

BRAMHAM PARISH

1999 COUNCIL

The most significant event affecting the village for a long time occurred just before Christmas. A preliminary draft of the report on the Public Inquiry into the possibility of a new town on Bramham Moor has been published and the threat has been lifted. It is worthwhile quoting the exact words of the Inspector's conclusions:

"I conclude that the most satisfactory site overall of the three New Settlements proposed would be Micklefield, although Springswood might also be capable of offering significant benefits. As however I do not recommend that provision should be made in the current UDP for either, nor do I recommend that land should be safeguarded for their possible longer term development, there is no reason at all to remove land at Bramham Moor from the Green Belt or to pursue its potential future development any further." This is a much more positive outcome than we had dared hope for and a marvellous start for the Christmas season for those of us who received the news early.

Although this is still only a draft and detail alterations could be made before the final document is issued at the end of February, the statement is so unequivocal that we can rest assured that this decision is final.

At the parish council's January meeting the Clerk was instructed to express the council's gratitude to Mr David Gawthorpe of WARDEN to whom we owe a considerable debt for his untiring efforts on our behalf and without whose help we might have had a different outcome.

Sudden death of former hunt master

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Mrs Victoria Lane Fox of Bramham Park, Wetherby, died at her home last Sunday evening following a heart attack. She was 58.

A well known figure in the hunting world, she was joint master of the Bramham Moor Hunt, with her son Nicholas, between 1984 and 1992 - continuing a tradition started by Mr George Lane Fox in the 1740's.

Her son, Nicholas, aged 33, said: "She hunted fearlessly and passionately all her life - horses were one of her obsessions."

As well as her passion for horses Mrs Lane Fox supported the work of Greyhound Rescue and provided a home to a succession of retired racing greyhounds.

She and her husband, Major George Lane Fox hosted the annual horse trials at Bramham Park.

Mrs Lane Fox, who suffered from a heart condition had recently given up riding.

Born on June 7, 1939. Mrs Lane Fox attended Beneden School, and went on to study animal portrait painting, dress design and modelling at Chelsea Art School.

Mrs Lane Fox is survived by her husband and three sons.

The funeral will be held at All Saints Church, Bramham, at 11.30am today.



■ Mrs Victoria Lane Fox during her horse