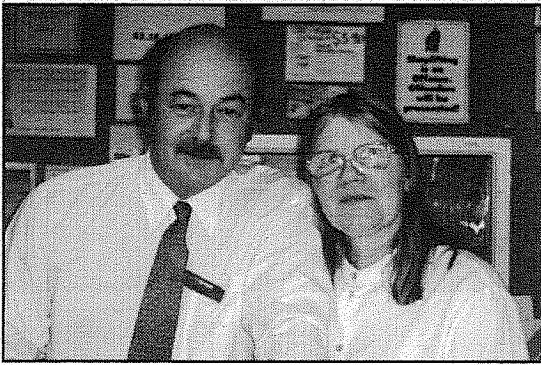


Churchill Post Office New Owners

CARL and Andrea Hood are the proud new owners of the Churchill Post Office.

Carl has a degree in computer science and worked as a manager in the information tech-



Carl and Andrea Hood

nology business in the city for many years. Andrea is an accountant who never liked tax accounting so has worked as a bookkeeper.

Buying a Post Office is a complete lifestyle change, working for themselves and getting away from the travel and traffic.

"We want the Post Office to continue as part of the community as it has been under Paul" said Carl. "We want to hear about any services that customers feel are lacking in the community and any ways in which our customers feel that we can serve them better".

Carl and Andrea have two sons, both grown. The eldest is in the RAAF and the other is a fax and photocopier repair man. There are no grandchildren as yet!

CFA Star Garden



By RUTH PLACE

HAVE you noticed the eight-pointed star garden outside the fire station? The eight-points represent the eight points on our badge, which are, starting from the top and going right in a circle, tact, dexterity, observation, sympathy, explicitness, gallantry, and perseverance.

This star is the Cross of St. John. It originated in the Maltese Cross, the emblem of the Knights of Malta, and was used by the knights of St. John of Jerusalem at the time of the Crusades. The points were said to be the knightly virtues. Since these are the qualities of a fire-fighter, the Star has been chosen by the C.F.A. for its insignia.

The garden is planted with plants that will bloom red and white, the colours of the fire brigade.

Bushfire Season

The bushfire season is just around the corner. Now is the time to clear up around your property. This is especially important if you are on a property outside of town. There have been a series of Bushfire Blitz sessions provided. If you have been unable to attend these informative sessions you can ring the fire brigade for

information. There are some very helpful brochures to obtain. Ring 51222121 and leave a message if it is unattended, or ring or call in on Monday nights or Sunday mornings.

In case of a bushfire, you must have planned to stay and protect your property or to leave. It is no good deciding at the last minute. You have to have your plan in place. The Fire Brigade can help you with this.

DO NOT EXPECT the fire brigade to always be available. AND do not expect the C.F.A. or D.S.E. to ring you and tell you there is a fire on its way. YOU need to be watching the weather patterns and BE PREPARED.

REMEMBER, burning off within the town limits is prohibited.

Brigades in Schools

Our Brigades in Schools program has now finished for the year. With visits to Glendonald, and Watson Park Pre-schools, Churchill, Churchill North, Yinnar South and Lumen Christie schools approximately 430 children heard fire safety messages.

The Map Books which were to have been on sale are now not available due to some aspects of the Privacy Act.

Walking School Bus Starting Tomorrow

The Walking School Bus program starts on November 14th at 8:00 a.m. at Glendonald Park, to arrive at school about 8:30 a.m.

Churchill Primary School in partnership with Latrobe City Council, is engaging in a pilot scheme called Walking the School Bus.

There are many reasons to become involved with this program. It will alleviate vehicular traffic around the school. This in turn will benefit the environment as fewer cars are polluting the air. It provides a safe way to gain exercise, and is an opportunity to actively teach and reinforce road safety.

The pilot scheme is an initiative of Latrobe City Council who have appointed a Project Officer- Elizabeth Tomlins.

The school is happy to acknowledge the support of Gippsland Water for their sponsorship.

Members of the teaching staff, parents and members of the public are all supporting this initial 'Bus'. The plan is to extend this service to include many more children. If you are a walker and would like to become involved and help, in a very positive way, the children of our town, please ring Churchill Primary School on 51221343, for further information.



Dear Churchill Residents

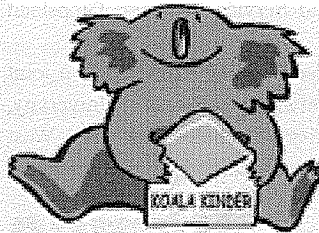
Dropping you a line to let you know that the Churchill Post Office is changing hands. The new owners/managers will be Carl and Andrea Hood. We wanted to thank you all for your patronage during the past 4 years. We've made many friends during this time and we will miss seeing you all. If we don't see you at the Post Office we'll sure bump into each other around town!!!

kindest Regards

*Paul, *Marg, *Sue,
*Helen and *Brian

XXXOOO

P.S. Goodbye at Churchill Saloon Bar get together Friday 14th November 6.00pm



Koala Kinder

KOALA KINDER GROUP INC

A non-profit kinder for children who are three years old and above

By ANGELA BOLDING, President Term Four has begun at Koala Kinder. We had a lovely visit from Fiona (our Kinder teacher for terms 1 & 2) and her baby. The children enjoyed watching baby Thomas getting bathed and dressed.

Fiona will be returning in December as Kinder Teacher once again and we'd like to thank Jill for being such a great replacement teacher, the children really enjoyed having her.

The Koala Kinder children will be going on a bus excursion this term to the local library, and weather permitting to Lake Hyland for morning tea. This excursion is sure to be an exciting day for them.

Favourite activities so far this term have been painted handprints and pictures. Due to generous donations from both the Churchill Lions Club and Hazelwood Power some new equipment has been purchased. The face in which the children put different eyes, mouths and so on to give it expressions has been a real hit.

The children have been doing some role-playing, "Miss Polly had a Dolly" was a real pleasure to watch while the children took turns being the doctor and Miss Polly.

Preparations are underway for Christmas

activities, so we are expecting great decoration ideas from Wendy and Jill.

Speaking of Christmas, I don't really want to say it but the year is flying by and the year will all too soon be over. If you are interested in enrolling your child for the 2004 year we will be holding an Information/Enrolment night at the Walkley Park Children's Centre on Monday the 17 of November 2003 at 7pm at Walkley Park Children's Centre. For more information contact our enrolment Officer Rachel on 51 223060.

Also run from Walkley Park Children's Centre are two Playgroups, the Owl and Pussycat playgroup that meets on Thursday mornings and the Churchill Playgroup that meets on Friday mornings.

Tuesday 18 of November from 12-2 is Walkley Park Children's Centre Open Day. The open day gives parents and carers a chance to check out the facilities and enjoy a free morning tea while the children play.

The kinder teacher as well as playgroup parents will be available to answer any questions.

There will be fun activities as well as show bags and free face painting. There will also be a cake stall with lots of homemade goodies. A highlight of the afternoon will be a visit from the Churchill Fire Brigade. Term four is sure to be a busy and fun time.

Are You Prepared?

By PETER MCSHANE

ARE You Prepared? The warmer weather is coming and that means that

we should already be implementing our Fire Precaution procedures eg clean up around our blocks, keep eaves and gutters clean, clearly defined emergency plan etc. Not sure what should be done? Then contact our local CFA as they will be pleased to offer guidance before the fire season commences.

Getting ready for Holidays? Then don't forget to obtain your "Absence from Home" form from the Police Station, complete it and drop it back to them before heading away.

Looking for a job? Our local LTB22 NHW committee is losing our Treasurer Fran Pawluck who is heading off soon on an extended caravaning trip - end destination unknown but be assured that they will be retiring to a warmer climate. So if you are keen to take on a position which is not labour intensive, not many nights out and a minimal number of financial transactions to

document and control, please give us a call.

Latest Crime Statistics.

Our local Police advise that we had ten reported incidents over the last month (10 also the previous month).

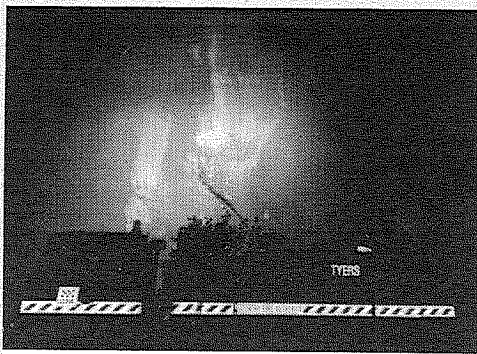
They were made up of: Two Burglaries from Houses, One Theft from front yard, One Theft from Service Station, Five Thefts from Motor Vehicles, One Property Damage.

Police reported the recent occurrences of illegal street racing in the vicinity of Hazelwood Estate Road posed unacceptable risks to the whole Community as the road is so narrow and leaves little or no room for error. This illegal practice must be stamped out and community assistance is requested in advising police of instances of this type.

Please come to our next meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 20 November at the Neighbourhood House Room at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Area Manager Peter McShane 51221745 or e-mail: petermcshane@yahoo.com.au

Churchill & District News Highlights from the last 12 months



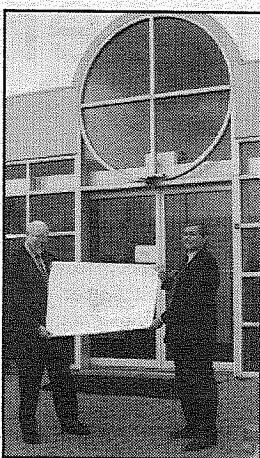
Bush Fire in the Jeeralangs

By GERALDINE SEYMORE alone.
 ONE resident spoke of how she felt while the Jeeralang bush fire was raging near her property last week.
 It was an unusual day, her husband was away from home with the family car. She was

alone.
 As the wind freshened she smelt smoke and could see the oncoming flames. She said she was terrified.
 The fire almost reached her home, but local firefighters contained the fire in time. No properties were lost - THIS TIME.

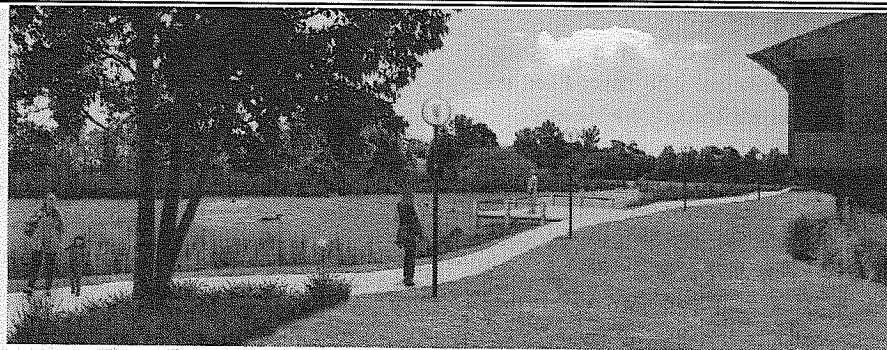
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GROUND BREAKING



THE ground is starting to move under the ground-breaking Gippsland Education Precinct.
 After months of planning and preparation, the initial groundworks for the Precinct started on Wednesday, March 5.

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Eel Hole Creek Wetland

WORK has begun on the construction of a wetland at Eel Hole Creek in Churchill. Situated behind the Green Inc. building between McDonald Way and Northways Road it is "the most exciting environmental project Monash University Campus has ever been involved with" said Brian Stark Facilities and Service Manager, Gippsland Campus.

The project, costing \$260,000, is a joint venture between Monash University, Latrobe City Council and the West Gippsland Catchment Management

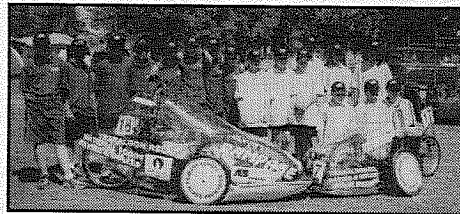
Authority.

"It complements what has already been done with the Land for Wildlife Project and Mathison Park" continued Mr. Stark.

Stage one, which is now in progress, includes the installation of a litter trap at the entry point of the Churchill storm water drain, the construction of two ponds approximately 90 meters long by 30 meters wide and a filtration pond of approximately 600 square meters, the building of embankments and landscaping of the surrounding area.

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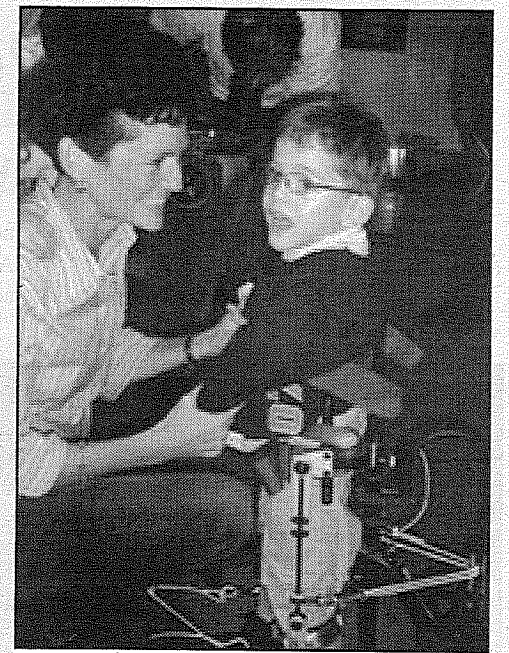
Human Power!



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HAZELWOOD North Primary School has been competing in the RACV Energy Breakthrough since 1977. It is held every November in Maryborough.

This year the school entered two teams, the Renegades and the Rampage team, with eight drivers in each.



Tom Walks Tall

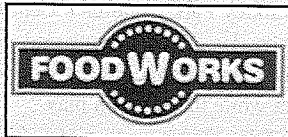
CHURCHILL & District Lions in partnership with Traralgon Lions have jointly funded the purchase and maintenance of a "Hart Walker" walking frame for 4-year-old Tom Trewin from Traralgon.

that young Tom is the recipient.
 Tom was fitted with his Walker at St. Albans in Melbourne this month and immediately took to it with gusto.
 Louise and Laurie Trewin, together with Tom's sisters Jessica, Claire and Sophie, had primed him for the big event by describing it as his new scooter and he was hot to trot.

This is the third "Hart Walker" recipient in this area and Tom's parents Louise and Laurie are delighted

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Spotlight On

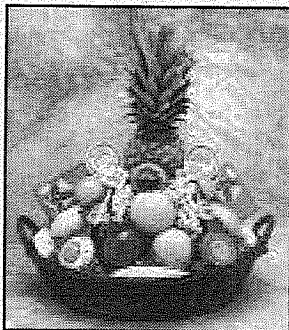


Hazelwood Village Foodworks:

Mario, Lynne, Alex, Jayde, Marion, Julie and Chris together with all the Foodworks team aim to provide you with friendly service, a wide range of fresh foods and groceries, and liquor and take this opportunity to thank you for shopping at Hazelwood Village Foodworks in Churchill.

Trading Hours:

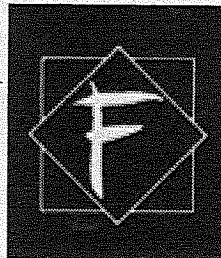
Monday - Saturday 8am - 9 pm.
 Sunday 9am - 8 pm.



Open all Public Holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day

Phone us on:-
5122 1231

Federation Pharmacy Churchill is no longer just a pharmacy. It is also a Member Service Centre and has recently appointed Meryl Watson as the new Member Service Centre Manager.



The pharmacy services the pharmaceutical needs of the Churchill community, has a great range of giftware, prestige perfumes and is the only shop in Churchill to offer One Hour film processing on its premises. So bring in those happy memories for prompt developing.

From December Federation Health will provide health cover service at the Member Service Centre. Existing Federation Health members will now be able to make claims and contributions in Churchill and new members will be able to sign up within the store. The Member Service Centre continues its extended trading hours, 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturdays.

As a Special Offer for readers of the Churchill and District News, bring this article in during the week of November 17th to 22nd, make a purchase, and go into the draw to win a pre-Christmas gift pack.

Federation Pharmacy

Churchill Hot Bread

Churchill Hot Bread: for all your fresh bread requirements. Churchill Hot Bread has been in Churchill for 18 years and still going strong. We have very friendly staff and yummy food.



Cakes and gourmet pies are our specialty with new range of flavoured pies planned in the very near future.

Churchill Hot Bread also makes in the vicinity of 30 birthday cakes every week and can also cater for your next party if you require party pies, party sausage rolls and party quiches.

Our special right up till Christmas is \$25.00 pizza slabs. If you haven't already, come and see us or one of our friendly staff.

Peter and Chris McLean

Hazelwood Village

Churchill Scouts Jamboree

THE most exciting thing for the Churchill Scouts at the moment is the upcoming Jamboree. It will be held in Adelaide in January 2004. Seven scouts will be attending from the Churchill troop, along with both our leaders. More than 10,000 scouts will be attending from all over Australasia. Activities include the Aerosol Art Wall, Mountain Bike Challenge, Circus, Beach Bash, Cybertech, Gladiators and Operation Firepower.

As well as fundraising and preparation for Jamboree, the scouts have been busy this year with other things. Five Churchill scouts have earned their red cord Pioneer Badges. We recently attended JOTA - Jamboree On The Air - where we got to talk with scouts from around

Australia on the radio.

Our scouts participated in the lyrebird count at Tarra Bulga National Park earlier in the year and, together with cubs, collected money for the Red Shield Appeal.

Camping activities this year included the Pioneer Camp at Conan Park in term two and an overnight hike at Walhalla in term three.

Later this year, we will be going scuba diving and competing in the district Billy Cart Derby.

Churchill Scouts meet every Tuesday night of the school term between 7.00 - 9.00 at the Scout Hall in Manning Drive. If you have any questions about scouts, please call Jeff Kemp on 5122 1293.

Churchill Cubs Exciting Year

THE Churchill cubs have had an exciting year in 2003. In second term, we went on a pack holiday to Buchan, where we went on a tour through two of the caves. We stayed in a hostel and went on a hike all around Buchan.

In term three, we met lots of cubs from around the district at our Movie World Day. In August, most of our cubs went to Mt Baw Baw to spend the day in the snow, tobogganing, making snowmen and having fun.

In October, we went to Birmingham Park near Glengarry for JOTA (Jamboree On The Air). We learned

about radios and codes and got to talk to cubs from all over Australia.

At the end of November, we will be camping in tents at Bell Park in Nyora. We are expecting to have lots of fun on the commando course, flying fox, water slide and cooking our own meals over campfires.

Churchill cubs meet every Wednesday night of the school term between 6.30 - 8.00 at the Scout Hall in Manning Drive. If you have any questions, please phone Peter Tait on 5122 3421.

Herman Ge At Your Service

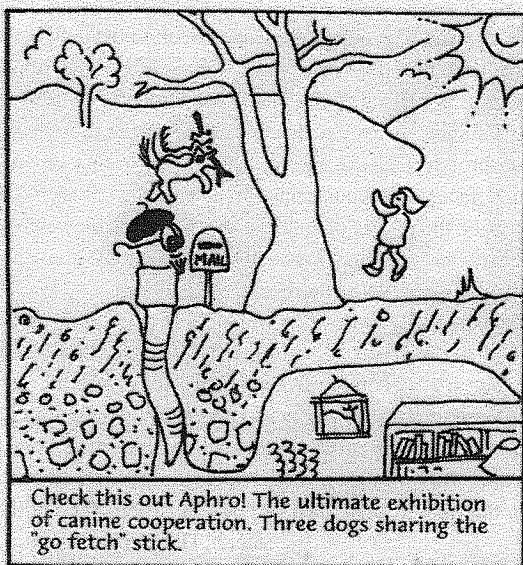
WELL, now you understand the importance of improving your gardens soil quality, lets get planting. How about a patch of annuals, with their bright colour to get that summer smile happening?

Choose the spot that gets sun most of the day, otherwise too much shade will have your plants reaching for the sky, lanky, pale and weak.

It is a good idea to define your patch with a border, to enable ease of maintenance. You could use concrete edging, treated pine or large rocks, but not the bricks that Dad's had in the stack for the last few years in readiness for the building of "The BBQ".

Build up the soil with mulch and organic matter, (preferably blissful compost) and incorporate some complete fertiliser.

Now, regarding plant choice and design layout; it will depend greatly on your psychological disposition. You may want colourful chaos or super order with calculated visual effects. If its chaos you're after grab yourself a seed pack of mixed cottage garden plants and sprinkle evenly over your patch. Cover with a light layer of soil. Alternatively, sit and think; tall varieties in the middle surrounded by medium size then ground hugging at the edges? If you use seedlings you'll know exactly where each plant is going.



Check this out Aphro! The ultimate exhibition of canine cooperation. Three dogs sharing the "go fetch" stick.

Here are a few suggestions: Smallish: Verbena, Dianthus, Californian Poppy, Pansies, Begonia (bedding), Petunias, Alyssum and Lobelia.

Tallish: Asters, Blue Salvia, Zinnia, Dahlia, Cosmos, Delphinium, Lupins and Canterbury Bells.

Botanical Curios

From "The Herbalist" by Clarence Meyer.

Basil, sweet: IN Haiti native merchants often sprinkle their stores with a composition made up of Sweet Basil soaked in water, which according to creed, chases bad luck and attracts buyers. The herb is often associated with Erzulie, the Haitian voodoo goddess of love.

If you have any gardening questions, tips or stories to share, please write to: Herman Ge Worm, PO Box 240, Churchill 3842.

Mathison Park Koorie Garden

By RUTH PLACE

THE fantastic new sign in the Koorie Garden sign-board gives a very interesting rundown on some of the plants used by the Ganai people.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation to David at Monash for this very impressive poster.

One of the small plants now in bloom in the Arboretum (the round beds just below Monash Way) is the Bulbine Lily (pictured left).

In its natural state it is found in open and closed forests, coastal regions, woodlands, scrubs, grasslands, heathlands, fresh water swamps and fern gullies. Bulbine Lilies have tubers which were eaten raw or roasted.

They are starchy, with a pleasant flavour.

Information on the Bulbine Lily was found in the Plants of Significance to the Ganai Community by Rob de Souza-Daw, Ken Harris and Doris Paton.



Vale CYRIL BEECHEY

1936-2003

IN September 2003, Cyril Beechey succumbed to the effects of severe emphysema, and passed away.

Born in Richmond Victoria, his family soon moved to Jindivick, where Cyril stayed until he was 16 years of age. Then the family moved to Dennison, where Cyril worked on the farm with his father.

Glenmaggie Weir was being built. Cyril as part of three generations of Beecheys, worked on the construction. That completed, Cyril came to work at Morwell S.E.C. in 1959.

Cyril and wife Margaret moved to live in Churchill in April 1966, the tenth family to move into the new town.

A founding member of Churchill, Cyril served on the first Citizens Association.

Doing shift work and holding down two jobs didn't allow for much else. However Cyril ways loved his sport, in later years enjoying a round of golf.

Cyril is survived by his wife Margaret, Son Ian and Daughter Glynis, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Suffering from emphysema is cruel, but through it all Cyril remained cheerful and always looked on the bright side. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Corporate Teams

Charity Triathlon

A CHARITY triathlon to raise money and awareness for the Latrobe Community Health

Service's 'Young Men's SHED (Self Help Ending Domestic) Project' will take place on Sunday 16 November 2003.

The Young Men's Shed is a new group for young men, challenging their violent behaviour, creating new skills that will assist in breaking the cycle of family violence. The Corporate Teams Triathlon events have been very successful in the

past and a large number of teams from all over the Latrobe Valley are expected to take part. The Triathlon is going to be a fantastic day of fun as well as raising money for the SHED project.

The Triathlon will take place at Hazelwood Pondage, starting at 10.00am. The cost of entry is \$45 per team. For more information visit the website: www.trialgonharrisers.org.com.au/triathlon_pages/index.htm.

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Churchill Hardware and Building Supplies

Serving the Local Community for 20 Years.

Springtime is here at last, and there's no better time to get a project underway around your home. And there's definitely no better place to begin that at Churchill Thrifty-Link Hardware, the "ideas" store on Switchback Road.

Whatever you're building, from a bookcase to a hothouse, you'll find our experienced and friendly staff more than happy to help out with all you costing, cutting and crafting queries.

And Right Now there's a great 20% discount on our range of outdoor goods, that's right, sleeping bags, folding chairs, pop-up shelters, air beds, lantern all at special spring prices.

Churchill Thrifty-Link Hardware: Open 7 Days.

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