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YOUTH - WHERE TO NOW ?????

The Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre together with the Shire of Pakenham will be holding a Youth Forum to look at the options for recent school leavers.

WHEN : THURSDAY, 30TH APRIL

WHERE : UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME : 7.30 P.M.

WHO'S INVITED : YOUTH, PARENT AND ANY INTERESTED PEOPLE

Have you just completed V.C.E. or left school and can't get into a college, Uni or find a job? What are your options? Come along and hear speakers from TAFE, D.E.E.T., C.E.S., D.S.S., Career Advisors. Take this opportunity to ask questions and develop strategies and find out about new courses offered through Community Centre and Shire and plan for your future.

\*COME ALONG AND TELL US HOW YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP YOU\*

UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION INC.  
APRIL 1ST - PUBLIC MEETING - 8 P.M.  
 AT  
 COMMUNITY CENTRE  
SPEAKER: ANNE JONES (MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE)  
SUBJECT: "ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES"  
 INCLUDING AIR & WATER QUALITY: PESTICIDE USE & LOSS OF RECREATIONAL LAND  
 YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON ANY LOCAL ISSUE

CONSERVATION GROUP

Lois Rooke  
Sue Simmons

Our Plant Nursery has come a long way since we started it in 1989. Originally we propagated a few local eucalyptus and wattles which we sold to members. Now we have 80 different species of local wild flowers, trees and ferns available at 70c each - very cheap!

A garden of wildflowers looks beautiful and will provide food and shelter for the local wildlife. Wildflowers grow with little assistance - definitely no par..ing! Think of the water you will save! You'll be fascinated by the birds, butterflies and nocturnal wildlife that will visit your garden.

The Nursery is located at 5 Paul Grove and is open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, or ring Sue Simmons on 443 690.

The Mulcher - There's no need to burn prunings any more. Our very efficient mulcher is available to residents at \$20 per hour plus \$5 membership. For your convenience we have two new numbers to ring - 432 472 or 018 382 368. Greg Wyatt will assist with your booking.

Next meeting of the Conservation Group is at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Centre, Wednesday, 8th April. We will have a speaker from the Department of Conservation and Environment, Penny Gillespie discussing eradication of foxes. For the sake of our wildlife and some of your domestic animals, please join us in this important matter.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD RAINFALL 1991

Charles Wilson

We are fortunate to have two sources for our rainfall figures. The official figures are recorded at the Beaconhills Golf Club, by the incumbent curator. Another set is provided by George Moir of "Barkala" in Emerald Rd. who has been recording for 25 years. His average annual rainfall for this period is 972.1mm. For those who are familiar with the old scale this is a little under 40 inches.

For the year ending December 1991, George has recorded 1088.3mm, and the Golf Club 1164.3mm. It appears that slightly more rain falls on the north side of the town, and this has been the experience in past years.

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TALENT QUEST

Jeanette Ballinger 443 395

The Village Bell Editors are on the lookout for people with skills or imagination which could be made available to the production team - editors, artists, journalists, typists and teams of people to help collate the paper which is published six times per year.

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QUARRY IMPACT ASSOCIATION INC.

Charles Wilson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - APRIL, 9TH at 8 P.M. AT

OFFICER PUBLIC HALL, STARLING ROAD, OFFICER.

SUPPER PROVIDED.

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The Upper Beaconsfield Association operates within the community of Upper Beaconsfield solely as the representative of the people of the district. It is open to everyone, and its views are always carefully considered by the Shire of Pakenham, Yet, when it comes to meeting attendance, only a very limited number of our community find it necessary to attend.

Of course, there are many persons in the community who already attend and give service to many other of our voluntary committees, such as kindergarten/pre-school, school, scouts, guides, cricket, halls etc and they are to be commended for that. However, the overall environment in which we live, and the broad issues which impact on our town such as drainage and planning are discussed and resolved at Association meetings.

I can only ask that you do read the "Village Bell" and attempt to attend a meeting from time to time of your Association.

Over the past year attempts have been made to provide speakers at the meetings who were able to discuss topics which were related to issues which could impact on living in Upper Beaconsfield.

The Shire Engineer gave an overview of the Shire's activities, a Conservation officer spoke on an environmental study which is shortly to be undertaken through the Shire of Pakenham. Inspector, Kevin Cameron spoke on community and the police, and Senior Sergeant Chris Wilde introduced the topic of Neighbourhood Watch. Health Surveyor- Graeme Pankhurst discussed drainage problems within the township, and the Manager of the Cardinia Creek Park gave an outline of the possible Park and its impact en the Upper Beaconsfield community.

The Association also acts as the instigator of a number of other activities, including the Village Fair and the Carols by Candlelight.

The 1991 Village Fair managed and operated by a handful of very special people, namely Barbara Hassall, Pam McDonald and Fay Farthing, able supported by husbands David, Neil and Keith as well as Graeme Cockerell produced a terrific day and a wonderful Village get together.

In similar fashion, the Carols by Candlelight grow from strength to strength, out still with just an absolute minimal number of organisers. Ray Ratcliff and Judy Skinner combine to organise the singers, the stage, the lights, Father Christmas etc. Both our Church Groups contribute as too does the Rotary Club, not forgetting the sound system provided by Tony Fraraccio and the important compere role played by our former resident Greg Ross.

Either of these activities can and will accept offers of help.

A number of attempts have been made throughout the year to provide for the needs of the growing numbers of youth within our community, and for a variety of reasons, the ventures have not met with continual success. The Church group is continuing with its activities, however, the Under Age Cafe is no longer in operation, and the effort by Chris Delia at the Neighbourhood Centre to provide transport for the youth during the school holidays was not successful. A meeting of parents, youth and interested persons was held in April, 1991, and although the discussions were useful, no real gains have been made. Certainly a topic for a future committee.

This year has seen the reseal of St. Georges Road, the completion of another stage of Manestar Road, the introduction of the recycling program, and the proposed construction of a roundabout at Inglis Road - Emerald Road intersection. We have moved into the new extensions at the Hall, and the "Village Bell" has continued to provide excellent material to make certain that all our citizens are up to date in what is happening in our town. Julie Jamieson was elected as our Citizen of the Year, and the year passed without bushfires.



UPPER BEACONSFIELD COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

D. McKenna  
443 516

COMMUNITY WEEK - was again a great success with gatherings of neighbours in all and every street in Upper Beaconsfield. Some streets combined to make a bigger get together, whilst others preferred to have smaller groups where you could spend more time together. If YOU missed out this year make sure you get with it in February 1993 when it will be on again in the week surrounding the anniversary of "Ash Wednesday".

Special thanks to the community organisations which ran special functions.

"RESIDENTS AT RISK" We urge all members of our community to look around and identify any residents who would be 'at risk' in a sudden emergency situation requiring evacuation. These could be elderly, sick or young mothers with children without transport during the day. We would like you to identify any such need and make an advance commitment to look after such people in any emergency that might arise.

MONITOR SYSTEM Our group has available, for a small weekly rental, a personal monitor and alarm system suitable for elderly or infirm residents which would give them confidence to stay at home and allow for emergency assistance to be made available at the pressing of a button.

C.P.R. - In May we propose to again make available a training evening in C.P.R. - resuscitation techniques which should be known to all parents and members of the community. We will have a class organised by the Royal Life Saving Society and we make places available to the general community for a small fee to cover the R.L.S.S. charges. Details will be available later - proposed date 11th May.

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RED CROSS REPORT

M. Womersley

Red Cross Calling - As this report is being prepared in mid March, it is not possible to publish final figures for the Berwick and Upper Beaconsfield areas so far as the annual. "Door Knock" is concerned. At local level it is gratifying to have so many unpaid volunteers willing to assist in the biggest money raising project of each year. Also, the willingness of householders to donate is greatly appreciated. Money from Red Cross Calling will be used to fund local community programs across the State including the "Recession Assistance Program".

Red Cross Week - A day becomes a week in Victoria this year when World Red Cross Day falls within Red Cross Week (2nd to 9th May). The theme for the week is "Humanity - United against Disasters". Amongst the many planned activities there will be an open Week-End (2nd - 3rd May) at Stonnington, Glenferrie Road, Malvern. Stonnington became a Red Cross Hospital (1939-52). A Junior Red Cross poster design competition is to be conducted in over 200 Victorian Primary Schools. Do we have any interest from the Upper Beaconsfield School?

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT (Cont'd)

In conclusion, I wish to especially thank Pam Harrison who is retiring from the position of Secretary, and to Ray Allsop who is retiring as Treasurer. I thank the community of Upper Beaconsfield for allowing me to be President of the Association over the past three years, and I extend a warm welcome to our new office bearers.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD GIRL GUIDES

Annette Dale (Leader)

The company have been very busy organising a cultural weekend at Venus Bay, This includes the back to basics training of what to have in a back pack, how to organise it and what to wear. For the camp we have practised our first aid skills and the following girls have earned their first aid badges -

Helen Paine	Sarah Fiddes	April Woskoboenko
Emily Physick	Bronwyn Oke	Nina Van Vliet

Other badges earned have been the 'Pet Keeper' by Nina Van Vliet and 'Athlete' by April Woskoboenko.

The girls also helped in the clean-up Upper Beaconsfield campaign organised by the Rotary Club.

Coming events include a swimming carnival and a Jamborette at Sea Lake. In the first week in March I enjoyed a leaders back packing weekend at Warburton. Yes, it was in the area where the two boys from a school party were lost. No, we didn't meet them but we did have the right equipment to stay in the bush. If these are the skills your daughter would enjoy then get in touch with our group leader, Pauline Timmins - 443 331.

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PAKENHAM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

DO YOU NEED HELP?

DO YOU NEED INFORMATION?

The Citizens Advice Bureau in Pakenham offers these services and many more. Just a call, on any Monday to Friday can make a difference between knowledge and frustration.

The Bureau can arrange referrals to professional advice or assistance in a crisis. No matter how trivial the enquiry may seem to you, the staff at the Bureau are happy to help.

Make life easier, call in or phone the Bureau when you can't locate information or you need help at a time when things seem hopeless.

And remember the Pakenham Citizens Advice Bureau is located in the Community House, 24 Main Street, Pakenham, right opposite the Consolidated School. Hours are 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Monday to Friday and the phone number is (059) 412 377.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PAKENHAM SHIRE

Cr. Ewenson  
Cr. Peter Meeking

UPPER BEACONSFIELD YOUTH FORUM  
AT UPPER BEACONSFIELD HALL - APRIL 30th at 7.30 p.m.

A Forum for parents and youth will be held in conjunction with the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre. With some 20,000 of Victorian children unable to gain entry to further education or a job and many others who have completed Tertiary Education and have still not found work, some help must be given to these people who are surely the future of our society.

Speakers will be obtained from the Commonwealth Employment Service, TAFE, Career Advisors etc. and attempts will be made to provide courses for students through the Community Centre to increase skill levels.

Fire Hazard Reduction - Brennans Estate

At the request of Estate residents, detailed consideration was given to the request to 'slow burn' the Council reserves within the Estate. Following further discussions with the Fire Prevention Committee, the C.F.A. and the Conservation Group the Shire has resolved not to proceed. In lieu thereof, some additional clearing of undergrowth will occur within the reserve.

Emergency Management Exercise, 1993

Shire Council has endorsed the recommendations of its Emergency Management Committee to conduct a major emergency exercise in the early part of 1993 -10 years after the traumatic Ash Wednesday fires.

The C.F.A., S.E.S., and Police are generally in support of such an activity as a Community situated in one of the highest fire prone areas in the State needs to be aware and prepared.

Lenne Street

Shire Council has now investigated residents' alternative suggestions to "Kerb and Channelling". Some underground drainage will be undertaken at the top of "the road, some regrading and reshaping of the road will take place and some crossings will have to be upgraded.

Horse Riding

The maps and notes for the Beacons field Upper Horse Trails are now available at the Shire offices. The knowledge of experiences riders has enabled the production of the maps.

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UPPER BEACONSFIELD BABYSITTING CLUB

Secretaries for the coming months are -

MARCH -	Alison Ryan	443 984
APRIL -	Jennifer Weimann	443 054
MAY -	Moira Parker	443 274
JUNE -	Anna Mitchell	443 795

We have decided to have a mid-year get-together for all the "Mums" of the Babysitting Club. This will be for dinner at the Cardinia Park Hotel at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th June. Please phone me, Debbie Winder 443 056 to let me know if you can come. New members are always welcome and you can come along and meet us for dinner too, or phone the Secretary of the month to find out about the club and have your name added to our list.



**TWILIGHT VILLAGE FAIR, 1992**  
SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL from 2 PM.

The parade to start the '92 Village Fair will leave Halford Rd. (outside the R.S.L. Club) at 2 p.m.

Participants are asked to report to GRAHAM COCKERELL and Ray Ratcliff there no later than 1.45 p.m. Cr. Charles Rundell (Shire President) will officially open the fair at 2.30 p.m. and the Citizen of the Year will be announced.

Scott Robinson will again be running games for the children - sack races, tug-of-war, three legged races etc. Albert with his cracking whip and performing horse will entertain you.

Bill Lee and his Merry-go-Round and the popular Indian Teepee is sure to attract children into the evening. The usual Food Stalls, Devonshire Teas, Cake Stalls will tempt you and there will be Craft stalls, plenty galore, decorated bike competition (with ROSEBANK STACKHATS AS PRIZES) and Whacko the Clown will be operating!

A display of art by the children will be in the Igloo and Judy Skinner is working up the musical items by the children. Competitions for "best sun hat" and the "best sunsmart parent" will be run. We would love you to come - prepared to stay for tea. Suggestions to make the Fair bigger and better will be gratefully accepted.

**Intending stall-holders should ring to book in A.S.A.P.**

Anybody in the Community who is prepared to help don't hesitate to call

Barbara Hassall - 443418

Pam McDonald - 443 782

Ian Wastell - 443 297

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Alan Chaplin (Principal)

The school year has commenced with our highest enrolment on record - 358 students. We have welcomed two new staff members in Sherrin Johnson and Cathy Brown.

Our children will again be involved in a camping program with Gr. 6 journeying to Wilsons Promontory, Gr. 5 to Sovereign Hill (Ballarat) Gr. 4 to Hiawatha Hills (near Yarram) and Gr. 3 will again have an overnight sleepover.

Our "House System" has been revamped with area names given to each house.

<u>CARDINIA (Red)</u>	<u>DEWHURST (Blue)</u>	<u>EMERALD (Green)</u>	<u>GUYS HILL (Yellow)</u>
Kellie Wilks (C)	Olivia Gault (C)	Renee Conroy (C)	Becky Edwards (C)
Simon Haussegger (C)	Paul Physick (C)	Luke Pitcher (C)	Brett Murphy (C)
Beth McLeod (V.C.)	Kristie Colomb(V.C.)	Jacinta Cox(V.C.)	Lauren Murphy(V.C.)
Aaron Gray (V.C.)	Jonny Stinear( V.C.)	Scott Pitcher (V.C.)	Owen Jolly (V.C.)

Children are involved in sporting, academic and citizenship activities to gain house points with a cup being awarded to the winning house each week.

The Safety House program will have been operating for 10 years in April of this year. A number of activities are being arranged to recognize this most valuable service within our school community.

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**1ST BEACONSFIELD UPPER SCOUT GROUP**

Group Leader : Peter Deering 443 521  
Committee President: Barry Smith  
443 219

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 30 MARCH**

Our Committee activities have been restricted to basic preparation for the new year with a supply of firewood for our raffles being collected and plans for our Annual General Meeting on 30th March being finalised.

**BOTTLE RECYCLING DEPOT -**

We would like to thank the residents who have shown support for our bottle recycling depot. It is evident that a considerable number of people have not taken the easy option of placing bottles in the Council bags and are still depositing them in our depot beside the Pine Grove Hotel. The income from this project is vital to our operation and, as it involves voluntary labour with no financial outlay, is the cheapest way for us to raise funds.

**NEW MEMBERS -**

There has been strong interest in new membership with 5 cub scouts - Craig Norbury, Peter Sheary, Matt Brennan, Nicholas Ash and Damian Bradford along with 2 scouts, David Simpson and Michael Gibson as well as 2 venturers - James Ling and David Taylor who moved up from scouts. One of our scouts Paul Simpson, is busily making plans to attend the World Jamboree in New Zealand next year.

**AQUA CAMP - ANDERSONS INLET -**

The last weekend in February saw 8 scouts attend an aqua camp at Andersons Inlet, Inverloch, combined with other scouts from Toomuc and Dandenong Districts. They had a most enjoyable time in perfect weather with canoeing, windsurfing, waterskiing, a mud bash and snorkling activities as well as participating in the "Clean Up Australia" campaign around the foreshore area. The boys were full of praise for a weekend with a difference.

**QUEENS SCOUT AWARD - TRENT FAIRWEATHER -**

A most significant event will take place late in April when our Venturer, Trent Fairweather, will be presented with the Queen's Scout Award. Trent will be the first person in our Group to earn this highest award, and he has worked extremely hard to qualify. Congratulations, Trent!

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**TERRY MILLIGAN**

The sudden death on Saturday, 14th March, of Mrs. Terry Milligan shocked her many friends in Upper Beaconsfield. Terry was a much loved member of the community and was very involved in community life.

She was a valued member of the Upper Beaconsfield C.W.A., the Upper Beaconsfield Rural Fire Brigade and the Brigade Auxiliary and has served as Treasurer for some years in each of these organisations. Terry was also involved in the Pakenham Historical Society and the Upper Beaconsfield Association.

The huge contribution made to the life of the village by John and Terry was recognised in the 1980 'Citizen of the Year' award.

A guard of honour was mounted by the Brigade members and members of the Auxiliary to pay tribute at the well-attended funeral service held at St. John's Church on 18th March.

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## II THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT - THE EARTH SIZE VIEW Roger Francey

Last edition we looked from afar at the miniscule volume of space, and the tiny range of temperatures which support life. The message was that if we mess this small space up there is no obvious alternative. In the process I unnecessarily confused some readers with degrees Centigrade and degrees Kelvin, and insulted the methane molecule ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) by describing it as having 3 atoms - please read "at least 3 atoms".

Now we zoom in on the atmosphere and focus on the gases receiving the blame for scaring society about impending climate change - those observed to be rapidly increasing in the atmosphere over the last decade or so. The rapid increases are the clearest evidence that the changes are associated with human activity since they are occurring on very much the same timescale as increasing population, coupled with the increasing demand per head of population for the earth's resources. And average global temperatures are clearly warmer now than earlier this century. Our recent reconstruction of temperatures from Huon pine ring-widths show the last 25 years as the warmest in the last 1000 years of the tree ring record. Air trapped in Antarctic ice cores gives us the best perspective on the changes, clearly documenting the commencement of rises in carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ),  $\text{CH}_4$ , nitrous oxide ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ ) and CFCs over the last 50-150 years. In fact,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_4$  are higher now than at any time in the last 100,000 years. By also providing a crude measure of temperature, the ice cores show that when temperature is low in the ice ages,  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_4$  are low, and vice versa.

These links between human activity, and greenhouse gas levels, and greenhouse gas levels and temperature are based largely on circumstantial evidence. A close look reveals plenty of unanswered questions. For example, for  $\text{CO}_2$ , the end result of extracting energy from plant material (including coal and oil), it is clear what is driving the increase, but no-one can understand why the increase is not even faster than observed. For  $\text{CH}_4$  we are now finding the rate of increase slowing, we don't know why. For CFCs their greenhouse effect in the lower atmosphere may be offset by their destruction of ozone in the upper atmosphere (ozone also being a greenhouse gas apart from its more recognised agent as a UV shield). Although global temperatures are definitely warmer now than earlier this century/late last century, why does the temperature increase go in fits and starts every 10-30 years rather than increase steadily like the gases. There are possible consistent explanations for many of these puzzles, but as of yet, no hard proof!

Our new CSIRO GASLAB (Global Atmospheric Sampling Lab) is one approach in tackling the trace gas questions by increasingly sophisticated and precise measurement of the trace gases. The possible climate impact of the gases is also being increasingly studied using computer based models, which because of the complexity of trying to model the real world, are still in their infancy. Most would estimate the task of obtaining precise climate predictions as taking at least 10 years. Never-the-less the infant models are showing considerable consistency in predicting a continued global warming over the next centuries.

The scientific directions are well defined and are progressing at an exciting pace. The public perception of the state of play is much more confused. This follows both from a lack of appreciation of the time that it will still take to unravel the scientific questions, and from the emergence of powerful political lobby groups, broadly identified with industry on one side and the green movement on the other, who are often exploiting the very real scientific uncertainties extremely selectively. The motivations of the lobby groups are understandable, reflecting the possible dire economic consequences of restricted fossil fuel use on one hand, and the possible severe environmental degradation on the other. The emergence of the lobbying anticipates the very real desire of many governments around the world to take some action on greenhouse. But this is straying onto next editions subject matter.

**BEACONHILLS GOLF CLUB**

Barbara Jackson 443 554

Staff and committee members at Beaconhills have been busy coping with the opening of the 1992 golfing season, Dandenong Mayoral Charity Day, the Pro-Am and a visit from the members of Mirboo North. Golf Club. In addition, keen competition has taken place for selection in Pennant teams.

Several major competitions take place in March including the lady members' Phoenix Plate. This perpetual trophy was donated by Dot White, Moya Ross, Margaret Mackenzie residents of Upper Beaconsfield, Mary Hall (Avonsleigh) and Joyce Connan (Cockatoo), in appreciation of the support they received from club members when their homes were destroyed by the Ash Wednesday bushfires. Margaret is now living in Merimbula and although Moya has moved closer to Melbourne, she is still a regular competitor each week.

Club champion Mark Auhl of Stoney Creek Road is continuing to add to his trophy collection, recently winning the Brian Balcombe Match play championship, the Captain's trophy and the Pro-Am Amateur A Grade Lakes course event, hitting 70 off the stick to give him 39 points.

In the Professional field which included Mike Colandro and Hank Baran (U.S.A.) and Victoria's Ian Stanley, club professional Mark Griffin came in 2 under par for 36 holes (67, 71 = 138), just 4 strokes behind the leading score of 134 achieved by Leith Wastle and Darren Cole (Moe).

Special welcome to Upper Beaconsfield residents Stephen Clisnall, Leigh Hughes, Paul Madgwick, Martin Van Liempd, Lincoln Pitt and George Moir who have recently become members at Beaconhills.

The new monthly 'Fairway' newsletter is available in the club house with the purpose of keeping members and greenfee players up to date with happenings at Beaconhills.

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

Mark Bellgrove 443 993

Just a note to let the community know that we are a thriving club and continually growing. This is reflected in the success which the club is currently enjoying.

The Labour Day weekend saw the running of our Annual Tournament. This tournament is recognised by the V.T.A. (Victorian Tennis Association), and is a major fund raiser for the club. Since its inception a few years ago, the format has changed from a mixed doubles tournament to one with singles, doubles and mixed events.

This tournament is the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work by club members and its success is reflected in the ever-increasing number of entries. This year 246 people participated in the tournament.

In April we will hold our annual Club Championships. The 5th, 12th and 26th are set aside for Seniors, while the Junior Club Championships will be held over two Saturdays - 4th and 11th.

The 91/92 Summer Season is proving quite successful for many of our teams. On the senior front, we have 5 out of 7 teams to play in the finals in late March, Good luck to all our teams.

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**NEW FACES AT THE MILK BAR**

Phillip Rocke

After a number of years Pat Kelly retired from the Milk Bar at the end of January. The business is now being run by sister/brother team of Heidi and Adam Konecny. Heidi and Adam have lived all their lives in Upper Beaconsfield and the family is known through connection with the Kinder, school and various sporting activities like tennis and riding. Jan, their mother, is also helping out in the Milk Bar.

Heidi and Adam will continue to cater for the usual clientele including school lunches and will progressively introduce new lines such as pastas, casseroles for eating in and take away.

Adam is the catering expert, having worked in the food business since leaving school. He has worked in restaurants in London, been Head Chef of an Hotel in Windsor (UK) and a Chef at Jupiters (Gold Coast). Adam has worked at the Deli at the Berwick Pub since it opened over a year ago and at the Club Bar.

Anyone is welcome to drop in to see Heidi or Adam and welcome suggestions for food, and beverages.

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**E. A. OWEN CONSERVATION RESERVE**

L. Levens

On March 15th, 1992 the E.A. Owen Conservation Reserve in Dickie Rd,, Officer was officially opened by Mr. Barry Pullen, M.L.C., Minister for Conservation and Environment. Also a Victorian Conservation Trust Covenant deed to the Reserve was signed by Mr. Pullen, the Shire President Cr. C. Handle and Cnr. Warwick Forge, Director of the Victorian Conservation Trust. This is only the second time a Council in Victoria has taken this step.

But what a morning it was! Steady rain kept 60 or so people together under a large tarpaulin and provided, a conversation ice-breaker. Some hardy souls went for a walk along the nature trail prior to the arrival of the Minister.

Light refreshments were provided by the Committee of Management, under cover in a large shed owned by Mr. & Mrs. Don Pritchard. Judging by the way the food disappeared and the buzz of voices the repast was enjoyed by all.

Afterwards everybody trooped back to the tarpaulin shelter at the front of the Reserve for speeches which were short and relevant, followed by the unveiling of the handsome commemorative plaque mounted on a hefty granite rock.

Even the children had fun - by emptying rainwater off the tarpaulin (not quite down the necks of adults).

The Committee of Management were pleased, not only with the results of their labours, but also with the support and co-operation of Council and council staff and with help on the day from several relatives and friends. Our thanks and appreciation to all involved.

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**NEW RESIDENTS**

We welcome the following new residents.

BLUE RIDGE RD. - Peter & Pauline Hamilton; BRENNAN AVE. - Joan, Paul & Nicholas Gamble;

BURTON RD. - Gavin Weidemann; ST. GEORGES RD. - Howard Hawkes.

STONEY CREEK RD. - Joy & Peter Rose

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**UPPER BEACONSFIELD C.W.A.**

Lyn Wright 427 281

Upper Beaconsfield C.W.A. meets on 1st Thursday of every month at the Community Centre. Come along and learn interesting crafts and have some stimulating discussions.

On April 2nd we are having a Malaysian luncheon. Visitors and New Members are most welcome.

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**PONY CLUB NEWS**

Marlene Kelly (443 487)

**BERWICK SHOW -**

Pony Club members had another great Berwick Show when they again won the Aggregate Trophy for the Club with the highest points scored in the Pony Club Ring on Sunday.

The highlight of the day was Angela Harris and her horse Whisper winning the prestigious Evan Henry Memorial event. Well done, Angela!

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -**

Brad Trewin, Catherine Cruickshank and Lisa Kelly are to be congratulated when back in February they were selected as Zone Representatives to compete at the State Championships in Show jumping and Dressage.

Brad won the Zone qualifying in 'A' Grade Show jumping and his team of four finished equal sixth at the State Championships.

Catherine placed second in 'B' Grade Showjumping at the Zone and her Team of Four took out second placing at the State, and Lisa won Grade Two Dressage at the Zone and her Team of Three finished fourth at the State.

**COMING EVENT -**

Sunday, 19th April - Pony Club Combined Training Day.

Spectators Most Welcome!

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**WANTED TO BORROW:**

Photographs, preferably coloured, of the Ash Wednesday bushfires, and of the damage that they caused.

I already have prints from Beryl Hails and from Councillor Ewenson, and have access to prints in the Fire Brigade records and I hope to see others.

Photos can be left for me at the Post Office. All will be returned, so the owner's name and address or phone number, should be plainly written on the back of the photo.

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Jon Boora -

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Fires associated with pot belly stoves, slow combustion heaters and solid fuel kitchen ranges are unnecessarily common. In most cases the fire is confined to the flue and so is more of a nuisance than a disaster. If, however, the stove is in any way defective the fire may spread into the roof space or wall cavity. If you suspect that your stove is "out of control", shut off any vents, if possible quickly isolate the flue, and then call the Fire Brigade on (059) 443 333.

Regular maintenance of your stove will help prevent fires, and save you from the mental trauma inevitably associated with a fire in your home. The stove should be checked for structural soundness - door hinges and catches, door and glass seals, firebricks (if applicable), corrosion of base or walls. Inspect any heat screens that have been installed, and if possible remove the screen and check the wall behind for any discolouration which may indicate an improved screen is required. Redecorate heat screens with caution as new paint etc. may produce toxic fumes or ignite when heated.

Metal flue pipes get extremely hot and they should be surrounded by a protective metal sleeve which allows cooling air flow around the flue, whilst preventing the hot metal from starting fires. Unfortunately this sleeve hides any defects in the flue pipe. Metal flue pipes can fail within three years of installation; so check for rust flakes by passing a magnet over soot collected from your stove; and test for holes by covering the top of the flue and burning wet newspaper, the smoke will show any holes, remember to check the roof space. Any defects should be rectified before using the stove.

Regularly inspect the top of the flue pipe for signs of creosote build-up. Creosote in the flue can fuel a chimney fire. The use of wet wood will increase soot accumulation (also avoid CCA treated timber, the ashes from which are toxic to pets and wildlife). Have the flue pipe cleaned at least once a year before the stove is lit. If these precautions are taken you should have no problems with your stove. If you have any queries contact the retailer or manufacturer.

REFERENCE: Anon. (1986). Pot belly stove maintenance. Operations, 165, 2.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS were lifted on Monday, 16 March.

TURNOUTS : Since the last Village Bell the Brigade has responded to an illegal rubbish fire at Elephant Rock and a false alarm.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Robyn McPhee (Co-ordinator)

Activities are in full swing at the centre. As always the range is varied to cater for all age-groups etc. If there is any craft or course you would like to have and it is not on the curriculum, see the Co-ordinator and every attempt will be made to run it. Creche facilities are available, so the "littlies" are not an excuse to NOT be involved. You can be assured you will always find a friendly smile at the Centre.

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WRITERS GROUP

Laurel

The writers are currently working with their "writer - in - residence". Harley Carter is a published writer so his expertise is valuable to the group. If you ever hear a faint whirring or tapping noise around Upper Beaconsfield, do not be alarmed - it is just the sound of the typewriters and computers.

Another book is planned for later in the year. More information about this will appear in later copies of "Village Bell".

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**DIARY DATES**

- Mar. 30 A.G.M. Upper Beac. Scout Group
- Apr. 1 8.00 p.m. Public Meeting of U.B.Assoc. - Speaker - Anne Jones
- Apr. 4 Village Fair - 2.00 - 6.00 p.m. Parade leaves Halford St. at 2pm.
- Apr. 7 Senior Citizens' Week - Mobile Farm will visit Salisbury House.
- Apr. 8 7.30 p.m. U.B.Conservation Group - Penny Gillespie "Eradication of Foxes."
- Apr. 9 8.00 p.m. Quarry Impact Assoc. A.G.M. Officer Public Hall.
- Apr. 18 St. John's Easter Stall outside General Store.
- Apr. 30 7.30 p.m. YOUTH FORUM on EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT ISSUES.
- May 10 Deadline for June Issue of Village Bell - Copy to Post Office.
- May 11 Proposed date for C.P.R. (Resuscitation) Class by R.L.S.S. - see Care Group Report.
- May 28 Distribution Date for Village Bell.

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**SALISBURY HOUSE NEWS**

Julie Leed

In February the staff and residents engaged in two highlights. Dressing up for St. Valentines Day and celebrating Community Week by having a party in the grounds with residents from Highland Park.

We very much enjoyed "Old Time" favourites on the organ played by Ruth Denny.

On March 17 (St. Patricks Day) we enjoyed a "green" day and had lots of fun.

**Special Events for Senior Citizens Week -**

Tuesday, 7th April - visit from a Mobile farm - the Kindergarten children are joining us for this visit.

Thursday, 9th April - Musical Entertainment

Friday, 10th April - off for a scenic drive around the hills.

**TENTH BIRTHDAY FOR SAFETY HOUSE!**

Helen Smith.

In October 1981 a steering committee was set up to look into starting a Safety House program in Upper Beaconsfield.

By early Term 1, 1982, the groundwork had been done, the signs went up and Safety House was now official.

It was not that there had been any particular problem for school children walking to and from school, perhaps a minor incident or two, but parents in the then Mothers' Club felt that there was more traffic in the area, more people travelling through and had a general feeling that life was not as safe as it used to be. A Safety House program would act as a deterrent to any undesirable behaviour towards children whilst at the same time children would know what to do should they feel frightened while walking along the roads in the area.

To celebrate our tenth birthday, a Safety House week will be held at the Primary School March 30 - April 3. Activities planned include classroom work on safety, a Safety House hot dog day and junior classes will have a visit from the Australian Puppet Group who will perform their 'Safe-T-Show'.

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