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of land for a new village

and of poor construction. The facilities were 'clearly inadequate' and car parking was hazardous.

But a Drove Road resident said he didn't think Chilbolton needed a village hall and that building a new one would increase the traffic dangers at the bottom of the road.

Another resident, a developer, said he didn't think the offer was a fair bargain.

And a man from River View Close said he was surprised because he thought the Chilbolton Action Group fought against the case for low cost homes when they opposed plans from Micheal Pigeon at Mayberry last year.

But the ex-CAG chairman, Bill Woodsford, said they fought development purely on the grounds they didn't want it in that part of the valley.

Mr Painter confirmed that if the village did not support his plans he would go ahead and seek planning permission for speculative houses.

"And when I have it I will then perhaps consider giving some land for low cost housing and the village hall but I'm not going to feel pleased about it, having gone to all the hassle and expense."

Another supporter said they were naive if they thought that field was not going to be developed in the future.

"We'll have some low cost homes that we desperately need and we'll have a site developed for the village rather than by a speculator with only himself to consider."



Test Valley Mayor Cllr Pam White hands out a winners rosette to David Holmes with his pony, Autumn, at the 21st birthday show of the Broughton Riding for the Disabled club. 90396-M21

Celebrating 21 years of Riding for the Disabled

BROUGHTON'S Riding for the Disabled celebrated its 21st year with a birthday party for riders, helpers and supporters, past and present.

Group organiser Sally Josling welcomed guests to the village hall where there was an exhibition of photographs of the groups activities, including shots of the regular Wednesday afternoon sessions, picnic rides, outings and horse shows.

Riders from Greenacres School, Winchester, and the Romsey 'Playaway Club' demonstrated riding activities including exercises, control of ponies, trotting and bending.

Guest of honour was Cllr Pam White, Mayor of Test Valley, whose charity this year is the Riding for the Disabled.

She presented rosettes to the riders and long service medals to four ponies.

Long service certificates were awarded to Colonel and Mrs Fitzgibbon, Colonel and Mrs Redmond, Mrs Pat Edwards and Mrs Ann Parr,

who, with Mrs Fitzgibbon was a founder member of the group.

Mrs Parr has been with Broughton RDA for all of its 21 years and was presented with a gift of terracotta plant pots in recognition of her hard work.

Sandy Mason mentioned the group's plans, including the purchase of land close to the village to ensure a venue and grazing for the future.

Fundraising was essential and sponsorship of individual riders had begun, she said.

In return for that support, sponsors would be advised of the child's progress and be welcome to attend any of the sessions.

A magnificent tea was laid on with a cake made and decorated by group instructor, Alison Cooke, depicting amid the 21 candles, a pony and bending poles.

The ponies were not forgotten and were rewarded with a cake of their own, lavishly decorated with carrots.

Priestley play at Broughton

'WHEN We Were Married,' a three act play by J.B. Priestley, is being performed by Broughton Amateur Dramatic Society at the village hall next Thursday (October 18) Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tickets, priced £2.50, are available on the door or from Mrs P. Dawkins, at The Square, Broughton, telephone 0794 301203. The show starts at 7.30pm.

POLICE LIAISON MEETING

KING'S SOMBORNE plays host to the Andover police liaison group's public meeting next Wednesday, 17

Army Air Corps on the march through Stockbridge

...the Centre for a week's exhibition in 1991. However, the hall is in daily use, it has decided to offer them a weekend. The Treasurer, Mr. Hobday, reported a drop in income over the last seven months, but anticipated an improvement in September.

BIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Bighton Parish Council found themselves at their last meeting discussing Winchester City Council's parish project grant, that from 1989, to fund tables and chairs for the play area, is still outstanding and the date is now being extended to November 10th.

The floor of the village hall had now been satisfactorily completed and the Clerk had applied for the 1990 grant of £600. The Council considered suggestions for 1991, and Dr. John Sargent proposed that they should consider work on the lay-by in front of Woodlark cottages. It was decided to discuss this more fully at the January meeting.

It was not possible for the Council to decide on a provision-cept for 1991 as it is still awaiting invoice from the City Council for the May elections.

Planning applications were discussed and concern was expressed over the refusal of a plan for a replacement dwelling for a local family and it was agreed to support any re-application they should make.

Tree Preservation Order had been put on a goat willow at the rear of Old Bighton Post Office. The Council had no objections. As there is to be no further raising by the County Council or Community Adviser Scheme, Mr. Nick Ashford had resigned as the Bighton Community Adviser.

There was some discussion on low cost housing and the offer from Winchester City Council to send someone to the Parish to discuss it. City and Parish councillor Mr. Garry Allam agreed to talk to Bishop's Sutton parish with a view to getting together on the scheme.

A complaint had been received about rubbish being dumped on The Broads on the Medstead Road. The City Council Environmental Health Officer has looked at the area, but could find no sign of rats. Local residents were asked to keep a look out for people dumping refuse.

Mr. Allam reported that he had noticed the plant Japanese knotweed growing at Chalky Hill and Gundleton. As this is very hardy and difficult to eradicate, he advised parishioners to remove any plants they see.

Concern was expressed at the lack of water in the local rivers and ponds, and it was thought this was due to the Candover and Arley Pumping Scheme.

BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

At last week's meeting, it was reported that a special meeting had been held in August to discuss the Housing Needs Survey, which has now gone out to all parishioners.

Chairman Mrs. Gillian Mylne told Councillors that the fence by the church was broken again; unfortunately this was due to vandalism. A new notice had been ordered.

The Council is still pressing for traffic signs on the western end of the A51 directing motorists to Bishop's Sutton. The Chairman had been in contact with the Hampshire County Council's Area Surveyor, who had been unable to find any correspondence from the Council about these signs. It was

...a brick-built shelter. Once again councillors firmly rejected any idea of a timber shelter for fear that it would be vandalised again. About £900 is available from insurance and Cllr. Brian Blunt assured it would cost little more than this for a simple brick shelter.

It was agreed to get a quotation for building a three-sided brick-built bus shelter with a "concrete lid."

John Giles proposed pressing ahead with a toddlers' play area on the grass between Langton Road and Morley Drive. This was already fenced on three sides and would be handy for mothers and children from the Ponds estate.

Dorethy Quiney said the suggestion would meet the urgent needs of the estate and could be funded with the £7500 left over from sale of land at the corner of Claylands Road.

Judith Fairhurst criticised this bid saying the Council was often guilty of going ahead with new ideas without first assessing its priorities. Mrs. Quiney reminded councillors that a strong case had already been made for children's play facilities in the area. Councillors voted 8 to 5 in favour of going ahead.

Tongue-in-cheek, a resident has complained that one of the parish "wheely bins" should be resited at the corner of Claylands Road which young people are apparently giving as an address to take delivery of takeaway pizzas.

The Clerk reported a sight meeting with the Highways Department and the City Council as a result of which a large number of paving slabs in the town centre have been marked for replacement by old slabs from Petersfield.

Mr. Pogson said once the pavements have been repaired in High Street the County will consider putting bollards there to stop vehicles driving onto the pavement and breaking pavings.

The County's opinion that the many little alleyways off the High Street were Parish Council property, was greeted with disbelief from councillors, many of whom recall the long-running saga of seeking to apportion ownership, which was ended by property-holders claiming those adjacent to them.

Expert advice on the Jubilee Hall car park surface was that it should be top dressed as a matter of urgency within the next year at a cost of about £5000. If it was left longer it was likely to cost up to £20,000 to repair.

County Council has asked the parish to withdraw its objection to the extinguishment of highway rights at Fairlawn, Station Road, now planning permission has been granted for change of use from highway to private garden. However, councillors wished to uphold their opposition.

Bridge Club.—Bishop's Waltham Bridge Club is keen to pick up new members for its weekly meetings at the Institute, Bank Street. A friendly atmosphere prevails each Wednesday night, and a bridge drive is held once a month and rubber bridge is played at other times, with facilities for duplicate bridge if sufficient interest is shown. Fees are moderate and Chairman, Eric Cole, would welcome enquiries on Bishop's Waltham 895500.

Minibus Fund.—A sunny summer fete, barbecue and dance at Bishop's Waltham involving young musicians, belly dancers, polka dancing to a Czech orchestra and the Woodfildy folk band resulted in a £250 donation to the Minibus Fund. Mrs. Georgie Busher gave the use of her garden and grounds at

year to the turn of the P.C.C. to suffer, causing the audience to have hysterics! The "Batling Brombleys" (Angela and Bernard) sang "Anything you can do I can do better" (Bernard is Botley's London Marathon runner) and to round off the evening, Mrs. Dolly Sellby, who is in her 80s and has never had a music lesson in her life, played the piano for community singing. The proceeds will be divided between the Church Urban Fund and Christian Aid.

BROUGHTON

R.D.A. Birthday Party.—Broughton R.D.A. group have just celebrated 21 years of providing riding opportunities for disabled youngsters, with a birthday party for riders, helpers and supporters, both past and present. Guests were welcomed to Broughton Village Hall by group organiser, Sally Josling, and were given an opportunity to view an exhibition of photographs of the group's activities over the years, including shots of the regular Wednesday afternoon sessions, picnic rides, outings and participation at horse shows. Despite threatening drizzle, riders from Greenacres School, Winchester and the Romsey "Playaway Club" were able to demonstrate a typical afternoon's activities, including exercises, control of ponies, trotting and bending. No party would be complete without games, and there was some keen competition in the relay races. Guest of honour was Mrs. Pamela White, Mayor of Test Valley, whose charity this year is the Riding for the Disabled organisation. She was called upon to present rosettes to the riders and long service medals to four ponies. Long service certificates were awarded to Colonel and Mrs. Fitzgibbon, Colonel and Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Pat Edwards and Mrs. Ann Parr, who, with Mrs. Fitzgibbon was a founder member of the group. Mrs. Parr has been with the organisation for all of its 27 years and was presented with a gift of terracotta plant pots in recognition of all her hard work.

Mrs. White gave a progress report on fund-raising for the appeal, which will benefit all the groups in the Test Valley and help to extend their activities. Sandy Mason, M.C. for the afternoon, mentioned Broughton R.D.A.'s plans which include the purchase of land close to the village to ensure a venue and grazing for the future.

CHERITON

Mothers' Union.—Members met at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon and the meeting opened with prayers led by the Rector (the Rev. E. D. R. Sims). As this was the last meeting he would be attending, as he is retiring this month, Mrs. Queenie Browne (Branch Chairman), presented him with gift vouchers. She thanked him for his support. The Rector thanked the members for their generous gift before the meeting went on to discuss future plans.

COLDEN COMMON LOCAL PLAN

In 1986 the Colden Common and Otterbourne Local Plan was adopted. The Local Plan made provision for residential and industrial development to take place in Colden Common.

One of the requirements of the Local Plan was that a new community centre should be provided, along with additional recreational land.

A considerable amount of discussion and negotiation has taken place between the village

...for received the trophy for soft fruit, pot plants and sprays of flowers. Mr. Bulstrode went on to talk about the growing of sweet peas. He is a member of the National Sweet Pea Society and has been growing the flowers for over 35 years. Chairman, Mrs. G. Skinner thanked the speaker.

September Weather.—After an exceptionally dry summer, the September rain came as a welcome relief to most people. In fact, this September's rainfall was the highest for six years with 44mm., mostly falling on the last two days. This also brought a touch of night frost, taking temperatures down to -1 degree C. Highest temperature recorded at Wangfield Lane, Curdridge, was 24.5 degrees C. Readings over the last eight years are: 1985, 70mm.; 1984, 74mm.; 1985, 13mm.; 1986, 30mm.; 1987, 58.4mm.; 1988, 36mm.; 1989, 53mm., giving an average rainfall of 42.4mm. (less than September's fall).

DENMEAD

Happy Smiles on Wet Faces.—The Michaelmas Fayre organised by the 1st Denmead Scouts Group Building Fund Raising Committee was a great success despite the rain. Over 400 people entered Kidmore Field and Committee Chairman, Mr. Brian Clare, is pleased to report the Fayre showed a profit of £1200. This brings the total raised to date to over £3500 towards the target of £11,500 needed to qualify for grants to erect the much needed new Scout hut. There are about 100 Cubs and Scouts within the group.

Ladies Fellowship.—Members celebrated the first anniversary of the relaunch of the Baptist Church Fellowship last Thursday. Initially formed 50 years ago, there was a six-year break when the then President was unable to continue. A total of 86 people, including guests from neighbouring churches, took tea at the end of the afternoon. The meeting was conducted by President, Mrs. Jean Hyde and Mrs. Pat Pye sang two solos. Past President, Mrs. Dorothy MacNee, told those present a little of the Fellowship's history and an amusing address was then given by Mrs. Pat Thorpe, President of the Southern Baptist Ladies Fellowships.

New Churchwarden.—All Saints Church has Mrs. Angela Herring of Anmore Road, as a new churchwarden to replace Miss Gill Levick, who died recently.

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Ladies Gather.—The Denmead Ladies Fellowship of the Baptist Church celebrated the first anniversary of the relaunch of the Fellowship last Thursday. A total of 86 people, including guests from neighbouring churches, seated themselves for an enjoyable tea at the end of the afternoon. Initially formed 50 years ago, there was a six year break when the then President was unable to continue. The meeting was conducted by President,

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