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We'll be closed on the following days:

Monday 13.3.89	LABOUR DAY
Friday 24.3.89	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 27.3.89	EASTER MONDAY

ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE:

Dr. Lindsay Francis and Dr. Paul Carter wish to inform you that Dr. Frank Ryan will shortly be leaving their practice. They would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his considerable contribution over the years and to wish him and his family the very best for the future.

In his place they are delighted to announce that Dr. Sally Carter is joining them full-time. The practice will continue to provide 24 hour routine and emergency cover, home visiting, pathology, and X-Ray services to all patients as at present.

For all appointments, emergencies and house calls:

Telephone: (054) 295 254

All correspondence to: 72 Main Street, Romsey, 3434.

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES:

St. Mary's:

Holy Thursday	Lancefield	7.30 p.m.
Good Friday	"	2.30 p.m.
Holy Saturday	"	7.30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	Romsey	8.00 a.m.
	Lancefield	10.00 a.m.

Uniting Church:

Maundy Thursday	Lancefield	7.00 p.m.
Good Friday	Ecumenical Service	
	Anglican Church Lancefield	10.00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	Normal Services	

Anglican Church:

Maundy Thursday	Service times to be advised	
Good Friday	Ecumenical Service	10.00 a.m.
Easter Sunday	Normal Services.	

It seems as if it takes these type of incidents to reinforce in us all the need for safety. Within 5 minutes last Wednesday morning I had two reports from parents concerning the safety of children. Dazzled by the early morning sun and not expecting a young cyclist to be riding down a one way street in the wrong direction, one motorist was still shaking when she related how close she had come to a serious collision. Well away from the school, a young pedestrian forgot to look before crossing the road. We have already exceeded 1988's death toll by more than 3/4 for the same period. How many Romsey residents will be saddened by the toll this year?

T. Turnham

ART EXHIBITION HUGE SUCCESS!

The efforts of many volunteer labourers made the 9th Art Exhibition a terrific success. Thank you indeed for your part in the event. Everybody who attended seemed to enjoy what was a wonderful evening.

Thanks for buying the paintings, and, of course, thanks to the many talented artists who provided them. The high standard of work exhibited this year is the reason for the setting of a new record of 47 paintings sold.

Special thanks again to Knight's Winery for donating their much sought after wine as prizes for the raffle. Profit from the Art Show was over \$2,600.

Kaye McNamara, secretary

Romsey Fire Brigade Auxiliary 295 622.

NEW ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN STEERING COMMITTEE:

Our report to you this month is an exciting one inasmuch as the committee and the Shire Council have amicably resolved the corner of Main Road and White(part thereof)Av. as being the site made available for the complex. Both parties agreed that it was the most practical site for the need and we were more than pleased with the result of the discussion.

Members of our committee, the Riding Councillors, Mr. Carne and Mr. Bannon set off on a "Kindergarten tour", last Thursday 23rd February. We called on six complexes to view and learn from Bulla to Werribee and hopefully a lot of relevant information was gained.

EASTER FUND RAISER: We have 3 baskets of Easter Goodies to raffle (over \$200 retail). The tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. They are on sale at Romsey Community during the week and SATURDAYS at the front of the shop. PLEASE support the raffle as it is in the community's interest that it succeed. THANK YOU.

Bruce Puxley, Secretary.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 37:

Fruit Trees In the Home Garden Pt. 4: Facts & Fallacies: "Young trees should not be pruned". False. Every year left unpruned is a year wasted in forming a strong framework. "Pruning delays fruiting". True, but unless a strong framework is formed, the weight of fruit may break off weak branches with even the best wind protection; also early fruiting retards growth and hence delays production of a reasonable size crop, therefore such fruit should not be allowed to develop. "Hard pruning encourages strong growth". True, it diverts sap into fewer channels and alters the chemical balance. "Chemical pest control is unnecessary and detrimental to the environment". Generally false. There are no biological controls for most diseases and many insect pests. Young insectivorous birds and small lizards are often killed by cats. Not all chemicals are detrimental and may often be less harmful to the environment than some used in the kitchen, laundry and bathroom and pest control is essential with most fruit trees and many other plants. "Many fruit trees require cross pollination and two varieties are essential in the garden". True with apples, pears, plums, cherries and odd varieties of others, but multigrafted trees are available to provide for this and reduce the number of trees needed and thus reduce the labor involved and excessive fruit in later years.

Co-operative plantings of different varieties by neighbours may also help. Lack of effective cross pollination may also be caused by absence of bees during cold, wet or windy weather. "Windbreaks are unnecessary". False. The damage done to trees in fruit by strong winds as well as retardation of growth especially with citrus and other large, soft-leaved trees is evident in exposed positions everywhere. Lack of adequate windbreaks may also affect the activities of bees and lead to poor crops in some years.
Syd Wheller.

RED CROSS NOTES:

Red Cross supplied tents, stoves and food for 20,000 families in the stricken areas of the Armenian earthquake. Red Cross forwarded 1.5 million dollars. Of the 120 children pulled from the rubble not one has 2 parents. Thank you to all who contributed.

Mrs. Kerry Reardon attended our meeting and gave us a report of her role and activities within the Shire. In December we forwarded \$758 to Red Cross Headquarters and another \$200 in February.

The meeting voted to approach the Council regarding the erection of a map of Romsey in the main street for the benefit of visitors and locals.

Our thanks to the Fire Brigade men who have volunteered to help with Red Cross calling this year in March. The next meeting will be held on the 6th of March at 2 p.m. All welcome. Venue - Mechanics Hall Supper Room.

P. Corner, Secretary

HOBBYTEX PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN ROMSEY. Fabric paints available including puff, fluoro colours, metallic and glitter, easy for everyone to use.

Current specials until 31st March:

- Iron-on transfers = \$3.90 (reg. \$6.50)
- Free wooden picture frame (value \$11.50) with every 30cm x 45cm picture bought
- Acrylic Spray to protect your pictures from dust - \$6.20 (reg. \$7.75)
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- Wendy Brandts 295 913
- Richard Oglesby 291 679 (Lancefield)
- Dot Riddell 295 091

Hand-painted windcheaters and T-shirts to order -

- Adults T-shirts \$20 Windcheaters \$25
- Children's T-shirts \$10 Windcheaters \$15

OR I will paint your garments for \$10 - phone Wendy Brandts on 295 913.

SCHOOL CARE:

Romsey Shire Council is providing an after school care program for children in the area at Romsey Primary School.

The school's care program operates from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. and organisers say high quality care is provided, along with afternoon tea, for children. Care can be arranged on a casual, part-time or full-time basis. Further information can be obtained by phoning 295 781.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Annual General Meeting of the local Historical Society was held in Romsey Mechanics Hall on 28th February at 8 p.m. with a disappointing attendance of only 17 members plus 2 visitors from Kilmore. All current office-bearers were re-elected in 4 block nomination, and hopefully 1989 will be a year of growth and achievement for our Society's aims.

An interesting programme is planned for our year's activities with fund-raising occasions to interest all local residents, and people of interest to address meetings throughout the year.

Membership fees were raised to \$5 annually to enable the quarterly newsletters to be mailed to all members. Treasurer Mr. Gavin Smith will be pleased to receive fees and/or donations to the Society, and these can be forwarded to him c/o "The Historical Society" P.O. Box 11 Romsey.

1989 will be the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Society and in recognition of this decade of service to our Community and it's history, and "Open Day" is planned to be held at Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey on Sunday 9th April when all our members who have assisted us in any way at all, will be invited to join us, to help us plan future undertakings to preserve our local history.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 8.00 p.m. in Lancefield Mechanics Hall, when a good attendance will be essential to ensure a successful year of activities. If you have any queries or comments please contact Mr. Robert Clement (295 217).

Helen W. Clement - Publicity Officer

DO YOU KNOW - It really pays to advertise in the Romsey Rag - within 4 days of advertising my refrigerator recently I could have sold it several times. People really read it ! Also, people are coming to our Garden Club at Lancefield now.

Doss Keating

TO ALL ROMSEY PLAYGROUP MEMBERS:

Wednesday 8th March following usual playgroup session, approx. 11.00 a.m. there will be a general meeting.

To be discussed - forms of playgroup
election Vice President.

Decide solution to overcome our evergrowing numbers.

Do we now need 2 groups to function effectively?

If you haven't been to playgroup for awhile, please try and make this meeting. Your input is necessary to make this the playgroup you want. Children will be supervised while meeting is in motion - BYO lunch for children if you want. Will try not to make it too long. Any further queries please ring

Chris Cron - 295 792

Sybill Francis 295 968.

RANDOM RAGGINGS BY "RAMBLER":

This column has previously referred to the new sets of double lines on the road between Romsey and Monegetta. Since then I have become even more conscious of the number of times that I have been passed, on all roads, by cars travelling substantial distances on the wrong side of double lines. And that is not including those drivers who merely clip the end of a double line due to a minor error of judgement.

The day before these notes were written several members of my family were in the fourth car in a line of six ALL OF WHICH were passed by a car on the wrong side of the double line outside the Monegetta Army Camp.

Once again we can only reflect that the wonder of the road toll is not that it is so high but that it is not even higher. Please let us have some sense and courtesy on the road!

Megan Newnham and Matt Lockens were installed as Braemar College's Sports Prefects at the 1989 Commencement Service on February 22nd, adding to Romsey's strong representation in the school's student leadership in recent years. With Kate McIldowie as Head Prefect (as reported last month) three of the top five positions for 1989 have been filled from Romsey.

Too much money and not enough sense. That's the only way to describe the young people who were buying eggs and tomatoes from a local milk bar last week. What's wrong with that?, you may ask. Well, from the reports I heard, they only wanted them to pelt at parked and passing cars. Good clean fun? I think not! And I wonder, did their parents know where they were, let alone what they were doing? /5

COUNCIL NEWS:

An application to sub-divide and build on land at the northern end of Pohlman Str., was refused as a large proportion of the land is subject to flooding. Also refused was a request to place a shipping container on a vacant block in Barry Street East. An application for use of a room at Romsey Arcade for a commercial drafting service was granted upon the applicant providing off street carparking or cash in lieu. A two year extension (to 16.1.91) has been granted for the use of land at the intersection of Main Str., and Gordon Cree., for vehicle servicing, metal fabrication (existing uses), fuel and vehicle sales. An applicant for a planning permit for the operation of a winery incorporating cellar door sales and serving of food on weekends and by appointment on weekdays on a property in Glenfern Road, has been requested to provide further details.

Mr. Joe Camilleri has been appointed Recreation Centre Manager, officially taking over the task on 6.2.89. Major maintenance works (hopefully by now completed) to the value of \$25 - 30,000 were to be undertaken prior to Centre usage this year. This, along with increased parking, will make our Rec. Centre one to be very proud of.

This year, township street works will be the construction of Murphy Str., between Main and Rogers Streets and commencement of a proper footpath on the east side of Main Str., north from Digby Drive. Playground equipment, similar to that erected in Collier Close, is to be placed on Council Reserves in Bowkett Close and Newnham Drive.

Finally, last month we mentioned sheds, building approval and sale of houses. During the past month it came to the notice of your Riding members and incident involving wood heater, no permit, sale of house. It is hoped the matter was cleared up satisfactorily to all parties but it cannot be stressed enough, if you have no permit obtain one, if you think you have a permit - check, be sure.

Till next time, Doreen Smith, Doug Newnham, Geoff Neil.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE - FUNDRAISING:

The Romsey Fire Brigade will shortly be commencing a fundraising drive. This will involve letters being sent to all landowners in Romsey. The letter will contain a note inviting you to make a donation in aid of purchasing new equipment and the upgrading of our oldest tanker. With the note will be a return slip. We hope you will respond to the request as we need the support. The Brigade is a totally voluntary organisation. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP: If you would like to join the C.F.A., training is on a Sunday at 8.30 a.m. (both men and women welcome).

Ron Cole 295 411 A.H.

The social event of the year will be happening here in Romsey on May 27th. The now famous stars of Cinderallaplus some of the most promising new talent to ever come out of our district, will be taking a "serious undertaking" on this very special date. Mark your calendars, it will be a night not to be missed. Romsey Ray will keep you informed.

THE COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE is trying to plan for the expansion of its services throughout the district. It is particularly anxious to have a higher profile in Romsey. Preferably with permanent quarters occupied on a full time basis, after all the population of the Shire of Romsey is projected to overtake that of Kyneton within the next three to five years.

Therefore it is of the utmost importance that organisations and individuals who receive a request for information from C.C.H.S. in the near future respond promptly so that the expansion of this all-important service in our town will not be retarded. The request will arrive in the next week or two. Start thinking now about the services that we do, or might, need in the area of community health.

Adrian Pegler - Committee of Management Member
C.C.H.S. /6

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN ROMSEY:

St. Paul's Kindergarten wishes to advise an amendment has been made to their enrollment policy, and is effective from 1st, December 1988. This being: "All children must be of the minimum age of 3 years (by proof of birth certificate or photo copy) before enrollment will be accepted". Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the enrollment policy is welcome to do so; on any enrollment day. Enrollment Day is the last Tuesday in the month - midday - 1.00 p.m. Any queries re enrollments either by phone or in person are to be made at this time also.

E. Scanlon - Secretary

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN FUND RAISING COMMITTEE will be holding a cake stall on Saturday 18th March, next door to the chemist between the hours of 9 and 12. Please support your local kindergarten.

Sue Briggs and Annette O'Loughlin.

HERBAL PRODUCTS:

Are you tired of diet pills, fad diets and quick weight loss gimmicks? An internationally known herbal product "HERBALIFE" has helped thousands of people lose weight, with a calorie-controlled diet while providing the body with the essential nutrients it requires. It can work for you too. (APBO 301-5)

"If you're feeling tired and rundown,

If you suffer with aches and pains,

Great vitamins for sports people,

Guaranteed to work".

It's also a great job opportunity working from home part-time or full-time. Nurses are earning up to \$1,000 a week selling this product. Free training available.

For enquiries Cheryl 295 694

Adrain 295 538

Maria 295 594

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB NOTES:

President Greg Parks was delighted to welcome several newcomers to our meeting on Tuesday February 28th at Lancefield Hall, when 22 people attended.

Guest speaker Mr. Imrie from Coolibah Nurseries described all the types of sprinkler systems that are readily available. Friday 3rd March was the flower show in the Lancefield Hall where a magnificent display of cut flowers and vegetables could be viewed.

A bus trip combined with Kyneton and Macedon Clubs is being organized for later this month. Next month's speaker is Glen Hynie - supper provided - no charge - just come. For more information ring

Doss Keating Romsey 295 840.

FOR SALE: 3 piece lounge suite, three seater couch and two chairs, brown tonings with teak wood frame. PHONE 295 578.

THE ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH has a number of health aids (wheel chair, crutches, walking frames, etc.) which it makes available to anyone in need as a community service. The project began during the International Year for the Disabled and the stock of items that any of us might need for a short time has grown since. Enquiries should be made to Mrs. Jean Johnston on 295 3111.

ROD, JOY, JAMIE, BRENT, SCOTT and NICHOLAS DYER would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends who sent cards, gifts and flowers for our new baby daughter, Courtney Joy, born 9th December 1988. They are very much appreciated. Courtney is bringing a lot of love and happiness to our family. A VERY HAPPY ENDING. Thank you.

FOR SALE: Ducks and drakes - Khaki Campbell \$ 3.00 each. PHONE 295 669.

CONGRATULATIONS to the LIONS CLUB who are responsible for the erection of two notice boards on the median strips in the main street. The Romsey Rag Committee feel they will be a great asset to the Community.

BABY-SITTING/CHILD MINDING SERVICE at your home or mine. Reasonable rates for Romsey, Springfield areas. Phone Helen Clement (295 317) for any queries or information.

The service for the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for this district was held in the Lancefield Uniting Church on Friday, 3rd March. This ecumenical event, formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer, was emancipated in its centenary year some two or three years ago.

Members of the Churches of Romsey and Lancefield took part in conducting the worship. The speaker was Cliff Shaw of Romsey. The order of service was prepared by representatives of the Christian Churches of Burma. Mrs. Roma Clement was the soloist singing "I kneel and pray". An offering of \$123.64 was received. This was sent to the Victorian Committee which supports the Bible Society, Christian Education in Schools and other outreach projects.

Many friends and relations of Mrs. Doris Carroll, who resides at 139 Main Street, Romsey visited her on Sunday 26th February to help celebrate her 90th birthday. Her sister, Gladys Machin, who is 93 also attended, and a most pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Carroll, who was born in Romsey, has lived in the district all her life. She attended Romsey Primary School, and is the oldest ex-pupil still living in Romsey. Children from the school, along with Mr. Turnham and Mrs. Hewson, visited her on the following Tuesday morning, and presented flowers and a card, and sang "Happy Birthday". This was most appreciated.

From 1933 to 1957, Mrs. Carroll along with her late husband, Ted, ran a green grocery business, in what is now the newsagents. Mrs. Carroll still takes a great interest in Romsey, and has seen many changes during her lifetime. She is looking forward to the years ahead, and would like to thank all who made her 90th birthday such a memorable occasion.

"TAKE YOUR PARTNERS PLEASE".

Remember the good old days, when you would dance all evening, promenading your partner round and spinning them onto the next. Well the good old days are back with classes for Square Dancing being conducted now - every second Saturday from 11th March at Clarkefield Hall, Beginners welcome to start in March. Classes are open to dancers of all ages, both beginners and advanced. Some old time dances also. The cost is \$3 per person or \$8 for a family. Ladies a plate for supper please. Tea, coffee and cordial is supplied. Neat casual dress with flat heeled shoes for ladies - further information, please phone

Vicki on 295 431 (054)

COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE:

This course is a series of 3 x 2 hour workshops, which aims to improve participants' communication skills through overcoming nervousness, teaching assertiveness, and generally building confidence. Skills that can be put into practice every day. Course Leaders, Jenny Shaw and Diana Feitsma are experienced in running communication workshops and are well qualified in public speaking. The maximum number of participants is 15. The venue is St. Mary's Hall (Cobaw Community Health Service), Main Road, Romsey.

Course Dates:	Thursday 9th March	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	Thursday 16th March	" "
	Thursday 23rd March	" "

For enrolments contact Jenny Shaw as soon as possible on (054) 272 423 OR
Diana Feitsma on (054) 271 537.

Sporting News in Romsey

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION:

With the finals just around the corner, the first season of the RDBA is reaching an exciting time. In a season that has had it all, the finals promise to be a thrilling affair. Good luck to all those who will be fortunate enough to contest the finals and to those who don't make it, you may feel proud that you have contributed to the success of our first season.

GRAND FINALS: Tuesday 14th March

U/12 - 6.30 p.m.

U/16 - 7.30 p.m.

Seniors - 8.30 p.m.

TEAMS IN FINALS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR PLAYING TIMES. TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER EACH FINAL.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 20th March 1989 at 8.00 p.m. at the Romsey Recreation Centre. If you wish to make a contribution to ensure the continuation of basketball in this district, please attend this meeting.

WINTER COMPETITION:

Junior Competition Tuesday nights 5.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Senior Competition Sunday night 6.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

All interested players, referees and coaches should contact A. Cahill on 291 236 or J. Camilleri at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Competition will be subject to numbers received in each age group and sex. If you can help organise this competition please attend the General Meeting or contact A. Cahill.

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB:

The Tennis Club has had a very successful season with senior sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 and junior section 6 reaching the final rounds. After the semi-finals were played on 25.2 the club had section 1, 2 and 6 into the Grand Final and Section 3 and 5 to play the following week for a place in the Grand Final. Here's hoping that the club can secure some premierships this year.

The two bitumen courts are now proving popular with the players and are being put to good use practicing for the finals. Players and new members are to have their names in for the Winter Competition by the 14th March. Names can be left with Jean at Romsey Sports and Clothing Shop or with the Secretary.

G. Schmidt - Secretary Phone 295 305.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to my Section 6 Juniors, Rebecca Cole, Fiona Holland, Libby Mullen, Tania Wischmeswki, Dustin Barr, Aaron Devanny, Scott Dyer, Shane Kowal, Jason Odering and Phillip Watts, many who are playing their first season.
GOOD LUCK FOR THE GRAND FINAL.

Beryl Cole.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL - ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD CLUB:

The 1989 season kicks off this month. Registration day will be on 19th MARCH and the teams we will be fielding are under 16½, under 14 and under 11. Minimum age is 8½. All ages are as at 31st December 1988.

The club is run by an active committee of parents and we would welcome any new players into all age groups. Training will start before the registration day and exact dates will be contained in notices placed around the two towns as soon as they are settled.

This is an ideal opportunity for youngsters to get a bit of exercise and gain some experience of the game while also making a lot of new friends around the area. Further details can be obtained from Bill Krammer (291 357) or Maureen Brown (291 383).

ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS:

With the start of the season only a month away, we are still searching for new players to fill the gaps left by the retirement of several players. Training has now returned to Tuesday and Thursday nights. Players from last year's under 16½ team are showing plenty of potential at training and they will be introduced to senior football in the practice matches to be played against a Williamstown Club on March 18th at Romsey and against St. Andrews on April 1st at St. Andrews.

On Sunday, 19th March a golf day is to be held at Romsey where the football club will challenge the cricket club for supremacy on the golf course. The "tournament" commences at 12 noon, with prizes for the best men's pairs, mixed pairs, longest drive and nearest the pin. B.B.Q. lunch and refreshments will be available and an invitation is extended to our supporters or cricket club supporters to come along and join in.

After the first game against Macedon on April 8th, we will be holding a disco at the Scout Hall to hopefully celebrate two wins and John McIntyre's 200th game with the Club on that day. Winner of the wheelbarrow full of tools and goods was Jill Challis.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS:

The Romsey Bowling Club will be holding their President's Day on Sunday 19th of March, and it will be a "SPECIAL DAY". You may have heard, you may not have heard, but Margaret Howatson is a very sick young lass, and is in need of a heart/lung transplant. Margaret is on the waiting lists at both the Sydney and London Hospitals, her specialists will decide where she is to go. It depends on waiting time and suitable donors. Where ever, it will be very costly for fares, accommodation and associated costs, but we can help!

On President's Day, there will be a "Green Fee" of \$3.00, the Club will start the "AppealDay" with those fees. You will get your three games of bowls, with the chance to win the Trophies for that \$3.00. Then - I am sure you would all like to donate to the appeal. Chris Johnston will have plain brown envelopes for your personal donation, and after afternoon tea, there will be a "dutch auction". (Gifts wrapped). Gifts may be given to Dorothy Thompson or Marg Davis, to be auctioned.

If you cannot attend, or know of someone who would like to contribute, please obtain donation envelopes from Chris. Maybe you would know someone who does not bowl, but would like to come to the Auction (about 5 p.m.). As mentioned before, let's make this day a great success. How better could we wish Margaret well? For further information, ring

Norm Thompson 295 421.

Good to see new faces in the Men's Pairs. The Quarter Finalists are: Jim Loy - Laurie Thompson V Graeme Cuthbert - Geoff Keating and Jack Reynolds - Lindsay Wait V Jim Cuthbertson - Albert Caneva so we will have an Old Bowlers V New Bowlers final.

Congratulations must go to Albert Caneva for again winning the Club Championship, also to Max Challis, who bowled well throughout the tournament to be runner-up.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB:

A junior golf clinic will commence on Saturday 1st April at 9.00 a.m. Age Group 9 - 18 years. Children will not only be taught the basic skills of the game but also the rules of the game and golf etiquette. For further information please see notices in local shop windows or contact Allan Graco on 295 500.

The Golf Club will hold its Open Day on Sunday 2nd April commencing at 1.00 p.m. All visitors welcome. Afternoon tea will be provided. The day will be sponsored by Macpherson and Morrison, printers of 7 Macintosh St., Airport West, (03) 335 1322.

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE PARK LANE, ROMSEY: Phone 295 637

HOURS: Monday to Friday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m and 4.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Aerobic Classes:

Held every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. Come along and enjoy a session of aerobics in our newly furnished multipurpose room.

Yoga:

We are commencing Yoga classes on Friday 7th April, 1989 each class will run for 2 hours 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Squash:

Casual hire at competitive rates: juniors - ladies - men.

Any person wishing to play in a Tuesday night Competition may come along and join in the fun.

Basketball - Winter Competition

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Badminton:

The Romsey Badminton Club is always looking for new members, who knows you could be the champion of tomorrow. Practice is every Friday evening between the hours of 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Tennis:

We have 5 courts in top condition for the casual hirer, or you may prefer to strengthen the competition by joining the Romsey Tennis Club.

FAMILY TAKES ON CANOEING CHALLENGE:

The family that plays together does indeed stay together, if the Keating clan is any indication. Allan Keating decided to enter his 2nd Red Cross Murray River Canoe Marathon, his brother Neill and sisters Jeannette and Susan wasted no time joining the queue for entry forms. Their parents, Geoff and Doreen, also got into the act by volunteering as support crew. For the girls, canoeing novices, the marathon was the culmination of four months training on the Maribyrnong. It took both brothers about 39 hours to complete the course (the winning time was 32 hours, 15 mins.). The girls passed the final post after 44 hours.

A major aspect of the annual marathon - first held in 1968 - is raising funds for the Red Cross. Each competitor must pay \$25 entry fee and a minimum of \$ 150 to participate. The Keating foursome managed to contribute almost \$2,000 to the fund, mainly through selling raffle tickets. Well done!

ROMSEY SPORTS & CLOTHING (phone 295 716) wish to announce they now have in stock various styles at reasonable prices of children's sneakers. These are suitable for netball, school or recreation - also boys football boots. Netball skirts and polo shirts also available. BE EARLY.

At the recent Whittlesea Tennis Tournament held over three weekends with the finals being played on 26.2.89 Tamara Davis won the Under 12 Girls Singles and combined with Daniel Gaunt to win the Under 12 Mixed Doubles. Tamara also played with R. Kraus from Lancefield to be runner-up in the Under 12 Girls Doubles.

Again our local tennis juniors do well. This time at Doubles Tournament in Gisborne, held on 5th March. Marcus Ritchie and Ben Williams were runners-up in the Section 3 Boys Doubles while Jane McIldowie and Tamara Davis were runners-up in the Girls Doubles. Congratulations to all these young tennis players and keep up the good tennis.

Roving Reporter.

ROMSEY CALISTHENICS COLLEGE:

Beginners - Sat. 10.30 - 11.00 a.m. (3 yrs.) at Recreation Centre.
Tinies - Sat. 10.30 - 11.45 a.m. (girls 4-7 yrs.) at Recreation Centre.
Sub-juniors - Sat. 9.00 - 10.15 a.m. (girls 7-9 yrs.) - at Recreation Centre.
Juniors - Sat. 12.00 - 1.30 p.m. (girls 9-12 yrs.) at Recreation Centre.
Intermediates - Wed. 5.30 (girls 12-16 yrs.) at Mechanics Hall.
Seniors - Wed. 7.00 - 8.30 p.m. (girls 16 yrs. & over) at Mechanics Hall (plus ladies)

Any enquiries or further details, come along to any session or contact Lorraine on 295 669 or Linda (03) 387 4507.

Keep fit by joining Carol's low impact aerobic classes held every Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00 a.m. Only \$2.50 per session with a creche available for 50c.

Adult jazz ballet for beginners classes are held Tuesday evenings from 8.00 to 9.00. \$4.00 per session.

All held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Note that no classes are held on holidays. Enquire to Carol on 295 590.

ROBINSONS FAMILY CIRCUS COMES TO THE ROMSEY PARK:

See the new local information notice boards in the town for details.
Adults \$7 children \$4 Tuesday 14th March 8.00 p.m. ONLY.

We are pleased to inform you that Ann Kidd (of Romsey State Bank staff) who was seriously injured in a car accident on the Romsey-Wallan Road early in February, is now out of intensive care. There is a card at the State Bank for well wishers to sign.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

* denotes items detailed inside this edition of the Romsey Rag.

- MARCH 6th * Red Cross Auxillary Meet
- 8th * 11 am Play Group General Meeting
- 14th * Robinsons Family Circus - Romsey Park 8.00 p.m.
- 14th * Winter Tennis Club Registration deadline
- 18th * St. Paul's Kindergarten Cake Stall
- 18th * Practice Football Match against Williamstown
- 19th * Junior Football Registration
- 19th * President's Day Romsey Bowls
- 19th * Football/Cricket Club Golf Challenge
- 20th * AGM Romsey Basket Ball Association
- 24th * GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE - Lancefield Anglican Church
- 28th * HISTORICAL Society Meeting
- 28th * Garden Club Meeting

- APRIL 1st * Football Club practice match against St. Andrews
- 2nd * Open Day Romsey Golf Club
- 8th * Football Club 1st Match against Macedon
- 9th * Open Day Sidney Seymour Cottage

May 27th Romsey Primary School "Mock Wedding"

ITEMS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2pm on FRIDAY 7th APRIL, 1989 - thank you. We are always looking for any additional assistance in compiling, sponsoring and delivery. If you can assist please contact any of the editorial committee.

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"GIVE THAT THEY MAY GROW."

During the next two weeks, the pupils at Romsey Primary School will be making a special effort to support this appeal. Please Help!