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News in Brief . . .

RARE BIRDS reported as having been seen in Sussex by Sussex Ornithological Society include a purple heron that "flopped down in a clump of reeds", a spoonbill that made an appearance at Sileburn and a marsh harrier sighted at Glynde; also a hoopoe popped up at Pagham and "delighted many people during its several days visit."

A BRICK was thrown through the plate glass window of the Chicken and Chop food shop in America Lane, Haywards Heath, during the week-end, causing £300 worth of damage.

TWO NEW MEMBERS were co-opted to West Hove Parish Council at Monday's meeting. Highgrove resident Mr. Bill Van Leemputten will replace Mr. H. Pearce, who recently resigned after 22 years on the council. Mrs. Ann Dale, of West Hove, will replace Mr. F. Buckham, who has moved away from the area.

ALMOST 3,000 people will come under starter's orders at Plumpton Racecourse. That is the number expected for Downs Bible Week which will be held during the last week of July. The week is now fully booked, say the organisers, with over 2,000 on site in tents and caravans. There will also be over 200 day visitors.

AN AIRCRAFT "dive-bombed" Westpoint on Monday, alarming residents around Western Road, Willow Way and Elm Close. The plane zoomed so low that it disappeared behind trees and slammed behind fences with only feet to spare. After 20 minutes on the ground it was a good job well done. The pilot had sprayed crops for a local farmer.

SIX BROKEN RIBS, a broken knee and severe bruising of the body was suffered by Burgess Hill motorist Mr. William Keaton, aged 36, of Vaulbridge Drive, when his car left the road at Staplefield on Friday night and rolled over in a field. On Monday a Cuckfield Hospital spokesman said Mr. Keaton was "comfortable."

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

BOYCE MINIALES ROYAL WEDDING

ROYAL WEDDING fever in Mid Sussex is something of a damp squib at the moment. "No justification for jollification," is the word in parish Lane, Haywards Heath, during the week-end, causing £300 worth of damage.

Boley Parish Council's clerk, Mr. Jack Towner, added to his "no justification" comment that 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 encouraging cost consciousness, he said, and his council had decided not to spend anything on the event.

"Anything happening in Albourne?" responded the senior editor of the village newspaper, Mrs. Jane Atkinson. "Who wants any champagne?" "If you organise a party or anything like that you miss the event on T.V. and surely anyone in their right mind will be watching it all on television—I know I shall. I have booked my husband for the day and he will be looking after the children while I watch the box."

"It's going to be my day. I know I shall cry right through the whole thing." But what of Albourne? Is nothing happening in Albourne? It seems that the parish council has commissioned a special greetings card for the royal couple. And this has been designed by Mrs. Penny Deane, a

local teacher. On it will be the simple message, "Greetings and congratulations from Albourne." We are also planning a royal tree" said Mrs. Atkinson. "We are very hot on royal trees at Albourne. We have a jubilee tree, a coronation tree and two Queen Mum trees. Now we are going to have a royal wedding tree. We usually try to get something unusual—but in most cases they are British trees."

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 they are making a bit of a splash with a barbecue and swimming party. Organisers of this merry event are the Sayers Common Village Hall Committee, who are busy selling tickets.

Electrical engineer Mr. Bob Taylor has made the garden of his home in house called Meadow, which is next door to the village hall available for the occasion. "If anyone is brave enough to want to jump into the pool they are very welcome to do so" commented Mr. Taylor.

When he heard that not many people were bothering to arrange anything for the wedding he cracked. "Miserable lot. We are having a bit of a go here even though the village is split in half by the main A23 road. There are people on the other side of the road who just never see us for years."

At Sayers Common they hope that the royal wedding barbecue-swimming party will unite the place and cause a really big splash. A bit like those famous swimming parties of the 1920s.

While it all goes on, the royal wedding will be recorded on Mr. Taylor's video equipment. "My home has a video camera and I have said to myself, 'I think I shall have a go at this'."

The lukewarm reactions to the royal nuptials seem surprising in what is generally considered true blue country—yet the apathy was widespread.

A spokesman for Ardingly Parish Council said that nothing has been planned apart from a special tea at the old people's home. "I think it would be different if he were king," the spokesman said. "The cost of a tea is a bit expensive to celebrate at the moment."

"No one on the council seems to have had any ideas in time," he said. "I think it is a pity, of course, and in London there is always a certain type who will sit at night to watch the procession."

Mr. George Backhouse, chairman of the Warmingind Residents' Association, said "We are not planning to celebrate the royal wedding in Warmingind but only when everyone has finished watching the ceremony on the television."

The sub-committee has been set up to discuss ideas and the Residents' Association will be providing money. A tea party for the children has been suggested and a barbecue with a few pounds' worth of prizes for the party.

In a village with only one street we have decided against a street party and the festivities will be held in the public hall.

PUBLIC COLLECTION Mrs. Jean Swaine, clerk to Cuckfield Rural Council and Plumpton Parish Council, repeated what seems to be the trend: "No, we have nothing planned." The problem she said, was that councils had prepared their budgets for the future when they did not know there was going to be a royal wedding, and now they have to make do with less money.

The clerk to Horsted Keynes Parish Council, Mr. George Tester, said "Officially we're not doing very much. We will send a letter of congratulations, and we'll put a bit of bunting up—and hope the residents will do likewise. There's very little concern about it."

In Newick, the day will belong to the British Legion and the W.I. "We didn't feel there was a need for us to instigate anything," said the parish council clerk, Mr. Mike Lister. "They will be running the flag on no doubt—we only call it the flagpole" (The parish council recently footed the £500 bill for a new flagpole).

SHORT OF IDEAS At its June meeting Hurstpier Pointer said in a report that four aspects of educational provision in Burgess Hill were all linked: the acquisition of a second secondary school; the future of the Marl Park site; a proposal by the parents' association of Oaklands School to provide an educational/social centre costing in the region of £100,000; and the decision of the governing body of Oaklands to seek community school status.

Point Parish Council discussed possible ways to celebrate the ceremony, but seemed to be rather short of ideas, if not of enthusiasm. Mr. John Mortimer suggested that one way to record the happy event would be to make a garden at Willow Gardens look really attractive.

He said that if suitable shrubs and flowers were planted it would take away the institutional look of the place.

An enthusiastic effort by one villager to organise a barbecue for the big day had fizzled out for lack of support. Mr. Arthur Netherway, a parish councillor who lives at Sayers Common, announced that there is to be a barbecue in his village—and if Hurst folk felt so minded they were welcome to walk out to Sayers Common and join the fun.

Royal wedding sloth has not affected the parish of Slaughton, it seems! Competitions are the keynote to their kenneled Handross Residents' Association is holding a competition for the best decorated house and also for the best decorated business. Chairman of Slaughton Parish Council, Mr. Roger Ray, said "I will certainly brighten up the high street and show a bit of colour."

Wykehurst Park up for sale

Wykehurst Park, the 105-room mansion at Boleyn, designed in 1874 in the style of a Louis XV style drawing room, is now on the market for sale.

Offers are being invited for the freehold by Horner Hill and Partners, of Horsham, who are handling the sale for the owner, Mr. Alan Horner.

The house has some magnificent reception rooms which include a ballroom hall, stone walls with interesting carvings, a large library in Adam style, a Louis XV style drawing room, and a dining room with fine walnut paneling designed around a central bay window.

The house was in a sad condition in 1971 when it was bought by Mr. Jimmy Doyle, Brighton antiques dealer and developer. There was a possibility of it being demolished.

He and his wife, Kathleen, lavished years of care and a fortune on restoring the mansion to its original glory and they were so successful that it was awarded a Civic Trust award during Architectural Year.

During their term of ownership, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle converted the top floor into 12 flats, with a private entrance hall, lift and service areas.



Just on the market—Wykehurst Park, the 105-room mansion at Boleyn

Pyecombe folk fight A23 flyover plan

Local people in Pyecombe are getting ready to fight a plan to build a flyover to take northbound A23 traffic over the A23 and up Clayton Hill. The project, they say, would be a disaster for the village.

At a meeting of the Development Services Committee of Mid Sussex District Council, in Haywards Heath on Tuesday, members were told that in the view of the Pyecombe Parish Council, the Department of the Environment scheme would be a disaster for the community.

The village would be isolated by a stream of moving, unending traffic and the noise at ear level would be deafening.

Local councillor Mr. Robert Powell backed the parish council's views and pointed out that the project could affect householders and businesses. The proposed flyover is part of the overall proposals of road engineers to bring the A23 up to a standard to meet increased traffic of the future, but is still in the preliminary planning stages.

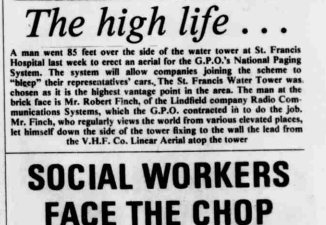
Population growth

West Sussex has been one of the fastest growing areas in England and Wales, with an increase of 10 per cent or more over the last decade, according to the 1981 Census.

The Department of the Environment said that after discussing the prospects with the owners of the land, they wanted the Mid Sussex District Council to revoke the planning permission.

The department made the request on the understanding that it would meet all claims for compensation. But the district council and their officers said "No."

They took the view that before coming to any decision, they wanted to know more of the department's plans, not only for the Pyecombe folk but for the remainder of the A23.



The high life . . . A man went 85 feet over the side of the water tower at St. Francis Hospital last week to erect an aerial for the G.P.O.'s National Paging System.

SOCIAL WORKERS FACE THE CHOP

CUTS in the number of social workers in West Sussex could be looming ahead, although they will be implemented only as a "last resort". The decision was taken by the county Social Services Committee during a private session on June 19, the outcome of which has now been revealed by the chairman, Major Quentin Carpendale.

Along with other committees, social services has been asked to decide what economies could be made if staff pay awards went over six per cent this year—the amount allowed in the county council's budget.

If further cuts in the budget this year must be carried out, then it would have to be achieved by a reduction in social work posts, he added.

It could now be said that the committee agreed emphatically that there should be no reduction in home care, or the immediate closure of any homes. If further cuts in the budget this year must be carried out, then it would have to be achieved by a reduction in social work posts, he added.

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Queue for bus passes

Hundreds of pensioners descended on Burgess Hill town council offices when the doors were opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning. 150 passes were issued.

Mr. Pepper added: "The whole scheme has been very well received and we have had many favourable comments from people who are delighted that the council have taken over the scheme and are operating it."

Site found for new school

A SITE has been found for a new secondary school at Burgess Hill. The County Education Committee was told on Tuesday. Councillors agreed that the site was acceptable "in principle". They authorised the director of property, Mr. Brian Stanovick, to negotiate for the site and to report to the Property Sub-Committee at a future

meeting on terms of acquisition. The site, which will accommodate a second secondary school to serve Burgess Hill, is in the West End Farm area, which is immediately adjacent to the new housing development proposed by Mid Sussex District Council in the Burgess Hill Plan.

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