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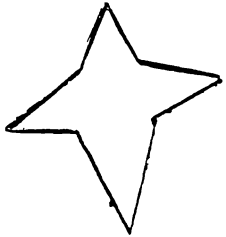
**** DATES TO REMEMBER ****

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

WHERE : CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY. ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL (NEXT DOOR TO CLUB ROOMS)

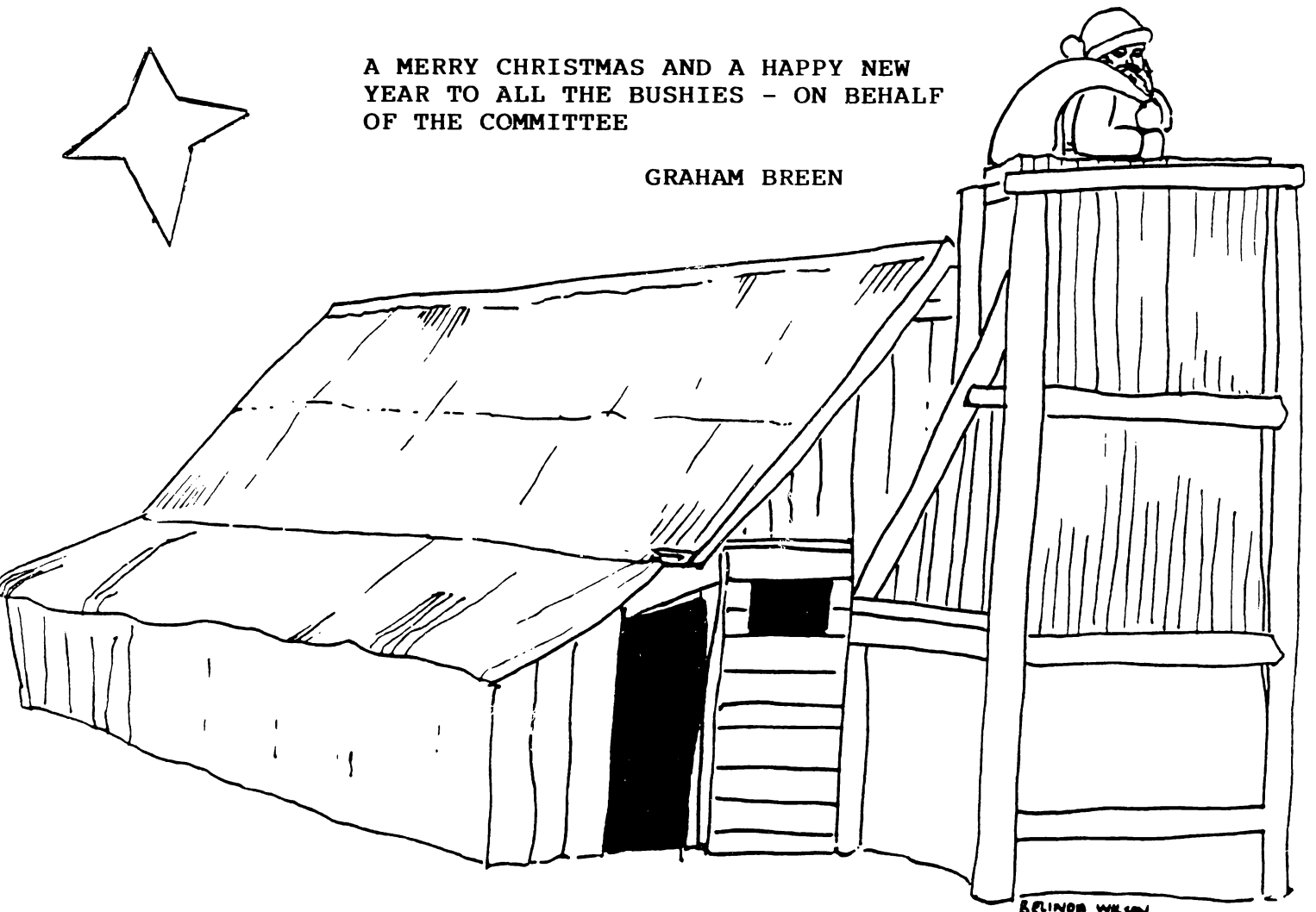
TIME : 7.00 P.M.

B.Y.O.: Plate (Food), Drink & Glass (Some drinks provided). Don't forget the raffle - we have many great prizes this year.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE BUSHIES - ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE

GRAHAM BREEN



50TH BIRTHDAY - AFTERMATH

Well! as the hundreds who turned up for the party of the half century can testify it was indeed a mighty grand day.

The Committee would like to thank Sylvia Wilson for her tireless enthusiasm and organising ability in managing this event. Some of her key helpers who looked after various aspects were: Peter and Anne Bullard (Transport and P.A), Marion Siseman and Bob Steel (Archives), Alan Clarke (Parking, Photos and Finances), Sandra Mutimer (Catering), Emily and Belinda Wilson (T Shirts) and Athol Schafer and Rick Chater (Locating old members). Of course a lot of people assisted in these matters, particularly on the day, for fear of missing some of these people none are mentioned personally. The value of their work cannot be underestimated and was vital to the success of the day. Thank You.

GRAHAM BREEN

FOUND: - AT GILWELL PARK, GEMBROOK 25th November, 1990 Oval broach with nine different stones in it.

- Cork screw with large white handle.
- Yellow nylon parker "Cecil Walker Cycles"
- Scarf
- Die proof of die used for first club badges
- A file of cuttings - Athol?
- Pretty flowery plate - Hugh Duncan?

LOST: FROM BRIDGEWATER BAY: Pot grippers with "S.Wilson" scratch on handle.

Contact: SYLVIA WILSON

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Eve Kinnear

Gina Hopkins

Suzanne Clarke

Peter Chalkley

Carole McBride

Brian Troke

CREW WANTED:

Forward Hand to help race a Hartley 16 foot Trailer Sailer on Saturday afternoons at Williamstown Sailing Club.

Contact: TONY STAPLEY Phone (H) 578 5623 (W) 819 8139

Letter received from Mr. Egan Donath, Founding Member of the Melbourne Bushwalking Club:

E. J. DONATH

M.A., Dip Ed., F.A.I.E.
C.A.E. and Univ. of Melb. Lecturer (ret.)
ECONOMIC CONSULTANT

28/11/90

Lylora Wilson,
Secretary,
Melb. Bushwalkers
C/- Benell, 3124.

Dear Lylora,

First of all I want to thank you for sending me the invitation to the 50th anniversary of the Club as an Honorary Guest.

I enjoyed the happy gathering very much. Meeting so many old, middle aged, young and very young Bushies. Namu Richard, who was the first elected President of the Club, and I were very happy to see that the Club from very inconspicuous beginnings has developed so wonderfully with a large membership and a great variety of activities. Specially, I would like to congratulate you to a first class ^{job} of organizing this memorable event.

With all my best wishes for an active future of the Club, and to all the Bushies,

Egan Donath, the ancient survivor.

Official Photographs of the 50th Birthday Gathering at Gilwell Park, Gembrook 26th November, 1990.

The proofs are now out and look very good indeed. They'll be blown up to 6" x 8" (15cm X 20cm) and displayed at the Christmas break-up for ordering. However, if you can't get there here is an order form:

6"x8" 8"x10"

- 1. '40s Walkers
- 2. '50s Walkers
- 3. '60s Walkers
- 4. '70s Walkers
- 5. '80s Walkers
- 6. '90s Walkers
- 7. Life & Honorary Members
- 8. Presidents
- 9. Kids: Members of tomorrow?

Cost: 6" x 8" = \$ 2.50

 8" x 10" = \$10.00

Postage: \$1.20 extra

NAME: ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE:.... PHONE:

Please enclose cheque/money payable to Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc. and post to P.O. Box 1751Q, Melbourne, 3001. (Peter Bullard will have his on display at Christmas but you'll have to see him for ordering). Orders close on 19th December.

DANDENONGS EXPLORER WALKS

I would like to say "thank you very much" to all the people who have been involved in leading Dandenongs Explorer walks this year. The time and effort which have been expended in planning and leading the walks and associated activities is very much appreciated by myself and by the numerous participants.

We plan to start the new year with a walk at Lysterfield Park on Saturday February 23rd. This will be followed by a barbeque and we hope to see many of you at either or both activities.

PAT GRAY

WILKY WINTER FOOD STORES

Normally leftover food supplies have to be removed by the 1st of January the following year else they become communal property and thus fair game to everyone. This can be a hit soon after the roads open again after winter so the deadline will be moved to the 1st March.

Some groups are amenable to exchanging the contents of their lockers for small favours (e.g. money, bringing the balance back to Melbourne) - others get distinctly upset. So if you think that you would like to "borrow" locker contents PLEASE make arrangements with the leaders FIRST.

GRAEME THORNTON,
WILKINSON LODGE MANAGER

BEHIND THE SCENES - NO.3

ANNE AND PETER BULLARD have allowed their phone number to be listed under "Melbourne Bushwalkers" in the telephone directory. This is a great help to visitors to Melbourne and others who want to make contact with a walking club or try their feet out for the first time. BUT it's a very big job that the Bullards have been doing now for about 4 years, answering up to 30 calls a week and posting off information to those who request it because they can't get into the clubrooms on a Wednesday evening. Our thanks to you both.

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF VICTORIA NEWS

The CCV is very concerned about the threat to the rainforests of the Otways from clearfell logging. Clearfelling (as the term implies) does not just remove individual trees. The whole forest may be levelled over an area of 25 acres or more, and the soil churned up by machinery. The consequence of this is the destruction of wildlife habitat and the silting up of streams.

Animals under threat include the Tiger Quoll, the Yellow Bellied Glider and the Powerful Owl. They rely on mature forest for their survival, and cannot live in younger forests. Streams in the Otway Forests are home to many species that are highly sensitive to the effects of logging. The CCV is requesting donations to help save the Otway rainforests. If you would like to help, please send your donation to:

Conservation Council of Victoria
247 Flinders Lane
Melbourne Vic 3000

PENNY STAPLEY, CCV REP.

DAY WALKS JANUARY, 1991SUN.23RD DECEMBER, 1990 LERDERDERG GORGEEASY/MED

LEADER: : JOHN ROSEMAN & NIGEL HOLMES
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. TIME: 9.00 A.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : LERDERDERG GORGE
 EXPECTED RETURN: 7.00 P.M.
 APPROX DISTANCE: EASY 10-12 KMS, MEDIUM 16 KMS

The medium group will find the going tough but will be rewarded with spectacular views of Melbourne. The easy group will mainly stick to the river with the walking finishing at Blackwood. Bring your swimming togs if hot.

P.S. Since Nigel is leading the Medium group, these lucky people are guaranteed wet feet and maybe the occasional scratch or two, so be prepared

SUN.6TH JANUARY, 1991 SOMERS PARK - MT VINEGAR - FERNSHAWEASY/MED

LEADER: : VERONICA SHEEN & STUART HODGSON
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. TIME: 9.00 A.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : JULIET 1:50,000
 EXPECTED RETURN: 7.00 P.M.
 APPROX DISTANCE: 14 KMS - 16 KMS

This walk through superb forest along ridges will be pleasant even on a hot day. As yet the details of the walk haven't been finalized so check with leaders a week or two beforehand. Bring plenty of water.

SUN.13TH JANUARY, 1991 BIG TREE, ADA RIVER, POWELTOWNE/MED & MED

LEADERS : DERRICK BROWN & JEAN GIESE
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. TIME: 9.00 a.m.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 6.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : NEERIM 1:50,000, ADA RIVER 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 - 22 KMS

Historical relics of the old timber industry are to be seen in this area of beautiful Myrtle Beech forest. The Easy/Med walk should be O.K. for those not wanting too much climbing. We shall see the Big Ada tree, which is, apparently, enormous. An opportunity to walk off that extra weight that you put on over Christmas and the New Year!

WED. 16TH JANUARY, 1991 WERRIBEE GORGEEASY/MED

LEADER : STUART HODGSON
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 5.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : INGLESTON 1:25,000
 APPROX DISTANCE : 15 KMS

One of the best things about this walk is that it's so close to Melbourne - no long drives! We'll visit Falcon's Lookout - spectacular views, and walk through the gorge itself, which is very pretty. Expect to see lots of bird life including wedge-tailed eagles and maybe a Peregrine Falcon. There is a degree of ruggedness and some steep slopes, but nothing a Melbourne Bushie can't handle.

SUN.20TH JANUARY, 1991 KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK-MT.SUGARLOAF-MASONS FALLS E & E/MED

LEADER : RICK CHATER
 TRANSPORT : VAN FROM SOUTH BANK BLVD. TIME: 9.00 A.M.
 EXPECTED RETURN : 7.30 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : VIC MAP - KINGLAKE NATIONAL PARK
 APPROX DISTANCE : 14 - 17 KMS

This walk is in the north-west corner of Kinglake, in an area that hasn't been walked for sometime. The easy walk is totally on tracks with the easy-medium having an extra section of bush-bashing.

From Mt. Sugarloaf excellent views of Melbourne are available and at Masons Falls are a series of cascades of which excellent views can also be obtained. There is a gradual rise to the lookout and a later rise to Masons Falls, but these should pose no problem.

Note that we will be travelling along Hoddle Street and Plenty Road, not through the eastern suburbs. The bus time will be about 1 1/2 hours.

SUN.27TH JANUARY, 1991 KEPPELS FALLS-THE BEECHES-WHITEHORSE CREEK E/MED & MED

LEADER : NIGEL HOLMES
 SEE LEADER IN CLUB ROOMS

W E E K E N D W A L K S J A N U A R Y, 199129TH DECEMBER-1ST (OR PERHAPS 5TH) JANUARY, 1991 BASE CAMP NEAR CAPE CONCERN

LEADERS : ADRIAN COLE, MICK MANN OR ROSA D'ANGELO
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE

At this stage we will try to go to a camping ground near Cape Concern (past Orbost). If this falls through we may go to the Grampians or even somewhere else. See ADRIAN COLE, MICK MANN OR ROSA D'ANGELO in the Club rooms.

2ND-5TH JANUARY, 1991 MT. BOGONG MED

LEADER : DOUG POCOCK
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : ALGONA OR NAT.MAP
 APPROX DISTANCE : 50 KMS

We will climb Bogong via Staircase Spur and get to early camp at Maddisons giving time to explore the waterfalls. Next day across to the edge of the High Planes camping at Ropers. We will return to Bogong via Tims Lookout and camp at Hooker Plateau (weather permitting). Return to cars via Eskdale Spur (perhaps). Full cold weather clothing **MUST** be carried as snow can fall in summer. A fuel stove is necessary.

11TH-13TH JANUARY, 1990 PARKER RIVER BASE CAMP BLUDGE

LEADERS : MICK MANN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : ?
 APPROX. DISTANCE: AS FAR AS YOU LIKE

Very easy base camp with some walking along the rocks or inland tracks or even a spot of fishing. Hopefully plenty of swimming and relaxing.

18TH -20TH JANUARY, 1991 THE BLUFF-SIXTEEN MILE CREEK-HOWQUA RIVERMED

LEADER : JANET NORMAN
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 MAP REFERENCE : V.M.T.C. KING HOWQUA & JAMIESON
 APPROX DISTANCE : 30 KMS

Starting from the car park below the Bluff a short but scenic climb to the summit. Then through the Alpine flowers to our campsite. Next day we descend 16 Mile Track to Howqua River for a swim.

25TH-28TH JANUARY, 1990 MT. FEATHERTOP-DIAMANTINA SPUR-MT.LOCHMED

LEADER : KEITH WHITE
 TRANSPORT : PRIVATE
 EXPECTED RETURN : 8.00 P.M.
 MAP REFERENCE : VIC MAP: BOGONG ALPINE AREA
 APPROX DISTANCE : 40 KMS

An almost circular three day walk starting at Diamantina Hut then along the Raxorback to Diamantina Spur, set up camp, afternoon trip to Feathertop, collect water, camp, next day down Spur then up towards the high plains, camp near Westons Hut, late afternoon stroll, next day Cobungra Gap, Swindlers Spur and finally Mt. Loch car park.

Sounds exhausting and it will be at times but the reward is just being there to absorb some of the most brilliant alpine scenery in Victoria. Be prepared for all sorts of odd changes in the weather.

26TH 29TH JANUARY, 1991 MOUNT ANNE TASMANIAMED

The Flinders Ranges walk was a great success! So don't miss out on this one - two seats left - only \$220 each.

I plan to lead this walk over a four day period encompassing the Australia Day weekend (26-29 January, 1991 inclusive). The walk will start and finish at the HEC airstrip at Scotts Peak Dam. Access to this airstrip will be by light aircraft from Melbourne. For a group of four to six, including myself, the estimated aircraft cost will be only \$220 each. The trip down will be via the picturesque west coast and the return trip will be via the spectacular east coast of Tasmania.

Mount Anne, at an altitude of 1425m, is the highest peak in Tasmania's South West wilderness. The views from the summit area and Eliza Plateau are outstanding, with almost every major peak of Tasmania visible. The Eliza Plateau is one of the grandest highland plateaus of Tasmania and displays many excellent examples of herb fields and cushion plants.

Although the climb is very steep in parts all walking will be along well defined tracks. The Mount Anne circuit including Lake Judd and Mount Sarah Jane can be done comfortably in three days. This is one of the classic bushwalks of Australia and should not be missed.

For further details contact Dave Vincent, Phone (H) 819 4656.

COMMITTEE NOTES - NOVEMBER

Due to the public holiday November's Committee Meeting was postponed a week and it was too late to report proceedings in the November News.

Some of the issues dealt with were:

- . a letter from Fred Halls regarding the degradation of Kooyoora Park by sheep, rabbits, feral goats and horses putting aboriginal shelters at risk and fouling water holes. The Committee agreed we should express our concern to the appropriate authorities. Phil has taken care of this;
- . A suggestion that the cost of printing "The News" be defrayed by accepting advertising. Some preliminary calculations by our Greasurer indicates an additional \$5 per member will need to be considered in setting the next year's membership subscriptions to cover the increased cost of having "News" printed commercially. Some examples of suggested charges are:

	<u>1/4 Page</u>	<u>1/2 Page</u>	<u>Full Page</u>
1 Newsletter	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$50.00
3 Newsletters	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$120.00

The Committee would vet adds in an endeavour to ensure they were not in conflict with club objectives and exercise discretion in accepting them. There would also need to be a limit on the space allowed. Your views on this suggestion would be appreciated. A survey form appears below. Please fill it in and either leave in a special box in the club rooms or post to our G.P.O. Box No. 1751Q, Melbourne. 3001 by 19 December.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ADVERTISING ? ? ? (See Committee Notes)

SHOULD WE ACCEPT ADVERTISING

TICK YOUR RESPONSE

YES

NO

COMMENTS:

PLEASE RESPOND BY 19 DECEMBER PREFERABLY COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND LODGE IT THEN.

WALKS REPORT

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>W/end</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>\$</u>
July	235	235	-	173	62	2,645
August	227	177	50	183	44	1,668

Summer program being printed.

A special thank you to Jean Giese who stepped into the breach while I was incapacitated.

GRAHAM BREEN

COMMITTEE NOTES - DECEMBER

Correspondence received from Alan Johnson, Brian Troke, Horst Eisfelder, Dick Johnson, Aust. Post, Conservation & Environment and Evan Dorath (reproduced on page 3).

- . The letter from Alan Johnson was critical of how one of our walks was conducted. Following discussion it was agreed that we would:
 - . hold a meeting night for leaders and potential leaders;
 - . revise the instructions to leaders; and
 - . provide leaders with a checklist.

TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER, 1990**BALANCE:**

Reserve for bus replacement/Wilky Repairs	\$33,000.00
Current Account	<u>\$ 2,624.75</u>

\$35,624.75

PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

Eve & Me (T Shirts)	\$ 950.00
D.Barson (Call in-Bus Breakdown)	\$ 50.00
Scout Assoc. (Gilwell Park)	\$ 327.00
Able Party Hire (EQT Hire for 50th Birthday)	\$ 394.10
Driving (November)	\$ 440.00
Printed Matter (Summer Programmes)	\$ 74.40
UNO Printing (News November)	\$ 225.00
P. Gronow (Call In-Bus Breakdown)	\$ 243.90
S. Wilson (Postage/Telephone - 50th Birthday)	\$ 64.84
Cleaning & Garaging (November)	\$ 140.00

\$ 2,909.24

BILLS TO BE PAID:

\$ 0.00

WALKS REPORT

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>W/end</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>\$</u>
September	277	232	45	205	72	2,488
October	200	159	41	153	47	1,620

Autumn program is being drafted "Leaders wanted" see Phil Taylor.

TRANSPORT

- . The recent breakdown highlighted the need for a suitable tool kit. This has now been bought.
- . Graham Todd has volunteered to clean the bus but would appreciate someone with a heavy vehicle licence to move it. Can you help on the occasional weekend??

SOCIAL

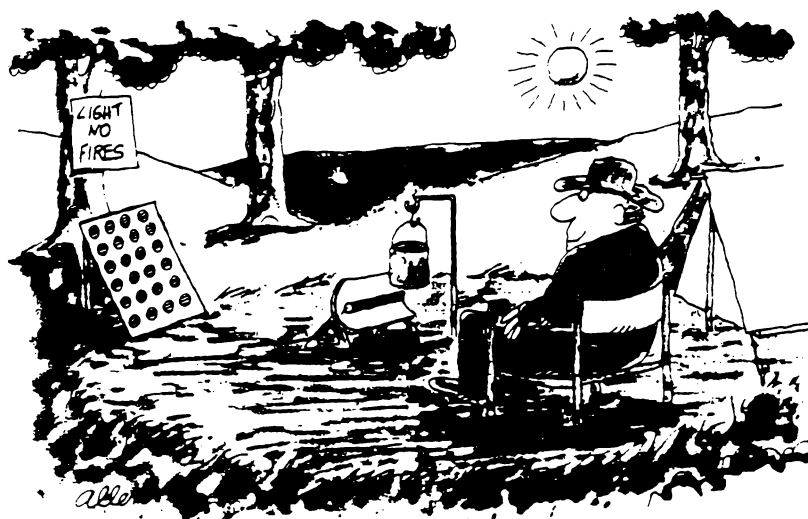
- . 50th Birthday Party - Vote of thanks to Sylvia.
- . Christmas Party - 19 December - Betty Spencer once again organising.
- . End of Year Party - Janet Norman organising. This will be on 23 February, 1991. Please note this date. Full details next month.

WILKY

The porta potti sold, so ends a chapter in our history.

DUTY ROSTER

December 12	Janet	and	Winnifred
December 19	Jean	and	Graham Breen
December 26	No Meeting		
January 2	Phil	and	Winnifred
January 9	Nigel	and	Gina



The environmental camper