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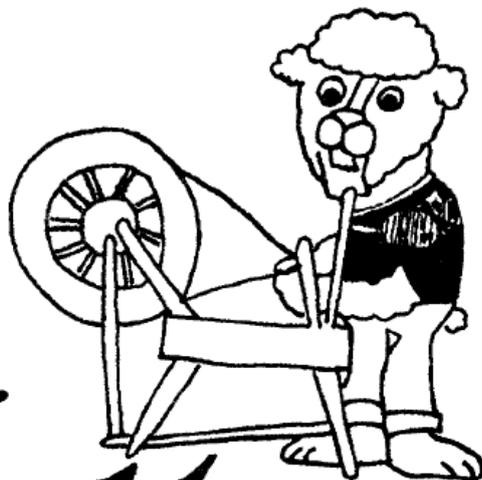
UPPER
BEACONSFIELD

TO
ALL
RESIDENTS

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BEQUEST FROM THE ESTATE OF THE LATE DOROTHY MARSDEN
Formerly of Fraser Avenue, Upper Beaconsfield

The BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION recently received a bequest of \$1,400 from this estate.

Miss Marsden who was a well known resident in Upper Beaconsfield for a period of approximately 20 years, passed away in 1985. She was one of the first settlers in the Brennans Estate and had rebuilt after losing her home in the Ash Wednesday fires.

This is the first bequest the Association has ever received and the Committee feel most honoured.

BEACONSFIELD UPPER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 1986
8.00 PM VILLAGE HALL

Come at 7.45 pm to meet folk and read the minutes.

8.00 pm meeting opens - will your seat be empty?

Here is an opportunity to catch up with recent Shire decisions and policies, news of a change in the HILLVIEW QUARRY situation, news about road construction and a street numbering scheme for

Upper Beaconsfield and any matter you care to raise.

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It takes 14 muscles to smile

and

72 muscles to frown

DON'T OVERWORK

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- Last Saturday morning of each month -

The first Gembrook Market was held in August 1977 with a dozen stalls. The site is the original Gembrook Station yards once part of the Puffing Billy Line; the old water tower can still be seen.

Ian and Robyn Burgher, local potters, had seen the success of Red Hill Market and suggested the idea to the fund raising committee for the proposed community centre. There had been various fund raising events through the years and a Shire grant but the prospect of a steady income was the impetus needed and today the lovely modern centre is much appreciated by the community and improvements and payments are largely met by market rentals.

The market has grown to over 150 stalls in 1986; most of the originals are still there. Each market has a character of its own and Gembrook is unique in its beautiful setting, earthy feel and very relaxed attitude. Upper Beaconsfield has been well represented amongst the stall holders since the first year and today you can meet Gerda Moritz and her cakes, the Hills and their vegies, Ballingers and soaps and Helen Smith, Jenny Conn and Mark Young and their pottery. You may also meet your neighbours shopping there!

The new Manager, co-opted by the Gembrook Community Management Centre is Libby Howlett. If you are interested in a stall please write to the Manager, Gembrook Market, C/- Gembrook P.O. or come to the market and show Libby samples of your work.

One of the delights of a craft market is buying from the person who made the produce and is always willing to enter a discussion on how to/why/care for the article and, if they have time, often a bit of philosophy thrown in also.

You can buy plants from seedlings to large trees and pottery from domestic to sculptured - and gnomes of course! Honey, Jewellery, woodwork, vegies and fruit, leadlight and blown and moulded glass. Ice cream, sausages in wholemeal rolls, homemade bread, sandwiches, spring rolls like you never tasted before, cakes and sweets and in season soups bubbling away with a tempting aroma. Leather-bags, belts, shoes and sculptured work, soaps, shampoos, bath and massage oils, perfumes, candles - fancy and insect repellent, sprays for you and for your plants. Chickens and ducks and geese and often puppies, kittens and sometimes even a lamb or a goat. Wool from raw to spun and knitted garments, hand crafted clothes from baby to adult and way out articles in-between. Hats and witches, furniture, paintings and books sold by the author. Music by hurdy-gurdy and boy band plus more - more.

Come and enjoy the longest running market in our shire on May 31 st and the last Saturday morning of each month.

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TUTOR REQUIRED for HSC Maths A, Chemistry & Physics, Colleen 443 977

Are you interested in helping preserve the rural atmosphere of Upper Beaconsfield.

There will be a meeting to form a local conservation group on Wednesday June 11th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Beaconsfield Hall.

Items likely to be discussed include:

- * support for existing groups which oversee parkland in the area and help in formation of new groups to do this work
- * future planning of Upper Beaconsfield and what can be done about it, such as the impact of any new subdivisions.
- * any other issues which you think should be discussed.

For further information, contact Sue Harris 443815.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAMME

Ray Ratcliff,
Luke Gibbs.

Following interest shown at the February Meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association in the idea of installing Neighbourhood Watch in our Community - two representatives observed the recent Pakenham Neighbourhood Watch Public Meeting on May 13th. An enthusiastic audience of 140 people watched an excellent Police presentation and gave strong response to the call for zone leaders.

A Video film, showing a housebreaking and supporting statistical data - showed that Neighbourhood Watch is an effective tool in the fight against this sort of crime. Experience shows that the crime rate - and particularly the houseburglary rate drops spectacularly. In the case of the Dandenong district a reduction of some 68%. One area in Springvale reduced the rate by 95% after a Neighbourhood Watch programme was instigated. Your representatives will continue to monitor and evaluate the Pakenham programme for application to our area.

To be carried out in the Upper Beaconsfield area, the programme must have enthusiastic zone leaders who in turn must have the co-operation and willingness of all residents to protect their area. As the police say, "HELP US TO HELP YOU AGAINST THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES".

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VILLAGE FASHIONS

Jeanette Ballinger

On May 26th, Clare Birch hopes to open our newest shop-Village Fashions.

Clare hopes to keep a middle-of-the road image and will carry clothes from Jonathan Apple, Clothing Co., Stitches & Anne Stooke; knitwear from Bromley and Patons wools, not to mention lingerie and haberdashery items. Clare expects to add/delete items depending on customer's need.

Clare Birch has been involved for many years in housewifely duties and with children's schools but has been interested lately in emerging into the community and doing something totally different. This shop is her answer and she feels there is a need in the community for such services. Good Luck Clare in your new commitment.

B O W M A N S T R A C K

20 years- ago we were told that our address in Hughendon Rd. was part of the historic Bowman's Track and years of frustrated research culminated in a talk at the Berwick-Pakonham Historical Society meeting in April '86 by Mr. Don Saunders, who has spent years searching old maps and surveys, government records and long forgotten reports. 4

The Track dated from the days of the gold rushes in the 1850's when routes from Melbourne to the Jordan goldfields were being discovered. Tracks led up the Yarra Valley to Matlock the "take-off point" for the various diggings. Other tracks were opened up from Bunyip and from Sale. Mrs. Bowman, owner of the Gippsland Hotel at Beaconsfield (now the Central Hotel) foresaw that access was needed from the Gippsland Road to the Yarra Valley, and she cannot have overlooked the potential benefit to her business. She took the initiative in the construction of a path for pack-ponies and foot travellers, with the possibility of future enlargement for wheeled traffic.

The alignment was admirably planned, avoiding valleys and soft ground, and keeping to well-drained ridges. The Track left the Gippsland Road near the points where the present O'Neill Road leaves it, about 1/4 mile from the Hotel, and O'Neill Road follows the line for 3 miles. Thence it kept on the ridge along the present Hughenden, Telegraph, Salisbury, Split Rock and Downey Roads. There it left the ridge, crossed Bourkes Creek, and proceeded via the present Paternoster Road and Mount Burnett to Boyd Road, East Beenak Road, Whites Corner Basans Corner, and over the watershed to join the Yarra Valley tracks. as we pass along these roads today, with much of the land cleared, we can see how well the route was planned, with the ground sloping away on each side; the pioneering task cannot have been easy when dense forest and undergrowth covered the terrain and obstructed sightlines. About eight men carried out this remarkable work in three years. First they selected the route and cleared away the undergrowth to make it passable. Next the small trees were removed, and finally large obstacles. Fallen logs too big to move were notched, so that pack ponies could step through. Not only did the Track provide crosscountry access from the Cardinia to the Yarra Valley; it also opened up the intervening country for settlers. It was the first access to our district, and for a dozen years, the only one.

The late Miss Adamson of Beaconsfield remembered Chinese miners going from Beaconsfield Station to the Track, on their way to the diggings. In U.B. the 'Big House Hotel, later our first Post Office was built near the track, where Mr. Ballantyne's house stands in our time. Further on, selectors took up land beside the track in what is now Gembrook; LeSoeuf's Acclimatisation Park there adjoining the track is a story in itself.

In the 1860's Mrs. Bowman sought compensation for her expenditure. It is apparent from the records of evidence at State Tribunals, that influential local people (Wilsons, Brisbanes, etc.) supported her initiative and gave evidence of the benefits of her public-spirited project. The State bureaucracy on the other hand, belittled the benefits and her motives. Her award of £300 must have fallen far short of expenditure.

In later years the pony path was gradually improved to take wheeled traffic, the section from Paynes Road corner in O'Neill road to the pumping station in Hughenden road, only being opened up after the bushfires of the early 1960's. For some years Downey road was the road to Mount Burnett, until the Bourkes Creek bridge was damaged; the present west section of Bourkes Creek road then came into use.

It has been suggested to the Shire Bi-Centenary Committee that some permanent commemorative markers be set up along the line of the Track.

by
John
Milligan

It is now nearly two months since the Alsops - Julie and Ray - took over the Upper Beaconsfield Post Office from Eric and Rita Montgomery.

Ray had been on a dairy farm all his life, and he and Julie had been on their farm at Nyora for the past 20 years. Do they miss the cows? "I don't," said Julie, "particularly on cold and wintry mornings."

The don't get far away from the post office in this settling in period, but they have been enjoying taking runs around the district in their car to see the lie of the land, and where the mail really goes. "It's such a pretty place", said Julie. Julie, a former school teacher, who is the postmaster, doesn't get much time yet for her hobbies of reading and craft work.

They have four children. Andrew, the eldest is a university student who has taken a year off studies to tour Australia. Gretel is nursing in Melbourne and comes home occasionally. Fifteen year old John, has had a couple of games of football already with the Beaconsfield Juniors and Melanie, is in the sixth grade at primary school. Both girls are keen horsewomen.

Ray's particular interests have been in sport, and this is the first time in years he hasn't been on a cricket or football committee.

We wish them all the very best in Upper Beaconsfield.

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VALE QUAMBY PINES

BEV BYRON

Tis April 3 I hear one say,
 I wish it weren't cos it's my last day
 to reverence your framework in the sky.
 The sunset lingers as if to try -
 To hold on to beauty and I ask, why
 does man tear down what others plant so many years ago?
 Why car and tar are all to some I'll never know.
 It's as if I never want to leave
 the sunset for this last time and so I grieve -
 For tomorrow the pines too will die -
 forever. And I ask, Why? This majesty of shade must
 For men at desks have doomed them so,
 If one will destroy, then one must sow.
 Poems are made by fools like me,
 But only God can make a tree.

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-6- A TRAVELLER'S TALE

LAURA LEVENS

Imagine! No housework or shopping or radio or T.V., huge open fires, 3 meals a day planned and prepared by others, good wine. All this and heaven too as we slept under a canopy of millions more stars than are visible at Upper Beac! Even Halley's comet was lost. Night music was the contented sound of Condamine bells worn by camels tethered to food trees not far from camp.

The seven day Transcontinental Safari's camel trip across the Plains between Lake Torrens and the Flinders Ranges and into some gorges began with a rendezvous with four staff and eight customers in a dry creek bed on Merna Mora sheep station.

As first to arrive late in the afternoon we were delegated to light a fire and begin preparations for the evening meal while the staff settled 15 camels for the night.

Imagine the reaction of other travellers when they arrived from Adelaide by truck to see this co-opted cook's off-sider stirring a huge dish of spaghetti with the handle of a shovel.

A few words from the leader of the expedition - NEVER sit on anyone else's bedroll, DON'T mount a camel without a cameleer standing by. Ladies down the creek, Gents up the creek, dig a hole with the heel of your boot and here's a box of matches to burn the paper. DON'T stand behind a camel as they may kick if startled. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that camels are not smelly beasts and this string were not spiteful or inclined to bite.

A typical day began at dawn with first up lighting the fire and putting the billy on for an early cuppa. Breakfast menu - fruit juice, muesli or cereal, eggs & bacon, toast, honey, marmalade, tea or coffee. During the meal the cameleers and any volunteers would muster the camels who roared and gurgled complaints at the thought of work. Everyone rolled their own swag which consisted of ground sheet, 2" foam mattress, sleeping bag, 2 blankets and pillow. These were tied across the front of the saddle of the riding camels along with a day bag containing items needed during travel - mess kit, extra jacket and insect repellent. Three pack camels carried all food, water, luggage (one small duffle type bag per person) and wireless for contact with outside world. The only tools carried were the aforementioned shovel for transferring coals from the fire to a less hot cooking spot and a pair of multi grips used to lift hot containers from the fire.

By lunchtime we were ready for the wholemeal bread or fresh damper, cheese, German sausage, tomato, celery, jam, honey, cake, piece of fruit, weak black billy tea or coffee. Mid morning stops were just a stretch your legs and a cup or water.

Around 4 pm camp was made for the night. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the routine of unloading the camels, putting on bells & hobbles in preparation for herding them to their feeding area. After about an hour the camels would each be tethered to a feed tree usually an acacia.

One of the cameleers always prepared a three course meal of soup, grill or wok cooking, fruit & rice cream or cream, tea, coffee, white & red wine & port. The soup deserves special mention -dried pea & ham soup as the base varied by dollops of soy sauce, wine, vegemite, liquid from cans of vegies including beetroot effectively giving a different flavour each night.

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Evenings were spent sitting and talking around the campfire and most were in their swags by 8.30 pm. Being in the saddle for 5 or 6 hours can be very tiring.

While travelling (at 3 m.p.h.) the camels are linked together by nose pegs and ropes and led by a cameleer on foot. Camels are very sure footed and always make sure of firm ground before putting weight on their feet. Therefore there is no scrambling - scrambling up or down creek banks. Their endearing qualities were affectionate natures and gentle movements.

In spite of temperatures hovering between 39° - 43° the first 3 days and some saddle soreness, as a different type of holiday it is well worth considering.

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DOG REGISTRATION

Peter Dunn

Dog Registration in the Shire reached a peak in 1985/86 as a result of hiring an officer to tackle the problem of unregistered dogs.

By the due date, 10/4/86 there are 1200 fewer registrations than last year and Council has resolved to issue infringement notices. The penalties amount to twice the registration fee.

Council's By-Laws Officer stated that a record check would be undertaken and residents should take the opportunity to register their dogs immediately before penalties are applied.

Council's Dog Registration Fees are as follows:

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| * Unsterilised dog or bitch | \$14:00 |
| * Pensioners dogs (1st dog only) | \$ 1:00 |
| * All other dogs including sterilised bitch or dog, Greyhound or dogs under the care of commercial breeder or registered with the K.C.C. Farm dogs where kept and used on a property which is subject to a farm rate valuation | \$ 8:00 |

Forms for registration are available from the Council Offices.

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THINK TANK THOUGHTS?

Ray Ratcliff

At the recent special B.U.A. Meeting a small but enthusiastic group brought along their ideas.

As many suggestions involved road dangers, we were glad to have Warwick Bayley, Shire Engineer present. He told us that Emerald Rd. (between U.B. Township and the V.E.C.) was to be rebuilt and sealed over the next three years and that the next roads in the U.B. area to be sealed were Albers-Manestar Rds., Leppitts Rd.-Old Officer Rd.

Several dangerous spots were listed and passed on to the Shire for action when funds permit.

Suggestions were made re lack of children's playgrounds in the U.B. area and a small sub-committee was arranged to look into possibilities.

Lack of public transport, problems with telephone service in U.B., need for accessibility of a heated swimming pool, system of charging water rates, head lice and growth of gun shooting in the area were the main problems raised by the residents present. Action or investigation will take place on a number of these matters and reported in later issues.

The proprietors and chefs of P.K.'s restaurant are now Olaf Hirczy and Michelle Johnson. Olaf has done an apprenticeship in Austria and has worked in hotels and restaurants in Europe and in New Zealand. Michelle is from New Zealand and specializes in pastry, desserts, and bread.

Olaf and Michelle are changing the name at the end of the month to Chez Amis (Friends' Place). The cooking is European-style cuisine, particularly leaning towards French.

The restaurant will feature a Mid-Winter Christmas from 25th June to 5th July, and bookings are open now. If you are looking for something different, you may like to enquire about the special Austrian Weeks in August. There will be traditional Austrian food, music, and decorations.

The restaurant is open on Wednesday to Saturday evenings and Sunday lunch. Olaf and Michelle will cater for small functions up to 25 persons, including lunches. Phone 44 3603.

SOFT TISSUE INJURIES

Dr. Who

Soft tissue injuries are common in sport and they may take the form of muscle strain (pull or tear), a joint sprain or direct bruising (haematoma).

Muscle strains most commonly occur in the leg but may occur in the back or arm. The joints most commonly sprained are the knee, ankle and wrist. In both cases the damaged area tends to be swollen, tender and painful to move. Bruising is not always obvious.

If the injury is severe or a fracture is suspected, a doctor's advice should be sought.

If the injury is milder the following principles can be applied.

1. Rest helps prevent the injured area from moving, reducing pain and speeding healing. Crutches will take the weight off injured joints in the leg.
2. Ice will reduce swelling, pain and stiffness. Wrap ice cubes in a damp tea towel - never apply it directly to the skin. The ice pack should be applied for about 20 minutes every 2-3 hours for the first 48 hours.
3. Compress and support the injury with a firm elastic wrap bandage.
4. Elevate the leg on a stool or chair or the arm in a sling until swelling goes.

Most minor joint and muscle injuries settle quickly with this treatment. If not, or the injury is severe, a doctor should assess and treat the problem.

Do not return to sport until the pain and swelling have gone, the muscles are strong and you can move the damaged part freely and without discomfort.

Potentially dangerous Intersection - Emerald/Beaconsfield & St. Georges Roads - A feasibility study for a roundabout to control the flow of traffic through the village is nearing completion. To install this would require the approval of several government departments. If it is likely to go ahead I will arrange for a public exhibition of the plans. The Road Construction Authority have at last commented on service road parking in the central business area. These details will also be further discussed with the previous working group.

The viability of a natural gas supply to Upper Beaconsfield is currently being considered by the Gas & Fuel Corp. who have indicated where mains could be laid. If any large consumers (eg. potteries, poultry farmers, swimming pool owners etc.) have not expressed interest now is the time to do so. Contact Mr. ETTY-LEAL : 03 652 4185.

Lower Quambv Road construction is well under way. If you are wondering why kerbs and channelling in the bush, it was to avoid the use of wide table drains and the consequent removal of many more trees. The Riding Councillors are most appreciative of the consultations and constructive comments on this project.

Hillview land re-zoning in the near future to include a Conservation (Mineral Resources) zone and a Public Open Space "C" Reservation.

It is important to watch local papers for details. In spite of an attempt by riding councillors to change the approach to the potential Hillview Quarry zoning, the Council resolved to proceed, as planned, on the 12th May. Copies of the agreement, and the proposed amendment can be inspected at the Shire Offices.

The Country Residential Rezoning Report should be considered by council at the time this issue goes to press. Council will be adopting guidelines enabling the officers to contact applicants who have sought rezoning in the past twelve months or so.

The applicants will be advised to forward an official application and subdivision plan for the land considered suitable for this purpose, for consideration by Council.

I believe it is vital that an overview of the whole area be obtained before any rezoning is done, which is why some applications will be rejected as inappropriate at this time and what may appear as an inordinate delay to some members of the community; but the area will be better planned as a result.

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STOP PRESS

R. S. L. BREAK-IN

Frank Conn

Some 2/3 years ago our Village Memorial was desecrated in a shameful manner. I said then that such behaviour was outrageous and sadly typifies what we older members of the community see as a rapid deterioration in the values of the lifestyle of the district.

In this latest episode our premises have been broken into by a pack of drunken louts both male and female who saw fit to rip down and destroy irreplaceable relics of remembrance, steal fittings and finally defecate and urinate on the floor. In stunned silence we sit back and ask ourselves where has all the charm and dignity and graceful living that Upper Beaconsfield once typified gone?

We commend the Victoria Police and their swift and resolute apprehension of the offenders.

Jeremy Wood spoke to a reasonable sized BUA meeting and outlined the Report which was to be presented to Council on 14/4/86. At that time there were 8 applications before the Council for Country Residential Rezoning. This is for 1 hectare (2 1/2acres) and 2 hectare (5acre) areas.

Before completing their Report, Shire Officers study the following: Land capability reports by two government depts., fire hazard survey (done after Feb '83) Soil Conservation Authority report, Shire/DVA/BUA study, Estate Agent Survey, Shire Road Survey and reports from Telecom and the S.E.C.

If this report was favourable, it would still take from four to eight months to go through the process of decision ... the amendment posted for public, exhibition for one month for objections ... then sent to Minister for Planning & Environment for discussion.

A lively question time led to the following:

1. It is probably not Council's intention to release land all at one time.
2. Landowners would need to agree with rezoning.
3. Council will be looking only at one and two hectare subdivisions. The current plan is still in place for anything else.
4. Rates to neighbours could go up but probably not by much.

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FROM GOLF TO CRAFTS

JANE HOLTH

From playing a lot of golf to running a shop is a big change of life style for Helen Schwerkolt, yet one she is enjoying.

Since 27 April Helen has run the Crafts Centre in Upper Beaconsfield.

Helen prefers to stock items which have been made by hand and she is building up a wide variety. There are plates decorated with native animals by Pamela Conder, china painted by Joan Hoyle, wooden toys by Ian Carmichael and chocolates. Some of the most unusual contributions are quaint arrangements made from banksias and seed pods by Travers Trewin. Not so obviously bearing the individuality of the hands are the attractive cards and notepaper with Australian motifs.

Helen and her family of four children moved to Guys Hill 15 months ago from Mt. Waverley because they loved the hills and the birds. Helen says she has always loved doing her own craftwork including pottery, jewellery and sewing but this is her first experience with a shop. Not all her craftspeople are locals but Helen says she would like to encourage locals to contribute their products in her shop and to this end she will be carrying all the materials used by classes at the Community Centre - her telephone number is 443 785.

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NARTHEX CLUB

Phillip Rocke

The Narthex Club is a young peoples group which meets at the church on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. The age range is secondary school. Activities are many and varied from coffee and chat, games nights, and and activities in the church general purpose room, to outside activities such as camping trips, tennis days, gym nights, swimming etc. For any information speak to Ard or Fay Van Duin on 443 733 or Ben Maghanoy on 443 614, or get the names of some of the members from them.

Reducing copy by the Editor causes some heartburn - why not discipline your pen and save the Editor work? Our space is limited - we appreciate your copy - but please keep it concise and readable and print names. Would the author of each article please give their name and telephone number for reference if necessary.

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - PAKENHAM BRANCH

People who have read of the recent activities in the Mall, Bourke St. Melbourne to advertise the National Heart Foundations cholesterol control measures may be surprised to know that Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau have had leaflets available for sometime on such subjects as "Salt, just a habit?" "You have had a heart attack, what now?" and "Low Cholesterol Meals".

The Pakenham C.A.B. intend to sponsor a public awareness night as soon as possible on the subject of emergency procedures in cases of cardiac arrest, in the meantime leaflets on cardio pulmonary resuscitation are available. "Coping with a Major Personal Crisis" compiled by Prince Henrys Hospital Outreach Service is on hand.

For further information contact the volunteers at 24 Main St. Pakenham or telephone 412 377.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUDY SKINNER

First term 1986 at the school has proved successful and productive. Excursions to Canberra, Sovereign Hill and Poowong were considered successful and enjoyable. These are valuable experiences and their relevance is ensured by being carefully woven throughout the curriculum.

Computer technology is well underway in grades 3 and 4 and due to commence early second term for grades 5 and 6. Our expert in this field is Heather Vincent.

CURRICULUM DAY FOR TEACHERS - MONDAY APRIL 28TH

Accomplished speakers from The Gifted Children Task Force addressed staff and provided useful techniques for extending children's thinking skills. The afternoon was devoted to the practical application of computers in the classroom.

At present the original classroom is being revamped. Children are watching closely and noticing the changes in their school environment.

First term concluded with Arbor Week by Mrs. Lois Rooke (science) and staff and "Activities Day" on 17th May when children were involved in horseriding, fishing, bowling, cooking, gardening, bushcraft, birdwatching and many wonderful art and craft experiences. Many thanks to parents, community members, the Parents and Friends Association and teachers who offered their talents, time and special assistance for this day.

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TELEPHONE TROUBLES

Vic. Greenaway

Are you having trouble getting through?

Telecom says: "Unless a pattern of complaints builds up they will not take any action".

So, if you are having trouble getting your number at any time please call Telecom on 1100 and let them know the nature of your trouble.

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DANDENONG VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

L. LEVENS

Sue Crocombe has recently joined the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service as Cardinia Youth Services Librarian, replacing Maryanne Sweeney.

Sue is delighted with her new position and looks forward to meeting the challenge of providing library services for children and young adults. She will be working from various branches throughout the week - Doveton, Cranbourne, Pakenham, Narre Warren - as well as visiting schools and bookmobile sites in the area.

"Introducing children to books and reading is widely recommended as being of primary importance in a child's education. Parents who want advice on their children's reading are welcome to contact me through any branch of the library."

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WHO NEEDS A TOY LIBRARY?

SHARYN PADOMS

When I moved to Upper Beaconsfield I knew no one in the local area, a situation common to most newcomers. I arrived with a 10 month old baby and was naturally keen to find what services and support there was for mothers of young children. Coming from a suburb where the infant welfare centre was open 5 days a week and the nursing mothers' group numbered ninety, I was disappointed on both counts.

I was pleased then to find the crèche, which I used as a playgroup, and the toy library. Through the Toy Library (committee) I have met mothers I can share common experiences with, and my daughter has found several playmates. Borrowing from the toy library has provided variety and stimulation not otherwise affordable, and the playgroup at the crèche has helped with social skills.

Now another year later these two services are combining to provide an opportunity for mothers and babies and toddlers to meet and share some time together. Both these services benefit mother and child. Both will now operate at the same time. The starting date not yet finalised but probably from 6/6/86. See you there.

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| <p>Toy Library/Playgroup Every Friday 9.00- 11.00 Community centre crèche.</p> |
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The Mother's Day cake stall raised \$110. Thank you to Margaret Coulson for donating the raffle prize. Congratulations to Dianne Rose for winning it.

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Secretaries for the next two months are -

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| JUNE | - | Alison Ryan | 443 984 |
| JULY | - | Adele Scott | 443 937 |

New members are always welcome and any enquiries should be directed to the co-ordinator, Alison Ryan on 443 984.

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1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP

R. TAYLOR
GROUP LEADER
443 645

CUB SCOUTS - Six new chums who joined the pack in March have now been invested. They are Simon Ross, Derek Erwin, Derek Wood, Peter Webb, Michael Willis and David Taylor. During Mothers Night a film shown on Scouting as seven of the oldest cub scouts will be going up to the Scout Troup in July.

SCOUTS - The Scouts were unable to visit the observatory in Paternoster Road to view Halley's Comet because of cloudy weather. The Scouts have been learning how to weld and practised basic car maintenance including changing tyres. Six of our older boys attended a P.L.'s Training course over the Anzac Day long weekend. Wads Beckwirth, Luke Williams, Iain Thomson, Anthony Curtis, Shane Rutherford and Andrew Jamieson set up their own camp, completed initiative tasks, took part in discussions and practical training to help them run their patrol.

VENTURERS - One team in the Statewide Hoadley Hide Competition at Easter gained a "B" Grade pennant which is a great achievement for the Unit. Eight new Venturers were invested and put through an initiation night hike at Cockatoo. The new members are Kelly Vincent, Russell Frank, Elenore Thomas, Carlyne Maloney, Andrew Welsh, Sheralyn Duncan, Rachael Trott and Renee Hollingsworth. This brings our unit up to 21 members with 14 boys and 7 girls.

NEW CUB PACK - Following a meeting of concerned parents, it appears that we have enough assistant leaders to start a second cub pack. John Wells, Graham Fossey, Sue Arnott, Geoff Brooks and David Boyd offered themselves as assistant leaders. A number of other parents have offered to join the Group Committee and we thank everyone who has assisted in this effort to establish another Pack. Preference for entry to the two packs will be on the basis of those families who have shown their strong support for the new Pack over the last few months. Details of the new pack meeting times and other arrangements will be sent out in late June or early July to those families on the waiting list whose boys, will be admitted.

BOTTLE DEPOT This is the Groups continuing fund raising effort in which we rely on the general community support. The bottles we really want are beer and stubby bottles as all other bottles are smashed into brown, green and white glass bins and have no real economic value to us. When you bring bottles it helps if you could put the beer bottles into the crates, the stubbies into the boxes or bags and the remainder should be smashed into the appropriate drum. It might even be better to put other than beer and stubby bottles out with the garbage! Thank you to all those in the community who support us through the bottle depot.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RECREATION RESERVER. TAYLOR
SECRETARY

The toilets in the igloo building are about to be connected thanks to the work of Rotarions from the Upper Beaconsfield Club. Under Community Services Director Eric Chaplin, the Club has spent many hours installing this essential service for the benefit of all users.

David Rogers, a member of the cricket club, has given of his time to connect lighting and power to the toilets and store room so that electricity is now available to the whole building.

The Cubs and Guides have now joined the Scouts as occupants of the building while the new cub pack and the Brownies may move in soon.

Although there are still a number of items to be attended to in the building, it is gratifying to the Reserve Committee of Management to have the support of organizations wishing to use and willing to assist to upgrade the facilities in the building.

Upon request the Beaconsfield Upper Association arranged for the Fire Brigade to assist in watering the trees in the recent dry spell and for a number of people to assist with mulching, many thanks, the trees are generally doing well.

Some spraying for weeds is about to take place on the oval while football posts are ready to be erected and the cricket club will be undertaking some maintenance around the pitch area.

The problems of traffic in the horse riding areas and Burton Road have been the subject of discussions between the residents, the horse clubs and the committee. A number of short term arrangements have been agreed to while the committee is now investigating some long term solutions. Vehicles must not be parked in Burton Road and must enter the riding area by the second or lower track entrance on to Burton Road and leave by the first or higher entrance. This one way traffic flow will eliminate floats being pulled around the bend and up the steep slope of Burton Road.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

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SUPPER DANCE

An invitation is extended to you all to attend the Fire Brigade Auxiliary's annual supper dance, held at Beaconhills Golf Club on 16th August at 8pm. Dance the night away to the sounds of Allan Chatfield's band and wear 'Fancy Dress' to add to the fun and flavour of the night. A tasty supper is provided -prizes galore to be won.

Support your local brigade!

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Beginning the year with varied activities Girl Guide canoe instructor Mrs. Gunther, taught the girls how to handle a canoe correctly through games such as dragon racing, crossing a canoe platform and capsizing and refloating their canoes.

Conditions were perfect the same weekend for our 5 1/2 km Halley's Comet night hike. The girls also learnt to enjoy the difference in night walking as against day hikes and would recommend that residents accept the challenge and discover Upper Beaconsfield by night.

Our warmest thanks and best wishes to the Hall Committee who gave us a home after we lost everything in the fires. We enjoyed our time there but found lack of outdoor space had become limiting. The Girl Guides have now moved to the Igloo and intend to make full use of the wonderful facilities.

Missed in the last issue of the Village Bell our thanks for goods and help for our stall at the Village Fair to Richard Edwards Pharmacy, The A'Vard family, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Phillips and all the children for collecting cans for the cash-a-cans it really left the whole area clean and tidy. A special thankyou to the Brownies for independently raising over \$20 on their own stalls. A welcome profit of \$579 was raised. Of this \$450 will go towards uniforms for new leaders and \$200 to pay the 1985 Hall rent.

Attention all Guides and Brownies, don't miss out on environmental day at the Dallas Brooks Scout Camp 1/6/86, 11.00 am to 2.30 pm. Bring, lunch, drinks, ground sheet, hat, pencil and paper and anything else that would be necessary to 'Be Prepared'.

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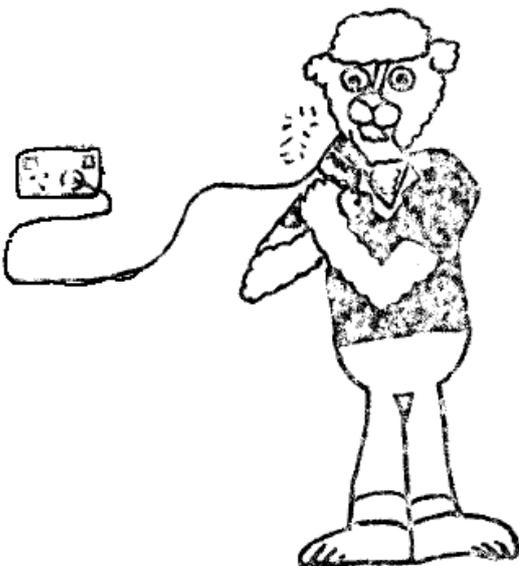
UPPER BEACONSFIELD SPINNING &
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We meet on the third Tuesday of each month in each others homes.

Next meeting 17/6/86 at Ruth Barker's home.

We need a new member to host the 15/7/86 meeting, if you are interested please phone Jeanette on 443 395.

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'shearing the sheep.'

A new Wednesday afternoon craft activities class will start on Wednesday 2/7/86 from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Aimed at primary school children and under expert guidance, the cost of \$2 per session will include materials.

Please remember the Crèche opens again on Monday 2/6/86 as previously, viz - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings from 9.00 to 12.00 and afternoons from 1.00 to 3.00. THANK YOU to all those parents who helped out with "voluntary" duties at the crèche...we need you again next term! Thank you in anticipation.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Thursday afternoon playgroup, it has been recommended that a second playgroup session be offered on Friday mornings in conjunction with the Toy Library, see more details under Toy Library article.

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| Remember: | Playgroup | Thursday afternoon | 1 .00 to 2.30 |
| | Playgroup/Toy Lib. | Friday morning | 9.00 to 11.00 |

Sharpen your knitting needles, it's on again! FRIDAY 27 JUNE 11.30 to 2.00 approx. If you haven't already been asked to be a member of a team, come along and knit for the Community Centre; see if you can beat last year's record and win some prizes. See you there.

Sponsorship forms available from the Community Centre.

A reminder that bus bookings for the Community Bus can be made via Richard Halliday on 443 478. Bookings must be received in writing and on the prescribed form, copies of which are available from Richard or the Community Centre.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB

BARBARA MARS

At our Annual General Meeting on 22nd. March we elected Elizabeth White as President, Barbara Mars as Secretary, Jenny Pritchard Treasurer and Tricia Trewin as District Commissioner. Our Pony Club Members attended many Rallies and we were very proud when Lisa Greenaway gained 2nd place in the Evan Henry Memorial Event at Berwick Show. Another special achievement was instructor Julie Wilson receiving the R.A. Andrews Award "In Pursuit of Sports Excellence".

A perpetual trophy set up with donated money was instigated and called the Lynda Brodie Encouragement Award. This will be awarded annually to a member under 13 years who shows enthusiasm, active-participation in all Club activities, is courteous and helpful to all members, and displays qualities of horsemanship and a willingness to care for horse and gear. The inaugural winner was Penny Sewell.

At a special presentation Graham Robertson was awarded a life membership of the Pony Club for dedicated continuous service since the Club began ten years ago. He was presented with a bronze of a horse and badge.

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RED CROSS

PEG BELLAIR

We would like to thank all callers and contributors for the March Door Knock.

The total collected was \$3238.74, a record for Upper Beaconsfield.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUBGWEN OLDMEADOW
443 658

Two teams were successful in Summer Competition, congratulations to - Tony McKay, Chris Siddell, Anthony Stevens, Paul Pfeifer and Mark Ricketts - (Section 1 Juniors, Berwick & District Ass.) and to - Gary Mitchell, Paul Pfeifer, Elsie Bennett and Jenny Durkin (Section 5 Seniors, Berwick & District).

Winter Competition is well under way with 3 senior and 11 junior teams playing Berwick & District Competition,

Junior Club Championships were played during April and the winners were -

GIRLS

- A. Andrea Crane
- B. Danielle Bennett

BOYS

- A. Paul Pfeifer
- B. Matthew McKay
- C. Ben De La Rue

Senior Club Championships were played in March and the winners were -

SINGLES

Christine Logan
Ian Jackson

DOUBLES LADIES

Lorry Ryan &
Barbara Bates

MIXED DOUBLES

Lorry Ryan &
Ben Easton

DOUBLES MENS

Ian Jackson
Adam Koneckny

Our thanks go to all who played in the Club Championships, in a new format which was very successful. Thanks also to the C/C Committees, Junior & Senior and to Les and his computer for giving us up to date scores throughout the senior matches.

The Quiz Night on May 3rd. was very successful both socially and financially, thanks to the 102 people who attended and joined in the fun, to the Social Committee and to all who helped before and after the evening. Special thanks to Linda McKay who prepared the questions, to Peter Gullquist and David McKay who compered the evening, and to the very kind people who donated the great prizes for the quiz and for the raffle.

For more information about the Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club please phone -

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| PRESIDENT - | Leigh Oldmeadow | SECRETARY - | Elizabeth Hart |
| | 443 658 A/H | | 03 707 1337 A/H |
| MIDWEEK LADIES - | | JUNIORS - | Julie Jamieson |
| | Gill Shead | | 443 620 A/H |
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 (ordinary weeks) 7.30pm Sunday - Praise and Worship.
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The Church is now being opened every Sunday from 2-4.30pm for all who would like to see through this beautiful new building.

Information about the church is available from the St. John's News which is distributed every month. Please contact Phillip Roche on 443 220 or one of the office bearers if you wish to be included on the mailing list.

READERS ON THE MAILING LIST

Readers on our mailing list receive their Village Bell in a stamped addressed wrapper. According to our Treasurer's records, several mailing list readers are in arrears with subscriptions for 1986, although we printed a reminder in our previous issue. For these readers, there is a final reminder in red ink inside the wrapper. If they wish to continue receiving the Village Bell subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer; Wilma Hardy, 4 McBride Road, Upper Beaconsfield. Phone 059 443 708.

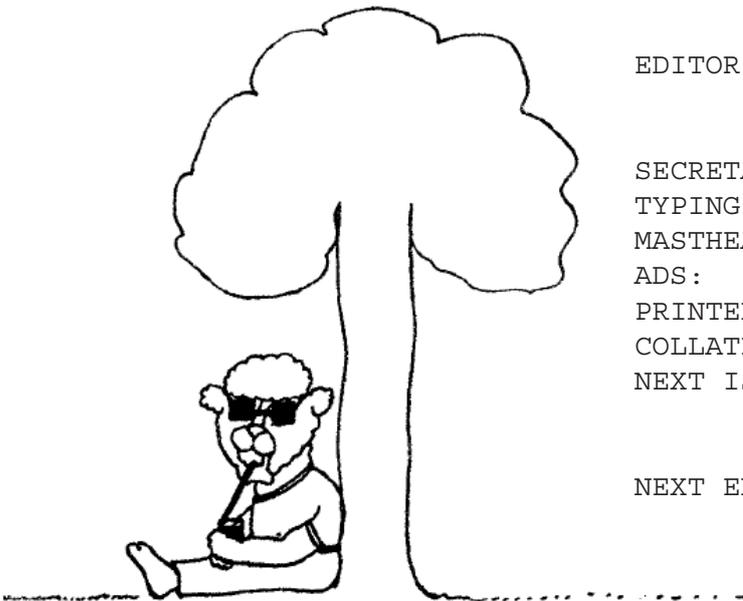
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| 6 JUNE | - | District Swimming Carnival. Cubs at Cranbourne Pool. |
| 11 JUNE | - | Inaugural meeting of Beaconsfield Upper Conservation Group at Hall 443 815 |
| 13 JUNE | - | Home & Hobby Auction, Rotary at Beaconhills Golf Club 7.45 pm. All 'new' items. Home appliances, garden tools and machinery. All welcome. |
| 27 JUNE | - | Knit-a-thon at Community Centre contact 443 484 |
| 3 JULY | - | Association Day C.W.A. Card afternoon. 1.30 pm Public Hall. Visitor's welcome \$1 includes afternoon tea. |
| 13 JULY | - | District Swimming Carnival, Scouts, Drouin Pool. |
| 14 JULY | - | Maths week. Primary. School. |
| 18 JULY | - | Curriculum Day. Primary School. |
| 20 JULY | - | Time Trial. Pony Club at Recreation Reserve. Contact 443 763. |
| 2 AUGUST | - | Cake Stall outside General Store. Fire Brigade Auxiliary. |
| 16 AUGUST | - | Fancy Dress Dance. Beaconhills Golf Club. Fire Brigade Auxiliary telephone 443 506. |