

# Tamarind Tree curries favour with Rose appeal

A CURRY night to raise money to send a disabled four-year-old girl from Bishop's Stortford swimming with dolphins is being held.

The event at the Tamarind Tree on September 27 is being organised by the parents of little Rose Willcocks, who suffers from a rare genetic condition that has left her with severe learning difficulties, in conjunction with the



Indian restaurant in Southmill Road. Esme and Dave Willcocks, of The Ridings, have set up a fund-raising appeal to help their daughter, left, and are hoping to raise about £15,000 to send her to a

specialist centre in Florida.

Rose, dubbed Miss Doolittle, featured on the front page of the *Observer* in July after her parents, who also have a younger daughter Ruby, discovered she had a special affinity with animals.

Since appearing in the paper the family have been inundated with offers from readers to help raise money and are launching an appeal website.

Esme said: "The response has been amazing. We've been blown away."

Guests at the curry night will be treated to a three-course meal including a choice of starters, mains and puddings, and there will also be entertainment. Tickets costs £27 per person. For more information, call Esme on 07887 731563.



## Cup winners celebrate growing glory

MEET THE WINNERS: From left, Gordon Morrison, Shelia Cross, Mike Carver, Poppy Boardman, Bryan Brace, Joan Hornett and Neil Clarke, and, front, Daisy Thurlow

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**AUGUST winds and heavy rain kept the number of entries down to Much Hadham Horticultural Society's autumn show last Saturday, but there were still more than 240 in 106 classes.**

**There were some fine specimens of dahlias and tasty Dundee cakes and home cooked produce for the judges to examine, and colour in the village hall for the 100 visitors was provided by**

**flower arranging exhibits and pot plants.**

**Society president Allison Silley presented trophies, including to Neil Clark for best in show for his collection of cacti. Lindsay Steel's pumpkin was the biggest, weighing in at 33lbs 6oz.**

**RESULTS: Hadham Cup (open, fruit and veg): Bryan Brace; BAA Millennium Cup (most points, all shows): Bryan Brace; Dahlia Cup:**

**Gordon Morrison; RE Jennings Salver (domestic, all shows): Poppy Boardman; Catherine De La Mare Cup (floral, all shows): Joan Hornett; Jim Camp Trophy (children, all shows): Jasmin Evans; Stephen Thatcher Memorial Cup (fuchsia, all shows): Shirley Trigg; Parish Cup (most points): Mike Carver; Dr Barker Cup (floral): Bryan Brace; Perry Memorial Cup (amateur fruit and veg): Mike Carver; Paul Wilson Cup (parish, fruit and veg): Mike**

**Carver; The Harvey Cup (parish, all floral art): Joan Hornett; Gilbert Borland Bowl (floral arrangement): Sheila Cross; RHS Banksian Medal: Joan Hornett; Garden News Top Tray (3 veg): Poppy Boardman; Children's Autumn Show Trophy: Daisy Thurlow.**

**Winners of the bank holiday competition at the village fete were: adult: Mrs M Smith, Little Hadham; children: Aodan Compton, Hadham Cross.**

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# Villagers vow: we'll fight plans for 3,000 homes

NEWS that a new settlement of 3,000 homes could be built between Elsenham and Henham has been met with incredulity this week by residents of the two villages.

Elsenham Parish Council has already announced its commitment to employ a planning consultant in its fight to block the massive development.

The scheme was unveiled last week as Conservative-controlled Uttlesford District Council's preferred option for meeting Government demands of building 4,200 homes in the district by 2024.

As well as the major new conurbation between Elsenham and Henham, 750 homes would be distributed between Stansted, Saffron Walden and Dunmow and another 450 would be dispersed throughout the district.

The plan, one of four options up for public consultation, has been strongly opposed by the Liberal Democrat opposition on the district

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council, who have "called in" the environment committee's decision. The issue will go before the council's scrutiny panel on October 3.

Cllr Ray Franklin, vice-chairman of Elsenham Parish Council, said the main concerns related to road access.

He said it brought back memories of an unsuccessful 1988 bid for 350 houses in Leigh Drive. "The developer at the time lost their initial application. It went to appeal and they lost that, too," he said.

"One of the main reasons behind that adjudication was the vehicular constipation it would have caused between Stansted and Elsenham. The situation we are faced with now, with 3,000 houses, is just 10 times worse."

He was aghast at a revelation from Elsenham's Lib Dem district councillor,

Catherine Dean, that the developer proposing the new settlement, Fairfield Partnership, did not believe "any more road infrastructure would be necessary" to support the scheme.

Cllr Martin Nicholson, chairman of Henham Parish Council, said that the village was ready for "one hell of a battle".

"None of us want, or feel any necessity, to have half a town built on our doorstep," he said.

The district council's head of planning and housing strategy, Roger Harborough, said that a judgment needed to be made first about whether the scale of development was "viable and deliverable" and what infrastructure would be required. The detailed particulars would come later.

"I can entirely understand the local communities' concern because they know down to the last white line exactly what the circumstances are, but for the core strategy that detailed engineering work comes at a later stage."

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