield Football Club (Juniors) -
Family Dance at Clubrooms
- May 30 Beaconsfield Football Club -

Supper Dance at Beaconsfield Upper Ball.
- June 7 Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club - Combined Training at
Beaconsfield Upper Recreation Ground

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES - PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - 1981.

May 8 - 25. August 21 - September 7.

Christmas Holidays from December 17.

This Calendar is included not only for general information, but as a guide to organisations in the district to allow them to plan their own activities.

Information for inclusion in future calendars should be given to Laura Levens (443 828) as early as possible.

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NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - BEACONSFIELD GROUP

Our aim is to support mothers who wish to breast feed their baby and to foster the art of skilled and loving mothering.

Meeting will be held on 1st Tuesday each month at 8.00 pm.

- April 7 Guest Speaker - Mr. H. Down, Dentist.
Place Sue Fritz, Lot 2 Lewis Road, Upper Beaconsfield
- May 5 Discussion - "And so to Family Foods"
Place - Glenyce Sheean, Lot 35 Emerald Road, Guys Hill
Phone 443467

For further information please contact: Glenyce Sheean or Roslyn Robinson 707 3218

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society meets on the first Friday of the month at 8.00 pm in their rooms at John Street, Pakenham (around the corner by the 'Justly Sew' Shop). Membership costs only \$1 per family per year. Visitors are welcome.

The Society's Museum will be open to visitors at the time of 'Yakkerboo', Friday 27th March, 1.00 to 8.00 pm. and Saturday 28th March 10.00 am to 8 pm.

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RED CROSS

Pakenham Red Cross First Aid Training Group are anxious to hear from any qualified First Aid ladies in our area, willing to assist in training and examining Grade 6 Primary Red Cross Youth. This is a very rewarding experience and only entails one hour per week, usually during the first school term.

For further details, please ring Dorothy White - 443 217.

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DEWHURST MORE MEMORIES

Diana Rocke, Roy Harris, John Milligan

The following notes include recollections from John Glismann, Luke Gibbs, Stan Hamilton and Larry Osborne, and are personal memories of residents of Dewhurst. No doubt they can be amplified (or possibly corrected) when we talk to other former residents. Apropos the request in our previous issue; Mr. Murrell of the Pakenham Shire Office has informed us that the Minute Books of the Dewhurst Hall are kept in the Shire Records.

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After the five years' disruption of World War Two there were very few fences left intact in the settlement, because of bushfires, and the shortage of materials and labour for repairs. Consequently there were frequent problems with the loss of cattle by straying, also the damage they caused, and the minor panics occasioned by stray bulls. When Whelan's Jersey bull strayed into Emerald in the aftermath of a fire, children were kept indoors, and the police were reluctant to handle the animal. Local men were called in to drive it back to Harris's loading ramp, and the creature's bellowing roused the other bulls at Harris's and Bim Bim Be. Stewart Fawcett, while working for K.B. Johnstone, was "treed" for hours by another stray bull.

Valentino, known as "Donkey Dave", had a covered donkey cart, from which he sold apparel, hardware and sundries. It appears that he attached great faith to dreams, and having dreamed that he did well out of goats, he invested in some, but lost them by straying. Similarly he lost ventures in poultry, which died, and sheep, which wandered off.

Apple growers included Trinham Brothers, Dr. McArthur, Les Wilson, Sam Shanks, Captain Jones, T. Bell, "Boss" Turner, and Miss Tyler.

Trinham's orchard, between Emerald and Lewis Roads, was cut up for soldier settlers after World War One, part went to Doug. Kerr who later went to a dairy farm at Moe, and part to Stan Smith who moved to work for the P.M.G, at Warrnambool. Later Tom Black took over Kerr's orchard, and Bert Wain took over Smith's. Later still, Tom Black took over Wain's also. Dr. McArthur's orchard was pulled out and the land was pastured, it was opposite Beacon Hills Golf Club fronting Lewis Road, and is now inside the Dam site. Beside his orchard Sam Shanks also had a saw-mill on the Bim Bim Be property. Captain Jones' was later taken over by Cliff Downey, who had his own special recipe for a powerful "home-brew" which was not really cider, Bell's orchard was later known as Dick Matthews, and was then kept productive by Bill Knapton and Alan Stuchbery.

"Boss" Turner's orchard was also pulled out for pasture, "Boss" was renowned for his home-made cider made from the Rome Beauty variety of apples grown on his orchard. Miss Tyler's orchard was on the hill on the north side of Lewis Road, just up from the Emerald Road-Lewis Road junction. This later became Brain's, then Renfree's orchard; he also had lemons and pigs. The main varieties grown on these orchards were Jonathan, Rokewood, Yates, Winesop, Rome Beauty and Five Crowns.

Reverting to one or two of these personalities, Tom Black, as the oldest resident present, cut the ribbon at a ceremony when S.E.C, power was brought to Dewhurst. Stan Hamilton's mother officiated similarly at the "switch-on" for Split Rock, Berglund and Leadbetter Roads. Several amusing incidents are recalled about the two soldier settlers, Kerr and Smith, such as the time when they were both spraying rows of fruit trees in their orchard, and, having arrived at opposite sides of the same tree, they drenched each other with copper sulphate solution. They had a temperamental International Harvester oil engine mounted on a four-wheeled cart; it was started by pulling on a rope wound around the fly-wheel, and when it fired, they ran for cover until they were sure it was safe to approach it again. George Lewis, another orchardist, had been an organ-maker at Richmond. He was a lay preacher at the Dewhurst Church, and his wife was the sister of Mr. Cation at the Post Office.

An area of orchards and market gardens might have been subject to petty pilfering, but outbreaks of this kind seldom occurred. However there was a time when a tractor disappeared from near Dr. Bailey's on the Emerald Road, and by some mysterious means it was taken to the other side of the village, where it was found months later, in the bush off Bourke's Creek Road.

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NEW RESIDENTS -

We welcome the following new residents:-

- St. Georges Road : Warren & Wendy ARTHUR; Eddie RODGERS; Peter HILL; Ray & Michelle CALDWELL.
- Knapton Avenue : Mr. & Mrs. Vince COSENTINO
- Stoney Creek Road : Les & Kath READING, Anne & Tia.
- Hughenden Road : Matt & Lorraine McSKIMMING
- Paul Grove : Mr. & Mrs. A. FRENCH; Russell & Valerie SIMPSON
- Brennan Avenue : Daniel & Sharon HEWITT
- Young Street : Mr. & Mrs. Ian STONE
- Sutherland Road : Mr. & Mrs. Graham GARNER
- Emerald Road : Mrs. Barbara RUTTER; Mr. TONGE
- Manestar Road : Mr. & Mrs. STEWART
- Quamby Road : Mr. & Mrs. ZEISLER
- Yackatoon Road : Mr. & Mrs. YORKE

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN -

KATHY DE LA RUE

Mrs. Kerrie Kirk and Mrs. Judy Stevens continue to guide our children at the Kindergarten, and we welcome Mrs. Noelene Power, the new Play Centre teacher, assisted by Mrs. Chris O'Hehir.

A few vacancies exist at both centres - children turning 5 before June 30th are eligible to attend Kindergarten and children turning 4 prior to June 30th are eligible to attend the Pre-School Play Centre.

For further information contact Liz Schroeders (44 3594).

The new Committee, elected at the March meeting comprises:-

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| President | Sue Colles |
| 1st Vice-President | Kathy De La Rue |
| 2nd Vice-President | Elly Schoonenberg |
| Secretary | Ann Decelis |
| Assistant Secretary | Brigit Conroy |
| Treasurer | Gary Pridham |
| Assistant Treasurer | Pam Stoopman |
| Enrolment Secretary | Liz Schroeders |

Committee:	Yvonne Curtis,	Carole Snowden,	Mary Rusiniak
	Sue Chesman,	Pam Harrison,	Glenys Varty

The Committee look forward to continuing support from parents.

Next meeting - APRIL 6th - 8 p.m. - All parents welcome.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY -

HEATHER TOPP

During April we will be organising a Rag Drive and would appreciate it if you could start putting aside any old or unused clothing for us. All donations are carefully sorted, and useful and wearable garments are given to the Opportunity Shop at Berwick, who have given generous contributions to our Fire Brigade. The remainder is sorted into woollen, synthetic and cotton groups, zippers and buttons removed, and cut into useful rag sizes.

If you have anything to contribute, or wish to buy rags, would you please contact the following Auxiliary members, who will arrange for the goods to be collected:-

- Mrs. Dot Pockett 44 3506
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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB:

CAROL WESTRIP

The Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club has welcomed quite a few new members over the summer period, and membership is still open to anyone interested in social or competitive tennis - both junior and senior. For further information please contact Alan Phillips (President) 44 3675; Carole Westrip (Secretary) 44 3406; Gwen Oldmeadow (Treasurer) 44 3658.

At the end of the 1980-81 W.G.T.A. summer season, 4 out of the 6 senior teams (Sections 1, 2, 4 and 6) and 1 out of the 4 Junior teams (Unisex Under 14) reached the Semi-finals, which were played on Saturday - 14th March. This has been a great effort and we wish the three teams remaining in the Competition (Sections 2, 4 and 6) the very best of luck.

A number of members entered the Country Week Carnival held during February 2 - 6 at various courts throughout the Melbourne area. They brought back enthusiastic reports of the tournament, standard of tennis, and the very convivial atmosphere.

No doubt if you have passed the tennis courts of late you will have noticed more than the usual hive of activity there. This has been due to matches being played with grim determination for the Annual Club Championships and Plate Event. Once bitten by the tennis bug, these players develop an incurable disease, the side effects of which are frustration, depression, broken strings and colourful language, all of which are more apparent during times of stress such as the Club Championships.

For those of you either living with or nearby a tennis player, please recognise the symptoms and be thankful they are only seasonal. The Plate Event finals will be played on Sunday - 22nd March. The Club Championship finals were played on Sunday - 15th March. The results were:-

Ladies Singles	Glenda Fenton
Mens Singles	Ian Jackson
Ladies Doubles	Lynda Owen and Sally Parsons
Mens Doubles	Peter Gullquist and Peter Meeking
Mixed Doubles	Carole Westrip and Peter Durkin.

The Clubhouse extension is now almost complete thanks to the continued effort of some of the members who have given their time and labour voluntarily to build it. The size of the Clubhouse is now double that of the original and this has already made a great improvement to the Club's activities, especially with our rapidly-growing membership.

Anyone interested in playing in this year's Winter Competition (Junior or Senior), please put your names up on the list in the Clubhouse as soon as possible.

Coaching is available for juniors and seniors from Greg. Harrison - for details please contact a member of the committee.

We wish to remind everyone of our Sunday Social days held on the last Sunday in every month. Please note, however, that this month is an exception! It will be held on April 5th, NOT March 29th, and the next one will be on April 26th.

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C.W.A. "SONG-IN-COSTUME" FESTIVAL -

The State "Song-In-Costume" Festival is to be held in the Springvale Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on the 7th. and 8th of April, 1981."

C.W.A. members from all over Victoria will be competing.

Tickets are \$2.50 per day and are available from Gwen Judd (44 3556).

Lunch will be available.

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THE AMATEUR SAILORS

John Bellair

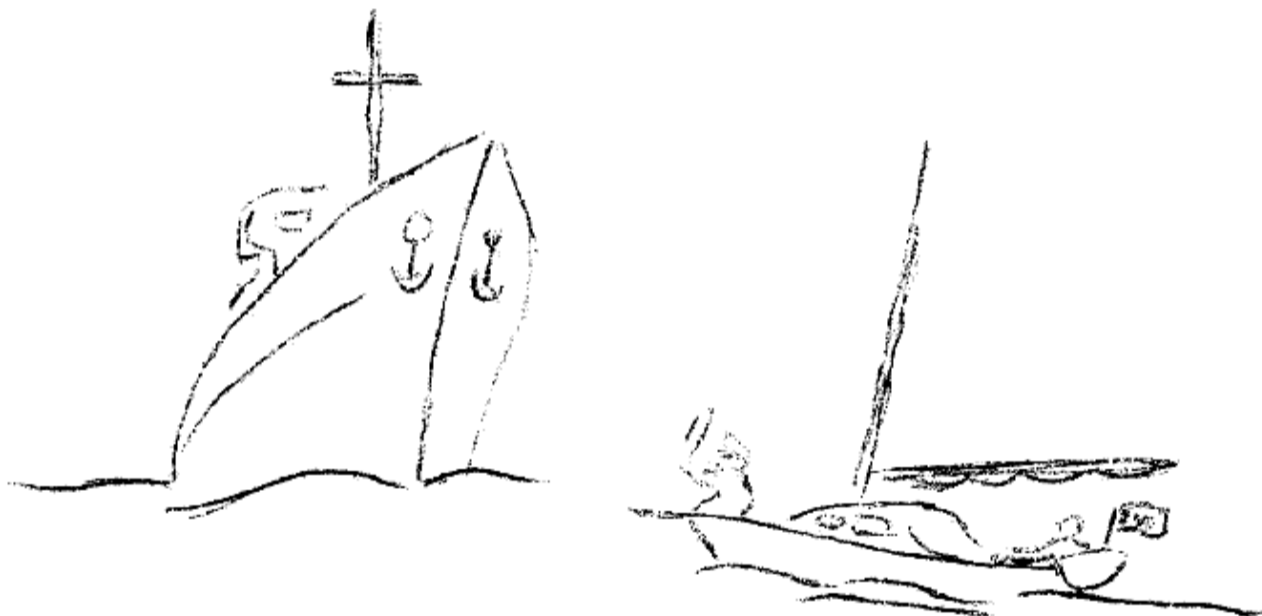
From mid-May 1979 to the first week in November 1980, the only home that Peg and I had was Gander of Headley (we were not responsible for the name), a 32 ft. 9 ton Hillyard sloop-rigged, motor sailer, a wooden yacht, beautifully built, and to me wood is still the most natural and sympathetic material. At David Hillyard's Shipyard at Littlehampton in Sussex, fibreglass is almost a dirty word.

The forecast for our Crossing to Le Havre, about 95 sea miles, was "fog banks" but in the event the banks joined up into one thick spooky mass. I think all yachtsmen would prefer an Atlantic gale to a fog-bound Channel Crossing. It is after all the busiest shipping lane in the world.

We crossed France by rivers and canals to the Mediterranean and by 10 October had reached Chania, the former capital of Crete, where we spent the winter. Because of the War, the Cretans have a special regard for Australians and New Zealanders, and we were 'adopted' by a Cretan family, whose hospitality was almost embarrassing. We were able to entertain them on Gander and take the children sailing, so that helped a bit.

There were many "happenings", but a short note like this forbids their description. We had friends with us for the first four months, John and Mary Sedgley of Narre Warren North, but after that Peg and I were on our own. We had a system of command unknown in the Royal Navy. I was the Skipper, Peg was the Cook and deckhand, but was also the Admiral. She performed these duties admirably.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD SCOUTS AND CUBS

Graeme Kidd

The new Group Committee elected at the A.G.M. on the 16th March, 1981, is :

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| President | : Julie Jamieson | Secretary | : Barbara Jackson (443 554) |
| Vice-President | : Graeme Kidd | Treasurer | : Barry Gates |

Committee : Annette Walker, Greg Williams, Colin Bell, Peter Johnson, Mike McCormick, Duncan McPherson, Tony Dallafiore, Ross Hales.

Brian Dickinson has agreed to continue as Group Leader.

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On Sunday, 22 March, all Cub packs from the Toomuc District participated in a Billy Cart Derby down Fraser Avenue. This turned out to be a day of great excitement for the boys - they'll probably be talking about it for weeks. Thanks to the dads for helping construct the billy carts, to Tony Skinner for mowing the course, the leaders for organising the events, and Roy Harris for providing the hay bales.

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CONSTRUCTION OF STONEY CREEK ROAD

Shire of Pakenham

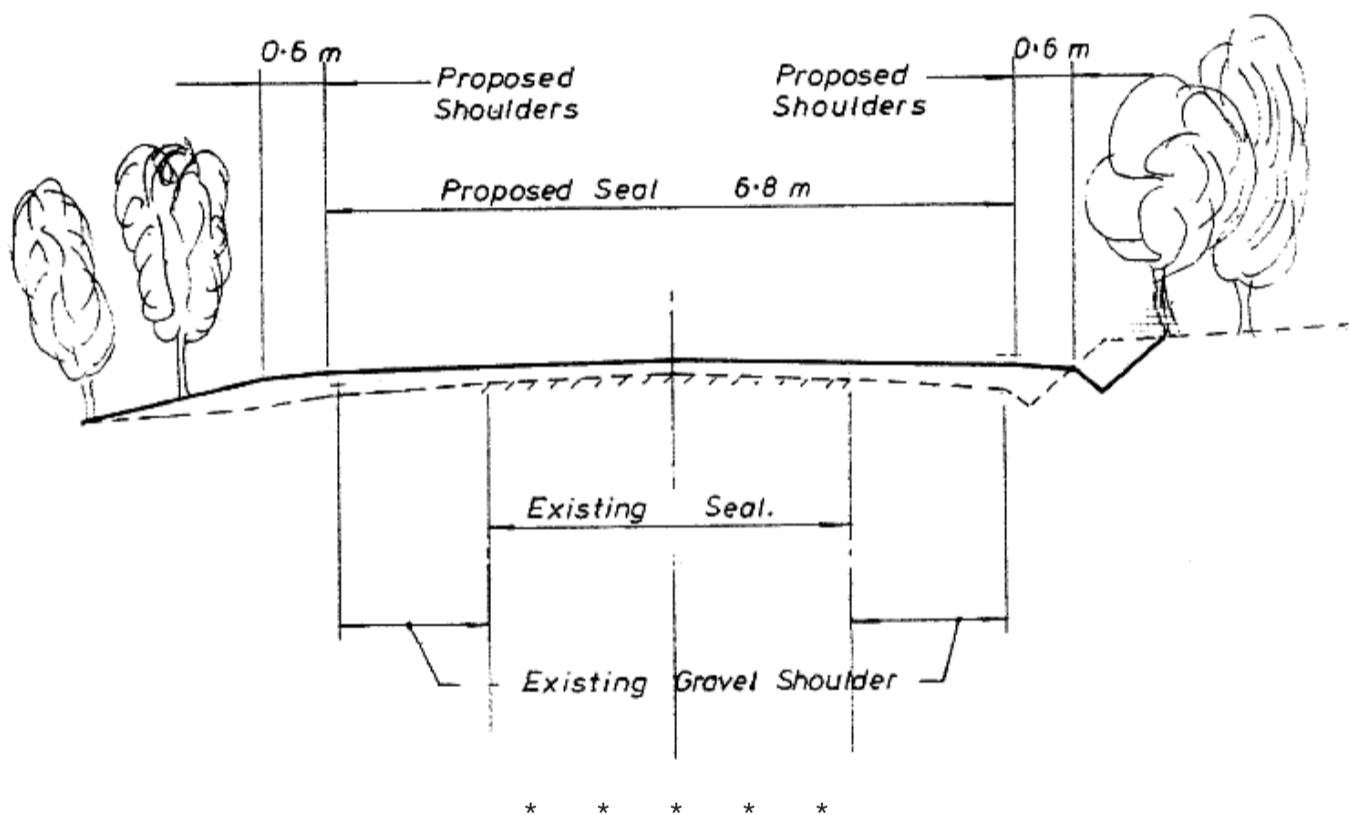
The Pakenham Council last year allocated funds for the widening and sealing of Stoney Creek Road.

The existing sealed pavement along the southern end of Stoney Creek Road is too narrow to accommodate existing traffic requirements, This can be evidenced from the badly worn shoulders along either side of the existing narrow seal.

It is intended to excavate widening trenches on either side of the existing pavement and back fill with crushed rock. A further thin layer of fine crushed rock will be placed over the entire road formation and then sealed. Only one or two trees are expected to be affected by the proposed works; however, some trimming of overhanging branches will probably be required.

The funds available will enable the section from the south intersection with Beaconsfield-Emerald Road through to Sutherland Road to be constructed. Tenders have been invited for the work, and it is anticipated that, subject to a satisfactory tender, a contractor would commence work on site after Easter.

**STONEY CREEK ROAD
CROSS SECTION THROUGH
ROADWAY.**



UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

At the Annual General Meeting of the U.B.A. on the 4th February, 1981, the following committee was elected :

- President : Jeanette Ballinger
- Vice-Presidents : Graeme Kidd, Keith Ewenson
- Secretary : Graham Jackson (443 554)
- Treasurer : Ray Ratcliff
- Committee : Linda Brodie, Pat Finn,
Vic Greenaway, Matt McDonald,
Mike Oliver

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THE VILLAGE FAIR

Graeme Kidd

The Village Fair was held, as has become customary, on the first day of the Shire's Yakkerboo festivities and in fine weather. This year there were two innovations - the Fire Brigade Auction and a family fun run. The auction, which was itself a fun run (a lot of fun which ran on and on), raised several hundred dollars towards new equipment for the Brigade from what could reasonably be said to be old rubbish. Its success was due, I'm sure, to Peter Deering's brilliant auctioneering style which held the crowds enthralled and mesmerised.

The fun run, organised by Daryl Moody, also attracted a considerable number of starters. The course of 2.5 km started at the Kindergarten and included Stoney Creek Road down to the Emerald Road intersection and up to Grant Court before finishing at the Reserve. Every one who finished was a winner, receiving a certificate and as much staminade as they were fit to drink. We were not able to get the Life-Be-in-It games this year, but as they were scheduled to follow the fun run, it was probably just as well!.



The parade continued the tradition started last year. Mr. Yakkerboo, floats from the Kindergarten, School and U.B.A., groups of Guides, Brownies and Cubs, the Pony Club and the Fire Brigade all contributed towards the colourful procession from the General Store to the reserve. But where were the clowns this year? Lenoar Gullquist, Shire President, judged the School and Kindergarten floats best, and later presented their prizes.

During the afternoon, Jeanette Ballinger, U.B.A. President, presented Roger Francey with the Citizen of the Year Award, a fine ceramic piece crafted by Peter Petruccelli. Other activities during the day included the demonstration by the Pony Club and the various children's competitions including the decorated bicycle, slow bicycle race and the pet categories. The children's art display in the Kindergarten also attracted considerable interest.

Our thanks to those organisations and individuals who again set up shop on the Reserve, and to all who came along to enjoy seeing what U.B. has to offer and to meet their neighbours in convivial surroundings. Thanks also to the people who donated prizes (Peter Deering, Bruce Cooper, the Pine Grove, Beal Glass, Puffing Billy), and to the Kindergarten and the Recreation Reserve for donating their facilities. Finally, special thanks to the organising committee of Mike Oliver, David Hoffman, Norm Wilson and Glen Rutherford, whose enthusiasm and energy made the day so successful.

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We apologise to those people who were looking forward to a dance on the night of the Fair. The U.B.A. decided, perhaps wrongly, that it would be better to hold the dance on another night, and arrangements are in hand to have it as soon as possible. Consideration will also be given to reinstating the Village Fair Dance next year.

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Peter Deering and David O'Brien have offered, as they did last year, to print a page of photos of the Fair for the next issue of the Village Bell. If you took photos on the day could you let Graeme Kidd (443 400) know immediately. He will contact you in a few weeks time to arrange collection of suitable prints in time for printing in the next Bell.

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VILLAGE BELL

- Masthead : Nola Hamilton
- Editors : Graeme Kidd with assistance from Laura Levens, Linda Brodie, Jeanette Ballinger.
- Typing : Elva Ratcliff, Amy Crosbie, Sue Appleby, Jan Rutherford.
- Duplicating : Charles Wilson, John Milligan
- Collating : U.B. Girl Guides.
- DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE ; 15 MAY, 1981

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