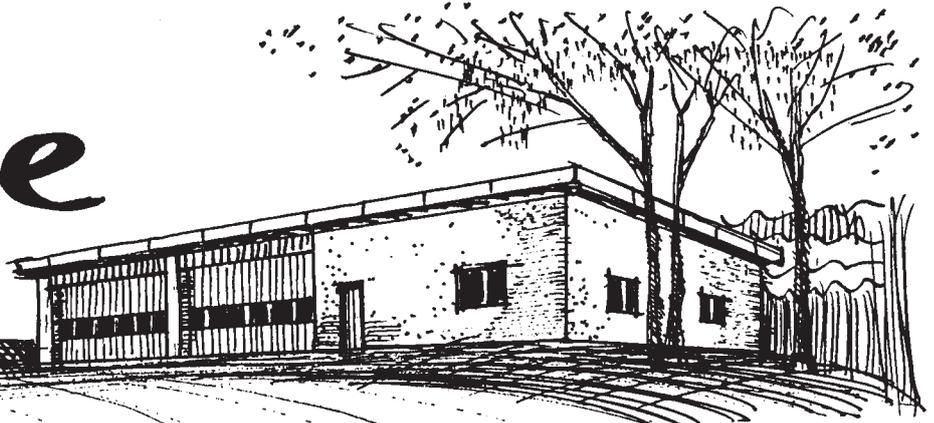


Village Bell



Upper Beaconsfield
Rural Fire Brigade

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD

ASSOCIATION INC.

NEXT MEETING

UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL

ON

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1990 AT 8PM.

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM

UPPER BEACONSFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP:

*"Conservation in Upper Beaconsfield
from Weeds to Wildlife"*

AGENDA INCLUDES:

Neighbourhood Watch

Reply from DVA on Paul Grove Drainage

Split Rock Road Proposals, with

Mr Brian Wills (Deputy Shire Engineer)

The success of the U.B.A. depends on us all. Please come along and join us, and voice any opinions or thoughts you may have in relation to the future of Upper Beaconsfield.

INSIDE STORIES:

- * MEALS ON WHEELS for Upper Beac.
- * Is PETTY CRIME on the Increase?
- * The new FIRE STATION
- * Citizen of the Year Nominations

EDITORIAL

Due to the large volume of contributions this issue, the editor is unable to publish in full the material received on the subject of graffiti, vandalism and other petty crime in Upper Beaconsfield. Clearly there is a growing community concern with these issues, and they must be addressed. It is distressing to see evidence of vandalism and wilful destruction is on the increase. While it's possible that visitors to the area may be responsible for some of the trouble, the Berwick Police have apprehended local boys in the 14-15 y.o. age-group in the Upper Beaconsfield schoolgrounds, cruising around on their bikes at 11 o'clock at night.

We should remember, however, that the vast majority of local teenagers and their visiting friends are great kids. Their parents are responsible people who enjoy living in the area and who have made a commitment to the community. As parents, we tend to react defensively to the suggestion that our children may be involved in anti-social behaviour, and we are offended by the implications of the term "U.B. teenagers". Perhaps, however, we should all make certain that we know where our children are and who they are with; increase our interest in their activities and be more vigilant. When parents are at work or late home, it may be a good idea to make arrangements for someone to keep an eye on younger teenagers after school.

Information about the identity of those who are responsible for vandalism, etc. may be known, but the problem of dealing with that information is often difficult in a small community such as ours. SEN. SGT. CAMERON (Berwick Police) advises against vigilante groups or citizens taking it upon themselves to tackle offenders. Such matters are best dealt with by the police. An anonymous phone call is not enough, although the police can protect a person's anonymity once the information is forthcoming.

STAN HAMILTON, CFA member, suggests that offenders need to be made aware that destruction of property has a detrimental effect on the community as a whole. Youthful vandals may not realise that the cost of their endeavours comes out of everyone's pockets, including those of their parents. And there are the other costs e.g., kicking down a road sign may cause an accident to someone they care about.

EVE FIELD (443 504), resident, asks "Do we have to turn a blind eye to this sickening behaviour and pretend it's not happening here, or do we do something about it?" She would like to hear from interested enlightened people about possible legal action.

HELEN SMITH, from the HALL COMMITTEE, writes: "Over the last few months, the Hall has been subjected to damage - including broken windows, damaged lights and graffiti. A lady who was at the Hall one Wednesday evening had all four hubcaps stolen from her car... if we are getting an increase of vandalism at this time of year when the nights are still cold and wet, what is going to happen in the spring and summer months?"

LAUREL KAY, from the KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL COMMITTEE writes: "Over the past few months the Kindergarten and Pre-School children have also been directly effected by these acts [of vandalism, etc] ... The children's pet rabbits were killed ... between 4 and 5 pm on a weekday ... Daffodils planted by the 3 year olds (intended for Father's Day presents) were taken ... The Kindergarten building has been broken into, and there have been numerous other break-in attempts. The street light outside the Kindergarten has been knocked down and smashed ... it has been necessary to ask the Police to increase patrols in the area. Now we ask for community help. We all need to be aware of these acts of wilful damage and that a problem does exist."

Much of the material received by the "Village Bell" questions WHY these problems are on the increase. Is it because of boredom? Is there a need for more activities and facilities for teenagers? Communication between parents and children may lead to solutions. The troubled few involved in vandalism, graffiti and destruction of community property certainly need all the help we can give them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAKENHAM COUNCIL?

Councillor Peter Meeking

DID YOU KNOW?

That in order to balance the State Government's Budget you will be required to pay extra rates for the Government funded pensioners' rate relief, and also for library services.

Yes, the Government does normally reimburse individual pensioners for an amount of \$135 for rate assessment, but the initial rebate is paid by the Council, and then reimbursed by Government.

Advice is now to hand that there will be no Government reimbursement to Councils until July 1991, thereby requiring Councils ratepayers to carry the funds for the majority of the Council year. The so-called "free library" service, which is funded jointly by the Government and the Council, has been given identical treatment. The resultant shortfall in the operation of the Regional Library Services will be substantial and could put the operations of the entire Library Service in jeopardy.

SPLIT ROCK ROAD

The Engineers proposals (plans) to provide a safer road by the expenditure of a limited amount (\$30,000) have been presented to Councillors. Brian Wills, Deputy Shire Engineer, is to now hold discussions with the residents of Split Rock Road, and will also attend the next meeting of the Upper Beaconsfield Association.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS - SERVICE ROAD

In a review of the operations of the new service road, certain difficulties have arisen as a result of vehicles parking on the left hand side of the service road. On many occasions cars reversing out from the angle parking bays have had some difficulty, being in conflict with the cars parked parallel and on the left hand side of the road. As a result, no standing signs are to be installed.

KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS - RECYCLABLE MATERIAL

Council does wish to introduce kerbside collections for materials such as glass, bottles, aluminium cans, plastics, quality paper etc. and is aware that Council's present garbage contractor could complete this task. Such a proposed service, while being of value to many ratepayers, has caused considerable concern to many of our voluntary recycling groups such as scouts, guides, church groups, etc.

Council has deferred consideration of this proposal in order to consult more fully with the voluntary groups, and the community as a whole.

FOR SALE - SADDLE - (Pony) VGC, \$160 ONO Ph.: 443 293

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I will be unavailable from the 21st September until the 14th October, and my Council colleagues, Councillors Ewenson and Owen have indicated a willingness to assist in Council matters during this period.

PETER MEEKING.

COUNCIL NOTES

CR. KEITH EWENSON

Projects in Upper Beaconsfield proposed to be included in 1990/91 Works Programme:-

- Salisbury Road. Replace old kerb and channel Post Office to Hall.
- Lenne Street. Construct kerb and channel.
- Extensions to Hall.
- St Georges Road. Commence widening of narrow sealed section.

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SNIPPETS

BARBARA HASSALL has been reappointed Convenor of the Village Fair. Congratulations, Barbara, and many thanks to you and the Committee.

LOCAL BOY TO MIDDLE EAST

STEPHEN PATRICK HOOPER, a 26 year old Naval College Graduate, has sailed for the Gulf on the supply ship "Success". Our thoughts and prayers go with him.

BERWICK POLICE advise that they are holding the following:

- (1) a purse containing a sum of money, found in the Sugarloaf Rd. area in early June.
- (2) two bicycles; one BMX Red Phantom, one light blue 27" racing bike. Found near Stoney Creek/Emerald Rds. intersection at crash site of stolen car on 22/8/90. Police are interested to hear from owners or ANYONE who may know owners. Contact Snr. Sgt. Kevin Cameron on (03) 707 1656/1555.

FREEZE ON CREATION OF NEW "NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH" AREAS

Ysabelle Hobson

The "Village Bell" was, in this issue, to have re-run an advertisement for someone to get "Neighbourhood Watch" up and running in Upper Beaconsfield. However, Chris Marlowe, the programme Co-ordinator (Cranbourne Police) has advised that, due to funding cuts, there has been a district directive to temporarily freeze the creation of new "Neighbourhood Watch" areas. The situation may be reviewed in the New Year but, in the meantime, "Neighbourhood Watch" is OUT for Upper Beaconsfield.

Just when, with the upturn of incidences of petty crime, vandalism and graffiti, we really needed our own "Neighbourhood Watch" Programme.



EDITORIAL APOLOGY**IT JUST WOULDN'T ALL FIT!!**

Due to the overwhelming amount of material received, and to an editorial decision to comment extensively on the increasing problems of vandalism, graffiti, etc. in our town, the editor regrets that she was unable to publish all articles, letters, etc. received.

Hopefully, if possible and appropriate, some material will appear in the December issue of "Village Bell". Please remember that it's of great importance for editors to receive copy by the advertised deadline date.

WINE AND FOOD LOVERS UNITE!

One of the interesting sidelights to a recent meeting of local traders at the Pine Grove Hotel in Upper Beaconsfield is the resolve of the hotel's owner Mr Paul Edgar, and the owner of the nearby supermarket, Mr Robin Hollioake, to form a wine and food society in the area.

Both Mr Edgar and Mr Hollioake have more than a professional interest in the noble art of gastronomic decadence; both have a passion they would like to share with others. If there are any people in the area who would like to help us to form a local wine and food society, Mr Edgar would like to hear from them.

Contact: Paul Edgar - 443524

NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to the following :-

EMERALD RD.	-	Lisa & Doug MILENKOVIC
LENNE ST.	-	Marg & Peter MAHER
McARTHUR RD. -		Sandra & Albert MEW
SALISBURY RD.	-	Keith & Jan SLATER
ST. GEORGES RD.	-	Mark & Michael BREEN
SPLIT ROCK RD.	-	Paul & Ann BEACHER
STONEY CREEK RD.	-	Laurel & Keith PETRIE
STONEY CREEK RD.	-	Alex, Pam & Max TIZZANO
		Roslyn CARABUTT.

JULENE'S GOES ITALIAN

Sandra Warner

Gaylene and Julian have re-opened Julene's, and are now offering Italian food. Patrons can either dine in or take-away. "There has been a good response so far", says Gaylene. "You can select from home-made pasta dishes, pizzas and Italian ice-cream for dessert". Take-away orders can be phoned through. Dining-in is available on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. from 7.30 p.m., and take-away Tues. to Sun. from 6 p.m. 444033.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS 1991Changes in Proceedings

Please refer to "Village Bell" NO: 73 (APRIL, 1990) for details re electing the Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year.

The election Committee members are:- Peter Meeking, Pam McDonald, Eric Bumpstead, John Milligan and Graeme Kidd.

Nominations are being sought and should be lodged by 30TH NOVEMBER, 1990 with:- Mr. P.S. Meeking, P.O. Box 130, BERWICK, 3806.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDERGARTEN**Laurel Kay 443065****STATE GOVT. BUDGET CUTS TO KINDERGARTENS**

Because of recent Government funding cuts, over 3,300 four year old children will be potentially dislocated from the centre at which they are enrolled for next year, and will need to seek places at other kindergartens which may be a much greater distance from their homes. **The minimum number of children required to obtain our subsidy is now 46 instead of 42.**

The outcome for future U.B. Kindergarten parents:-

- in 1991 if the total of enrolled children is below 46 (which is a possibility) there will be NO 2ND GROUP. Children on the placement list who are numbers 26 - 44 will not be accommodated.
- Beyond 1991 fluctuating birthrates could lower the enrolled number of children to below the critical point of 46. Parents may have to travel to Bunyip or Garfield for a Kindergarten place for their child.
- The 3rd group currently available for the overflow of Upper Beaconsfield/Beaconsfield children may be abolished unless the first two groups have 50 children.

Please support your Kindergarten Staff and Committee and PROTEST AGAINST THIS CUT IN SERVICES TO OUR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN. To sign a letter of protest or for further information, contact LIZ WILSON 443787, RUTH HAINSWORTH 443036, or LAUREL KAY 443 065.

C.W.A.**Lyn Wright 427281**

The monthly C.W.A. meeting is a sociable get together with an opportunity for ladies of all ages to learn a variety of interesting crafts such as American patchwork, fresh and dried flower arrangements, macrame, cross-stitch and knitting. The cost is \$13 per year.

The C.W.A. meets the 1st Thursday of every month - (Annual General Meeting in November). New members will be made most welcome.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

Anne McDonald
443860

We are delighted to announce that the Upper Beaconsfield Community Care Group, the Shire of Pakenham and Salisbury House have combined their talents to produce a new meals on WHEELS Service for Upper Beaconsfield.

At the moment we are operating under a temporary roster, with each volunteer giving about 1/2 hr at lunch time one day per week. At the beginning of October there will be a monthly roster - so the demand on volunteers is not enormous. It has been great to hear that the people delivering the meals are getting as much enjoyment out of it as the people receiving them!

If you know of someone who would benefit from this service, or if you would like to add your name to the Meals on Wheels volunteer list (you do not need to be a care group volunteer to be part of this) please contact Anne McDonald (443860) or June Isles (Shire Office 411011).

The Care Group has a personal pager system available at the moment. This system is designed to help the frail or elderly who live alone to have emergency help in time of need. The user is required to pay a small weekly rental and the system can be used on a semi-permanent basis, short term or weekends.

Many Care Group volunteers are proudly displaying their Resuscitation Certificates and badges gained after a training night with the Royal Life Saving Society! It is comforting to know that, should a life threatening situation occur, we have some training to handle it.

ALL-DAY CRÈCHE**Jeanette Cunningham 427430**

Where: Community Centre in Salisbury Rd.

When: each Friday - October 19, 26
each Friday - November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
each Friday - December 7, 14
each Monday - December 10, 17.

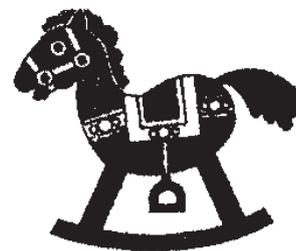
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Age: 2 years and over

Cost: one child - \$2 per hour, \$1 per 1/2 hr.
family - \$4 per hour, \$2 per 1/2 hr.

Bring: Blanket or quilt
Fruit drinks, lunch

Bookings: 44 3484.



DRAINAGE PROBLEMS - SHIRE'S REPLY TO UBA LETTER

" A number of drainage schemes have been prepared over the past ten years to provide for the proper drainage of the township area particularly in the vicinity of Paul Grove. Regrettably the schemes have not proceeded due to owner resistance. The last scheme was ultimately determined by an arbitrator who resolved in favour of the objectors.

" Unfortunately the resolution of the problem does require implementation of the total scheme. Partial construction measures are not practical.

" I believe the only way the Council would be prepared to again proceed with a scheme would be by way of a clear mandate from the residents in favour of a scheme being undertaken.

" Your association may wish to relate this information to the residents to determine if such an approach is possible."

-Warwick J. Bayley - Shire Engineer.

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RECREATION RESERVE REPORT**Bill Physick 443563**

The extensions to the Igloo have been completed. These include a Storage Garage, Social Room and Changerooms. The local Scout and Guide Groups and Cricket Club are already making use of these facilities, and Beaconsfield Junior Football Club will be using the oval for training and games next season. An official opening of the extensions by the Shire President will take place on Sunday October 28 at 3 p.m.

Work to improve drainage around the Igloo and in the equestrian area east of the oval will commence in the next few weeks.

HUGE RESPONSE TO CFA GOLF DAY**Michael Keogh**

The Upper Beaconsfield CFA has been overwhelmed by the response to their golf day on 12 October.

Beaconhills Country Golf Club has donated the golf course for the day. Elgas Ltd. has agreed to be our major sponsor and already we have 28 hole sponsors and many more donations of prizes and trophies.

The Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield has co-ordinated the planning and the new Shire President, Cr Pam Wylie, has agreed to be patron.

The Fire Brigade would like to thank the following organisations for their promised support:

Elgas Ltd., Jess Fire Extinguishers, Flocon Engineering, Fimma Developments, Doug Shore Toyota, Berwick Roofing, DVF Paving and Landscaping, Beaconsfield Central Hotel, Hallam Truck Centre, C.D. Wilson and Son, Network Stationery, Mark Harrington Financial Services, Tony Nyhuis Master Painter, Rotary Club of Upper Beaconsfield, John Dawson Carpets and Curtains, Vallis Windows, Jayco Caravans, Vic Bertoncello - Market Gardens, Leader Lighting, Studio Hairdressing, Adamo Barker, Rover Australia, Wobelea Pty. Ltd., British Paints, Dale Glass, Luman Electrics, Pakenham Mowers, David Nutter, McRae Honda.

In addition, sponsors of goods or services include: Hardy's Mitre 10, Andrew Rowe Signwriting, J. Brady, Pat Finn, Michael Keogh, Geoff Davidson, Angus and Robertson, Fountain Gate, Graham Kelly/Mark Griffin, Stan Hamilton, Vic Greenaway and Dot Pockett.

A special thank you to Impress for printing the application forms free of charge.

Further sponsorships of \$100 are needed for a hole sponsorship or goods and services of any kind.

For further sponsorship information contact Dot Pockett, 25 Amelia Close, Beaconsfield, 3807, Telephone: 707 5797, AH, 791 8474.

Golfers can obtain application forms from their local Fire Station or directly from the Beaconhills Golf Club, (059) 443630.

NEWS FROM ST. JOHNS.**Audrey Morris 443503**

The annual fete will be held on Saturday, 13th October, at St. Johns.

Peter Haradence will be welcomed back from his long service leave early in October. During his time away, our locum vicar, Rev. Ray Rickards, is looking after us very well, and he and his wife, Audrey, have made many friends in the district.

THE TREE AGAIN ... LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Editor regrets that, due to the volume of material contributed, she is unable to print in full all letters received. CHRISTOPHER GREEN of Sugarloaf Road protests to the destruction of the tree in Salisbury Road on the grounds of its age and beauty, and because he believes it prevents accidents by slowing traffic down, allowing residents of Sugarloaf Road a safer right hand turn into Salisbury Road.

Another letter, addressed to "All 'Over the Top' Environmentalists" and signed "On behalf of concerned residents", points out that the line between preserving our environment and road safety must be drawn somewhere. The letter states that the stretch of road in question is dangerous enough without the encumbrance of the tree, and that the tree's positions poses a grave threat to pedestrians cyclists and horse-riders from motorists!

TENANTS' SERVICE EXPANDS TO PAKENHAM

The Peninsula-based Bayside Tenants' Information Service has commenced an outreach service to the Berwick, Cranbourne and Pakenham areas after receiving funding from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.

The service, to be known as Berwick-Cranbourne-Pakenham Tenants Information Service, will provide information in relation to residential, caravan park, and rooming house tenancies to all tenants including those, housed by the Ministry of Housing and Construction. Information and assistance is provided to tenants on a whole range of issues, from getting maintenance done to threatened eviction. The service also provides information on the Residential Tenancies Tribunal, assisting tenants to prepare applications or for hearings they may have to attend.

The service is completely free and confidential. A worker will be available between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday on (059) 40 1185, or you can call at Shop 4, Manhattan Arcade, 160-162 Main Street, Pakenham, during those hours.

ADULT RIDING CLUB**Anne Livera 443876**

Committee for 90-91:

President: Bob Prentis
 Vice-President: Anne Livera
 Secretary: Susanne McKenzie-Smith
 Treasurer: Mary Jenkins

The Riding Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. Anyone interested in joining please contact Anne Livera, the New Members Secretary.

UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**Marg Thomson 443484**

It's been a whirlwind of a "first" term for me with so much happening and so much more waiting to happen! Lots of classes were on offer this term and with a few cancellations we still had a hectic and full program. Term Four is shaping up to be something a little different - there are a few new courses on offer - cooking, teenage aerobics, relaxation therapy to name a few. So if you feel like getting in early I will be around during the school holidays if you want to book in early or have a cuppa and chat.

Our wonderful crèche is available for children of parents attending classes at the Centre and for occasional care and on a casual basis. Come along and try us out.

The Community Bus is also available for all groups, families or individuals within the community for trips, outings or excursions. Bookings to be made through the Bus Co-ordinator Richard Halliday on 44 34 78 (AH) or Judy Escreet who will be looking after the bus during the school holidays on 443773 (AH).

TEA & SCONES & THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME**PLANNING AROUND THE UPPER BEAC. HALL****Graeme Kidd 443400**

Join the Hall Committee of Management for an informal get-together at the Hall in Salisbury Road. Have a wander round, enjoy morning tea, and participate in a group discussion on the following important issues

- the planned extension to the Hall
- replanning and extending parking facilities
- future use for land on which tennis court is presently sited
- safety of large trees in front of site.

SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 10 - 12 AM ALL WELCOME

UPPER BEACONSFIELD PONY CLUB**Marlene Kelly 443487**

Congratulations to four Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club members -Brad Trewin, Birgita Hansen, Vanda Morgan and Angela Harris, who teamed together successfully to win the Pony Club Showjumping Championship held at Waverley Pony Club on Sunday, August 19th.

This year was the inaugural year of the Championship and the team were delighted to have won the Perpetual Trophy.

The Pony Club Committee would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the new young members and their parents who have recently joined the Club.

1ST UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES**Annette Dale 443873**

All girls have been very busy this term. Every girl has earned at least one badge, some have earned up to three and four.

Congratulations to Vicki Beames on earning her B.P. Award, the highest level in guiding. Quite a few weeks of practice went into Vicki's special night.

We had a cake stall at the General Store to raise funds. The guides would like to thank everyone who supported them.

Another great night was had at the Gang Show. We had a special reason for going this year as one of our girls, Bronwyn Oke, was one of the performers. Congratulations, Bronwyn, we were very proud of you.

There are five girls going to the Jamborella Fair at Gilwell Park over the September holidays. A lot of work has gone into getting ready for this with badge work, camp outs, first aid, knots and lashing, camp fires and a lot of fun for the girls involved. Have a great time Helen, Joanna Kim, Kate and Emily. Open day for any visitors will be on Show Day.

We finished the term with a combined night with the Venturers in charge of the night. A great night was had with compass work, volley ball, and billy tea. What happened to the damper? Ian has a great technique in swinging billy tea.

Thank you, venturers and leaders.

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS**Ray Allsop****NEW FIRE STATION**

The main construction work on the new station is now completed and Brigade members are busy painting, fitting out the interior and landscaping.

The official Opening of the new station will be on December 2nd.

GOLF DAY

The Brigade Golf Day will be held on October 12th. We could still do with a couple of Hole sponsors. Any resident or business who would like to donate prizes for a spinning wheel would be most welcome. The spinning wheel will be held after the Golf match. Contact Dot Pockett (AH) (03) 7075797.

AUCTION

A Monster Auction is planned, for the near future and anyone with goods to auction please contact Stan Hamilton on 443531.

ARTISTS - Life Drawing Sessions - Thursdays 7.30 -11 pm

Liz Gunness 443440(AH) (03) 707 4222(BH)

PAKENHAM CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (INC.) 412377 DO YOU NEED INFORMATION?

That is what the Citizens Advice Bureau is all about. It is there to help you gain information about a broad range of day to day matters.

If you are new to the area and wish to find out where to go to meet people, where various sporting facilities are located, who to turn to when you need assistance, how to fill in forms that confuse you, what outdoor attractions are available to give the children during school holidays. All types of information and help is available to people in the Pakenham and surrounding areas. Perhaps you need a Counsellor to help with Financial, Family or Marriage counselling. We can refer you to someone who is trained in these fields.

You may not be sure of your rights regarding an overhanging tree, a dividing fence, a noisy animal or some other matter that is disrupting the peace and enjoyment you desire. Then we will do our best to see you get the information you require to solve the problem with least hassle to yourself and others concerned.

So don't sit and brood over problems, take the step to solve them by asking for help.

Information is our what we are about - if we haven't got it on hand we will certainly do our best to obtain it for you. So give us a call or call at our Bureau in the Community House, 24 Main Street, Pakenham (opposite the Consolidated School) where we are in attendance Monday to Friday from 10.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

DEWHURST...IT'S OFFICIAL!

The Shire of Pakenham has approved the proposal, to rename part of the Upper Beaconsfield area as "Dewhurst", after the former township which was flooded during the construction of the Cardinia Reservoir in the early 1970's. The name is currently recorded on the register of place names (Place Names Committee - State Govt.) and is referenced to the junction, of Beaconsfield/Emerald and Blue Ridge Roads.

The Council proposes to reintroduce use of the name as from 1st November, 1990.

Please note: the "Village Bell" is unable to publish letters etc. unless they are complete with writer's name.

CHURCH OF THE NATIONS - UPPER BEACONSFIELD

On Saturday, 29th September, a new church will be opening in Upper Beaconsfield. Church Of The Nations is a non-denominational, charismatic church led by John and Heather Cairns who moved to Australia from England in January of this year.

The church is part of a worldwide family of churches ministering in Europe, America, South Africa and Australia.

During the past four weeks a number of folk have been meeting in homes in the village, and the meeting on the 29th will introduce the church to the village. This will be followed by meetings every Sunday in the Community Centre in Salisbury Rd. at 10.30 a.m. Activities will also take place in homes around the village during the week.

The church is "people orientated", feeling that often "religion" hinders people from really knowing God. Through Jesus Christ they believe that all can come to know God in a personal way. The accent is not on ceremony but the encouragement of individuals to find hope and purpose through the Lordship of Jesus.

Meetings will be relaxed, with an emphasis on praise and worship along with teaching from the Bible on topics/issues relevant to people's needs. A children's club will also run during the Sunday morning.

Further information from:

John and Heather Cairns 03-848 1505

or

Paul and Cheryl Reid 059-44 3094

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 29th 7.30 p.m. Public Launch of
Church of the Nations in
Community Hall. All welcome.

Sun. 30th 10.30 a.m. Family Worship of
Church of the Nations in
Community Hall. All welcome.
(Hereafter, every Sunday, same time).

OCTOBER

Wed. 3rd 10 a.m. CHILDREN'S CLUB Part One
(for primary age),
Church of the Nations, Community Hall.
Puppets, music, games. All welcome.

Fri. 5th 10 a.m. CHILDREN'S CLUB, Part Two
(for primary age),
Church of the Nations, Community Hail.
All welcome.

RED CROSS REPORT

**M. Womersley,
Publicity Officer, Berwick/Upp.Beac. Unit**

At the end of August I attended the first Central District Appeal Committee meeting at Red Cross Headquarters to commence plans for the 1991 March Appeal.

Members of the Committee were delighted to hear that the final figure for Red Cross Calling (Door Knock) was \$1,773,943. The target had been set at \$1,750,000. Thanks go to all Upper Beaconsfield residents who generously helped to raise this magnificent total.

Plans are well in hand for the 1990 Murray River Canoe Marathon. This event is held between Christmas and New Year, and remains most popular. A number of entries have already been received from overseas countries. However, a sponsor has not been found. Any suggestions? Do we have any young people in our area who are keen canoeists and would like to know more about the Marathon?

Berwick/Upper Beaconsfield Unit held their Annual General Meeting in August. Fund raising for the year, including Red Cross Calling created quite a record. The total was in the vicinity of \$28,000. At community level, the home nursing equipment, handled by Mr. and Mrs. J. Abeling, is in strong demand. There is strong demand also for Red Cross members to transport sick and elderly people to keep appointments, both locally and in Melbourne.

Again this year the Unit will have available Christmas Cake and gifts. Their sales help Red Cross to carry out a variety of humanitarian work.

C.W.A. WOORINYAN NEWS

Joan Harris 443410

Hello,

We are the members of Woorinyan Branch of the Country Womens Association of Victoria.

A friendly, fun-loving group, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m. at the Kwarna Tea Tooms, Emerald Rd. Beaconsfield Upper.

New members are most welcome. We support various charities along with our own local ones.

If you would like to meet us, see us in action at the "Salisbury House Spring Fair", 9 a.m. October 27th at the RSL Hall, Halford Rd Beaconsfield Upper. We will be on the cake stall; that is our project for the fair. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The girls of Woorinyan.

1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP**Group Leader Peter Deering****Tel. 443521****President Barry Smith 443219**

This term promises to be both busy and exciting with plenty of activities for youth members and the Committee.

We regretfully announce the retirement from cub scouts of Yvonne Curtis and from scouts of David Curtis. This husband and wife team have contributed approximately 40 years between them to scouting in our area. There are a large number of children who have gained a wealth of knowledge and experience from these two leaders. We all owe them a sincere thank you for their contribution and extend best wishes to them for the future.

Unfortunately the Curtis' retirement means we are short of leaders and we ask parents to consider taking on this very rewarding role. We need your involvement to ensure the continuing viability of the Scout Group for your children.

HELP! Any camping equipment or other equipment belonging to the Group is urgently needed to be returned, any scout or cub scout books not being used, scarves and other items of uniform not required would be greatly appreciated. Also needed are any unwanted back packs or camping equipment.

FIREWOOD RAFFLES These continue to be well supported, thank you. Our last winner was C. Wood of Stoney Creek Rd. At present we are fund raising by selling Big Fruit Jams, so put your order in when approached by a scout or cub. An enjoyable and convivial wine and cheese tasting night is being arranged for November. The funds raised by these activities is to allow us to purchase new equipment and furnish the extensions to the Igloo.

SCOUT JOB WEEKS October 13th - 28th.

CUB SCOUT ACTIVITIES - The mystery train trip to Melbourne included visits to Eastern Hill Fire Station and the Museum. We attended the Guides' B.P. Award Presentation night and had a fathers night. Our breakup was a roller skating outing. October 26-28 a District camp is to be held at Shoreham.

SCOUT ACTIVITIES - The boys are enthusiastically earning new badges at the moment, the competition is keen. An enjoyable camp in perfect weather was held at Pakenham Upper recently. Special thanks to Noel Ling who went along to help with practical skills and assist leader Ron Kerpen who is settling into his new role well. A good number attended the District Orienteering day at Silvan; our two groups finished 1st and 3rd overall. We extend a warm welcome to our new leader Steve Fisher. He is very keen and has already completed several training sessions. Five scouts are attending the District camp at Eagle Point during term holidays. With caving and canoeing it is a very exciting camp.

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VENTURER ACTIVITIES The Gang Show, followed by a visit to Luna Park, was enjoyed by Venturers recently. The weekend hike at Eildon proved tough going in the rugged hills, an enjoyable challenge. Ian Thomson attended the Venturer Aspect forum at Monash where representatives from various states met to discuss ideas. Venturers also attended the orienteering day at Silvan. We provided billy tea brewed on a camp fire at the combined Guide/Venturer activity night.

Welcome to new leader Vicki Silberbauer who is to begin training soon.

CRICKET CLUB

Richard Edwards 443463

The season is fast approaching and this year the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club has appointed a coach. He is Paul Halfpenny who lives in Upper Beaconsfield but has played for Narre Warren for the last 10 years in the WGCA. Paul is one of the leading batsmen in the competition and during this time he has played in premierships teams and represented the WGCA in inter-league matches. He is very keen to see all players at practice because the season starts the first weekend in October.

Practice has started and is on every Sunday morning and Thursday nights until the season starts. Once matches begin and daylight saving starts, practice will continue on Monday and Thursday nights.

We are again fielding four senior teams and three junior teams (U16, U14 & U12). The U12's will be coached by Ken Murphy, the U14's by Bob Taylor and the U16's by Ray de la Rue.

The seniors are fielding teams in 'A' grade, 'C' grade, 'D' grade and 'E' grade.

We have finally just moved into our new social rooms at the Recreation Reserve and hopefully the internal fittings and carpet laying will be done in the next two weeks. All members of the Cricket Club would like to thank all the people who have donated to the coterie club to help with the fund raising for the new rooms and we will be having an opening function and inviting them along once the season starts.

The balance of money required has been obtained by taking out a loan from the bank. So everyone will need to work hard to get this paid off.

The practice pitches have been relaid so how about coming along and supporting the Cricket Club this year. If you are looking for a game, of cricket turn up to practice on Thursday nights or Sunday mornings. For further information ring Richard Edwards (Secretary) on 443463 or Colin Mitchell (President) 44 3664.

NEW RESERVE IN BEACON HILLS RIDING

Laura Levens 443828

Early in 1989 Pakenham Council decided to reserve a parcel of land in Dickie Rd., Officer for conservation. A committee of management was later appointed and the name "E.A. Owen Conservation Reserve" was approved by Council, who have since provided handsome sign.

As far as can be ascertained the property has never been cleared and thus is worthy of conservation. The dominant trees are Eucalytus radiata (narrow leafed peppermint, E. goniocalyse (long leaf box) and E. obliqua (mess mate) with an understory of wattles, then myriad lilies, everlastings, orchids, climbing plants and other flowers among large areas of golden bush pea. A small water course is lined with various ferns and sedges so it has quite a variety of habitats for wildlife.

The first and ongoing project for the committee is to reduce the weed population. This problem is mainly along the frontage to Dickie Rd, with only a few dandelions and the odd blackberry further in. To deal with this a weeding bee has been organised for October 21 at 9.30 a.m. There will also be time for a walk through the reserve to discover points of interest to be included on a future nature trail. Anyone who likes to bring a gardening fork and morning tea will be welcome at this ideal chance to be introduced to our newest reserve.

BABYSITTING CLUB

Irene Physick 443563

We always welcome new members.

Secretaries:	October	-	Jenny Durkin 44 3765
	November	-	Keryn Redpath 44 3793
	December	-	Irene Physick 443563

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN DOORKNOCK

Des McKenna

The organisers of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign wish to sincerely thank the 35 local residents who offered their services on Sunday, 9th September, as volunteer door knockers and to especially thank the residents of Upper Beaconsfield who so generously donated a total of \$1,826.07.

This money will go towards F.F.H.C. projects (i.e. farms, irrigation, primary health care centres) in countries like Eritrea, Bangladesh, the Philippines or Cambodia.

The F.F.H.C, works directly with grassroots community organisations in these countries to increase self-sufficiency.

Australian donations to F.F.H.C. for example have tripled egg production in India in ten years and made Sri Lanka self-sufficient in rice.

THE DEBATE CONTINUES**Ysabelle Hobson**

In response to last issue's article on the baiting of foxes with 1080 poison, a resident in a Dewhurst/Emerald conservation zone has reported that, earlier this year, her family dog died of what was confirmed, by a vet as being toxic poisoning. The dog apparently somehow picked up the poison whilst on the family property.

The Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands are reviewing the already extremely strict guidelines under which an applicant may be issued with poisons such as 1080. They are also conducting an enquiry into the above-mentioned incident. Dennis Corbett, spokesman for the Dept. of C.F.&L., said that it was possible, although far from commonplace, for a fox which had picked up a poisoned bait to regurgitate, it en route to its den. This could constitute a danger to any animal which might then happen upon and consume the regurgitated bait. (1080 can take up to 10-12 weeks to be rendered harmless by natural breaking down processes). The Department is doing extensive research into alternative methods of fox and rabbit control, such as the poison Pindone. Unlike 1080, there is an antidote (Vitamin K) for Pindone. But whatever method of control is used, poison is issued only after the applicant has fulfilled stringent requirements. In each case, the Department carefully monitors and follows through in each case.

TOY LIBRARY**Jeanette Cunningham 427430**

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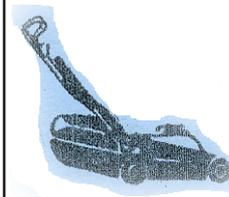
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Oct.	7	Sun.	Hall Planning Meeting (See article)
	12	Fri.	CFA/Rotary Club Golf Day (see articles)
	13	Sat.	St. John's Fete
	15	Mon.	10% toy discount night (see article)
	21	Sun.	Conservation Group weeding bee {see article}
	27	Sat.	Salisbury House Spring Fair (see article)
	28	Sun.	Igloo extensions offic. op. (see article)
Dec.	2	Sun.	New Fire Station offic. op. (see article)
