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News in Brief . . .

HARE BIRDS reported as having been seen in Sussex by Sussex Ornithological Society include a "puffin bird" that "Reported to be a claim of a sparrow that made an appearance at Sidlesham and a marmalade bird at Glynde" also a "hedgehog popped up at Pasham and 'delighted many people during its several day visit."

A BRICK was thrown through the plate glass window of the Chicken and Egg shop in the High Street, Haywards Heath, during the week-end, causing £300 worth of damage.

TWO NEW members were co-opted to West Hoathly Parish Council at Monday's meeting. Highfield resident Mr. Bill Lewis has been elected to replace Mr. H. Pearce, who recently resigned after 22 years of service. Mr. Lewis, of Ann Dale, of West Hoathly, will replace Mr. F. Buckley, who has moved away from the area.

ALMOST 3,000 people will come under starter's orders at the Haywards Heath Air Show on Saturday. This is the number expected for Downs Bible Week which will be held during the week of July 10-17. The week is now fully booked, say the organisers, with over 2,900 on site. Local caravanners expect there will also be over 200 day visitors. "Most of the people are in groups of 10 or more," says a spokesman. "There are over 300 individuals attending on a personal interest," said a spokesman.

AN AIRCRAFT "dived-bombed" Hurstpierpoint on Monday, alarming residents around Western Road, Haywards Heath, and the Cissie. The plane zoomed so low that it appeared behind the trees and then exploded in a ball of flames with only feet to spare. After 20 minutes the plane flew off "in a good way" and the pilot had sprayed crops for a service area.

SIX BROKEN RIBS, a broken knee and severe bruising were the injuries suffered by Burgess Hill motorists Mr. William Reardon, aged 36, of Cuckfield, and Mrs. Doreen Reardon, aged 34, of Cuckfield. The car left the road at Staplefield on Friday night and ended up in a field. On Monday the couple had to be admitted to a man's unit at the Cuckfield Hospital. Mrs. Reardon was "comfortable".

Celebrations! . . . but first they'll all watch the wedding

BOX DOMINATES ROYAL WEDDING

ROYAL WEDDING fever in Mid Sussex is something of a damp squib at the moment. "No justification for jollification," is the word as parish councils report general apathy to public celebrations.

Boyle Parish Council's clerk, Mr. Jack Towner, added to the "no jollification" theme. "There was no precedent for celebrations. 'Whilst everyone is very happy about the event we feel

we can't really justify any celebrations and we have nothing planned."

The Government was en- said, and his council had decided to spend anything on the event.

"Anything happening in Ardingly would be the surprised editor of the village newspaper, Mrs. Jane Atkinson. "I see that the parishioners are commissioning a special greetings card for the royal couple. And this has been designed by Mrs. Penny Delve, a

event on T.V. and surely anyone in their right mind will be watching it. I have booked my husband for the day and he will be looking after the children while I am at the Atkinson's."

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But what of Albourne? Is nothing happening in Albourne? I see that the parishioners are

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"If you organise a party or anything like that you miss the

local teacher. On it will be the simple message 'Greetings and congratulations from Albourne'."

"We are also planting a royal tree" said Mrs. Atkinson. "We are very keen to have a tree, an alder. We have a public tree, a coronation tree and two Queen Mum trees. Now we are going to have a royal tree."

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Mrs. Atkinson agreed that if there were many more royal events Albourne could end up with a royal forest!

'HAVING A GO'

Just up the road at Sayers Common there is a bit of a splash with a barbecue and swimming party. Organisers of this merry gathering are the Village Hall Committee.

They are busy selling tickets.

Electrical engineer Mr. Roy

has said that if suitable shrubs

and flowers were planted it would look like the institutional look of the place.

An enthusiastic effort by one man to do something for the day had fizzled out for lack of support. Mr. Arthur Neatherway, parish councillor for Sayers Common, announced that the day would be to a barbecue in its village—and if there was a will there were welcome to walk out to Sayers Common and join the fun.

Royal fans will be treated to a really big splash. A bit like those famous swimming parties of the

1930s.

When he heard that no places were forthcoming to arrange anything like that, he cracked: "Miserable lot. We are having a bit of a go here even though we will be split by the main A23 road. There are people on the other side of the road who we just never see again."

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