

Outlook on Halton Hills

Realtor wants 30 foot strip



The following are Five Star Cubs who were honored at a North Halton District Scout meeting June 4: Bradley MacDonald, Andrew Keen and Brian Woods. All three are members of the 1st Horaby Cub Pack. (Herald photo)

Chudleigh's midsummer night's dream June 19-21

A midsummer night's dream will become a medieval reality on June 19, 20 and 21!

On a four acre site at Chudleigh Farm (on Highway 25, just two miles north of the 401), Variety Unlimited, and entertainment company headed by Burlington's Frank Nobes, will present a very special Medieval Festival at Chudleigh Castle.

There may be no actual castle there at the moment but during those three days in June the place will be transformed into something from the Middle Ages.

Time will march backwards to the splendor and excitement of Knights in armor, Sherwood Forest and Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men.

Witness a jousting encounter (thanks to a couple of movie stuntmen); watch a falconer at work; view the merchandise of craftsmen, artisans and vendors; rub shoulders with the likes of Merlin the Magician, wandering minstrels, jugglers, jesters and courtiers; and even be "knighthood" by a King.

Many of the authentically costumed participants who will take an active part in this special show are members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a group whose well chosen slogan is "Forward Into The Past". Formed to teach medieval history by "selectively recreating the Middle Ages" the group indulges in reveling, dancing, playing music,

doing knightly battle (suitably clad in protective armor and using authentic replicas of sword, mace, axe and lance), and generally recapturing the look, feel and spirit of medieval times.

Art, crafts and other merchandise applicable to the medieval occasion will be available for sale throughout the event.

The June 19, 20 and 21 Chudleigh Castle Medieval Festival promises to be one of the highlights of the summer season.

Town council is studying a proposal to lease a 30 foot strip of land behind the abandoned gas station at the corner of Rexway Drive and Guelph Street to a commercial developer.

Norwest Realty purchased the former gas station recently and applied for a 20 year lease for their portion of the public lane behind the property Monday night.

Norwest Realty has agreed to provide access for maintenance of utilities and pay for costs of any relocation of hydro poles on the property.

The intent of the company is to use the land for excess parking, said Assistant Clerk Stephen Thomson.

"Residents...were uniformly against the Town leasing this pro-

perty to be used in a commercial development for a variety of reasons that included noise, litter and nuisance," a report by Mr. Thomson said.

The property would not be permitted to be included in calculating any zoning requirements, including commercial parking requirements, Mr. Thomson said.

Any parking on the strip would be in excess of zoning requirements, he said.

Mr. Thomson noted one property owner attempted to lease the same strip of land in 1983 but was denied permission to do so.

"Why should we give it to a gas station if we wouldn't give it to an abutting resident?" queried Councillor Gerald Rennie.

Leasing the land now may restrict its use later on, he said.

"It seems to me that might be something that we would want to enhance," Coun. Pam Sheldon said of the excess parking.

Coun. Joe Hewitt asked what the developer intends to do with the abandoned gas station. Mr. Thomson said the developer is currently making a new site plan for the land.

Mayor Russ Miller said he would not support the proposed lease. "I've had complaints to that area about noise. It's a good buffer between the houses," Mayor Miller said.

Mr. Thomson said Norwest Realty is aware of a need for a buffer zone but the company believes the fences will serve that purpose.

Coun. Marilyn Serjentson said she would not support the lease until the developer discloses plans for the site.

Should mayor call police

In the event of a fracas between town council members, should the mayor call in police?

Councillors said no, Monday night, disagreeing with a "procedures bylaw" suggested by the town's administrator-clerk.

Joe Simon had proposed a new section to the bylaws governing councillors' meetings. According to the new section, if a councillor didn't leave his seat after being ordered to do so by the mayor, or if he didn't apologize, then the mayor could seek help from Halton Regional Police.

Coun. Al Cook called such a bylaw extreme and unnecessary.

"Surely to goodness we don't have to go this far. We're all professionals here," Coun. Pam Sheldon said, noting that although there have been heated discussions in the chamber, they have never gotten to the point

that police were needed.

Coun. Gerald Rennie disagreed and wanted the administrator-clerk's proposal included in the procedures bylaw.

He was outvoted, however. Councillors also dropped another proposal by Mr. Simon, requiring councillors to advise the mayor every time they leave a council meeting.

Coun. Betty Fisher said councillors are adults and not children in a classroom, and said she found it offensive.

"It seems to me discourteous to leave without some indication we need to go," Coun. Gerald Rennie said. "It seems just walking out of the meeting is inappropriate activity on the part of the members."

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Blocked sewers

Town engineers say it may cost as much as \$50,000 to repair blocked storm sewers behind Stockman Crescent.

Council learned that an area adjacent to a storm sewer manhole is continuing to sink. Town engineers say a failure in the storm sewer pipe and manhole is responsible for the problem.

Engineers admit that no money has been included in the 1987 operating budget to repair the sewers and there are no precise costs for correcting the situation yet.

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