

Funeral service for Mrs H. Guy

THE funeral was held at Great Amwell Parish Church on Tuesday for Mrs H. M. Guy, who died at her home, 261 Stansted Road, Hoddesdon, on Wednesday of last week, aged 87.

Although she had been ill for many years, she had led a very active life.

In the first world war, she was nursing, and one of her duties was to meet the troop trains bringing the wounded back from the front.

In the second world war, she was a Red Cross nurse working at a Bishop's Stortford hospital and at a military hospital at Stansted where she lived at the time. She was also president of Stansted WI.

Her husband, Mr Arthur Guy, who died 10 years ago, was a stationmaster, and was moved from Stansted to Cheshunt.

KEEN LIBERAL

While at Cheshunt, Mrs Guy was a member of the Nursery Schools committee, an active member of the Inner Wheel at Cheshunt and Waltham Cross, of which she was president, and she took a keen interest in the local Liberals for whom she was chairman.

She spent the last 20 years in Hoddesdon, where she was vice-president of Hoddesdon Liberal Association, and vice-chairman of East Herts Constituency Liberal Party, travelling all over the area to attend meetings.

Mrs Guy was secretary of Stansted Abbots Women's Institute for a time, and continued to take part in the activities of the Inner Wheel until ill-health prevented her from doing so.

She is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.

TO MARK the first anniversary of the first-ever European elections, Euro-MP for Herts, Mr Derek Prag, has published an article, "The European Parliament one year on — Now we can start building Europe."

Reviewing the work to date of the "sometimes noisy, often unruly, determined and sometimes fractious" parliament, he has some significant observations to make — both on achievements to date and the tough task ahead.

But on one issue he is delighted

EURO-MP REVIEWS HIS FIRST YEAR OF WORK.

The boil is lanced

— the recent deal over Britain's contribution to the EEC budget, which, he says, is "outstandingly favourable to Britain."

The spending of 75 per cent of the EEC budget on agriculture, and Britain's excessive net contribution to the budget, have, says Mr Prag, overhung everything the European Parliament has done since the momentous first elections last year.

The two problems are linked because it is the overwhelming weight of agriculture in the community budget which was at the root of our problems.

Our contribution to the com-

munity's budget was not much too big relative to our national income, but our receipts from the community were much too small. That was because we get only about 6½ per cent of community spending on agriculture, compared with 25 per cent for Germany and 23 per cent for France.

"A painful boil that has been troubling Britain for years has at last been lanced," writes Mr Prag. In his article he also calls for more centralisation of administration — in order to save public money and members' energies in travelling between three sites, Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg.

"Putting our own house in order must be our very next task... as a former economic journalist and businessman, the inefficiency of the present situation appals me," he says.

But on the progress overall, he concludes: "There is no doubt, we are a real parliament." Debates are lively, multi-lingual members interrupt and criticise colleagues from other countries and patterns of alliance change.

On a personal note, Mr Prag comments: "For me it has been the most interesting and perhaps the most instructive year of my life."

Motorists urged to miss pop festival

MOTORISTS not headed for the Capital Radio pop festival on Saturday are advised to steer well-clear of Knebworth House, between 11 am and 11 pm.

More than 100,000 people are expected to descend on the park to see the Beach Boys, Santana, Lindisfarne, Elkie Brooks, Mike Oldfield, and The Blues Band.

Special traffic arrangements will

be in force to reduce congestion.

Access routes to the festival will be clearly signposted. Local traffic using the B197 from Knebworth will enter the park from Old Knelworth Lane opposite the Roebuck Inn. Passengers may be dropped and picked up from a signposted point at Gunnelwood Road, Stevenage.

Motorists approaching from the east should use the A505 or A414 to join the A1 (M). Those travelling from the south on the M1 should

leave at junction 11 (A505 Luton interchange) and enter via Hitchin and the B656.

The A1 (M) will have a slipstream traffic system operating in the Stevenage area from 3 pm on Friday, when the first of the campers are expected to arrive.

Drivers should obey the temporary road signs.

Parking inside the park is free. No one should abandon their vehicle outside the park, or on the motorway,

unless because of breakdown or illness. They risk having their vehicle towed away at their own expense.

Extra patrols will be operating to help stranded motorists.

There will be a central reservation reserved on the motorway for motorists who have broken down.

Pedestrians should keep to routes marked for them and not stray onto the roads or walk along the motorway.

People travelling to the concert by train should alight at Stevenage where they will be ferried by special bus service to the concert site.

The promoters have put £70,000 towards the cost of administering the festival and to provide new facilities.

They have also put up a £25,000 bond which they must forfeit if the concert continues after the midnight deadline.

Last year, two concerts which continued well after the deadline put the whole future of Knebworth concerts in jeopardy.

£100 for school minibus

A CHEQUE for £100 was handed over by Buntingford Round Table acting chairman Mr Stan Mallen to Ruggetts Special School headmaster Mr Brian Capper last week.

The money will go towards the Standon school's new minibus.

Mr Capper told of the work of the 160-pupil school for children with learning difficulties in the age range

three to 16, which has a catchment area extending from Buntingford in the north to Ware and Hertford in the south and Bishop's Stortford in the East.

He said the school would shortly be taking delivery of the new minibus, for which the Variety Club of Great Britain had contributed half and the school had to find £4,000.

This sum, he said, had now virtually been raised.

3,100 calls for local RSPCA inspector

OF THE 3,100 calls to East Herts RSPCA Inspector, Mr James Shearer last year, 59 were reported as complaints of alleged cruelty.

Of these, three were of such a serious nature, that Mr Shearer recommended prosecution of the owners.

In February, a man was alleged to have shot and wounded a deer put into his vehicle and take it home before killing it, during which time the deer was heard to scream with terror and pain.

The case failed to reach the courts because witnesses worked abroad and had left the country shortly after the alleged incident and before statements could be taken.

In July, a woman was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering on five occasions to her five young dogs. One dog died and the others ate it to survive. The woman was disqualified from owning or keeping a dog for 10 years and ordered to pay £15 towards costs.

And in June, a case against a man accused of failing to provide necessary care and

attention to two horses was dismissed after the chief witness for the RSPCA was unable to attend the hearing.

The bulk of complaints made to Mr Shearer involved animals locked indoors while the family was on holiday and animals suffering from starvation, neglect and lack of proper medical treatment.

NINE WARNINGS

During the year, he issued nine verbal warnings, visited many cattle and poultry markets, local horse shows and donkey derbies and he reports that the voucher system to provide low cost veterinary treatment is working well.

Despite working 100 hours plus a week, and being on constant call, Mr Shearer welcomes any complaints of alleged cruelty. "Many of the calls we receive turn out to be groundless, but everyone is investigated," he said.

Mr Shearer can be reached on Stevenage 51376.

EEC butter prices slashed

HOSPITALS and schools are among institutions who can buy butter at slashed prices.

Under EEC regulations, "intervention butter" is available for certain non-profit making organisations at 30p a pound.

The supply of meals, or of the provisions for meals, must be an integral part of the normal service of the appropriate organisation, but must not be its primary purpose unless the meals are for elderly or handicapped people.

COLD STORES

The user, or an intermediary, can draw the butter from commercial cold stores in 56 lb. cartons. At least one tonne has to be collected at any visit, so smaller users are advised to get together to take advantage of the scheme.

£3m. Red Cross appeal

HERTFORDSHIRE Red Cross is to take part in a national Disasters Emergency Committee appeal to raise £3 million for the victims of drought and war in Uganda and all over East Africa.

Herts Appeals Officer, Mr George Pruette, said International Red Cross reports suggested that eight million lives were at risk in "one of the worst disasters of modern times".

Donations can be sent to East African Emergency Appeal, Herts Red Cross, Baker Street, Hertford.

Bells ring out for wedding anniversary

A QUARTER peal of 1,320 changes were rung on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Hertford, to commemorate the silver wedding

anniversary of Mr and Mrs John Goodland.

They were married at the church on June 11, 1955. Mr Goodland, an optician at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, is well known for his appearances on stage for Hertford Dramatic and Operatic Society, and his wife, Joan, is manageress of Sketchley Dry Cleaners, Hertford.

Ringers were: Jakkie Muscraft, John Kemp, Andrew Case, John Ford, Andrew McKenzie, David Kemp; conductor, David Kemp, sen.

Limit sign

THE 30 mph speed limit sign on the south side of Tewin will have to be moved, as it is on the site of the proposed entrance to new properties at present under construction.

'Taster' course for the blind

BLIND people don't automatically want to make baskets. A rehabilitation course just ended has proved that by teaching blind people other skills and introducing them to new hobbies.

Mrs Jean Fenton, course organiser, said 14 people from all over the district took part in the eight-week course.

"It was very successful," she said. "It has been far too long assumed that everyone who is blind automatically has a violent desire to make baskets."

INDEPENDENT

During the course, participants learned about raising houseplants, mobility, communicating, cookery and beauty care and discussed helpful gadgets and domestic problems.

"This helps people to be independent and follow activities of their own interests," said Mrs Fenton, who is also secretary of Herts Society for the Blind.

"It could be described as a taster course — we did a little of everything."


The society provided transport to the Ware College annexe, where the course was held.

Mrs Fenton said in future she hoped there would be a stir of interest over the whole county, as there were 2,500 people on the blind register.

Not cricket!

A GREY woollen jacket with an FA Coach badge on it, a cricket bat and a set of keys were stolen last Thursday from a car belonging to Mr Stephen Mark Neate, of 144 Leaves Spring, Shephall, Stevenage, in the car park at Hertford Cricket Club, Mangrove Road, Hertford.

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