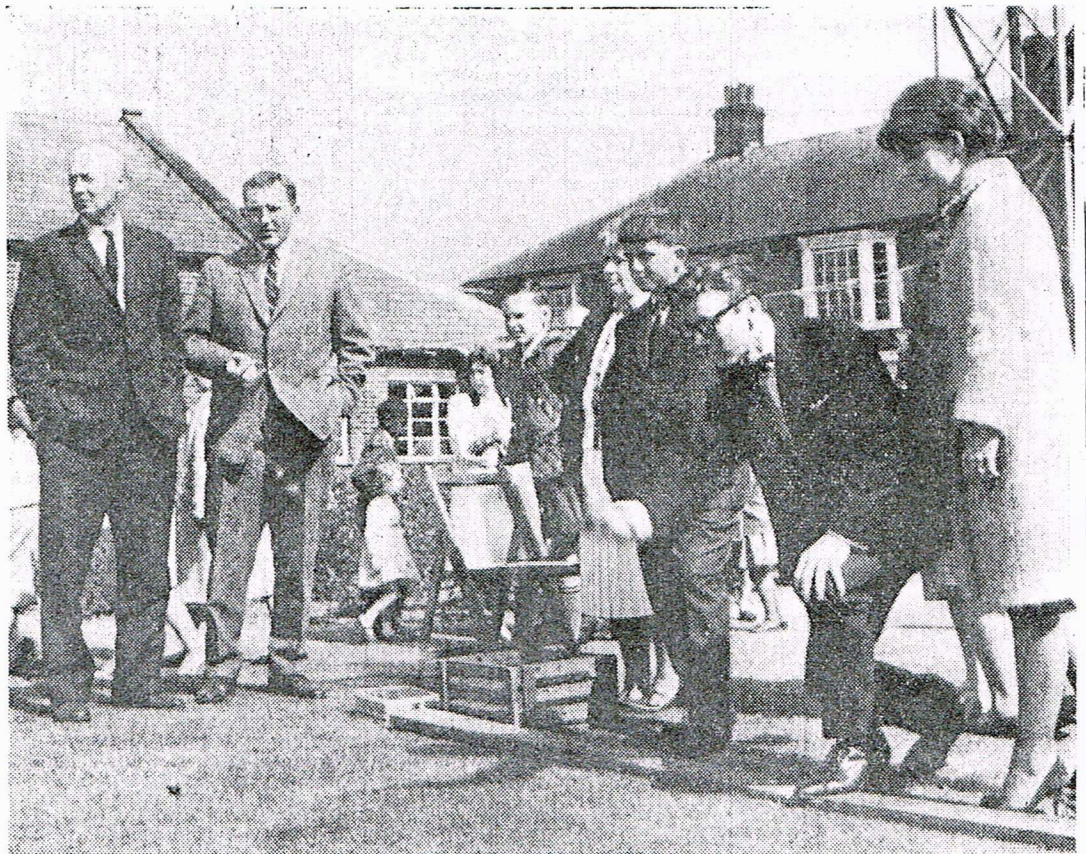


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Visitors to The Close open day trying their luck on the wheel of fortune.



Bowling was one of the main attractions at the fete on Saturday.



May 20, 1966

## Two new wards opened at The Close

Two new wards were opened by Mr. Jim Mount at The Close open day and fete at Bridge on Saturday. One will be called Honney Ward after a former matron, and the other Mercer Ward, after the previous resident medical officer.

A record total of over £170 was raised for funds from the fete, which was organised by the League of Friends (Bridge Group).

Both Mrs. M. Honney and Dr. E. R. Mercer were at the opening, and were presented with a Souquet and Buttonhole by a member of the Bridge Brownies.

Mrs. Honney started as a nurse at the hospital in 1906 and worked there until her retirement in 1938. Dr. Mercer was the resident medical officer from 1938 until 1963.

"You here in The Close are very fortunate," said Mr. Mount.

"You are surrounded by friendship, love and many of the smaller comforts in life. In your staff here you have the skill and care of wonderful people.

"It is encouraging in these days of the Welfare State that there are still people who are willing to give up their time and their money to help others, and the League of Friends in the last year has raised a lot of money to help buy the new reading desks.

"In this age that we live in one of the greatest tragedies is the loneliness of old people and I would like to thank the village of Bridge for accepting The Close into its community life."

After the opening of the wards, Mr. Mount was thanked by Mrs. P. Wigen, the secretary of the Bridge Group. During the afternoon the band of the 4th Bn. The Buffs (T.A.) played.

### Stallholders

Film show, Mr. Terry Ludlow; teas, Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. E. Pratt and helpers; roll a penny, Christopher Urwin; sweets, Mrs. E. Webb, Mrs. W. Clarke, Mrs. I. Morgan, Mrs. Y. West; household, Mrs. I. Shorter, Mrs. E. Turner; jackpot strings, Mr. J. Turner, Mr. J. Milton; cakes, Mrs. A. Masters, Miss M. Rate, Mrs. J. Rose; bowling, Mr. B. Clarke, Mr. J. Morgan; wheel of fortune, Mr. W. Benstead, Mr. J. Robson; treasure garden, Jane Lloyd; drinks, Nurse Benstead; penny in the bucket, Bridge Brownies; jumble and needlework, Sister Y. Eryant, Mrs. Q. Marsh, Miss E. Williams, Mrs. M. Palmer, Mrs. W. Divers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Munton, Miss E. Stottles.



Mr. Jim Mount (left) talking to Mrs. Honney and Dr. Mercer after the opening of the two new wards.

