

The chase ended when Mr. farmer near Botley.



Mrs. Lambert (75) flies over home

Mrs. Ethel Lambert, of East Meon, a cheerful 75-year-old member of the village Over 60's Club achieved the ambition of a lifetime when she flew over her home in a four-seater airplane, last week.

For Mrs. Lambert, who lives in one of East Meon's old almshouses, is pretty sophisticated when it comes to different means of travelling. She has been on most things—from a submarine to a horse-drawn tram, most things, that is except an aircraft.

Mrs. Lambert was pleased to put that to rights last week, when she took a half-hour flight from Portsmouth over the Hampshire countryside and had a quick bird's-eye view of East Meon.

The once in a lifetime chance to fulfil her ambition came for Mrs. Lambert on an Over 60's Club outing to Portsmouth and Southsea.

The outing, probably unique in the history of old folk's clubs meant a flight for three members and a trip in a hovercraft to the Isle of Wight and back for 16 others.

Mrs. Ellen Goddard, who helped to start East Meon's Over 60's Club a year ago, explained: "We were able to make this outing more exciting than usual partly because of a generous gift of £28 to our funds from the village gymkhana and show committee.

"The remainder of the cost was paid for by a club benefactor who wishes to remain unknown. It was quite a substantial sum.

"This person kindly arranged the whole thing. He booked flights at the airfield for as many members who felt brave enough to go and also the hovercraft trip from Clarence Pier to Ryde.

BRIGHTEN LIVES

"The Gymkhana committee suggested we should use the money to benefit old people in hospital, but that is more the job of a welfare committee and as old people are well looked after in hospital we felt it would be better to brighten the lives of our members.

"I am sure the committee will be satisfied to know it made a lot of old people happy, which is certainly putting it to good use."

About 40 members of the club and its organizing committee went on the outing which finished up with a tea party in Southsea. "It was all very exciting," said Mrs. Lambert, afterwards.

ROTARIANS WIN GOLF HONOURS

Petersfield Rotarians took first places in the Ted Palmer bogey competition, when members of the Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club.

Mr. D. Powell, and was Mr. third Mr. special Mr. Triggs, of

Three East Meon folk with both feet firmly on the ground, pictured after their first flight in a plane last week. They are Mrs. Ethel Lambert, aged 75 (left) and Miss Lilian Luff (right), both members of the village Over Sixties Club, and its chairman, Mrs. Ellen Goddard.

"It has always been an ambition of mine to fly, but I thought at my time of life there wasn't much hope.

"What could be more thrilling for me than to go along to club one day and have someone ask me if I would like to go up in a plane.

"I have been in most things, a submarine, horse-tram, a big liner, a fast train and a motor car so I thought this was the ideal chance to complete my list.

"The flight was really enjoyable and I saw all East Meon spread out below me. I wasn't a bit frightened either before or while I was flying."

Two slightly injured

Two youths on a motor-cycle were slightly injured when a foot-rest on the machine scored the road surface on a sharp left-hand bend at the top of Stoner Hill on the Petersfield-Alton Road and threw them off.

The driver, Michael Chandler, of London Road, Holybourne, lost control of the machine which skidded across to the opposite side of the road. His passenger was Roger Barnley, of Pound Gate, Alton.

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