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10.40 A.M.

Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport. Arrival of Her Royal Highness attended by MISS FIONA PILKINGTON. Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Glamorgan, Col. Sir CENNYDD TRAHERNE, T.D., LL.D., will present:—

Lady TRAHERNE;
The Chairman of the Glamorgan County Council and Mrs. BOWDEN;
Mrs. RICHARD JOHN;
The Chief Constable of Glamorgan;
The Airport Director.

11.0 A.M.

Arrival of Her Royal Highness at The Jane Hodge Holiday Home.

Her Majesty's Lieutenant will present:—

The High Sheriff of Glamorgan;
Mr. JULIAN HODGE;
Mrs. MOIRA HODGE (Trustee);
Miss JANE ELIZABETH HODGE;
Miss TERESA HODGE (Trustee);
The Honorary President, Mr. D. D. EVANS and Mrs. EVANS;
The Honorary Medical Director and Trustee, Mr. D. NATHAN ROCYN JONES, F.R.C.S. and Mrs. JONES;
Mrs. MARY HART (Trustee);
Mr. RICHARD JOHN (Trustee);
The Very Rev. His Grace Lord Archbishop of Wales (Trustee);
Miss PERPETUA SIMON;
The Very Rev. D. MONSIGNOR MULLINS;
The Rev. D. ARTHUR BOWEN, President of the Free Church Council;
Mrs. MARTHA EDWARDS, Superintendent of the Home.

PRESENTATION OF BOUQUET BY EDWARD THOMAS

The Honorary President will present Members of the Jane Hodge Foundation, the Sponsors of the Home:—

Mr. EDWARD BUCK;
Mr. H. B. MEREDITH;
Architect—Mr. F. H. SKINNER; A.R.I.B.A.;
Contractor—Mr. JAMES N. F. TURNER, M.A., A.I.O.B.

Her Majesty's Lieutenant will present:—

The Chairman of the Cowbridge Rural District Council and Mrs. K. H. BERRY;
The Clerk of the Cowbridge Rural District Council and Mrs. MURPHY;
The Vice-Chairman of the Llanblethian Parish Council and Mrs. W. E. GOUGH;
The Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Cowbridge;

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The Chairman of the Monmouthshire County Council and Mrs. J. WILLIAMS;
The Clerk of the Monmouthshire County Council and Mrs. WALKER;
The Glamorgan County Medical Officer, Dr. W. E. THOMAS;
The Monmouthshire County Medical Officer, Dr. G. ROCYN JONES.

MR. JULIAN HODGE WILL INVITE HER ROYAL HIGHNESS TO OPEN THE HOME AND
HAND HER THE KEY

THE VERY REVD. HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF WALES, THE VERY REVD. MONSIGNOR
D. MULLINS AND THE REVD. B. ARTHUR BOWEN WILL DEDICATE THE HOME

The Medical Director will invite her Royal Highness to sign the Distinguished Visitors' Book.
Mrs. MARTHA EDWARDS will invite Her Royal Highness to meet the children and inspect the Home.
Mrs. MARTHA EDWARDS will present:—

The Members of the Management Committee:—

Miss MARGARET WILLIAMS (Vice-Chairman);

Mrs. S. HUBAND;

Mr. HENRY G. PICKERNELL;

Mr. D. L. JONES;

Mr. G. JONES;

Mr. J. EWART JONES;

Mr. M. KOSCIOLEK;

Mr. MEIRION MAINWARING;

Mr. W. J. MEREDITH;

Miss L. NICHOLAS;

Mr. L. C. REES;

Mr. K. B. THOMAS;

Mr. STUART WEAIVING;

Mr. E. WESTWOOD;

Mrs. Lucy F. WHITE;

Miss A. E. WILLIAMS;

Miss ELIZABETH WILLIAMS;

The Hon. Solicitors, Mr. JOHN HOGG, Miss JOSEPHINE BARNFIELD;

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. RHYS H. REES;

The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. ALMA P. CARTER;

The Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. HERBERT DAVIES, Mrs. SHEILA MILES, Hon. Appeals Secretary.

COFFEE

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL UNVEIL A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

11.45 a.m.

Departure of Her Royal Highness.

THE PLAQUE

THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATES
THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THIS HOME
BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE DUCHESS OF KENT
ON FRIDAY, 7TH OF JUNE, 1968

THE HOLIDAY HOME

Approximately two years ago a group of sympathetic people started a small scheme to help bring a little happiness to badly handicapped children. It commenced on a voluntary scale and, even now, two years later, with the scheme having grown enormously in size to a Welsh National Charity, it is still run on a completely voluntary basis.

Thanks to the magnificent gift of more than £100,000 from the Jane Hodge Foundation, a spectacular holiday home with a touch of "Disney Land" has been erected near Cowbridge in the Vale of Glamorgan.

This Home is the very first of its kind in Wales and will provide free holidays for over 800 severely handicapped children, many of them from the administrative Counties of Glamorgan and Monmouthshire.

The Home will have all the luxury of a holiday camp, complete with small cinema, indoor play arena, swimming pool, therapeutic pool and every type of indoor recreational equipment suitable for the handicapped child.

Special equipment has been designed for the swimming pool. This equipment will be operated by air compression and is completely unique—no such equipment has been designed or used in the whole of Europe prior to this Holiday Home venture.

The land surrounding the Holiday Home is being converted to include:

- small boating lake with paddle boats

- an adventure garden suitable for the handicapped child

- crazy golf (designed to allow children in wheelchairs to partake)

- archery and other types of outdoor recreation—all designed with special equipment.

This is a "Holiday Home" but it is also intended to accept a badly handicapped child for special care as well as a holiday should domestic difficulties arise at home.

All children (ages up to 17 years) will be referred to the Home for a holiday by County Medical Officers, District Medical Officers, Consultants, General Practitioners and individual Associations.

'I've never seen such a beautiful place'

Duchess opens Home

THE Duchess of Kent volunteered to become the royal patron of the new holiday home near Cowbridge for physically handicapped children, which she opened on Friday morning.

The home, which stands in a peaceful rural setting at Treheringyll, about two miles from Cowbridge, is the first of its kind in Europe. It was the brain-child of a small group of people who through their work were familiar with the problems of handicapped children.

Two years ago they formed a committee to find the means of giving a holiday to children with severe physical handicaps. To start with they considered purchasing an old house or seaside chalets to convert to suitable holiday accommodation for these children, but before any action was taken Mr Julian Hodge, the financier became interested in their plans and as a result a gift of £100,000 was made to the committee by the Jane Hodge Foundation. More donations followed and work began on designing the home to meet the special needs of physically handicapped children.

ADVENTURE GARDEN

On Friday the committee and the donors saw the result of their work and gifts. The home all the luxury of a

holiday camp. Its amenities include an indoor play arena, a large sand-pit, a swimming pool, therapeutic pool, a small cinema, and all types of indoor recreational equipment suitable for handicapped children. The swimming pool is fitted with specially designed equipment, operated by air compression which is unique in Europe, to assist handicapped children in the water. Walt Disney films will be provided free.

Outside there is a small boating lake complete with paddle boats and other facilities still under construction, include an adventure garden suitable for children confined to wheelchairs, a log cabin for the older children, and sites for games such as crazy golf and archery, all adapted to allow children in wheelchairs to take part. Inside the home there are automatic lifts to take the severely handicapped to the upper floors.

35 AT A TIME

Up to thirty-five youngsters can be accommodated at the home at one time. The superintendent, Mrs Martha Edwards and her voluntary staff of sixteen, trained and

untrained, hope to give a fortnight's free holiday each year to the eight hundred children in South Wales who suffer from severe physical handicaps. These children are victims of the thalidomide drug, muscular dystrophy and other diseases, but many have spinal deformities, which are more common in this part of Wales than anywhere else in Britain.

The home's main function is to give annual holidays to physical handicapped children up to the age of seventeen, though the home would take a severely handicapped child for an indefinite stay during any domestic difficulties at his home, such as mother's illness.

The names of children eligible for a holiday at the home should normally be given to the committee by the family doctor, consultant, or District or County Medical Officer, but any parents of a child with a severe physical handicap who is not known to the committee, can write direct to the superintendent, Mrs Martha Edwards, a physiotherapist who will do her best to fit the youngster in.

During her tour of the home the Duchess of Kent

told Mrs Edwards that she had never seen such a beautiful place, and said she would like to become its royal patron and visit the home again.

The Duchess arrived by car at the home at eleven o'clock, having been met at Rhooes airport by the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan, Col. Sir Cenydd Traherne, T.D., LL.D., who accompanied her. She was dressed in a summery outfit of light green. Her double-breasted coat of pale grey and lime green check was matched with a lime green Breton hat, and gloves, shoes and small handbag of stone-grey. She wore a double string of pearls around her neck and matching stud earrings. The gold chain handle of her bag was matched with a gold charm bracelet, and gold brooch on her left shoulder.

On her arrival the Lord Lieutenant presented to the Duchess members of the Hodge family, the president and medical director of the home, the superintendent and trustees of the home.

EDWARD HAD SECOND THOUGHTS!

Little Edward Thomas, aged five, a victim of spina bifida, almost stole the show when he presented a small bouquet to the Duchess. At the last moment he had second thoughts and withdrew the flowers, and kept the Duchess in conversations for several moments before he would part with the bouquet.

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The Duchess then met the sponsors of the home and men who had been responsible for its construction, when the local civic heads were introduced to her, the Duchess told the Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun. David Tilley, J.P. how impressed she was with the beauty of the Vale around Cowbridge.

With a key presented to her by Mr Julian Hodge, the Duchess opened the main door of the home. In the entrance hall the home was dedicated by the Very Rev. His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Wales, Dr. Glyn Simon, assisted by the Very Rev. D. Monsignor Mullins and the Rev. D. Arthur Bowen.

SIGNED VISITORS' BOOK

The Duchess then signed the first page in the red leather-bound Distinguished Visitors Book. Mrs Edwards, the superintendent showed the Duchess around the home where she met the children and some of their mothers, who were invited to be present for the occasion. After about half an hour inside the Duchess prepared to leave and the special commemorative plaque beside the front entrance was almost forgotten. The Lord Lieutenant quickly prompted Mrs Edwards, and the Duchess was steered back to the door to unveil the plaque. After meeting the members of the home's management committee, the Duchess departed with her lady-in-waiting in a two-tone grey Bentley.

At the bottom of the drive a crowd of about fifty children, taking advantage of their Whitsun week holiday from school, waited with a few mothers to see the royal visitor pass.

PROBLEMS NOT OVER

Although the home is now built the committee's problems are not over. Its maintenance depends entirely on voluntary support and money is needed to carry out the work which it was started. The home is a monument to the generosity of those who contributed to the benefit of the small but helpless section of the community's children, who due to physical handicaps are denied many of the pleasures of life.

JANE HODGE HOTEL

Trerhyngyll, near Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, Wales

The Award Winning Jane Hodge Hotel set in the beautiful Vale of Glamorgan, is a hotel with a difference. It brings together the finest features of a modern luxury hotel with all the facilities and services needed by able bodied and physically disabled people. It offers, tennis courts, swimming pool, spa bath & sauna, sports hall, badminton, snooker, childrens play area, 30 bedrooms, twin, single, double with T.V. and en suite facilities. The hotel is also fully licenced with ample parking facilities.

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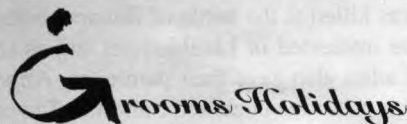
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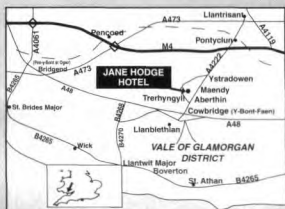


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Thursdays	10.00 - 11.00am	Intermediate and Crêche
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The Jane Hodge Resort Hotel

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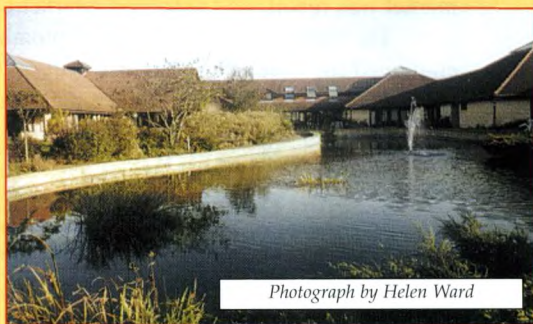
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Nestling in the tranquil village of Trerhyngyll, just outside the ancient market town of Cowbridge the outstanding location of the Jane Hodge Resort Hotel makes it an excellent base for the surrounding area. It is a firm favourite amongst able-bodied and disabled visitors alike.

You'll be looked after by staff who are proud of the Jane Hodge's reputation for providing comprehensive facilities for disabled visitors. Half board or bed and breakfast, the 30 en-suite rooms at the Jane Hodge offer the highest standards of accommodation.



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- Family rooms



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Guest facilities include the Griffins Leisure Club with multi-gym, hydrotherapy swimming pool, spa bath, sauna, snooker room and many other facilities.

Special emphasis is placed on the food at the Jane Hodge whose 'Rafters' restaurant is open all day. This, complemented by wine drawn from local vineyards, makes this restaurant with its adjacent 'Wayfarers' licensed bar and evening entertainment, including live bands, comedians, bingo and traditional Welsh folk music, popular with locals and visitors alike. The Hotel's own minibus with tail lift offers daily excursions to the numerous attractions in the area plus a collection and departure service from the station is required.

