

Around East Hampshire

West Meon

Care Group

An afternoon whist drive held in the village hall was attended by 40 players and Mr. D. Finch was M.C.

It was the recently-formed Care Group's first fund-raising event and, although it raised a modest £19, it was a great success.

Tea was served by ladies of the committee and Miss Eileen Read organized a raffle.

Winners of the principle prizes were Mrs. M. Moodie, Miss Cleverly, Mrs. Crockford and Mrs. M. Flook. Presenting the prizes, Group Chairman Mr. B. Davies, thanked the ladies of the committee and referred particularly to the work put in by Mrs. P. Begley who, with Mrs. C. Westmacott, shares the important job of Group Co-ordinator.

Historical visit

The visit of historian Mr. Michael Wood to the "Estate of Meon" came almost as a peaceful interlude in his B.B.C. 2 presentation "In Search of Athelstan" in which he recounts the turbulent history of Athelstan — the 10th

Guide movement living locally. Meetings will be held once a month and the Guild also aims to help the Guide movement in the Liss district.

'Family trees'

"Trees" were the subject of the March meeting of the Liss Townswomen's Guild — not the horticultural variety but "Family Trees."

Mrs. S. Smith, co-ordinator of research of Hampshire's Genealogical Society, gave a talk on what is becoming the growing pastime for many people.

She gave a list of recommended reading for members wishing to explore the subject in more depth.

Mrs. S. Haw gave the vote of thanks.

Talk by vet

Mr. M. Teale spoke about his work as a vet at the meeting of Liss Friendly Social Club last Wednesday in a down-to-earth talk which he illustrated with slides of animals and of the countryside.

He described his work with animals large and small and was mostly concerned with farm animals and the part vets



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.

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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 the resolutions which were adopted at the