

History of the Community Association.



Mike Maughan (l), Beryl Blinko, Lynne Debney, John Rodda (third from right), March 1981.

The year is 1981, and – after an exhausting and exhaustive programme of fund-raising – Brightwell-cum-Sotwell is awarded second prize in the county wide Village Ventures competition for new sports facilities on King's Meadow.

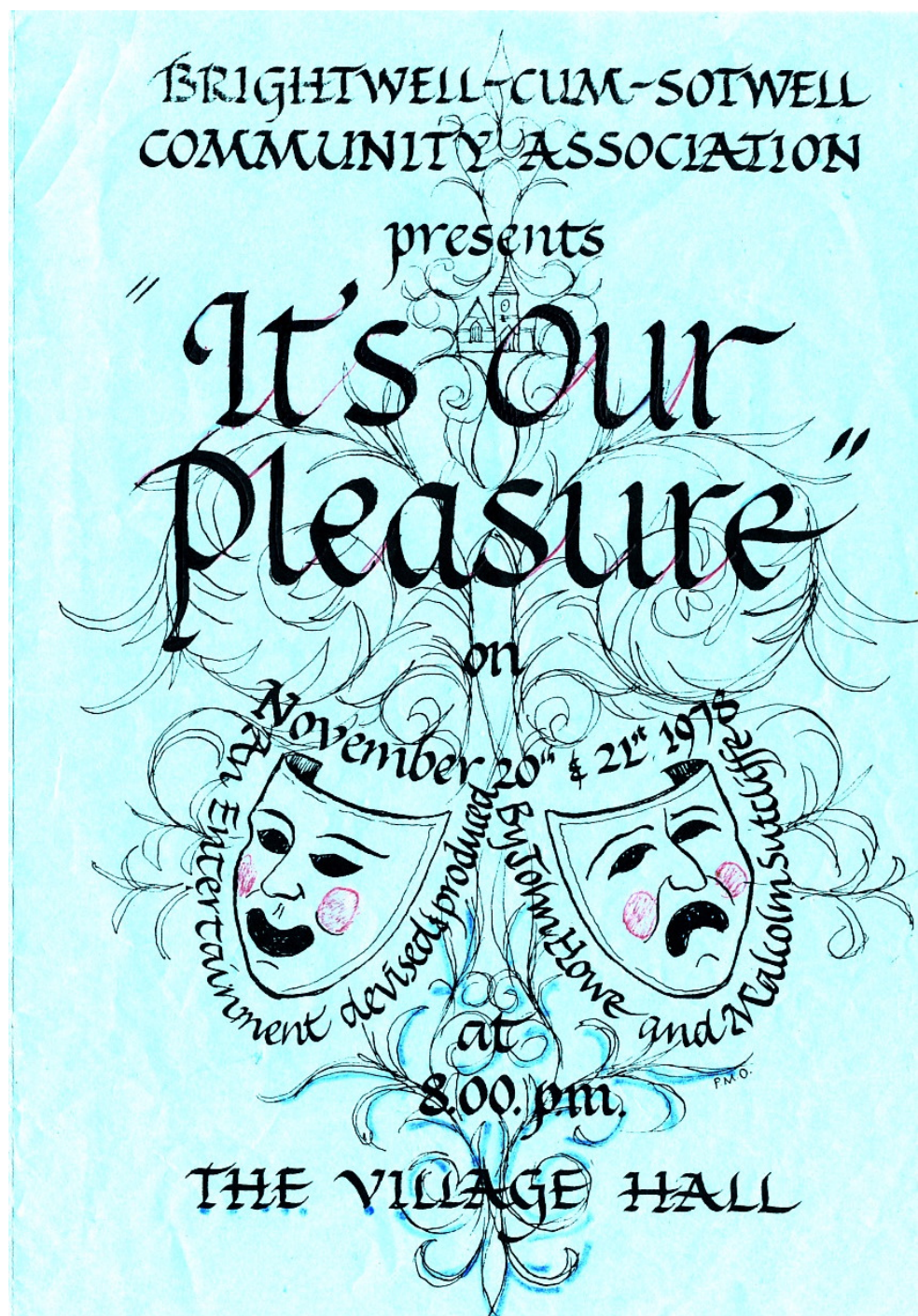
What could possibly be controversial about that? Well.... Quite a lot, actually. For bitter debate had raged in the columns of the *Villager* for months over the very idea of polluting the meadow with such 'townie' facilities. One disgruntled villager suggested the name should be changed from Kings Meadow to Kings Tarmac.

'Can anyone tell me what the hard-standing is for that is costing us so much money and causing such ill-feeling?' wrote Geoffrey Caton in the *Villager* of October/November 1980. 'Do I hear correctly that there are to be tennis-courts but as these words might cause even greater controversy, the more delicate 'hard-standing' is used?'

Like most such village controversies, this one has passed into history. But the Community Association has not. It came into being to administer funds raised during the Queen's

Jubilee Celebrations of 1977, and to supervise the construction of the new facilities at King's Meadow. It has been raising money very successfully ever since, and providing much entertainment along the way. Besides the annual fixture of the village fete – held in alternate years at Moreton House and Sotwell House – there is an ever-changing round of events involving immense amounts of energy and enthusiasm.

As can be seen from the following images, the bar was set high in the Community Association's early days



Brightwell-cum-Sotwell
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
Presents



VICTORIAN
MUSIC
HALL

Producer
Mrs Marjorie Randolph

VILLAGE HALL
Saturday
November 22nd
1980



P.M.O.

The Victorian Music Hall evening offered vintage tastes and vintage prices. There was bar service at your table – a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon, or Lutomer Riesling, both 1977 vintage, and both at £2.30 each.. Watney's Pale Ale was 30p a glass, and Orange Squash a bargain at 20p. On the menu was Roast Sirloin of Beef with Pickle, Green Salad, Jacket Potato, Roll and Butter, followed by Trifle.

CREDITS

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Decorations and Programme	Pat Owen
Illuminations	Dave Trueman
Refreshments	Lynne Debney
Bar Licence	Dave Clark
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Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Community Association



HORSE RACING EVENING
VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 7th March
Doors open 7.30 p.m. – 1st Race 8.00 p.m.
TICKET £1-50 Fish & Chips Supper ^{Bar}

BRIGHTWELL - CUM - SOTWELL
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUNDAY - 13th SEPT
BARBECUE
12.00 NOON IN £1-50
BAR
PAUL CHILTON'S ORCHARD