

Churches come up with bazaar idea Farmhouse saved

CHILDREN were given an early chance to see Father Christmas at the inaugural Shottesbrooke and White Waltham churches bazaar.

Santa found time in his hectic schedule to officially open the event at Woodlands Park Village Centre on Saturday.

Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, Cllr Dorothy Kemp, and Maidenhead MP Theresa May were among the droves of visitors who wandered around the variety of stalls selling jewellery, books, art, chocolate, Christmas cards and other items.

Bazaar-goers had their taste buds tingled with a traditional German lunch of hot sausages and sauerkraut donated by A & B Butchers, plus a slice of stollen cake in the refreshments area at the Waltham Road venue.

Members of both churches provided a musical interlude halfway through the bazaar, with carols sung around the Christmas tree.

Organiser of the bazaar Andrea Greenwood said: "It was a tremendous success. We will definitely be doing it again in the future as everyone loved it."

The bazaar raised more than £600 for the two churches, with money to go towards the general up-keep of the historical places of worship.



TOGETHER: Mayor Dorothy Kemp, church member Joan Hobson MBE and children enjoy the first Christmas bazaar held by the two churches. Picture courtesy of Andrea Greenwood

AN 18th century farmhouse in Waltham St Lawrence has been saved from demolition after a planned development was kicked into touch by the Royal Borough.

Owners of Paradise Farmhouse in Twyford Road wanted to build a two-storey extension at the rear of the Grade II-listed building and partition off the inside to create more living space.

But an inquiry into the plans deemed it would conflict with the listed status of the building and the conservation area nearby.

A two-day inquiry was held last month after Royal Borough councillors deferred a decision on the development at a council development and control panel meeting on September 17.

Waltham St Lawrence Parish Council planning chief Clive Scott-Hopkins said: "We have managed to save a late 18th century barn. We are very pleased that it will remain as it is in the village."



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Diary

TODAY (Thursday): At Woodlands Park Village Centre – Pilates for Beginners, 9.30-10.30am; SMILE, 1-2.30pm; Age Concern Lunch and chat, 10am-2pm.

FLAP after school club, Cox Green Community Centre, 3-6pm.

Weight Watchers, Lowbrook Primary School, The Fairway, Cox Green, 7pm.

Tomorrow (Friday): SMILE, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 10am. At Cox Green Community Centre – Jo Jingles, 10-11am; Judo, 6.30-7.30pm.

Saturday: Weight Watchers, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 8.45-9.45am.

Sunday: At Cox Green Community Centre – church service 10-11am.

Maidenhead Deaf Church, 3pm. At Woodlands Park Village Centre – Karate, 10.30am-12.30pm; Kick Boxing, 3-4pm.

Monday: At Woodlands Park Village Centre – Mobile Library, 10am-1pm and 2-5pm; SMILE, 1-3pm; Weight Loss Challenge, 7-8pm.

Tuesday: At Cox Green Community Centre – Luncheon Club 1-2.30pm. Get Together Club, 2.30-4.30pm.

Louise's Aerobics, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 9.30-10.30am.

Wednesday: Baby and Toddler group, Cox Green Community Centre, 1.30-3pm.

Cox Green Girl Guides, Woodlands Park Village Centre, 7-9pm. Holly Cottage Bridge Club, White Waltham Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Welcome for 20mph limit in built-up area

'Speed indicator shows motorists on average 11 miles over'

A NEW Government speeding proposal has been welcomed by a resident in Woodlands Park who says it may help reduce an ongoing problem in her area.

Mother-of-two Heather Scott, of Waltham Road, says the speeds clocked up by motorists driving through Woodlands Park mean a fatality is just around the corner.

The proposal outlined by the Government transport department would see drivers caught breaking the speed limit by more than 20mph hit with a six-point penalty,

which Mrs Scott thinks may deter drivers from speeding in the area.

She has also called for a roundabout to be installed to slow down the traffic, or for other traffic measures to be introduced.

Mrs Scott gave her views on speeding in Woodlands Park on a radio discussion on BBC Berkshire on Thursday, the day the Government plan was announced.

She told the Advertiser: "People regularly go over 20 mph in our road and if the police enforce this new pro-

posal it would definitely help. "The speed indicator device in our area showed that motorists were on average 11 miles over the limit.

"It concerns us greatly and something needs to be done about it before there is a fatality in our driveway or on the road.

"The issue is so important to me and other residents. Speed must be reduced."

Woodlands Park parish councillor Joe Mullen said speeding is the main concern of residents living in the area. She said: "There is a speed-

ing problem in Woodlands Park. The parish council is discussing measures to forward to the Royal Borough.

"Residents have been campaigning for more than two years for something to be done."

The Royal Borough said it has carried out a feasibility study for a small roundabout on Waltham Road or traffic light scheme in the area.

The issue is set to be high on the agenda at next month's neighbourhood action group (NAG) for Woodlands Park and Cox Green.

Whizz-kids are the business

CHILDREN from a Cox Green school showed their entrepreneurial skills at a mini-enterprise week last week.

Pupils from years five and six at Wessex Primary School in St Adrian's Close set up stalls and sold everything from badges to sweets to handmade hairclips on Friday.

The young business whizz-kids had been given floats of £10 by the school to buy materials and make products to sell for a profit.

Pupils then used the money made to pay for the cost of materials and anything left over was put into kitty, which is to be spent at a later date by the teacher and class members.



BRIGHT FUTURE: Business-minded Ryan Hill, 10, Amy Deats, 10, Laura Freeman, 11, and Miles Weekes, 10, show off their handmade stall items. Ref:100849-1

Concert of carols for charity

ACTOR and comedian Tim Brooke-Taylor, formerly of The Goodies, will be narrating passages at a charity Christmas concert in White Waltham on Sunday, December 7.

The Sound of Christmas event is in aid of Berkshire Macmillan Cancer Support and will feature popular festive carols.

The concert will take place at St Mary's Church in White Waltham from 5pm, with all money from tickets sales to be given to Macmillan.

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