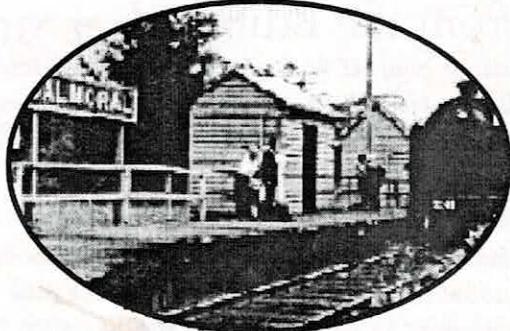


Balmoral

Village Voice

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...And I'd
Like a
Playground
For the
Hall...

Pictured: Association President Stephen Bishop asks Santa for a new playground at the Village Christmas Party.



Santa visited Balmoral Village again at the 1998 Village Christmas Party, along with Councillor Hellen Chadwick who joined with many residents to celebrate Christmas and the opening of the new hall fence. Children enjoyed games, face painting and hay rides before meeting Santa and receiving a Christmas show bag, followed by a free barbecue lunch. Adults took the opportunity to soak up the unique village social atmosphere

and meet many new residents. (photos pg s 10/11)

Councillor Helen Chadwick from Wingecarribee Shire Council accepted the invitation to attend and officially open the new hall fence on behalf of the Council. (more pg 5)

The day was organised by the Village Fire Brigade and the Association.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in the organisation before as well as on the day.

From the Editor:

I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and new Year. On behalf of the Village Association I wish everyone the very best for 1999.

This issue is full of photos from the Village Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Party. I am sure you will find some familiar faces.

Beginning this issue we have chosen to include a pamphlet from the Rural Fire Service. This is one in a series of educational information sheets published by the Rural Fire Service and I hope people don't think of it as junk mail. I have chosen material which I think will be interesting or useful to people living in a potential bushfire zone.

Also beginning this issue it is good to see what will hopefully be a regular input from Ranger Gaylene Jones from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, concerning local issues.

If you would like to contribute something to the next Village Voice, drop it in to me at No 7 Station Street, phone me on 48 898 146 or Email me. (pm@acenet.com.au). The next edition will be out in May. (It will be put together throughout April) so there's plenty of time to realise that you have some information that the rest of the Village might be interested in.

Paul Mallia.



Saturday, 6th March

Clean Up Australia Day in Balmoral Village this year will once again be organised by the Fire Brigade, aiming to clean up along the roadsides around the village. This will be on Saturday Morning, 6th March.

Any interested helpers should **turn up** at the fire shed at 9:00 am.

Bring along a ute, truck or trailer if you have one, or just yourself with gloves and old clothes, then stay for a barbecue lunch.

All residents of Balmoral are more than welcome to come along. The more helpers the cleaner we can make our Village.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

I refer to your feature article "Monument - Human Endeavour" in the November issue submitted by Janine King, for which I thank you.

It has to be pointed out however that much help was given to me from many quarters.

First of all the then Mittagong Shire Council giving me permission and selecting the exact position of this monument. This was only part of the project.

There was a plan where quite some development was envisaged. Picnic area, landscaping, etc. All this when funds could be made available. In fact I was shown the preliminary draft plan which looked promising.

There were so many people who helped me in their own way. I remember we had to excavate down to solid rock where we used a jackhammer to chisel into the rock, anchoring the steel bars for support. There were the late Noel Douglas, Lance Lawrence, and I believe Peter Lawrence, Stephen Harrison and Ian Tait, digging and hammering away. Then the suppliers for the concrete, who let me have it at the "old price". The structural engineer who I needed for the design of the steel reinforcement, who tragically lost his life shortly afterwards in a car crash. There was my friend John Fulford - the builder from Mittagong who helped to construct and assemble the unusual formwork. There was the late Max Ibbett who was able to procure the reinforcing steel needed at a reasonable cost to me and last but not least my good friends Stephen and Janine who helped more than anyone else right throughout the project.

I am grateful to them all.

P.S. My congratulations to the team doing the fencing around the Village Hall. It looks good and should last a long time.

Best Regards,
Joe Enfield.

Dear Paul,

I have been keenly interested in the history of Balmoral Village and have been formalising my research this year by committing to the Certificate of Community History at the University of N.S.W.

I have been told that there used to be a roll of honour in the Community Hall. I wonder what happened to it and what names might have been on it. I am attempting to compile the list again but have only a few leads. Can anyone help ? If so please ring me on 48 898 479. (I would like the names of the men and women from Balmoral who joined any of the forces during World War I and II).

Cheers,
Janine King.

News from the...

Balmoral Village Association.

New Year's Eve Party

The first Village New Year's Eve Party for many years was held at the hall and hailed as a success by all who attended. The fancy or formal dress theme was embraced by most, and photos on the next double page show that a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all the helpers in setting up, running the night and cleaning up the next day. A special thanks to LynAnne Hahn for arranging donations from local businesses for prizes and the raffle. Thanks too, to these businesses (listed opposite) for their support. If you are shopping at any of these businesses, be sure to mention that you saw the recognition of their support in the Village Voice.

Grant Application

The Association has recently formulated a submission for the 1999 Wingecarribee Community Grants.

In the past the Association have been successful in gaining funding for lining the hall, renovating the hall kitchen, and for materials to build the hall fence.

This time the grant is for play equipment behind the Village Hall, to replace that which was removed last year. Council, through their funding for parks, is not able to guarantee replacement of the equipment in the near future, and so the Association has chosen to pursue this alternative method of gaining funding.

The submission is for a total of approximately \$5500 which will purchase a swing unit, slide rockers, chin-up bars and an overhead ladder. Council have agreed that if successful in gaining funding through the Community Grants Scheme, they will then provide, through their parks department, installation and soft fill under the equipment. Successful grants will be advertised in local newspapers in February.

Hall Hire

The hall, which is managed by the Association is now available for hire. It is ideal for classes, parties or regular meetings etc for very reasonable rates. Also for hire are the hall seats, tables and a marquee tent, ideal for people having parties at home. Contact Stephen Bishop on 898 740.

All Welcome!

The Balmoral Association meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7:30pm. In upcoming meetings the association will be discussing plans for 1999, including fundraising and possible social events for the village, Local Council Community Grants, as well as any other topical local issues. All residents are very welcome to attend and have a chat and tea or coffee.

Fence Opened by Councillor

The fence around the village hall was finally completed in December, just in time for the official opening at the Christmas Party by Councillor Helen Chadwick.

Before cutting the ribbon across the gates, Councillor Chadwick took the time to praise local residents for taking such an interest in their local community. She was impressed in the commitment of the workers and the quality of the finished product.

On behalf of the Association, a big thank you to everyone who helped out on this huge but worthwhile project.

Right : Councillor Chadwick Cuts the ribbon to officially open the fence



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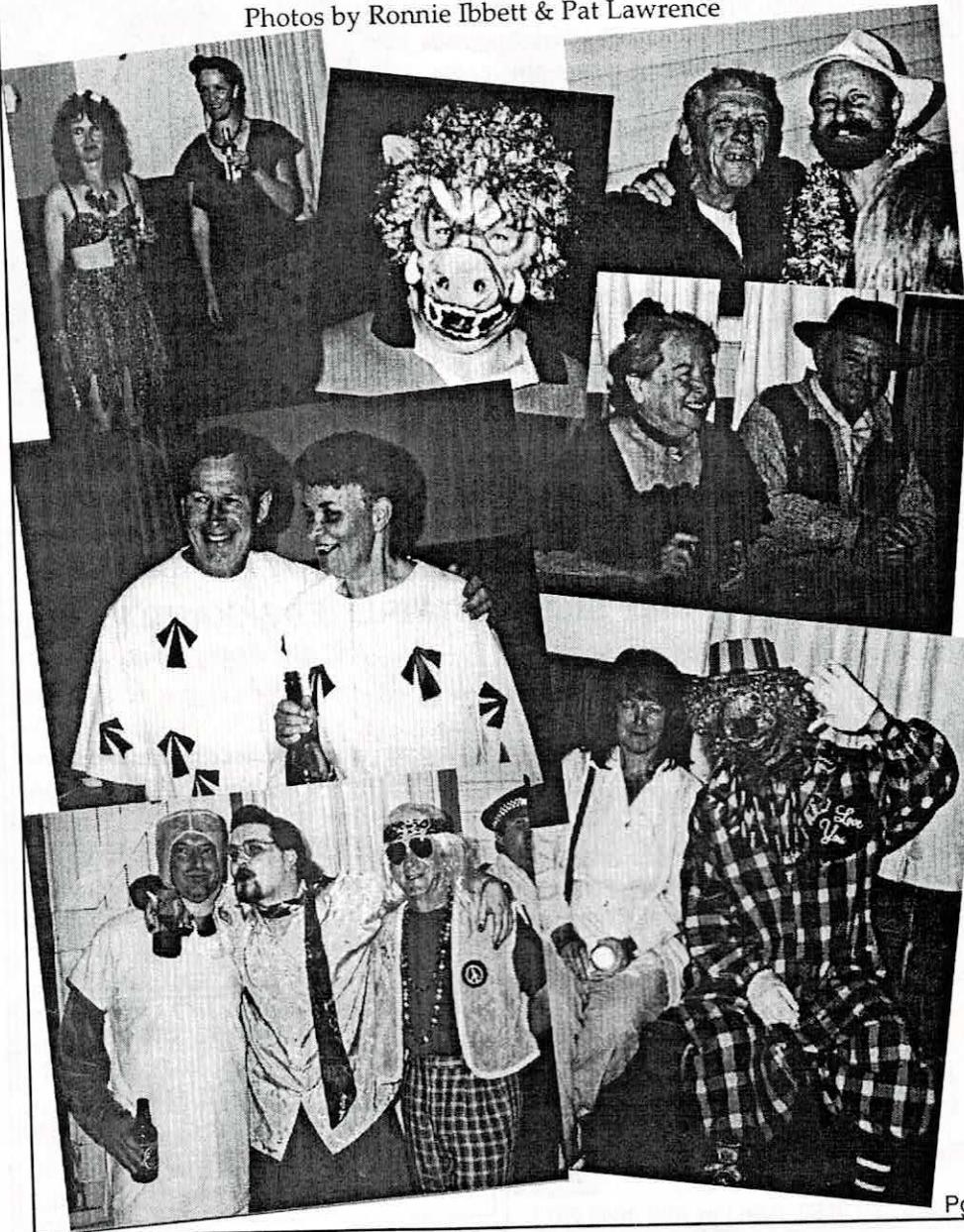


**Would you like to advertise
something in the next Village
Voice?**

Contact the Editor for more
information. (48 898 146)

Seeing In 1999 : The Balmoral Way

Photos by Ronnie Ibbett & Pat Lawrence





Fire Brigade News.....

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Brigade will be held on Wednesday night, 10th March, beginning at 7:00pm in the Fireshed. At this meeting officers for 1999 will be elected, and the new constitution will be formally accepted. New members are most welcome.

Siren Sounding

New residents to the village may not be aware of the emergency siren located on the Fire Shed. This emergency siren can be heard throughout the village when it is sounded. To make people more familiar with the siren, should it ever need to be used, the brigade will sound it at 6:30pm on the night of the Annual General meeting. From then on the siren will be tested for a 10-15 second period at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

Hazard Reduction plans for '99

Areas which are planned for hazard reduction burning for 1999 include along the Railway line from Buxton to 'The Cutting' between Balmoral and Hilltop, the Weir Road to the north of the Village, Behind Williams, to the Bargo River as well as the completion of the burn begun last year in the Village behind "Truro".

Fireguard Resource Pamphlets

Beginning this issue an informative pamphlet from the Rural Fire Service will be included. There are many in the series, published by the Service, but those which are considered most appropriate to the village have been

included. The full set of pamphlets is available from the Fire Control Centre in Mittagong.

Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 1998 Village Christmas Party a success. A collection of photos opposite shows a fun time. If you couldn't make it last year, we hope to see you this year.

Hazard Assessment Service

If you are unsure about your own hazards and would like an experienced member of the Fire Brigade to inspect your property and discuss risks and solutions with you, we would be more than pleased to provide this as a free service to residents of Balmoral. Call the fire Shed on Wednesday nights on 48 898 387, or contact Peter Lawrence, (Captain) on 48 898 004.

Membership /Meetings

If you would like to become a member of the brigade, whether to be an active firefighter or to learn about fire behaviour for the protection of your own home, why not go along to weekly meetings.

At these weekly meetings you might also like to have some input into this year's priorities for hazard reduction. The Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the fireshed. The meetings are conducted in a relaxed social setting over a cup of tea or coffee and everyone is most welcome to attend. Business is conducted on the first Wednesday of each month.

National Parks & Wildlife News...

Our Local Ranger is Gaylene Jones, based at the Nattai Sub-district Office.

Fox Baiting Set to Begin in the Nattai Area

Native wildlife in the Nattai area will have a better chance of survival following a fox baiting program to be conducted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

The baiting program will begin in March 1999 and continue for approximately one month, focusing on Thirlmere Lakes National Park and Bargo State Recreation Area.

NPWS Nattai subdistrict Manager Matthew Jones said that as foxes regularly use tracks and paths within the parks baiting sites will be established along roads, fire trails, and walking tracks as well as in open areas.

"The fox is an indiscriminate and opportunistic predator that is having a major impact on native animal populations throughout the area," said Mr Jones.

Steps are taken to ensure that native fauna are not affected by the program.

"Initially, non-poison baits are laid and the activity around them monitored. Poison baits are then set out only where no indication of native tracks has been found.

Last year's program was highly effective, with at least 40 baits taken within a two month period. We are confident that the upcoming program will build upon this success."

All bait stations are posted with signs clearly stating that 1080-type poison baits for foxes are laid on the property.

"Neighbours of Thirlmere Lakes National Park and Bargo State Recreation Area are reminded that domestic dogs are not permitted in the Reserves. They are susceptible to 1080 poison so residents should prevent their dogs from straying onto National Park property," said Mr Jones.

NPWS Target Feral Cats in Nattai Area

NPWS will be undertaking a feral cat trapping program within Bargo State Recreation Area and Thirlmere Lakes National Park during March this year.

NPWS Sub-district Manager Matthew Jones said the trapping program aims to control, and where possible eliminate, feral cats within the Parks.

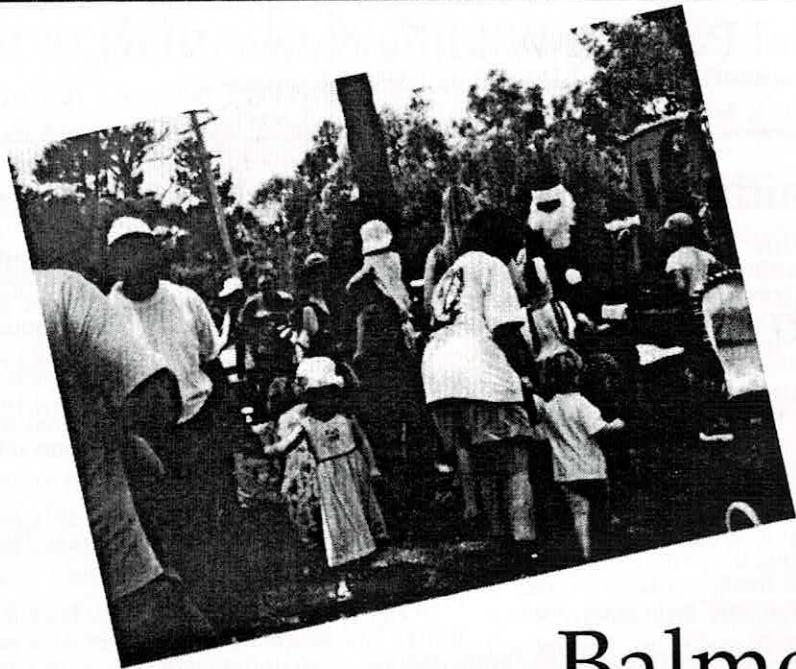
"Cats need to be controlled because they prey upon native animals. They also compete with native animals for food and possibly spread disease among native fauna and livestock."

Mr Jones said residents of the area should take special care to ensure that their pets do not stray into the Parks.

"While pets are not the target of the program, any person allowing their cat to stray into the reserve can be subject to a \$300 fine. Any captured cats will be checked for identification and scanned for microchips."

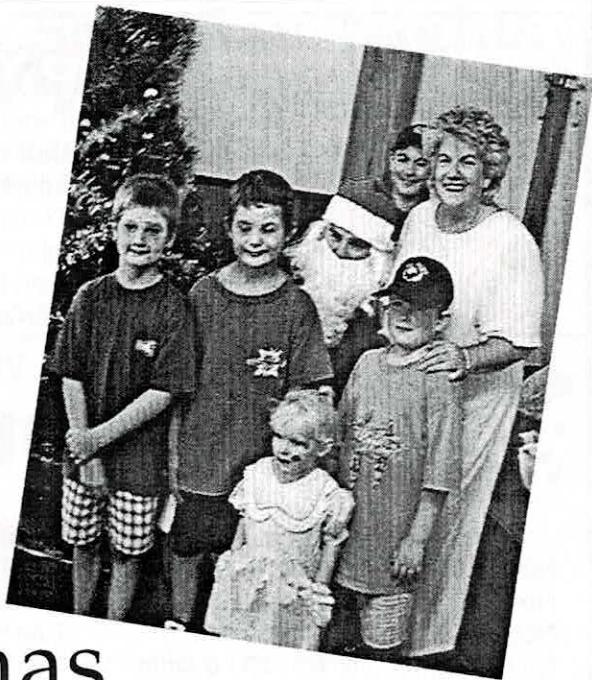
"NPWS officers will notify all neighbours and adjoining landholders of the feral cat trapping program by way of letter box drops and local media," Mr Jones said.

"It is hoped that by working together on feral animal control programs, the NPWS, landholders and neighbours can effectively reduce the number of cats in the area."



A Balmoral





Christmas

Photos: Paul Mallia, John Gray



If you would like a birthday of a friend or relative added to our birthday list, contact the editor.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to:

Duncan Tait 1/3/99
Julie Lawrence 8/3/99
Trevor Peddle 14/3/99
John Gray 10/4/99
Scott Lawrence 16 y.o on 16/4/99
Adrian Butler 16 y.o on 18/4/99

The Balmoral Village

Raingauge



November

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* Results collected by Lyle & Lisa Spears in Balmoral Village. Readings are taken each morning at 7:30am for the 24 previous hours.

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Film Society Saturday Nights

We're showing films at the Old School and not at the Hall while our numbers are small. Although we have no new members to the film society, many people have noticed our inclusion in the Village Voice and asked about the films. Here is a brief summary of our programme for the next few months.

Saturday, February 13th

Il Conformista (The Conformist)

Italian. 1970. Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci. (108 minutes)

Saturday, March 13th

Mr Hulot's Holiday

French. 1952. Directed by Jacques Tati. (86 mins)

Saturday, April 10th

Orlando

British. 1992. Directed by Sally Potter. (93 mins)

Saturday May 8th

Kiss Me Deadly

U.S. 1955. Based on the Novel by Mickey Spillane. (106 mins)

If you are interested in joining our Society please ring Steve or Janine on 4889 8479 .

Janine King.

From the Tennis Club...

Come and Have a Game!

The tennis club are always looking for new people to come along and join in their Wednesday social games, but are now considering a weekend social game, Saturday or Sunday, depending on interest shown.

The Tennis court behind the hall is also available for private bookings at very reasonable rates. While we are on Daylight Saving Time why not have a game with the family after work.

If you would like to join any of the social games or to hire the court phone Pat Lawrence on (02)48 898 066. (Call the day or night before if possible).

Children must always have an adult supervising.



Pat Lawrence.

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Historical

Years ago, in the kitchen of the hall, we found an inscription on the wall near the old fireplace: ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SLOGGETTS J DUNCANSON, COMEDIAN. It was intriguing - who were the Sloggetts? Why had they carved these words on the timber? - they weren't locals.

When we received a grant from the council for the renovation of the kitchen in 1995, Alan Scott, secretary of the committee, felt we should find out more about this inscription before it was obliterated.

He had recently read a biography of Slim Dusty who wrote;

"Showmen traditionally left inscriptions in dressing rooms in the small town announcing that they had been there. We kept running into one particular slogan ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SLOGGETTS. Charlie Sloggett was an old magician and singer who travelled the outback tirelessly, chalking his show's slogan on walls as he went. I thought we could match him so every hall we played in we carved ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW - THE SLIM DUSTY SHOW."

Alan wrote to Slim Dusty who said they had seen REMEMBER THE SLOGGETTS in every hall they'd ever showed in, so then he contacted Ian McNamara of AUSTRALIA ALL OVER and they broadcast a plea for anyone who knew of the Sloggetts to get in touch.

He had quite a few replies. A letter from Emily Sloggett who toured with her husband all those years ago and still performs as a clown at parties....a note from her son Alan with news of the family still performing but no longer "on the road"....several from people who did still remember the Sloggetts, in particular one from Albert Piper of Cassilis who says the locals of his area are still battling to keep their community and hall alive, and told of being asked up on stage as a boy of eight to help the magician with his tricks and being rewarded with a bag of peanuts.

Alan then arranged with local photographer Allan Rooney to take some photos of the inscription before the lining of the kitchen was attached. His idea was to have a photo framed and mounted on the wall in the place where the original inscription had been scrawled.

Allan Rooney took the photographs and had the selected one enlarged and framed as his contribution to the community efforts.

When Allan Scott died so suddenly things were very confused and whilst I was sorting out his papers for the National Library, I set aside the photos and correspondence of the Sloggetts for the community records. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter there was then a hiatus before a new committee was formed. They asked about the Sloggetts photographs and I said that they should be with community papers.

About a week or so ago, whilst I was clearing out more boxes of papers, I came across a large bag labelled SLOGGETTS and found the photographs and papers.

So now the photo can be mounted on the kitchen wall as was intended and the correspondence be put into the archives and the whole story of THE SLOGGETTS in Balmoral Village be known.

Gay Scott.

Feature

The following article was collected by Janine King who came across it at the Berrima District Historical Society in the "Southern Mail", Tuesday April 13, 1920. Janine thought it would be of interest since the Sloggetts performed in the Balmoral Hall in 1939.

The great Sloggett, master magician and illusionist together with his company of entertainers will appear in the Empire Theatre, Bowral on Thursday evening next, and the news should be welcomed by playgoers. The Great Sloggett performed in Bowral sometime ago when he met with a good reception and created a very fine impression. Since then he has added considerably to his company, which now includes some of the leading metropolitan artists, and has therefore further strengthened his claim for public patronage.



Above: The photograph by Allan Rooney which will now be mounted in the Hall kitchen in the place where the original inscription was scrawled.

The Village Noticeboard

A handy list of upcoming dates and information.

Important Dates:

- * Saturday 13th February, Film Society:
"Il Comformista", Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 2nd March,
Balmoral Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday 6th March,
Clean up Australia Day, Contact Peter Lawrence, 48 898 004.
- * Wednesday 10th March,
Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting, 7:00pm, Fireshed.
- * Saturday 13th March, Film Society:
"Mr Hulot's Holiday", Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 6th April,
Balmoral Village Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 10th April, Film Society:
"Orlando", Contact Janine King.
- * Tuesday 4th May,
Balmoral Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Village Hall.
- * Saturday, 8th May, Film Society:
"Kiss Me Deadly", Contact Janine King.

Regular Events:

- * Balmoral Bushfire Brigade meet each Wednesday night,
7:30pm at the fire shed.
- * Tennis club play Wednesdays,
10:00am, at the tennis club (behind village hall)

Phone Numbers:

- * Bush Fire Control Dial 000, mention "Balmoral Village, postcode 2571"
- * Tennis Club or Tennis Court bookings,
phone Pat Lawrence, 48 898 066.
- * Film Society enquiries,
phone Janine King or Steve Harrison, 48 898 479
- * Hall Hire,
phone Stephen Bishop, 48 898 740

If you have a date or other information for the noticeboard, contact the editor (ph898 146)