

Chilbolton Church Fete

expanding the usual fancy as competition at Chilbolton Church Fete, a parade with the theme "Children of the World" and its way from the Green, to Rise and through the village, led by the Test Valley Brass Band. Children ranging from pre-school to teenagers were dressed in costumes from various parts of the world. There was a mounted contingent in the local riding school, and riders on BMX bikes, children rode through the village on a haywain, decorated with flowers and trailer, kindly led by Mr. Edward Painter.

The entries were judged by Rev. C. Hubbard, Mr. David Merridale and Mrs. Angela Merridale, and prizewinners were Charles Coats, Katherine Lewin, Thomas Batchelor and Nicola Jones.

Still on the theme of "Children of the World," there was a competition to make a doll from another country, and prizewinners were Rachel Prevett, Thomas Batchelor and Katherine Lewin. The pre-school children were invited to paint a picture on the theme and the winner in this section was Andrew Lewin.

The village street was gaily decorated with bunting by village organisations and groups, and there was an excellent attendance, and all the stalls were well supported.

This year's very successful fete was held in the recently restored threshing barn and the lovely grounds of Bannuts Farm, with the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. R. Youell, and upwards of £1800 was raised.

brought to an end by the ball burst, but the day was saved when a new ball was hurriedly produced from a nearby house. The Plough were the victors with a score of 2-1, and this obviously did not prove popular with the Dolly Birds who proceeded to pour water over the referee. Vera Woodruff captained the Plough team of Pat Casey, Sharon Kempster, Sally Nicholson, Melanie Gerrard, Debby Welch, Sue Ruff and Fran Piper. Dolly Birds were Sue Rees (captain), Kate Denehy, Georgina Wilson, Wendy Denehy, Julie Harris, Ivy Wright, Sue Smith and Sally Rees.

The Children's Fancy Dress Competition was judged by Miss Dorothy Hunt from Alresford, and her task was made harder by such a variety of excellent costumes. In the Under Five Class the most original was Lara Colvill as "Night and Day," the most attractive Sarah Kennedy as a Clown, and the best made Liam Brozman as a Cowboy. In the six to nine years age group the most attractive was Katie Kennedy as a "Sugar Plum Fairy," and the most original Rose Smith as a Cat.

Strawberry teas were served in the Village Hall, and the final item on the programme was a tug-of-war refereed by Dave Bulpitt. Only four teams entered this year, from the Plough at Bishop's Sutton, the H.H. at Cheriton, and two from the Jolly Farmer at Bramdean. The victors were the Jolly Farmer A, with the H.H. second, the Plough third and the Jolly Farmer B fourth.

At the end of a very successful afternoon £330 had been raised by the Village Hall Committee, who had organised the Fete.

Bishop's Waltham, who works for Solent Excavations, was married to Miss Carol Jay Millier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Millier, of "Fair View," Winchester-road, Bishop's Waltham, on June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham. The Rev. John Willard conducted the service.



The bride, who is a receptionist with T.N.T. Roadfreight, wore a cream three-quarter length gown, a pillbox hat and carried a bouquet of mauve and pink silk flowers when she was given in marriage by her father. She was attended by her sister (Patricia Millier), her niece (Virginia Whiting), both attired in lilac dresses with cream accessories, and her nephew, Gareth Millier.

The best man was Mr. David Grove; 146 guests attended the reception at the Jubilee Hall and when the couple left for an undisclosed destination, the bride wore a red suit with white accessories.

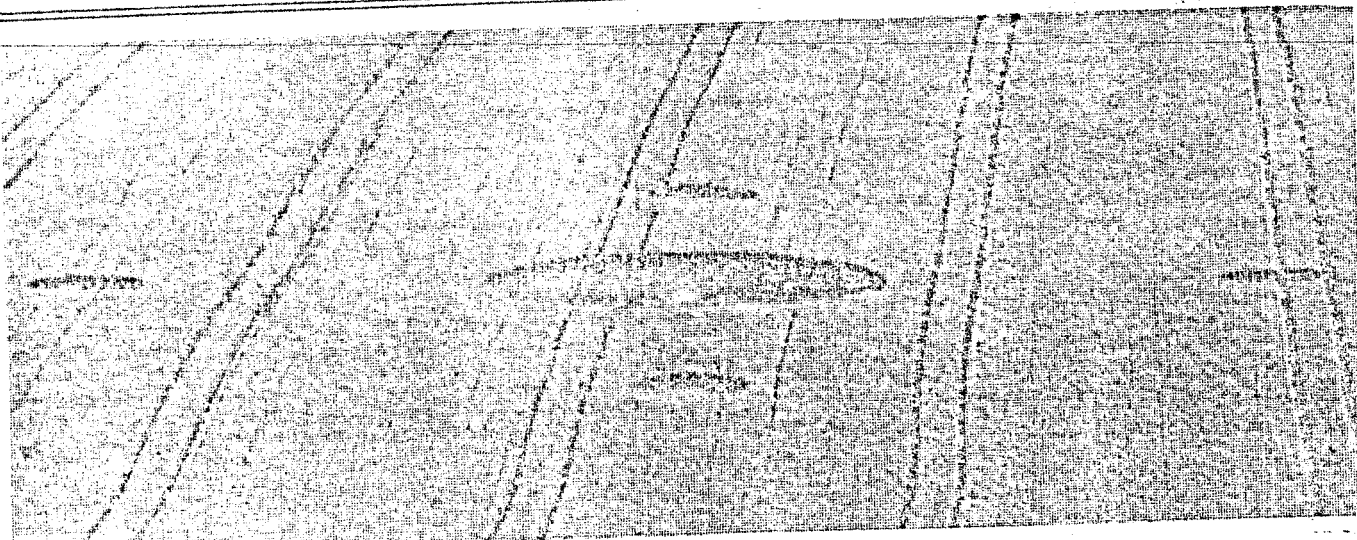
Founder's Day at Hordle House School

The parents of nearly all the local day children from Hordle House Prep. School, at Milford-on-Sea, together with many boarders' parents who had made long journeys, went to the school on June 29th, for Founder's Day, and the main event of the morning was a performance by some of the senior children of scenes from "The Merchant of Venice." At a previous performance, one of the infants from the Pre-Prep. School had been terrified by Shylock's realistic effort to get his pound of flesh from poor Antonio!

Country dancing by some of the junior children was supported by rhythmic clapping from the enthusiastic parents, and the last set piece was an exhibition of aerobics by a group of barefoot girls.

The school was open for parents to walk round, and the working models and computer displays in the Science Laboratory attracted great interest. Most of these had been made by senior children, and the exhibition in the Art Department was much admired.

Picnic lunches were eaten in the grounds, and the parents' cricket team, captained by Mr. Peter Tilby, home on leave from Nigeria, was defeated by the school 1st XI by 16 runs. The balance of parental power was restored by the ladies' shooting team scoring 357 against the school's 296, and justice was maintained by the tennis match ending in a draw.



It's happened again! The Mystery Circles have returned. Nobody knows why or whence they come, but every year since the last war, the perfectly regular circles have appeared somewhere. For the last five or six years, they have materialised between Alresford and Winchester, first at Cheesefoot Head, this year at Matterley Farm, just off the A31. Similar phenomena have been reported in Australia, Canada, Sweden and in other parts of the British Isles including Westbury and Warminster. The largest in this group is about 40 feet across, the rest are 11 or 12 feet. In each the corn is swirled clockwise round the rings, whilst outside it is untouched. Normally — if anything about them can be called normal — they are in this configuration, the largest in the centre of a square, the smaller at each corner, although in 1982 at Cheesefoot, there were only three in a straight line. Theories abound about the cause, from vandalism to UFOs by way of micro-tornadoes. The truth is, we just don't know, but if they run true to form they will be back next year...

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