

club on the terms of a 15-year licence for Selborne Recreation Ground, which will enable the Sports Club to apply for grant aid from the Southern Area Sports Council towards the cost of building a pavilion on the recreation ground.

Under the agreement, the parish council will continue to be responsible for cutting the grass on the recreation ground, but the Sports Club will be responsible for the upkeep of the new pavilion, the village's Silver Jubilee project, which will replace the present ramshackle shed on the ground.

The club will also be responsible for insuring the pavilion, and for any noise or nuisance arising from the use of the pavilion. The parish council, which will have to be consulted about any proposed additional facilities on the recreation ground, agreed to pay the local costs of drafting the licence.

Mr. T. Maltby, vice-chairman of the council, took the chair at the meeting in the absence of the chairman, Mr. E. Lucas. In his capacity as chairman of the Sports Club, Mr. Maltby undertook to send a copy of the draft licence to the Sports Council.

Mr. G. M. Morrison and Mr. R. Palmer will be drawing up tree planting schemes for Oakhanger and Blackmoor which will be posted on the notice boards in the two villages. An application is to be made for a grant to help towards the cost of the schemes.

which would have to be installed, or the hall would not be licensed for public use. The electric wiring was another priority some of the present wiring had been installed in 1923 and the rest over 20 years ago. Heating, external painting and guttering were all overdue for attention.

The parish council discussed the proposal that half of the £1,500 needed should be contributed by the council, which would mean a one penny rate, but some councillors were opposed, feeling that the users of the hall should make some effort themselves to ensure that the hall paid its way.

#### HALL USERS

Councillor Mrs. H. Seymour said that the main sum should come from hall users at every level. "The kids could put on a play or a concert to raise money, even if its only £50 or £60," she said. "The trouble is everyone stands with their mouths open wide for the things we pop into them, it's take, take, take."

Councillor Mr. P. B. Powell said, "They all have the same unswerving belief in common — that everyone else should pay for it and that they, shouldn't."

Mr. Firmston-Williams told the council that the Bentley Social Club, which used the upper floor of the hall as their club premises, had promised to make an interest-free loan to the Community Association.

## East Meon Parish Council

THE emphasis at last Thursday's East Meon Parish Council meeting was on the residents' responsibility for their own environment.

Chairman Mr. H. Goddard drew the council's attention several times during the meeting to matters of individual responsibility.

Firstly there was the matter of traffic speed control, a topic initiated by a resident Mr. E. Riley, who conducted his own survey. The matter has since been taken up by the county council, who have agreed to conduct an official survey in February.

Then it was the turn of local farmer Mr. S. Jones, who had agreed to tidy his farm buildings at Frogmore, but asked in return that the council should do something to clear the cars from the access point in the river adjoining his property. Here the council agreed to get in touch with Hampshire county council, roads and bridges department to see if a 'lay by' could be made available.

#### LITTER

On the question of litter, too, the village have not been slow to make use of local initiative, for in addition to litter baskets being emptied every week, the headmaster of

the village school, Mr. W. Lewis has agreed to alert the children to what in summer months, is an acute problem, particularly in the centre of the village, in and around the river.

It was suggested also that a pensioner might be approached to take on special responsibility for this.

The Cubs, who, the meeting was told, did a great deal to integrate with other organisations and functions in the village, have now asked for their own football pitch on the recreation ground, and are to be given a portion either at the southern or the eastern end, so long as the cricket pitch is not interfered with in the season.

Mr. Goddard had a stern word to say on the subject of water tap maintenance on the allotments, where burst pipes caused hundreds of wasted gallons of water during the recent freeze up. He suggested that one responsible allotment owner be approached to make sure these were turned off from October to April, and likewise the water supply in the cricket pavilion.

A survey will be carried out to see if a minibus service is required in the village for social services.

The council voted against entering the village for the 'Best Kept Village' competition.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Other points discussed at the meeting were questions which were to be dealt with by official bodies outside the village.

East Hampshire District Council have opposed changing official boundaries. However the line was straightened to give Froxfield, Stocks Farm.

The stile at Belmont Farm was reported unsafe, as was the one at Dungevan Cottage on footpath 23, which is no longer intact. Footpath officer Mr. Bowers would be notified of these, also of the urgent matter of the footpath, bridleway, and 'right of way' from Westbury House to Horsedown Farm, which is under threat from a 'No Trespassers' sign, put up by the new owners of the estate.

The district council have turned down the site at Coppice Cottages for a car park, a decision which the parish council are to oppose and renegotiate.

Once again the initiative was taken by councillor and local farmer Mr. W. Atkinson, who volunteered assistance with levelling the site, if this should make the project more attractive to the authorities, an offer readily echoed by other members of the council.

The clerk was asked to write inviting officials to call on a Saturday morning when the obstruction problem was at its worst.

Although the survey to be carried out by Mrs. Tucker on the local bus service has not yet been completed, it was felt, on the whole, to be adequate.

Mr. D. Ryder, however, expressed the hope that it might provide greater synchronisation with the railways.

Arrangements for the annual parish meeting on March 22nd are going ahead, and will be followed by a council meeting. Mr. Brook suggested asking the county librarian as guest speaker.

The council agreed to allot £15 for the 'end' of the bus shelter erected by the Jubilee committee.

## Walking the

### Langrish footpaths

COUNTRY footpaths should be constantly trod and kept in use.

Vice chairman of Langrish Parish Council, Mrs. Jenny Dandridge has been doing just this together with the county rights-of-way officer Mr. Frearson, and as a result both improvements and re-routing proposals have been adopted.

As Hampshire County Council are at the moment re-planning their maps, these changes will be incorporated.

Other topics covered at the parish council meeting were the Jubilee seat, which has now been erected on the Green, and parking problems at Reeds Meadow. The District Surveyor is to be notified.

A bright note was struck on finance when a decision was reached not to increase the rates for the current year.

The churchyard, too, came in for consideration when a cheque was handed to a representative of the Parochial Church Council towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

## The active over Sixties of East Meon

THE annual general meeting of the East Meon Over 60s Club was held on Thursday last week despite the snow drifts and bad weather, which prevented many of the regular members from attending.

The annual report was read by the secretary, Mr. J. Crockford. Four new members, Mr. and Mrs. Witt, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler were welcomed and tribute was paid to the three members, Mrs. P. Moor, Mrs. N. Whitear, and Mrs. M. Oliphant, whose deaths had occurred during the year.

A resume of events was given. Concerts had been provided by the children of East Meon Primary School, and the Four Marks Gypsy Group, outings to the opera, Bognor Regis, the pantomime at H.M.S. Mercury and parties given by chairman Mrs. Goddard, president, Lasy Dacre at Drayton House, and a 14th birthday party, held at the Village Hall. The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Nicholson had been celebrated, and it was announced that Mrs. L. Porch had won a 1st prize and Mrs. E. Lambert and Miss C. Fisher 3rd prizes in the Age Concern Competition.

Reading the treasurer's report, Mrs. I. Cook reported a total of £243.77p expenses against receipts of £328.50p, making an overall profit of £71.83p.

The chairman thanked Lady Dacre for arranging some first class speakers, and vice president Mrs. P. Bailey for her talk on America, and her invitation to tea at her home on February 15th.

She thanked Miss Luff for running successful raffles throughout the year, Mrs. Cook for her arrangements with transport, and Mrs. Crockford for her work as secretary including the Age Concern journal. She also thanked the tea ladies, Mrs. N. Blackman for her work at the door, Mrs. Porch for providing blankets for the Red Cross and Miss Luff, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. E. Blackman, Mrs. Crockford, and Mrs. Goddard for the use of their homes for meetings.

A vote of thanks was passed on behalf of the chairman by Mrs. M. Lambert, who said she was willing to fill the vacancy left on the committee by Nurse Moore, who was on an indefinite stay at St. James Hospital, Winchester. Other members of the committee were willing to stand another year, and were voted in.

These were chairman, Mrs. E. Goddard; secretary, Mrs. J. Crockford; treasurer, Mrs. I. Cook; and vice chairman, Miss L. Luff. Other committee members are Mrs. E. Blackman, Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. J. Bray and Mr. W. Albery.

Following the election, the January section of the Diary of an Edwardian Lady by Edith Holden, was read by Mrs. Bray.

A quiz by Mr. John Rowsell was held, and the meeting ended with tea.



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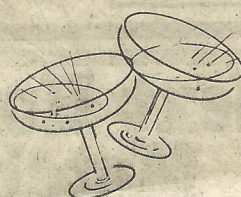
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