

ANDOVER ADVERTISER - 50 YEARS AGO.

BROUGHTON. 5 January, 1934.

The New Year - The most important event in the opening of 1934 in the village is the electric light brought through from a local power station. Shops and private dwellings are enjoying a new method of lighting. The old custom of ringing the past year out and the New Year in was missed, the bells still being in an unsafe condition. Maybe the silence of the bells kept folk at home, there being no watch night service as in days past, when the worshippers usually gathered and joined in the farewell songs at the belfry door.

# entertainment



**JAMES PAGE-ROBERTS**

fact, it is most certainly one to try. I recommend it.

Champagne is something special - and very expensive. So one imagines that not a lot of it is drunk by the British public. Yet we import more than any other country in the world (more than 16 million bottles in 1986).

We know that much is drunk in the city of London by the yuppies, about whom we hear quite enough. There are wedding receptions galore where it is consumed at the bride's parents' expense. Smart parties and personal celebrations then account for quite a lot more. But I doubt, somehow, if much is bought without any of the aforementioned cases in mind - that is, just for pleasurable drinking and no other reason.

Are Andoverians consuming their fair share? To get a feel for sales, I cast my word-net around for information.

Waitrose: "Slow but steady, mainly for celebrations." Tesco: "Mediocre but steady." Victoria Wine: "Selling well, especially in springtime." Marks & Spencer: "Nothing to rave about. Average sales." Safeway: "Spasmodic, mainly for weddings and parties." Bottoms Up/Peter Dominic: "Very good."

From these comments, one could gather that in this part of Hampshire we are drinking our share of Champagne but are not part of the enormous rise in overall sales of this most special liquid. At a recent tasting of Maestic's edition - called De

## Looking back through the files 100 YEARS AGO

6 May 1887 ANDOVER

**The Andover Football Club** - Mr S. Wentworth Pike, who combines the offices of captain and honorary secretary of this club, has issued the annual balance sheet, from which it appears that the receipts from subscribers and members reached £14 6s; from gate money, £2.2.6; and the surplus from the smoking concerts 12s 5d, making a total of £17.0.11. The expenditure included the rent of the ground, £2.2s; printing and stationery, £2.15.6; materials, £2.9.6; expense of matches, £4.14s; and sundry smaller payments, making a total of £15.2.3; which leaves a balance of £1.18.6 in hand. The annual supper takes place tonight at the White Hart Hotel.

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**Jubilee Lamps** - The sum of £44 has been collected in the village and neighbourhood in aid of the fund which is being raised to provide Broughton with street lamps, as a permanent memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. Twelve lamps will be erected at different places in the village. They have been ordered from Wilkes and Son, Salisbury and will be put up some time this month. Persons intending to subscribe should kindly pay their subscriptions to Mr J. Fisher, post office, the hon sec to the committee.

## 50 YEARS AGO

7 May 1937 OVERTON

**The Oxford Group Movement** - On Sunday for the first time local folk had the opportunity of hearing first-hand information concerning the Oxford Group Movement when a meeting was held in St Mary's Hall, presided over by Mr J. B. Meakins, of Laverstoke. Speakers came from London, Basingstoke, Bournemouth and other places. The chairman said the politicians had failed to solve the problems of unrest and bitterness amongst the nations, but the Oxford Movement claimed to have the answer in God-controlled lives, for it was to each individual one must look if the present disorder in the world was to be changed.

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**Proposed Roman Catholic Church** - The Town Clerk (Mr C. J. Phillips) has received from the Ministry of Health an intimation that an appeal has been made to the Minister against the decision of the town council in refusing permis-

MAJESTIC Wine Warehouses are now 21 - twenty-one branches, that is.

This, the original and fastest-growing multiple wine warehouse company in the country, has recently opened that twenty-first branch in Bournemouth.

The nearest warehouse to us is in Southampton Road, Salisbury. Take the bypass until you reach the Polytechnic on the left. Turn left toward Southampton, and along on the right you will see the building with Majestic's sign of a playing-card king outside. There is off-street parking in the forecourt.

Inside, the helpful and knowledgeable Nigel Catermole will, if you like, advise and guide you.

Although a dozen bottles must be your minimum, you may mix them as you will. There are many wines available to taste before you buy. Today I want to tell you about two of those on their list.

Many of us who have so often turned to good old Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon for our table red, now have a most pleasant surprise in store.