



Senior partner Alan Chandler outside Vale Furnishers' new premises

New Year, new era

THE New Year marked the beginning of a new era for a long-standing Ash Vale business.

Vale Furnishers' purpose built showrooms opened to the public for the first time on New Year's Day.

The showrooms, at the junction of Ash Hill Road and Wharf Road, have been two years in the planning and

senior partner Mr Alan Chandler is justifiably proud of his new premises.

More than 20,000 square feet of showroom on three floors has been fitted out with large displays exhibiting the ten most famous names in furniture.

Mr Chandler said: "The new premises are fully equipped for disabled people. We have incorporated wheelchair ramps and large lifts to make the building

fully accessible, which is very important.

"For the children we also have a Lego area, a video machine and The Dungeon — a children's play area."

The new showrooms also boast their own parking facilities.

Vale Furnishers' former premises, further along Wharf Road, will now be let.

Motorcyclist killed in 70mph crash

A MOTORCYCLIST appeared to be travelling at up to 70mph along a narrow country lane before crashing into the back of a parked car, an inquest was told.

Mr Mark Kinge (27), of Buffins Road, Odiham, braked sharply after coming across a row of parked cars and a BMW waiting on the other side of the road.

But he lost control of his 750cc Yamaha, hit a Range Rover and catapulted across the road.

Mr Kinge died of multiple injuries following the accident in Deptford Road, Greywell, on October 24.

Mr Paul Harrison, who

lives in Deptford Road, said he was driving his BMW along the road when he saw a motorcycle travelling towards him at "an incredible speed."

"My instant reaction was to brake and stop the car," said Mr Harrison.

"The motorcyclist saw there were cars parked by the side of the road, braked very hard but unfortunately was unable to stop."

Mr Harrison said Mr Kinge hit the back of a parked Range Rover and was catapulted off his bike, which carried on before stopping under the wheels of his stationary car.

When the coroner, Mr Andrew Bradley, asked Mr Harrison how fast he thought Mr Kinge was travelling he

RAOC annual meeting

THE Aldershot and Deepcut branch of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday.

The meeting, which starts at 8pm, will be held in the HQ Royal Logistic Corps Sergeants' Mess, Bellew Road, Deepcut. All former corps members are welcome. For more details, call 0252 540790.

The RAOC Association is a charitable trust set up to help former RAOC personnel and their families in times of need.

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