



The Lord Chamberlain is  
commanded by Her Majesty to invite

*Councillor and Mrs. Herbert Goddard*  
to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace  
on Thursday, 20th July, 1978 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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## Bishop visits East Meon

All Saints Church, East Meon, was crowded for the harvest thanksgiving evensong service on Sunday, when the Bishop of Portsmouth (the Very Rev. Ronald Gordon) paid his first visit to the parish.

The singing of the hymns was led by Mr. Lodge at the organ, and the augmented village choir included one member who had just returned from Canada, and had not sung in the choir since 1931.

The Bishop gave a sermon on the many-sided bounties of God and how men should not debase them for their own uses.

After the blessing, he talked to members of the congregation, and was welcomed by Mr. H. Goddard, chairman of East Meon parish council.

The church was decorated with pressed flowers, and many gifts of fruit, vegetables and tinned food.

Afterwards, a buffet harvest supper was served in the village hall. The food was prepared by ladies of the parochial church council, under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Atkinson.



# ELDER STATESMAN CALLS IT A DAY

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East Meon's elder statesman, Mr. Herbert Goddard, has announced his intention of retiring from the parish council. He told members at their meeting last week that he would not be seeking re-election this year, thus ending an unbroken record of 33 years membership of the council — the last 15 as chairman.

Mr. Goddard, a local garage proprietor, has long been involved in all aspects of village life and played a notable role in the scheme which provided the village with a fine, new hall.

He will take the chair for the last time at the annual parish meeting and parish council meeting in March.

Members heard that a local resident's campaign for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit for the village had resulted in a meeting between the chairman and a representative from Hampshire County Council. This was to be followed by a survey of traffic flow during February.

### BUILDINGS

The dilapidated state of buildings at Frogmore was the subject of a meeting between Mr. Goddard and the farmer, Mr. Stanley Jones. The chairman said the farmer acknowledged the condition of the buildings, but claimed he had been unable to take action because his right of way to the buildings was continually blocked by vehicles.

Members said they were unable to accept this argument, though they agreed there was an obstruction problem, but it occurred only in the evenings and at week-ends.

The council decided to ask Mr. Jones to do something about the buildings and, at the same time, to ask the Divisional Road Surveyor if a plan can be evolved for providing an alternative parking site for

the vehicles which block the right of way.

A letter from the East Hampshire District Council said it had taken up with the owner of Lower House Farm the matter of leaking effluent and that remedial work was being carried out. The council noted that the situation had improved and decided no further action was needed at present.

The council received from the Parochial Church Council the accounts in connection with the overhaul of the church clock and installation of electric winding, and agreed a contribution of 80 per cent. — £340 — towards the cost.

Strong objections by the parish council to a proposal by West Meon to include Westbury House in that parish have been supported by the East Hampshire District Council.

The district council's policy for allocation of council homes was the subject of a short discussion and Mr. G. C. Brook, district councillor, explained it was based on a points system with need as the over-riding factor, and was more important than residential qualifications or links with the local area.

### SETBACK

Hopes of providing a car park on land west of Coppice Cottages received a setback. The district council disagrees with the council and discounts the proposal on the grounds of lack of adequate sightlines and proximity to a bend.

Members felt there was a need, and several referred to the problems currently faced by vehicles, especially farm

implements, in trying to negotiate the narrow lane when a number of cars were parked outside the council houses.

Mr. Wilson Atkinson said that partial levelling and a top dressing of hoggin was all that was needed to make a car park, while Mr. D. Ryder urged the council to make application for planning permission, even though it was district council land.

It was agreed to ask the district council to send a representative to discuss the problem, preferably on a Saturday morning when the parking problem was especially evident.

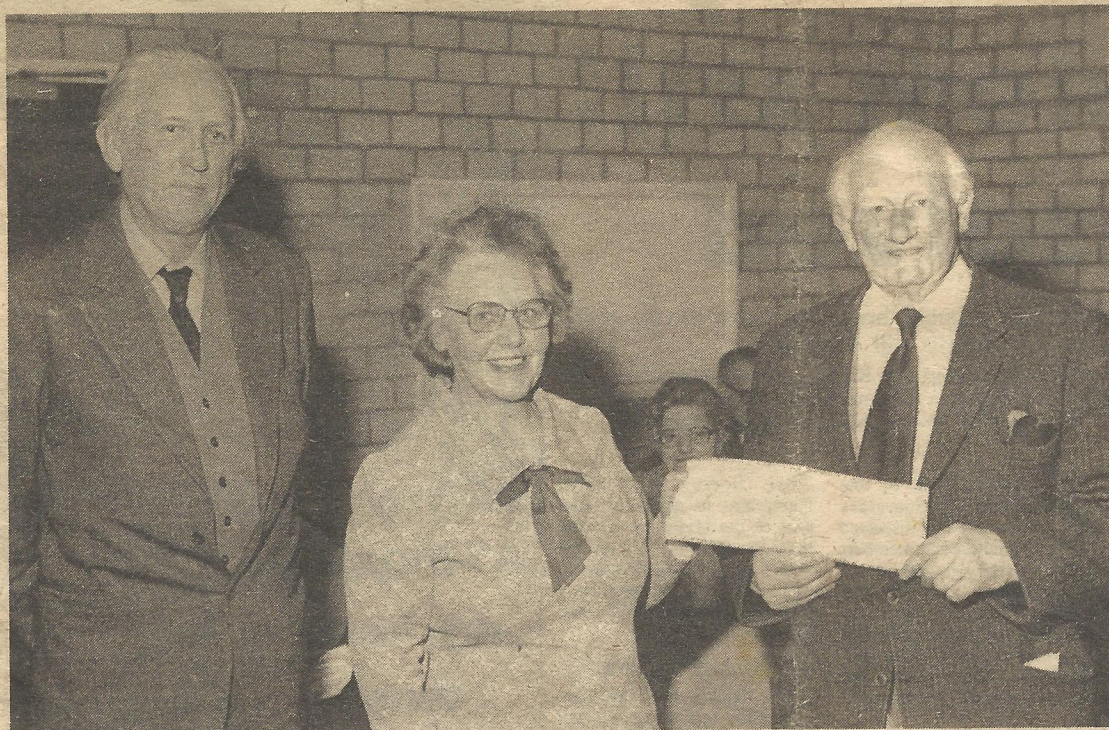
### DETRIMENTAL

The council received notice of a planning application to erect a bungalow and a pair of garages on land at Sebastopol Cottages, Temple Lane, and decided to object on the grounds that the development would be detrimental to character of that part of the village and additional vehicles would create further problems in Temple Lane.

There was concern that a notice had been erected close to the footpath and bridleway crossing the Westbury House estate which warned against trespassing. The chairman said this was misleading to the public, and it was agreed to ask the district council to mark the right of way as soon as possible.

Various road repair matters are to be referred to the Divisional Road Surveyor, including the river retaining wall in the village which was reported to have suffered frost damage.





Mr. "Herbie" Goddard receives the memento card from East Meon Parish Council Chairman, Mrs. B. Tucker. On the left is county councillor Major Hugh Rose. See story under East Meon news.

the annual vestry and parochial church meetings of St John the Baptist Church, Rowlands Castle.

Elections resulted: Churchwardens — Mr. H. A. Gill and Mr. R. A. Gunston. Parochial Church Council — Miss D. Bevis-White, Mr. K. Bastable, Mrs. U. Flower, Mrs. J. Cox, Mr. B. Cole, Mrs. E. Heasman, Mrs. A. Gunston, Mrs. R. Pitt, Mrs. H. Stitson, Commander R. E. Hoskin, Mrs. P. Pope.

Ex-officio members — the churchwardens, Mr. C. T. Pitt (churchwarden emeritus), Mr. F. Cox (hon. treasurer).

#### For Boredean

A coffee morning organized by the Rowlands Castle Sue Ryder Support Group and held in the United Reformed Church Hall raised £74 for Boredean House.

#### East Meon

##### Presentation

Although, still an active parish councillor at East Meon, Mr. H. Goddard, affectionately known as "Herbie" to all the parishioners, retired from his position as Chairman — a position which he had held for 16 years — last September.

In recognition of his unswerving integrity and love of his village, he was presented with a beautifully designed card signed by past and present members of the Council, at the open meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday last week.

At the presentation, Mrs. E. B. Tucker, the present Chairman, thanked Mr. Goddard for all his hard work, saying that he had led the Council through affairs so diverse as broken stiles, to the building of the new village hall, through street lighting to the Jubilee celebrations.

Mrs. Tucker said "It is my privilege to pay tribute to his many years of service of hard and dedicated work, to hope that he will have many more years of service on the Council and to thank him for his generous support in the past year."

County Councillor, Major H. Rose echoed the Chairman's praise of Mr. Goddard, and said that without him, the meeting would never have been held in the present beautiful village hall, as his efforts had been so paramount in the building of the hall.

##### Legion meeting

The Women's Section of the East Meon Royal British Legion met for its monthly meeting, which opened with the Exhortation.

Mrs. E. Brook was in the chair, and gave the apologies for absences. She then read some of the resolutions which will be voted for at the national annual meeting at Eastbourne on April 29-30.

The Poppy Walk this year will again be held at Droxford, with two walks of ten miles and one walk of five miles. Mrs. Brook said that she would be pleased if any interested people prepared to take part in the walks would contact her.

The treasurer, Mrs. I. Cook, told members that 30 application fees had been paid, and a receipt had been received for the £10 sent from the branch for the Diamond Jubilee purse, which will be presented to the Queen Mother, at Eastbourne.

Mrs. Brook told members that the war memorial in the village had now been cleaned and was looking very good.

A talk from Mrs. Dicker, on her visit to America, then followed, and she entertained members with an interesting account of her travels. She was thanked by Mrs. Brook.

The raffle winners were Mrs. I. Cook, Mrs. N. Goddard. The mystery prize was won by Miss Luff. Teas were served by Mesdames