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TEMPORARY COMMUNITY CENTRE ARRIVES AT BEACONSFIELD

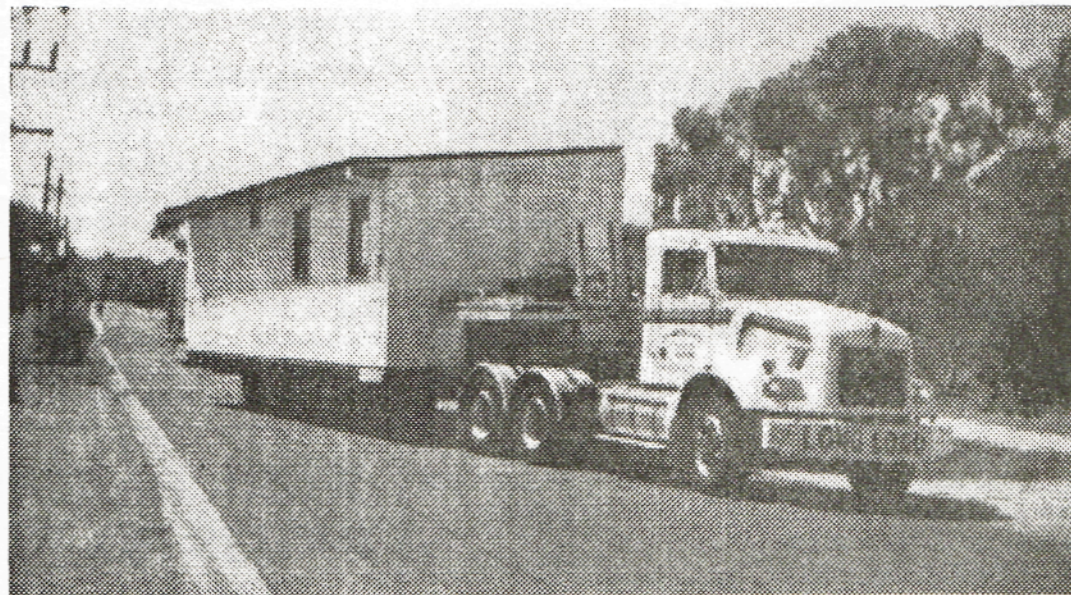
Progress on the Beaconsfield Community Centre is now well under way with the arrival of the "Old Pakenham Library" building to Beaconsfield.

Construction of the extension has commenced and building works should be completed by the end of March, 1992.

The Beaconsfield Community Centre Inc. will then be responsible for painting, fencing, landscaping and playground works, and interior shelving, floor covering (and so the list goes on). If you can help or have any contacts for the supply of paint, fencing, plants, equipment etc.... we would love to hear from you.

The Community Centre activities are currently running from other venues such as the Baptist Church and the Kindergarten, and hope to move to the new Centre during April.

If you would like further information regarding Playgroup, 3 Year Old Playtime, Toy Library or have any interest in starting a new activity or group



Above: The first section of Pakenham's old Library arrives at Beaconsfield for use as the Temporary Community Centre in Beaconsfield Ave next to Scout Hall

within our new Centre, we would also like to hear from you. If your Community Group needs a venue - this Centre is here for your use.

For further information, please contact Bernie Miles on (03) 707 2946 or Karen Popovits on (03) 707 3570.

STOP PRESS

Telecom has advised that a new Payphone will be installed near the ticket box on the Beaconsfield Station. The phone now located opposite the station may be relocated elsewhere in the town.

Footnote: The manufacturer of the orange tops to the payphones has ceased operations.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BEACONSFIELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next public meeting of the Beaconsfield Progress Association will be held at the Beaconsfield Primary School Hall on 26th February, commencing at 7.30pm

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| 7.30 pm. | Cuppa and chat. |
| 8.00 pm. | Guest Speakers:-
Mr. Chris Gee
Mr. Geoff Wild
Both from the Public Transport Corporation.
To speak on the Public Transport in the area. |
| 9.00 pm | Question time of either of the guest speakers or your local councillors |
| 9.30 pm | Cuppa and chat |



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What's Happening at Council

Shire of Pakenham by Councillor Peter Meeking.



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THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The building is on the way. By the time you read this article the ex Pakenham Library will have been moved to the site abutting the Scout Hall, and work will have commenced on the additions. All work is due to be finalised by the end of

March 1992, except for painting and landscaping, which will be a community contribution.

THE ROUNDABOUT

The Emerald Road and Inglis Road Roundabout is near to completion, and in answer to a number of enquiries, the centre of the roundabout will be landscaped.

SOUTER STREET & GOFF STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Design work is underway to lessen the impact of through traffic in these streets, and contact will be made with the Progress Association when the design stage has been finalised.

Below: Map of proposed land exchange of old hall site.

LANDSCAPING - HIGHWAY

Within the median strip of the Highway, Council has installed a watering system, and is now about to carry out landscaping which will create a more attractive Beaconsfield.

RECYCLING

Are you using the new recycling system? Is it working to your satisfaction? If not, please advise the Shire forthwith. It is available for all persons within the existing garbage service area, and is funded from within your total garbage contribution.

EXCHANGE OF LANDS - HALL SITE

Council has regained the title of the Old Hall site and is now proposing to exchange this land for other land to the east so as to provide a large rectangular and more useable site for community use. See sketch attached. Public advertising of this proposal is necessary.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN.

From the President of the Beaconsfield Progress Association

Happy New Year to you all.

Another successful Carols by Candlelight was held in the park and I would like to thank all those who supported this night and those who contributed their time and effort to make it such a success, especially the children who contributed so much to the evenings activities.

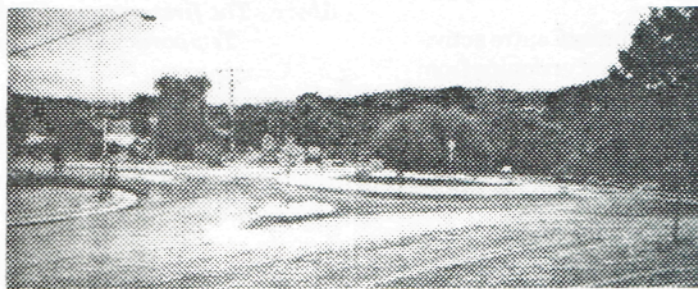
Next year we hope it will be even better.

Have you been to see where the Community Centre is located? We will need as many volunteers as possible to do painting and landscaping work after the building is complete. I'm sure the community will give great support to this project as we will all benefit from having our own Community Centre.

All the best for 1992.

Melva Behr

WORK ON EMERALD RD. / INGLIS RD. ROUNDABOUT HAS COMMENCED.



Work has commenced on Emerald Rd./Inglis Rd. Roundabout

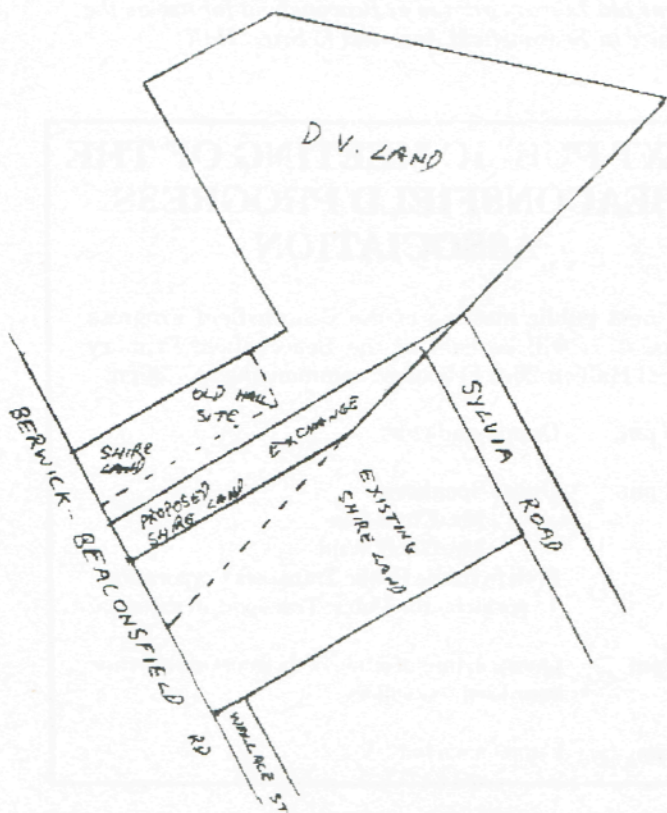
Our new Roundabout

Isn't it wonderful! Won't it be great when it is finished. (It may be finished by the time you read this article.) The Shire advise that the bitumen should be laid by the end of February and then lighting (a central pole plus approach leg lighting) will be installed, together with the appropriate signs and road markings

Even now it is proving to be so much safer for drivers.

The estimated cost is \$102,000 which the Shire is meeting as no funding was available from Vicroads for another 3 years, due to disastrous funding cuts.

Our thanks to the Shire for going ahead with this project when funds were limited



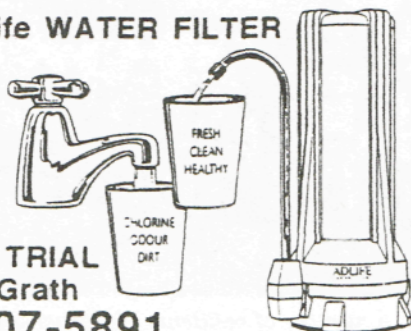
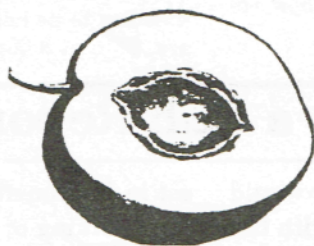
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GREAT SUCCESS***A large crowd enjoy the Carols behind the Pet shop.*

To see hundreds of candles shining their spots of cheerful light in the dark was a memorable sight.

Joseph leading Mary on that placid Jerusalem donkey, children dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men and the Guiding Star, the singing of Carols in the delightful rural setting by the creek, all helped the crowd of about 400 seated on the grassy slopes to go back in their minds to the first Christmas, to the manger scene, and the birth of Jesus.

Our thanks to all who made this such a happy community occasion: (The members of the local Guides and Brownies, children from Beaconsfield School, The Progress Association, Community Centre Group and the song-leaders and musicians provided by the Beaconsfield Baptist Church). Special thanks to Fashionable Pet shop for supplying the power for the lights and sound system.

Next time how about we call it "Carols by the Creek?"

Fred Rudd

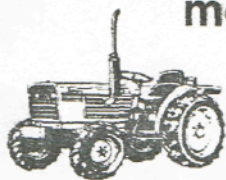
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Two "BBQ's in the park" were organised for Beaconsfield families. The "Court BBQ" was held in the Kath Roberts Reserve, which is an annual pre-Christmas function and approximately 15 families attended this function. The other BBQ was held in the Jim Parkes Reserve where 12 families from Souter St. and Horner St. met.

On both nights the weather looked threatening as neighbours gathered in the park, but as the sausages sizzled the weather cleared and plenty of conversation and laughter was heard.

Great nights were had by all who attended the functions.



Above: A number of residents of Horner and Souter Sts. meet their neighbours at a B B Q in the Jim Parkes Reserve.

BUS SERVICES - BEACONSFIELD

The following is an extract from a letter received from the Public Transport Corporation, by Mr W Bayley, Shire Engineer.

"As you may know the Corporation conducted a comprehensive review of private bus services in the metropolitan area earlier this year. Faced with severe budget cuts the Corporation was required to rationalise the contracted route network to reduce costs and redeploy under utilised bus resources."

"Route 826 was improved between Hampton and Berwick because of passenger demand along the corridor between the two regions. However beyond the Berwick area loadings dropped substantially and a frequency greater than 60 minutes cannot be justified in the present economic climate and given demand for other services elsewhere."

We hope to have a speaker from the Public Transport Corporation at our next public meeting to be held on February, 26th at 8.00pm.

Wanted - a Cub Reporter.

Is there a person who would like to be involved with the Banner? We need an enthusiastic person who would like to gain experience in writing articles about people around the town and anything of inter-

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Rather than advertise our products in the banner this year, we thought we would do something a little different. Each issue of the Banner we will be presenting a brief coverage on computer topics.

In future issues we will cover topics for newcomers and some more advanced matters. We will endeavour to keep them interesting for everybody. Do you have something you would like to see? You can contact us via the Banner or ring us at our office.

Even if you do not own or work with a computer you will probably have noticed the rapid changes. The last 5-10 years have seen the ordinary desktop computer take a large part of the work for businesses in accounts management, payroll, financial performance and wordprocessing. The modern personal computer of \$4000 can outperform a mainframe of 10 years ago, costing in excess of \$100,000.

The rate of advancement of this technology is in fact accelerating, we are seeing the exit from childhood of computer development. Software - the component which makes the computer work for you, will benefit particularly from this maturing process.

What will we see in the next 12 months? At Platypus Technology we think one area will impact greatly this year, interoperability a big word indeed! Despite the industries propensity for words you could lunch on and mind boggling acronyms, this area will touch us all.

Interoperability is perhaps a little boring on the surface. In essence it is the ability for information created by one application being shared by others, without doing anything special.

Let us use an example, imagine you are doing a study of recycling of household refuse and you have accumulated hundreds of pages of figures covering categories of waste, quantities, postcode areas etcetera (all on recycled paper of course). From this you want to write a report and include a map of Australia, showing your story graphically. Traditionally this would be done with three programs, one for the data, one for the report and one for the graph. Change something in one and you have to change it on all.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26th February
Progress Association Public Meeting
- 28th February
Yakkerboo Princess nominations close.
- 21st. March.
Beaconsfield Primary School Gala Fair.
- 27th March
Yakkerboo Colouring Competition closes
Yakkerboo Ball
Closing date for Banner
- 3/4/5th April.
Yakkerboo Art Show
- 5th April
Yakkerboo Parade & Fair
- 23rd April
Next Banner out
Results of colouring Competition.
- 2nd. November (Cup Eve)
Beaconsfield Progress Association
annual Bonfire night
- Beaconsfield Progress Association Annual
Fair will be held with official opening of
Community Centre in 1992.
- NOTE.** From 1993 the Beaconsfield
Progress Association Annual Fair will be
held on the first Saturday in March.

RECIPE CORNER

SPICED CHOPS

Ingredients

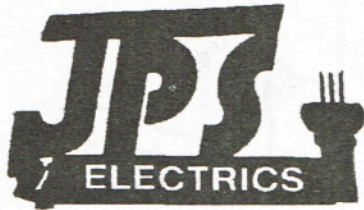
- 4 chump chops
- 3 tblspns plain flour
- 1/2 tspn mustard
- 2 tblspns tomato sauce
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tblspn brown sugar
- 1/2 tspn curry powder
- 2 tblspns vinegar
- 1 cup water

Method

Place all ingredients in casserole. Soak for 1 hour.
Cook for 1-1/2 hours until tender. Serve with steamed
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OUR NATURAL WORLD

When did civilization start? Why did it start? Before it did, we know that the races of man were basically nomadic, living in harmony with nature and their various GODS. They followed the migratory paths of their ancestors, vitally concerned with the cycles of animal, and plant life, and the progress of the seasons. The more astute also followed the guidance of the heavenly signposts, movement of planets and various heavenly bodies.

There is of course, no specific record of the beginnings of civilization, as we are talking of pre-history. The only source of assistance is the "Sacred History", or "Writings", to which we turn. Mythology and Legend are our only spring of refreshment here.

The "Golden Age" of Greece, was presided over by Cronus, otherwise Saturn, and the Godly rule gave way to Zens, when the wandering tribes, under "new" Gods began settlement and adopted a pastoral, agricultural economy. Crude technology in the form of fire, and permanent dwellings came about. Water supplies were sought and crudely tapped to supply the settlements needs.

The settlement of tribes however involved the loss of contact with the "Nature Gods" that had ruled for ages past. This removal of life's deepest reality and certainty caused a deep frustration in human nature, which survives to this very day in our "modern" settlements, the Cities. Remove man from Nature and he truly takes giant steps backwards.

The philosophy of the wandering man was, "All is in the flow", the great river of life. The settlement man was bound to the opposite; i.e. "there is no more flow". "Stagnation" was his unhappy philosophy. His territory was confined to his neighborhood, and in compensation for his loss, he tried to reproduce on a small scale the sacred landscape of his ancestors. These are represented in

our suburban gardens of today.

In 1889, a sturdy English radical, Edward Carpenter, published a book with the provocative title "Civilization: Its Cause and Cure", which in its opening paragraph referred to Civilization, "as a kind of disease which the various races of man have to pass through". This greatly upset the Merchants and Industrialists of the day (making fortunes out of Industry and Science).

Settlements lead to the establishment of social hierarchis, to specialization, the development of arts and sciences, the building of temples, (high rise?) and houses. The very heart and purpose of Cities is economic, with it's attendant greed and exploitation of man, without reliance on nature or seasons.

Plato believed that, "civil life has been going on for a vast and incredible length of time, during which many thousands of Cities have come into being, and the same number have come to an end". This view supposes that Cities rise and fall through the folly and arrogance of their inhabitants, or through natural disaster (visited by the Gods as a cleansing action).

The earliest town know to Archaeology is the biblical Jericho, and it's history is fascinating indeed. The original structure dates to about 8000 B.C. and the reason for it's erection will make interesting reading in our next article as we pursue our topic.

(To be continued).

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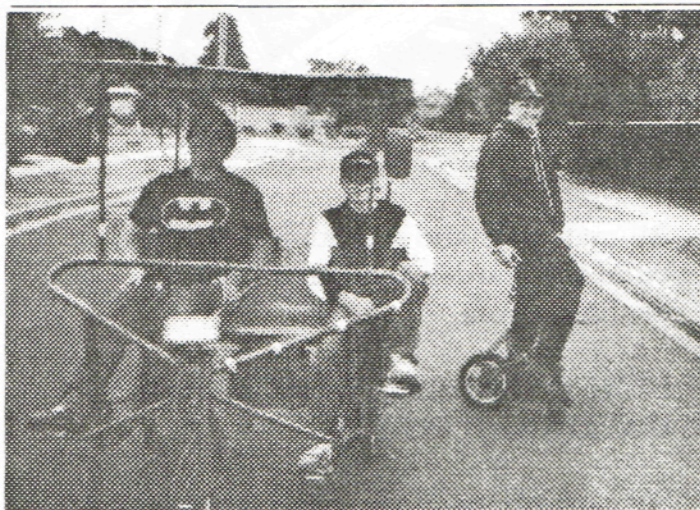
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Above: Fun bikes around Beaconsfield.

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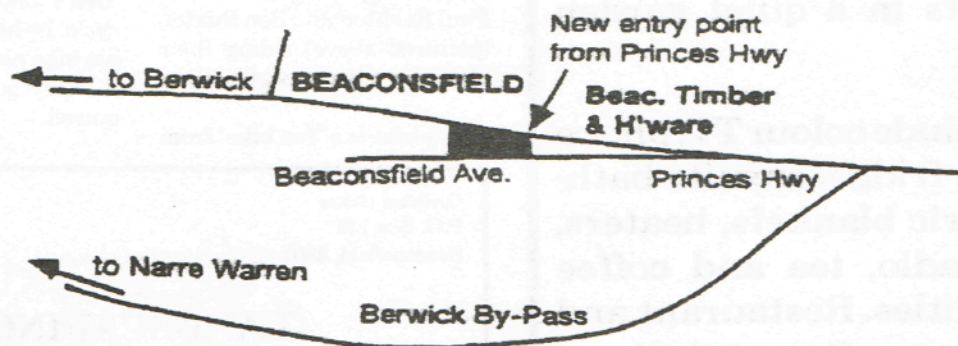
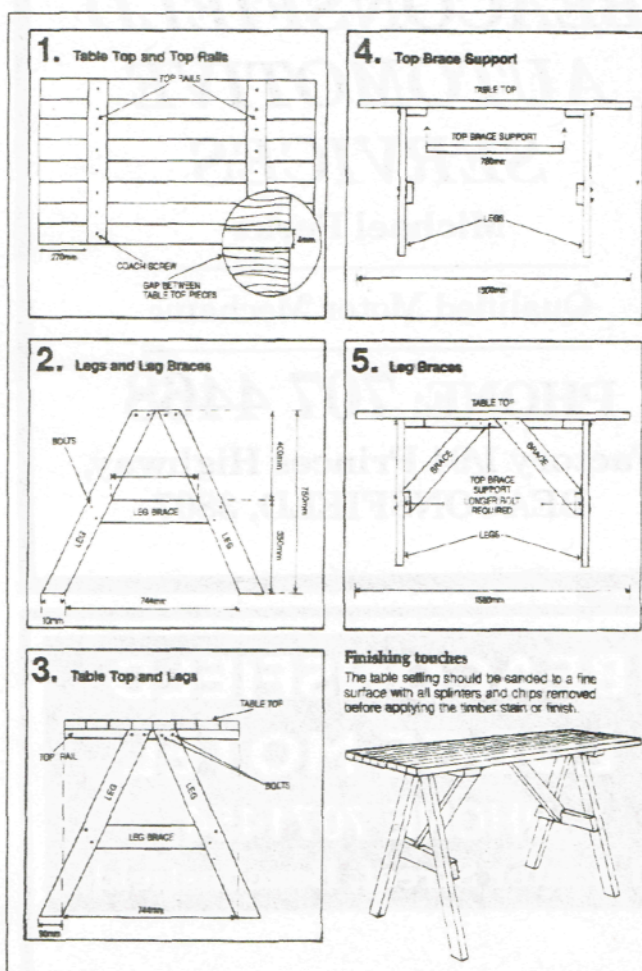


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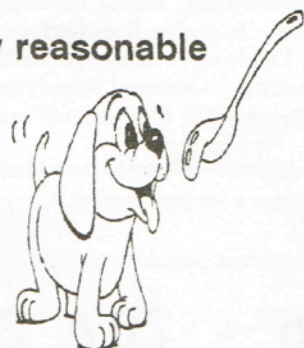
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Beaconsfield Brownies

1st Beaconsfield Brownie Pack meets each Monday evening 8.00pm in the Hall at the Primary School. For further information on Brownies or Guides contact Diane Geritz on 796 2209.

Beaconsfield Netball Club.

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**Beaconsfield Primary
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NEW PROPRIETORS

Noel and Lyne Birmingham are the new Proprietors of the Beaconsfield Milk Bar and Newsagency. They took over in December.

They have two children, Paul 18 years old and Stacey 15 years of age.

They moved from Emerald where Lyne had a Health Food Shop. Noel is a Painter by trade.

Noel and Lyne have already shown community support with their donation to the School Fair Raffle.

NEW BUSINESS

John Joyce of Berwick Vac, a Valet authorised Dealer, have moved his business from Berwick to Shop 7 Princes Highway, Beaconsfield.

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Lardners have now opened a retail hardware shop on the Princes Highway near Beaconsfield Ave.

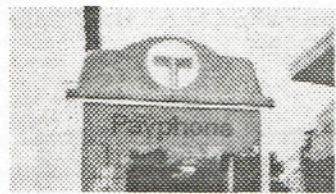
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TELEPHONE BOXES



Above: Beaconsfield's Pay Phone

Below: Other Pay Phones in the area.



The Beaconsfield Progress Association has written to Telecom to ask if the phone box near the railway station could be converted to a Pay Phone and that both phones be fitted with the standard orange top.

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