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THERE'S mud, mud, glorious mud — and very little else at Barrowford Park Lake!

In fact, a hippopota-
mus would be very much
at home there.

All the water has been
drained away and the
fish have been taken to a
new "home".

All that is left is silt,
ducks, moorhens, the
occasional heron, a
swan... and an awful lot
of sludge to shift and
muck to move.

Pendle Council work-
ers now have to mount a
major clean-up opera-
tion, and it could be some

A fishy task as lake is drained

weeks before the lake
becomes a lake again.
There is more silt than
the council expected and
excavators may have to
be brought in to shift it
all.

But the plan at the
moment is to invite
volunteers to work at
weekends and help clean
it out.

The deep mud will be
allowed to dry over the
summer months in the

hope that it will form a
hard surface, ready for
the water to go back.

All the large fish were
taken to Walverden
Reservoir by the National
Rivers Authority just
over two weeks ago. Even
fresh water mussels have
been discovered in the
park lake since the water
was drained away.

On Sunday a member
of Walverden Angling
Club opened the sluice

gate and watched the last
gallons of water disap-
pear down the plug hole.

Someone was on hand
to catch the roach, perch
and a couple of tench
that were left and they
too are now in Walverden
Reservoir.

Our picture shows
fishermen Mr Michael
Cook catching all the
small fry with fellow
member Mr Elliot Garner
looking on, making sure
that not a single fish gets
away, and other Walver-
den anglers in the
background.

Photo: Anthony
Braithwaite.

Teacher's cash fears for Whitehough Camp School

WHITEHOUGH Outdoor Educa-
tion Centre, near Barley — White-
hough Camp School to generations
of past pupils — could be under
threat because of new government
rules on the way in which schools
must manage their budgets.

This is the view of Park High
School teacher Mr John Verney in
our readers' letters feature on page
19 of this issue.

Adding to his letter, Mr Verney
says that the new rules will mean
schools managing their own bud-
gets. In effect, the school governors
will be given a sum of money every
year and, with help and guidance
from the head teacher and staff, left
to get on with running the school.

This could affect education
centres such as Whitehough, which
might then technically have to
"charge" schools for places there,
and this charge would have to be
met by the schools from their
budgets.

There is concern in case some
schools, in certain circumstances,
might not be able to afford to allow
their pupils to attend.

A reduced rate could be offered to
Lancashire schoolchildren, but
pupils from outside the county may
have to pay more.

Mr Verney has just returned
from Whitehough with some of his
pupils, and he says that staff there
are very concerned about the

future.
He adds: "It is such a valuable
experience to go there. Whitehough
has contributed to the education of
thousands of children over the
years.

"There is some uncertainty, and I
do not want to see an asset to the
community just disappear."

However, the warden at the
centre, Mr Stewart Baggs, feels
Whitehough is not under any real
threat of closure.

He said the funding of all the
centres in Lancashire was coming
up for review. There was a fair
degree of input from staff put into
the review process, and different
options would be put forward.

Blaze at historic village p

FIREMEN from Barnoldswick
and Earby fought a blaze which
caused thousands of pounds of
damage to listed Gisburn public
house the Ribblesdale Arms.

The fire, which happened in
the early hours of Saturday
morning, is believed to have
started in the kitchen.

Fire-fighters donned breath-
ing apparatus as thick smoke
engulfed the ground floor of the
premises.

Villagers watched from nearby
homes as firemen fought to stop
the blaze spreading to the first
floor of the 17th century public
house, which is now owned by
the Burnley-based Leisure Con-
struction Company Ltd.

The alarm was raised shortly
before 1 a.m. by manager Mr
Stuart Montgomery, after a
ground floor smoke detector was

triggered.
Throwing a wet tablecloth
over his head, Mr Montgomery
attempted to enter the kitchen to
fight the fire, but said he was
forced back by the flames and
heat, adding: "It was well
ablaze."

Following a busy evening in
the hotel's restaurant, there
were eight staff on the premises,
all of whom were able to vacate
the building quickly. Three
pumps attended the scene, two
from Barnoldswick and one from
Earby, plus an emergency
tender.

The kitchen, utensils and food
preparation equipment were
destroyed and the adjoining din-
ing room and restaurant burnt
and blackened by smoke and fire,
which also spread to the stair-
case and the first floor. Firemen

were at the scene until 5 a.m.
Later in the morning, manage-
ment and staff gathered to sur-
vey the damage to the ground
floor and insurance assessors
carried out their investigation on
Monday.

Diners booked in for the week-
end were contacted and bookings
transferred to a Colne
restaurant.

The prominent public house, a
focal point in Gisburn and
steeped in history, was sold by
Matthew Brown last year to the
Burnley-based Leisure Con-
struction Company Ltd.

Planning applications submit-
ted on behalf of the company, for
demolition of the barn and resi-
dential development in the rear
car park, led to controversy in
the village and were refused by
Ribble Valley Council planners

earlier this month.
On Saturday, cor-
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