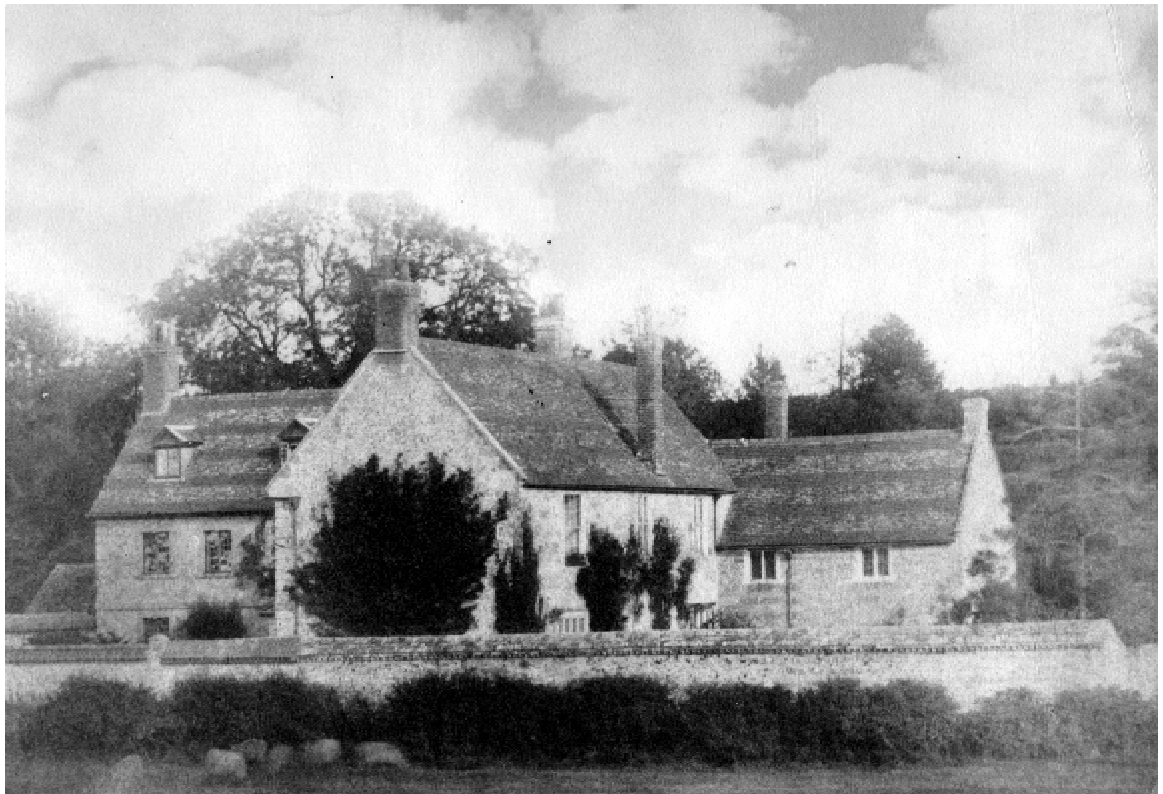


The Downsman

**NEWS AND INFORMATION
MAGAZINE**



**PARISH OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY
WITH PENTRIDGE**

June 1997

**Including: Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington
Published by Sixpenny Handley Parish Council**

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Councillors

Sixpenny Handley

Chairman	Mr. B.M.J.Curtis.....	552397
	Mrs E. Miles.....	552768
	Mrs P.K.Bailey-Wright..	552771
	Mr. C.Styles.....	552658
	Mr. S.Judd.....	552563
	Mr. N.Bowes.....	552416
	Mr. P.G.Chick.....	552256

Pentridge

Vice-Chairman	Mr. I.Davies.....	552076
	Mr. C.J.Goodman.....	552705
	Mr. C.F.Simms.....	552629
	Mr. B.J.Hansford.....	552468

Clerk

<u>County Councillor</u>	Mr. T. Palmer.....	552321
		Fax 552405

<u>District Councillor</u>	Mr. I.M.Repper.....	552769
----------------------------	---------------------	--------

Footpaths Liaison Officers

Sixpenny Handley	Mr. A.Turner.....	552735
Pentridge	Mr. C.J.Goodman.....	552705

Downsman Editorial Team

Editor	Alan Vincent.....	552788
	Ian Davies.....	552076
	Brian Hansford.....	552468

Churches

Church of England	St. Mary's, Sixpenny Handley	
	St. Rumbold's, Pentridge	
	St. Andrews, Gussage St.Andrew	
Vicar	Rev. Ron. Wood.....	552608
Roman Catholic	Church of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Cecilia, Blandford Forum	
Priest	Fr. John Mordaunt	01258 452051

1st Woodcutts Scout Group

Group Scout Leader	Mr. Barry Howes.....	552583
Scout Leader	Ray Hemmings.....	516239
Cub Leader	Carol Hemmings.....	516239

Doctors

Drs. Pelly, Nodder & Morgan	
Dean Lane Surgery.....	552500

Schools

First School	Handley First School.....	552356
Middle School	Cranborne Middle School	517348
Upper School	Queen Elizabeth's School	
	Wimborne.....	01202 885233

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Chairman	Mr. S Judd.....	552563
Secretary	Mrs P.K.Bailey-Wright..	552771
Bookings	Mrs Michelle Daniels.....	552189

Sixpenny Handley Flower Show

Chairman	Brian Hansford.....	552468
Secretary	Geraldine Vincent.....	552788

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Overall Co-ordinator & Police Focal Point

John Curtis..... 552397

Co-ordinators

Area 1 - Dean Lane	Don Penrose.....	552022
Area 2 - Dean Land & North East		
	Barry Howes.....	552583
Area 3 - Handley Central		
	Charles Nodder.....	552292
Area 4 - West & South		
	George Tozer.....	552330

Other Areas (These are separate Homewatch Schemes)

Pentridge	Roy Elford.....	552296
Woodyates	Roy Warner.....	552665
<u>Police</u>	Blandford Station.	01258 452101

Sixpennies Pre-School

Chairman & Waiting List	Catherine Rose.....	552872
Supervisor	Hazel Killeen.....	552059

Sixpennies Pre-School Link Group

Supervisor	Sue Shepperd.....	552784
------------	-------------------	--------

Sixpenny Handley W.I. (Formed in 1923)

President	Mrs Stella Symes.....	552236
Secretary	Mrs H. Eynon.....	552308

Sixpenny Handley Mother's Union

Leader	Pamela Wood.....	552608
Secretary	Jean Mayne.....	552692

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Chairman	Robert Jesse.....	552340
Secretary	Gill Martin.....	552297

Handley Sports Club

Chairman	Tony Dale.....	552540
Secretary	Brian Hansford.....	552468
Team Managers -Sat.	Mark Young.....	552741
-Sun	Gary Neave.....	552560

The Wednesday Club

Chairman	Pamela Wood.....	552608
Secretary	Vacancy	

Chase Community Friends

Chairman	Alec Hunt.....	552210
Secretary	Sally Clarke.....	552235

Sixpenny Handley Lawn Tennis Club

Chairman	Anne Reed.....	552518
Secretary	Gael Radclyffe.....	552829
Bookings	Bill Chorley.....	552776

Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

Chairman	Nick Emm	01747 825598
Secretary	Juli Spendley	01202 822244

Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

Chairman	Eileen Miles.....	552768
Secretary	Dawn Ridout.....	552407

Happy Nappy Club

Chairperson	Penny Morrison.....	552024
-------------	---------------------	--------

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June edition of The Downsman.

My first task as new editor of your magazine is to say a big **THANK YOU**, on behalf of you all, to Ian Repper who has done such a great job as Editor of this magazine from its re-launch in December 1994 until now.

His efforts have resulted in a magazine that the people of these parishes can be proud of and which has been so successful, it has been submitted as part of the Community Initiative section of the Dorset Best Kept Village Competition.

Whilst Ian had to give up the Editorship because of pressure of work his talents will not be totally lost to us as he will continue to submit articles for the magazine.

Thanks again Ian!!

I should also make mention of the other members of the editorial team – Ian Davies & Brian Hansford - their help is invaluable, particularly for myself in putting together this issue and I look forward to an enjoyable working relationship with them.

Geraldine and I have lived in Sixpenny Handley since December 1988 moving here from Verwood. I originally moved to this area from Chester in 1983.

My main qualification for performing this new role is that I have access to

Cover Picture

Parsonage in Dean Lane

Reverse of the original carries the following words: -
 “Rev. Mr. Bigg last incumbent to live there. Demolished on erection of Victorian vicarage. (Stories told of smugglers’ passage connecting church to this Parsonage)”
 and salutation:-
 “Gertrude with love from L & D. Xmas 1939”
 (A substantial part of the wall can still be seen on Dean Lane - Ed.)



Your new Editor

publishing software but I hope with the help of Ian Davies & Brian and all those people who submit articles, pictures, adverts, etc that we can maintain the excellent quality that this magazine has achieved so far.

So please continue to contribute.....

Alan Vincent

5 The Parsonage
 Sixpenny Handley

Telephone – 552788
 Office Hours (ColourCare Int. Ltd – Salisbury) 01722 412202.

The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the 1st August 1997

KKKKKKKKKK
 Copy Deadline is
18th July 1997

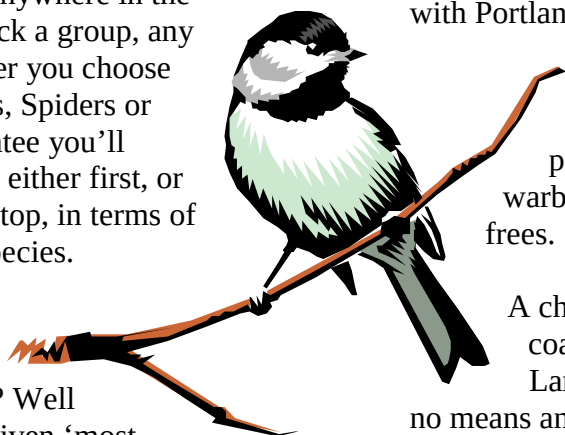
National Wildlife Week June 7th to 15th

Dorset Wildlife

Dorset can more than hold its own in arguments with its 'Big Brothers' to east and west, Hampshire and Devon, when it comes to who is the most favoured county in wildlife terms. Compare it with anywhere in the country, go on, pick a group, any group, and whether you choose Butterflies or Bats, Spiders or Sedges I'll guarantee you'll find that Dorset is either first, or certainly near the top, in terms of sheer wealth of species.

So to what does it owe this richness? Well for a start it was given 'most favoured status' when climate was handed out - where better to be than on the sunny south coast of the country. Then there's its position on a wildlife 'crossroads'. In Dorset east meets west. Creatures who prefer a more continental climate and whose distribution is generally to the south-east of the country rub shoulders with those that prefer a wetter, Atlantic climate and live in the western half. The classic example is the two gorses, Western Gorse and Dwarf Gorse, whose distribution meets along a line somewhere just to the east of Dorchester.

But the real key is variety. What other county embraces ancient woodlands and unspoilt meadows, where else do chalk downs overlook acidic heathlands, rocky headlands give way to sand dunes, shingle beaches shelter quiet lagoons, and all within a relatively small area?



Any look at Dorset wildlife must begin where most visitors start, on the coast. Or even just offshore – the voluntary marine nature reserve at Kimmeridge was the first of its kind to be set up in the country. Just along the coast dramatic displays of nesting sea birds are to be found along the cliffs. These can be conveniently observed at Durlston, which, with Portland Bill, is one of the great arrival and departure lounges for migrant birds along the south coast. Last place for all those departing warblers to stock up on their duty-frees.

A characteristic of the Dorset coast is its sheer mobility. Landslips large and small are by no means an uncommon occurrence, especially in the far west around Charmouth and Lyme Regis or further east at Ringstead. Broken, bare ground, untouched by pesticides and plough; close enough to the sea to rarely see frost yet facing the full force of the sun is a Mecca for wildlife. Here in the areas of scrub

National Wildlife Week

June 7th – 15th

**For details of numerous events,
phone the Dorset Wildlife Trust
on (01305) 264620.**

Nightingales find a safe retreat, where water seeps from the strata above Marsh Helleborines bloom and on the open sand rare grasshoppers flourish.

Just to the south of that great natural wonder Poole Harbour the fascinating sand dune systems of Studland lead you gently into Dorset's greatest

National Wildlife Week

June 7th to 15th

asset – heathland. Once extending in an almost unbroken expanse from Dorchester to Christchurch and Wareham, agriculture, forestry and urban development have taken their toll. Only a

many respects yet like it in having been so thoroughly decimated and fragmented by the twentieth century. Where intensive agriculture hasn't wreaked havoc, on slopes too steep to be ploughed, the herb

rich grassland remains. And rich it is, with as many as thirty or more flowering plants packed into a square metre! Conditions are actually quite hostile with few nutrients and summer drought on the freely draining slopes. This all means that no one plant flourishes to the detriment of

Thursday 12th June 10:30am 3:30pm
A WALK FROM TOLLARD ROYAL TO WOODYATES

A walk from the Larmer Tree Grounds through Chase Woods to Garston Wood – famous for Nightingales. Approx. 7½ miles. Booking essential on (01425) 470721. Transport back to vehicles provided. Led by Rangers from Moors Valley Country Park.

Price £2.50

Meet: The Larmer Tree Grounds (full details will be sent on

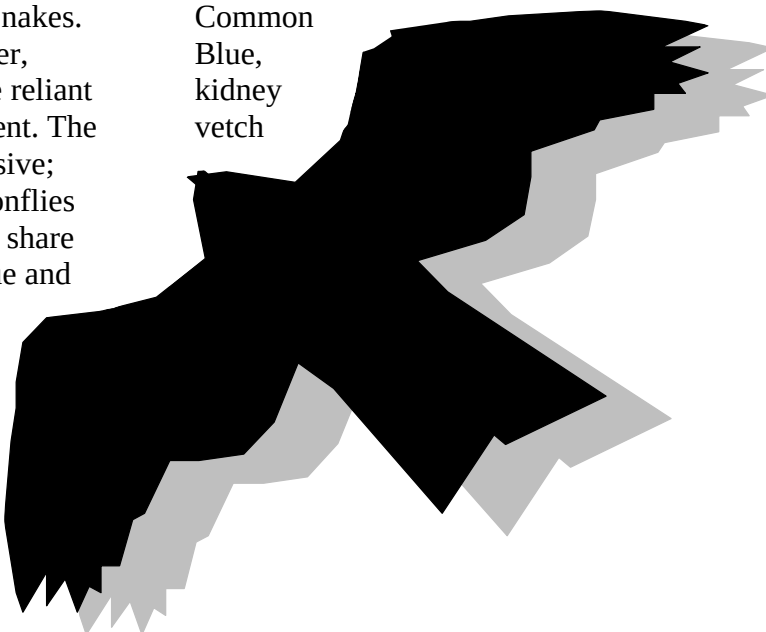
fraction of Hardy's 'Egdon Heath' remains and even these isolated fragments are threatened, mainly by the lack of the traditional management that sustained them.

Despite this they remain rich in wildlife and the list of dependent species is awesome. Heaths are home to all of our native reptiles and the Dorset heaths alone support something like 90% of British Sand lizards and 80% of Smooth Snakes. Rare birds such as Dartford Warbler, Woodlark, Nightjar and Hobby are reliant on heaths to a greater or lesser extent. The range of creepy crawlies is impressive; roughly three quarters of our dragonflies and two thirds of our grasshoppers share the habitat with Silver-studded Blue and Grayling butterflies. Rare wasps, bees, flies, beetles and spiders abound and the boggy spots are a last refuge for uncommon and unusual plants such as Marsh Gentian, Sundews and Bog Orchid.

Downland is the heath's mirror image, the opposite in so

others. The wealth of wildflowers includes a variety of Orchids, Carline Thistle, Chalk Milwort, Knapweed and Scabious.

Many characteristic downland plants are host to the family of brilliant blue butterflies that are so much associated with the sunny slopes: Horseshoe vetch supports the Adonis and Chalkhill Blues, Bird'sfoot Trefoil the Common Blue, kidney vetch



National Wildlife Week June 7th to 15th

the Small Blue and Rockrose the Brown Angus. Perhaps more threatened than the downs are the 'ordinary', unspoilt, flowery meadows and pasture of many people's youth which we fondly imagine are still very much the norm. This has all



but vanished. Dorset, though, preserves numerous fragments, not least of which is the 'time capsule farm' at Lower Kingcombe, now a Dorset Wildlife Trust reserve.

Even woods, which are not the strongest card in Dorset's wildlife hand, have a lot to offer. There are quiet ancient woods, parkland studded with Fallow deer and huge, venerable oaks and areas of coppiced hazel, carpeted with bluebells.

If this, then, has become a long list of different habitats and associated wildlife that's because that's what Dorset is, a county of ever-changing contrasts in wildlife and landscape, with a wealth unsurpassed elsewhere. I challenge you to find better.

Reproduced from "The Dorset Countryside Book 1997"

Sixpenny Handley Rainfall

How can I write about Rainfall when there isn't any, almost?

After the one inch of rain in March, mentioned in the April report, there was scarcely any more until the end of April and then we had merely a little less than three-quarters of an inch.

The village went for thirty days without a drop (of rain, not the other stuff). Now, as I wrestle with an antiquated word processor (anyone like to buy it for a few quid?) in early May, there are more showery days than sunny ones which after the unexpected warm 'summer' of April comes as something of a disappointment.

So far, May 10th, the expected April showers have come a month late, amounting to only exactly one inch. Not much, but enough to keep the garden looking fresh again, the hoses rolled up out of the way and the lawn mowers put away in the dry awaiting their chance to get to grips with the rapidly growing daisies.

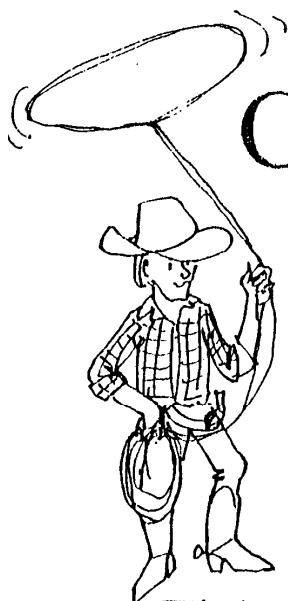
Vic Fryer

Barn Dance
American Country
Line Dancing
And Country Music Evening
with Ploughman's Supper

• **BAR** •

Church Farm Barn

Sixpenny Handley
Saturday 14th June
8pm-Midnight



Tickets from Sixpenny Handley Newsagents
£5 Adults

£3.50 Children (with child-size supper)

Prize for Best-Dressed Cowboy/Girl

In aid of the FOR THE KIDZ Playareas Fund

Letters to the 'Editor'

Corner Cottage
All Hallows
Wimborne St Giles

I send my sincere thanks to the electors of Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge who felt able to support me in the recent County Council Election.

It has been a great honour to have represented this area at County Hall for the past twelve years. I have valued the support of District & Parish Councillors, the governors & staff of our schools, Church leaders etc.

The dozens of messages of condolence that I have received have made it abundantly clear that I may have lost my seat, but not my friends.

Alan J. Humphries.

8 Common Road

Handley Sports Club

100 Club 1997

Draw No 12 – May

1 st Prize - £50	No	88
2 nd Prize - £20	No	160
3 rd Prize - £10	No	17
4th Prize - £10	No	137
5th Prize - £10	No	11

**Remember
Its subscription renewal time!!**

Sixpenny Handley

Dear Editor

As you are all aware by now, on Thursday 1st May a new National Government was elected to parliament, also a new County Councillor was elected to serve, amongst others, the Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge - Councillor Tim Palmer - we wish him well in his endeavours.

This also meant that a long serving member of D.C.C. lost his seat. I felt that we could not let this moment pass without publicly thanking Alan Humphries for all his hard work and support that he has given to our parish, whether it was the matter of a pothole in the road or working on our behalf in our efforts to upgrade our recreation ground, nothing was too much trouble.

On one occasion I remember asking Alan if he could get the footpath at the end of Littlefield Lane cut by County. As there would be some considerable delay in carrying out the work, he went home, got his own strimmer and cut the grass himself! - That about sums up the character of the man.

Alan, you have been a wonderful servant, it has been a privilege to serve alongside you in local Government. On behalf of all the parishioners of Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge - many thanks - and we wish you well in whatever you do in the future.

John Curtis
Chairman of the Parish Council

Brampton Road
Poole

Dear Editor

Some time ago my sister Pat gave me some copies of the Downsman. I find them very interesting since I grew up in that part of Dorset. I particularly liked the "Rambles" of the Rev. Turing Bruce, who was curate of Sixpenny Handley parish. As a teenager I worked for him and his wife Dorothy, when they lived at Verwood. Before moving to Verwood, they had lived at Frogmore Farm in Handley. Mr. Bruce had very poor eyesight and I clearly remember him pacing the dining room for many hours while learning his sermons by heart. It was because of his sight that Mrs. Bruce drove her husband everywhere in their car. Both he and his wife were very kind and thoughtful. For instance, at Christmas he gave us a large bag of oranges. In the 1930s such gifts were highly valued. I remember Mr. Bruce saying that they married late in life and sadly, they had no children of their own. Perhaps this is why they were so kind to other people's children.

My sister has previously written about those members of our large family who were christened by the Rev. Bruce at Gussage St. Andrew. When we were confirmed in later life, he gave each of us a framed print of The Vigil. This still hangs on the wall at my bedside. As children we attended church at Gussage St. Andrew with our mother, Alice Maud Rimen, who was the churchwarden. She cleaned our little church and always lit the oil stoves that heated the building, as there was no electricity for many years. Evensong was held at 3pm before it became dark in winter. Candles were used to light the services and unfortunately it was whilst cleaning the chandelier that

she fell, suffering concussion and leaving her very deaf.

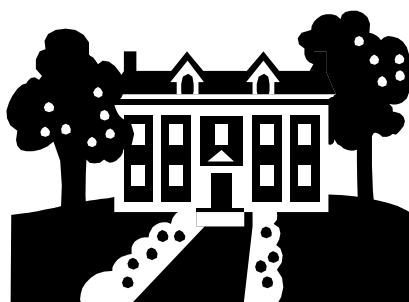
I lived at Verwood, having two half-days off each week, Wednesday and Sunday. That was when I cycled home to see my family but I finally left my job since it was a very lonely journey by bicycle from Cashmoor, especially in the winter and I obtained employment nearer home.

Your final question about what happened to the Rev. Bruce amused me. I'm sure that many people in the village will have told you of his final resting place. He lies, together with his beloved wife Dorothy just to the left of the door at Handley church, where he had served for so many years.

Yours Truly
E. Rogers

M. G. CORDINA

**ALL TYPES OF BUILDING
WORK CARRIED OUT**



Telephone – 01725 552310

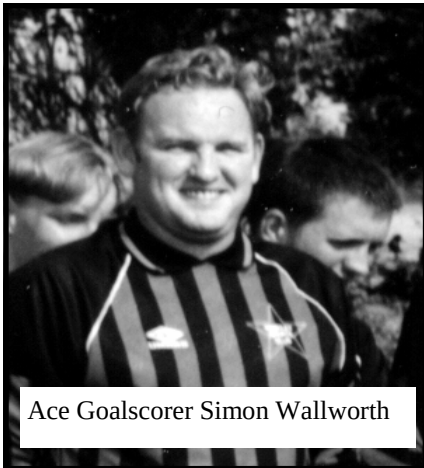
**Berwick Cottage
42 High Street
Sixpenny Handley
SALISBURY**

HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

FOOTBALL

The Saturday side finished the season on a high, ending well into the top half of the table.

Thanks go to our top goalscorer Simon Wallworth whose excellent finishing gained him a grand total of **38** goals during the season.



Ace Goalscorer Simon Wallworth

The club finished the season in the Banks Charity Cup - but alas no success, playing only one match in the competition.

The Sunday side had a poor season finishing 2nd from bottom in the Sunday league Division 4. We are hoping to recruit new players for a better season next year.

After both players and administrators have enjoyed a rest the new season starts with training on 24th July.

The club presentation evening will be held at the “**Star Inn**” – who sponsor the Saturday side – on the 13th June.

The club AGM will be held in the sports pavilion on the 17th July at 8pm.

The club will again be running Football sessions on the Recreation Ground during the school summer holidays – cost as per last year.

The club is hoping to install five -a-side posts and pitch on the Recreation Ground for use by the juniors and training purposes.

We are looking for parents to help organize boys football in the coming season – requests have been made before but no help has been forthcoming – **is there anyone out there willing to help?**

Women's & Girls Football -

Two females have shown an interest – **are there any more?** This is a growing aspect of Football – a women's league is run by the Dorset F.A.



The Sunday team - Hoping for better things next season

HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

100 CLUB

The 100 Club has been in operation for a year and with over 200 members is very successful. This club keeps the sports club solvent and helps to provide enjoyable activities for many over the season.

If you wish to join, the cost is £12 per year (£1 per month - 12 draws), with a top prize worth £50 and 4 other prizes each month.

The bad news for existing members is that its subscription renewal time and if you want to ensure you are included in the first draw - June – then please submit your cash/cheque promptly when you receive your renewal notice.

FINALLY

Next season we shall be using the new pitch! – Come along on Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings – **“Shout, Cheer, Holler!!!!!!!!!!”** for the teams – and show your support for a game that has been played in Sixpenny Handley for over 60 years.



It's Here !!!

**At Church Farm Recycling Centre
Facilities to Recycle
Paper & Cardboard**

**Textiles
Plastic and Glass Bottles**

***This is the only Recycling Centre in
the Village***





12 Noon - 4-30pm
Saturday 14th June
GUSSAGE St. MICHAEL

**CHASE CHALLENGE
INTER VILLAGE
COMPETITION**



**GAMES FOR ALL
BARBEQUE
PONY RIDES
STALLS
TEAS**

**JOIN THE FUN
COME IN RUSTIC COSTUME**

In Aid of:

Village & Church Funds and Wessex Childrens Hospice.

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL *ADVICE CENTRE*

Have you ever wished that you could just pop down the road and speak to one person to sort out all your queries about Council services, whether it is Council Tax, noise nuisances or planning matters? Many of you will now be able to do just this.

The Council is bringing its services to you!

East Dorset District Council, as part of its commitment to improving its services and making them more accessible, has become the first Council in southern England to have a Mobile Advice Centre. The Advice Centre is a purpose built vehicle with disabled access, interview room facilities and display areas.

Equipped with the latest information technology, the Advice Centre will be linked to the Council's offices and will be able to access your details and, if required, print off relevant information for you to take away. Any matters which cannot be sorted out at once will be referred back to the Council's offices.

Imagine the convenience of being able to query your Council Tax, ask about Housing Benefit, inspect agendas and minutes, book special leisure events and discuss planning applications by speaking to the same officer in your town or village.

To maximise the benefits to you, other organisations are being encouraged "to come on board" and send representatives out with the Advice Centre. The Police have already seized upon the opportunity and have confirmed that Community

Police will be represented at certain locations.

Chairman of the Council, Councillor Neill Evans said, *"It's a very exciting scheme which should benefit a wide range of people throughout the District. But don't just take my word for it. Come and see for yourself and if you like it, tell your family and friends! If you think we could improve the service, let us know."*

The Advice Centre began on Monday 19th May, touring the area on a fortnightly basis, with the visit to Sixpenny Handley scheduled for the 1st Monday in each fortnight between 10:00am and 12:00 noon at the Village Hall. (N.B. The unit is at Cranborne Village Hall 1.00pm – 3.00pm & Wimborne St. Giles Village Hall 3.30pm – 4.30pm on the same days.)

The Advice Centre will therefore be seen in Sixpenny Handley on the following dates in June & July: -

Monday 2nd June, 16th June, 30th June
Monday 14th July, 28th July

***Look out for the big green Unit
and make it work for you!***



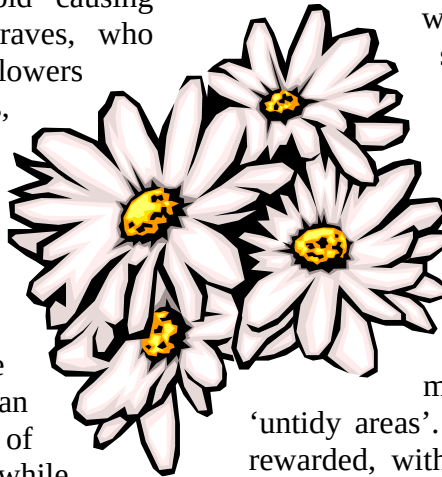
ST. RUMBOLD'S CURCHYARD 1995-97

It is now two years since the PCC decided to try managing the churchyard without the sheep, in order to avoid causing offence to those visiting graves, who wanted to be able to leave flowers and establish bulbs and plants, on the graves of their loved ones.

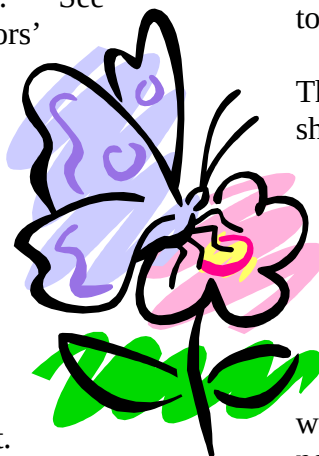
At that time, after taking advice from the Dorset Wildlife Trust's 'wildlife in churchyards' project, we submitted a management plan which had the aim of encouraging wildlife, while acknowledging that people visiting graves would wish them to be kept tidy, with a mown area around the grave. The idea is to provide pleasant surroundings and contact with nature, rather than allowing the churchyards to become too 'urbanised' and 'tidy'. The sight of wildflowers, butterflies and birds can be very soothing to visitors to the church and enriches a visit to the grave of a loved-one. Generally we feel that people have appreciated our efforts, but there has also been some criticism. See comments in the visitors' book.

We have now established a regular mown area, which we hope encompasses most of the visited graves. Some people prefer to take on responsibility for mowing the area around the graves when they visit. However, if anyone was unhappy that a visited grave is not included in the mown area, we would encourage them to approach us to show us the area they

would like mown. We would also ask people not to use herbicides to clear graves, as it seems such a pity to lose the cowslips and other wildflowers.



There have been rewarding displays of wildflowers, with a good show of cowslips in April. This is followed by the cow parsley in bloom and then a rather difficult time before the 'hay meadow' flowers appear when the grass looks very lush and it is tempting to get the mower out to deal with the 'untidy areas'. However, this patience is rewarded, with plenty of hairy hawkbit, ladies' bedstraw, meadow buttercup, ribwort plantain, burnet saxifrage and occasional ox-eye daisies. Later, autumn hawkbit and yarrow predominate and there are a few clumps of knapweed. The shallower chalky soils support the richest collections of wildflowers and on the right hand side of the path, as you enter the churchyard there are a few plants of clustered bellflower, which flower quite late in the summer. We would ask people mowing around graves in this area to look out for these less common plants and try to allow them to flower and set seed.



The greatest disadvantage of losing the sheep, is that rank growth of grass around unvisited graves has to be cut by hand throughout the summer and **we would appreciate some help with this, if anyone would like to volunteer.** An alternative approach would be to have the sheep for a short time in the autumn, to help with 'tidying up'. If we did this, we would need to warn people in advance.

The backbreaking work comes at the end of the summer, when the long grass has to

be cut and raked-up and stacked on compost heaps. The paved area around the base of the church also has to be trimmed back. Last year, we had an enjoyable and social ‘scything day’. Ron and Pam, Ian Davies, and Judith joined us in the churchyard and we provided lunch. It is hoped to make this a regular annual event **and perhaps a few more people would like to join us.** This summer, we will try to advertise a date in the parish magazine.



We hope that the PCC is satisfied with our efforts and would appreciate any feedback. It has been quite hard work, but very worthwhile.

Pru and Jim Barnes

Garden Party

at the

Vicarage

at 2.15pm

on

Saturday 5th July

[illegible]

**Official Opening by the
Rt. Rev. The Bishop of Sherborne and
Mrs Hester Kirkham**

.....

**Garden to Visit, Plant Stall,
Cream Teas, Gifts, Cakes
and Raffle**

<><><><><><><><><><>

*Concert by Sandleheath Imps
and the
Black Sox Singers*

HANDLEY GARAGE

Telephone – 01725 552134



ALL YOUR CAR NEEDS

M.O.T. TESTING NOW IN YOUR VILLAGE

SERVICING

BODYWORK

PARTS SERVICE & SHOP

Number Plates

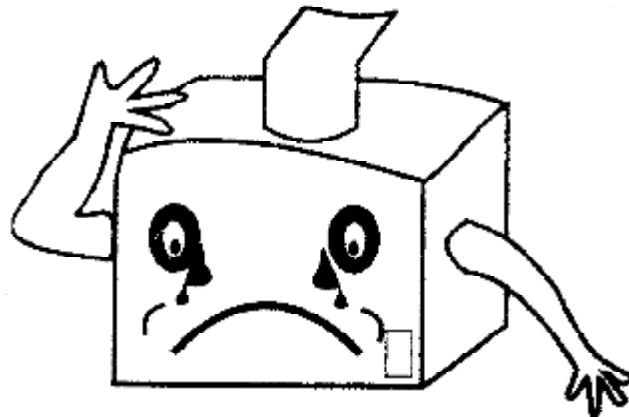
Opening Hours

Mon. to Sat. 8am to 6pm

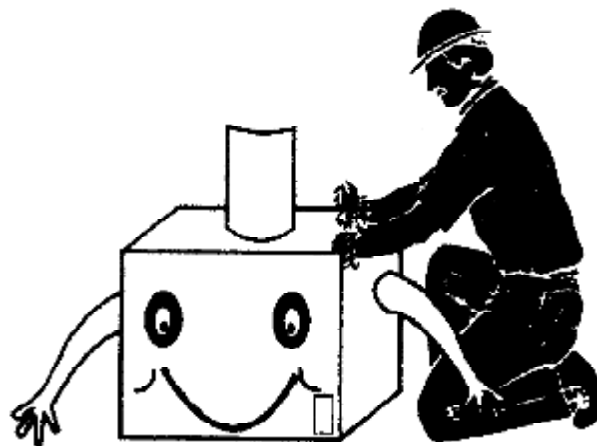
Sunday 11am to 1pm

AARON
MAINTENANCE SERVICE
24 HOUR CALL OUT

IF YOUR BOILERS FEELING BLUE
PUFFING PANTING BLOCKED UP FLU



PHONE AARON TO PUT THINGS RIGHT
IT WILL RUN HAPPY DAY & NIGHT



FREE PHONE
0800 243 898
ALL PLUMBING, HEATING & DRAINAGE
ALL OIL & GAS BOILERS

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Our petition for better policing of our Parish appears to be bearing fruit. Following letters to the Home Secretary (former and new!), local politicians and the Police, we have received a written assurance from the Chief Constable of Dorset that local officers will be asked to look again at patrol levels in our area. (See letter following this article) Homewatch Co-ordinators will be following this up but in the meantime, please note the importance of reporting **all** crimes to the Police. It was also encouraging that one of the new Home Secretary's first commitments was to better policing of rural areas – who knows, perhaps we even played a small part in that!

The exercise has also encouraged another parishioner to come forward and volunteer as a Parish Constable. He has yet to learn if his application is accepted and then has to complete a long training period, but we thank him for volunteering and wish him well. A combination of local, voluntary crime prevention activity, backed by properly resourced regular policing is surely the answer to the troubling increase in crimes which we have witnessed in Sixpenny Handley in

recent years.

HOMEWATCH BARBECUE

We look forward to seeing you all at the third annual Homewatch barbecue at Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley on **Friday 27th June**. Mr. Judd has once again kindly made his barn available for dancing and in case of inclement weather. The sports clubs are providing entertainment in the form of sideshows, while the Homewatch co-ordinators and their helpers are once again cooking the supper. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun, but if you want to eat, you need to buy food tickets (adults £2.50; children of 16 & under £1.00), in advance please from your local Homewatch representative or from The White House, 44 High Street. The event will run from 7pm till about 10:30pm, with food served from 8:00pm.

See you there!

GOING AWAY?

With the holiday season looming large, please remember to arrange for the safekeeping of your property.

If you are going away: -

- Let neighbours, and your local Homewatch representative, know which dates you will be away.
- Secure the property well, paying particular attention to back windows, garages and sheds. Timed light switches can make an empty house look lived-in.
- Cancel milk, papers and any other delivery that might 'pile up' and make your home an obvious target.
- Arrange for someone to look around from time to time.
- Then, have an enjoyable and worry-free holiday!

Letter received from the Chief Constable of Dorset



D W ALDOUS QPM MA(Oxon)
Chief Constable

DORSET POLICE
FORCE HEADQUARTERS
WINFRITH
DORCHESTER DT2 8DZ

Telephone 01929 462727 Telex 417157
Facsimile 01202 223925 DX 8716

Your reference:

In any reference please quote: CJE.3717.AJS
Staff Officer
C.15.1
If telephoning please ask for: Inspector C J Eggar
Direct dial: 01202 223717

17 April 1997

Mr J Curtis
Sixpenny Handley Homewatch
The White House
High Street
Sixpenny Handley
SALISBURY
Dorset SP5 5ND

Dear *Mr Curtis,*

POLICING OF RURAL AREAS: SIXPENNY HANDLEY

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your letter to the Home Secretary dated 26 March 1997.

Firstly may I congratulate you on what my officers acknowledge to be a very active Homewatch. I understand the Rural Beat Officer responsible for your village, Constable Hofmann, recently attended one of your Watch Co-ordinators' Meetings and he reports very favourably on the effectiveness of the scheme in your area.

Sadly the days when officers lived in village police houses are all but gone due mainly to the need to concentrate resources where the need is greatest and also a reluctance amongst officers to live in rented accommodation. In line with society in general, the trend is for officers to purchase their own homes and I cannot foresee this altering. As a consequence, I am disposing of vacant police housing so that I do not have money tied up in empty property.

Police patrol time is driven by a number of factors chief among these is the need to target problem areas to enhance our chances of preventing and detecting crime.

I note that only two crimes have been reported in Sixpenny Handley so far this year; one being the theft from an unattended motor vehicle and the other the theft of a pedal cycle and, whilst I accept that these are two crimes too many, I must deploy my finite resources to where the need is greatest.

I would hope that the Blandford Section Commander, Inspector Stone, may be able to provide an enhanced patrol presence, however, this is entirely dependent upon the other commitments his officers have to deal with. In the meantime, Inspector Stone will make arrangements to visit you and the other Watch Co-ordinator to discuss your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Chief Constable

Your Village Hall needs repairs and refurbishment to bring it up to modern standards.
Please support the Management Committee in their efforts to raise funds.
Support it or lose it!!!

HOMEWATCH LIAISON

Two of Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Co-ordinators attended the annual conference of the Dorset Watch Liaison Group during May and learned much that will help with the running of our own scheme.

One point that came out of the conference was the availability of the Crimestoppers freephone number for reporting suspected crimes anonymously. Their advert appears below if you should ever need it.

Sixpenny Handley Stores & Post Office

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Daily
Bread & Cakes from Local Bakery
Groceries – Whole Foods
Frozen Foods
Wide Selection of Cards
COAL
Bird Nuts, Rabbit Food etc.
Tel:- Liz on 01725 552827

Electricity Key Meters Charged
Electricity Savings Stamps now available

Car Road Tax Renewals
Television Licence Payments
Travellers Cheques & Foreign Currency
All Normal Post Office Services

Rural Post Offices are under threat
Use it or risk losing it!

Do you hold the key to solving a crime?

If you have information about any crime, phone



CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

- **Your call is free**
- **You do not have to give your name**
- **You may receive a reward**

Uniting against crime

CRIMESTOPPERS TRUST is a registered charity number 297500

Pinafores, Dungarees, Shorts, Trousers



Tops, Dresses, Skirts, Coats, Blouses

SEESAW

Reversible Childrens Clothing 0 – 8 years

ANNE SYMONS
KNOLL HOUSE
PENTRIDGE
01725 552358

Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

We all met at the usual time of 7:30pm at the Village Hall on the 19th May, only to be told that our advertised demonstrator had had to cancel at the last minute. However, much to our surprise and delight our night was saved at the eleventh hour by our Honourable President (Mr. Gordon Clarke).



So our 'Evening with Gordon' commenced – we were not to be disappointed – with his great talent we were given a display of fragrant / floral art with Lilies, Roses, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Palms and glorious shades of Spring Foliage; Candles and

Figurines gave the final touch – we had 6 wonderful arrangements to use in our monthly draw.

We held our **Spring Fayre** at Ashmore in the garden of Mr. & Mrs. R. Jesty on **Saturday 24th May**. All the proceeds will go to our chosen charity, which for this year is '**THE CANCER RESEARCH FUND**'.

Thank you to all of you who supported such a worthy cause.

Tel – if you need more information of our club 01725 552407

(Mrs.) Dawn Ridout - Secretary

"FOR THE KIDZ" NEWS

We have many Events over the next month to raise funds for the
"FOR THE KIDZ PLAYAREAS FUND"



Our **AMERICAN LINE DANCE & COUNTRY MUSIC EVENING** with
Ploughman's Supper at **CHURCH FARM BARN** on **SATURDAY 14th June**
8pm to Midnight - Licensed Bar – Prize for best Dressed Cowboy/girl
TICKETS ON SALE AT NEWSAGENTS **NOW**

"FOR THE KIDZ"

We are hoping to run as many stalls as possible at the **Village Street Fayre** on **21st June**.

- Can you spare some time on the day?
- Can you offer any bric-a-brac, toys, books, cakes, produce, tombola prizes etc?
- Do you have any good ideas for side-shows or games?

If so we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Michelle on 552189 or Bronia on 552658

"FOR THE KIDZ"

On **30th June** (Monday) we are holding our **GRAND SUMMER BINGO**.

We have lots of excellent Prizes

Doors at the Village Hall open 7pm – Eyes Down 7:30pm

Caller **ROB JESSE**

"FOR THE KIDZ"

JACK HARGRAVES PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

Join in the pumpkin challenge and have some fun, can you grow a big one? **LARGE CASH PRIZE** to be won. Part of the proceeds to charity.

RULES

Closing date June 30th 97

Weigh-in 1st Saturday in October

Judges last word stands

Winners cup to be held for the following year only

No dishonesty

Pumpkin must be brought to weigh-in venue

Entry fee of £5 must be handed in by 30th June

GOOD LUCK

Enquirers and Form to Rolly Skeats, No 5 Chettle Village, Nr. Blandford, Dorset Dt11 8DB, Tel: 01258 830296



.....

NAME..... DATE...../...../97

ADDRESS..... **p** £5 ENCLOSED (PLEASE TICK). PROVIDE
..... S.A.E. IF RECEIPT REQUIRED.
.....
.....
POST CODE.....Tel.....

.....





News and Information

April, the 75th anniversary month of the W.I. here in the

village, was a busy one. The first event was our monthly meeting when we saw some beautiful slides of the Dorset chalkland flora and fauna and also enjoyed a glass of wine and slice of Birthday cake.

Next in the calendar was our **“Litter Pick-up”** when we endeavoured to ‘tidy up’ throughout the village centre. Six large bags of litter were collected from a relatively small area!

Some of our members enjoyed their visit to Salisbury Playhouse to see “Travels

with my Aunt”, and most of us enjoyed the Birthday dinner at the Roebuck. Our May meeting brought a discussion of the resolutions to be decided at the Triennial General Meeting of all W.I.’s to be held at the NEC Birmingham early in June, and a play reading by six members to bring a little light relief.

Also in May we hosted the Spring Group meeting and heard a most amusing talk on “Working for Christian Dior”.

As you read this we will be enjoying more slides and a talk about a visit to the Canadian Rockies with Mrs. K. Browning; our delegate will attend the meeting at Birmingham; and we will play our part in the Street Fayre. We will be looking forward to our garden meeting in July at the home of member, Mrs Nancie Raban-Williams.



Tidying up the Village

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



The Sixpenny Handley Bowls club have been active since the start of the season on 12th April when they had a match against Verwood, followed by

Internal championships also take place throughout the season. The first one took place on 25th May for the Presidents cup - a singles competition. Others will take place in the following weeks with a finals day in September.

An open day took place on the 18th May, when an afternoon was devoted to new members and those who had not played bowls before. The encouraging response was such that a number of new bowlers

were introduced to the game.

If you are interested and would like to have a go, come along on **Wednesday evenings** – 6pm onwards.

Gill Martin



encounters with Fordingbridge and Five Rivers B.C. Whilst they did not win on either occasion they played well and the Five Rivers match was very close.

A very busy season is in prospect with matches to come against Tisbury, Gillingham, Cranborne, Devonshire B.C. (Ladies) and Alderbury – all experienced Bowls Clubs.

Short mat matches (indoors) have been played against Wareham and Tarrant Keyneston – both matches resulting in close finishes – **1 win & 1 loss**.

**Sixpenny Handley
Flower Show & Fete**
will be held on
Saturday August 16th 1997

*New for this Year
Special Gladioli
Competition*

Full details of program in the August
issue of The Downsman
Wanted – Local Craft Stalls
Telephone 01725 552468

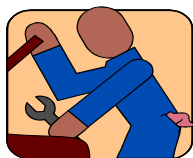
David Hunt
The Workshop
Dean Lane
Sixpenny Handley
Tel: 01725 552655



General servicing of all makes of car

Free M.O.T. Checks
Exhaust fitting
Accident damage repairs
General Bodywork
Diesel Car Repairs

No job ever too small or too big



FREE

Quotes will be given on request
(without obligation)

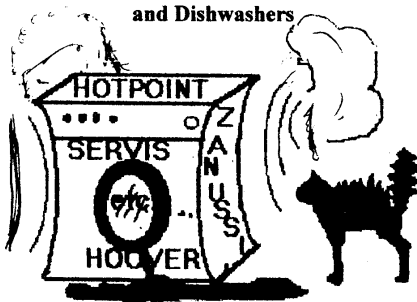
Opening Hours

Mon – Fri 7:30am – 7:30pm
Saturday 7:30am – 4:30pm

HAYDEN EVERALL

YOUR LOCAL SERVICE FOR FAST
AND ECONOMIC REPAIRS

To most makes of Washing Machines,
Tumble Driers
and Dishwashers



Telephone - 01725 552843

Keep this Number handy in case catastrophe strikes !

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Management Committee

CAR BOOT & TABLE TOP SALE

The 2nd SATURDAY in EACH MONTH

NEXT SALES - JUNE 14TH
JULY 12TH

2pm to 4:30pm
Sellers £3

GILLIAN THORNTON

PROFESSIONAL FACE
&
BODY SUGARING

HAIR REMOVAL
by the ancient EGYPTIAN art of
SUGARING
using the latest techniques

Now operating
at
EAST WOODYATES

Telephone
01725 - 552146

NOTICE TO DRIVERS

Please consider other road users when
parking in the Village.

Don't park where you may cause an
obstruction or risk the safety of others
by reducing the visibility of other
drivers.

SIXPENNY
 HANDLEY
 * **MIDSUMMER** *
STREET FAYRE
AND
CARNIVAL
SATURDAY 21 JUNE
FROM 1 PM

STALLS,

CLASSIC CARS,

TOMBOLA

IMPS BAND

GAMES

RAFFLE

STARLET SENIORS

FANCY DRESS

LINE DANCING

FLOATS

(CASH PRIZES)

BARBECUE

(CASH PRIZES)

JUDGING FROM 3PM

JUDGING FROM

3.30PM

ADMISSION ~~£~~1 PER CAR IN CAR PARK
 DETAILS ON:- 01725 552533 (EVENINGS ONLY)

AFTER THE RAFFLE ENTERTAINMENT WILL CONTINUE
 UNTIL DUSK WITH STREET DANCING (PERMITTED) OR IN
 THE STAR INN CAR PARK. MUSIC FROM THE STEVE
 JAMES ROAD SHOW. LINE DANCING WILL BE INCLUDED,

National Wildlife Week June 7th to 15th

A lovely poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson to celebrate the week.

The Brook

*I come from haunts of coot and hern
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley.*



*By thirty hills I hurry
down,
Or slip between the
ridges,
By twenty thorps,
a little town,
And half a hundred bridges.*

*Till last by Philip's farm I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and
men may go,
But I go on for ever.*



*I chatter over stony
ways
In little sharps and trebles,
I bubble into eddying bays,
I babble on the pebbles.*

*With many a curve my banks I fret
By many a field and fallow,
And many a fairy-foreland set
With willow-weed and mallow,*

*I chatter, chatter, as I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on for ever.*

*I wind about, and in and out,
With here a blossom sailing,
And here and there a lusty trout,*

And here and there a grayling,

*And here and there a foamy flake
Upon me as I travel
With many a silvery waterbreak
Above the golden gravel,*

*And draw them all along, and flow,
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on for ever.*

*I steal by lawns and grassy plots
I slide by hazel covers;
I move the sweet forget-me-nots
That grow for happy lovers.*

*I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,
Among my skimming swallows;
I make the netted sunbeam dance
Against my sandy shallows.*



*I murmur under moon and
stars
In brambly
wildernesses;
I linger by my
shingly bars;
I loiter round my
cresses;*

*And out again I curve and flow
To join the brimming
river,
For men may come
and men may go
But I go on for ever.*



Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Supporters Club Draw
April 1997

1st 70

2nd 116

3rd 17

Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

June & July Events

June 16th - Garden Party by kind
permission of Mr. & Mrs. R Jesty
Competition - Specimen Bloom

July 21st - Practice - 'Song Titles' -
Members

LOST & FOUND

FOUND on bridleway 6, the
Postman's Path, at Bokerley Farm –
one dog lead.

Contact – The Parish Clerk
Tel 01725 552468

GARDENS OPEN

Boveridge Farm – Sunday 8th June,
2pm – 5pm, Admission £1

Cranborne Manor Saturday 14th June
all day.

Admission £3 adults, £2 senior citizens
50p students & children

Gardens of Cranborne – 12th/13th
July, 10:30am to 5:00pm

Handley Hair Shop

5 High Street
Sixpenny Handley

Under New Management

Bridget welcomes existing and new clientele

Open – Tuesday to Saturday
Late Night – Wednesday till 7pm

Best Competitive Prices

Always happy to see you
Appointments not always necessary

Unisex

Tel: 01725 552733



The Happy Nappy Club

**How would you like to enjoy a fun packed
morning of exciting activities?
.....and let your mum play with people her
own age for a change?**

Well, come along to the Village Hall to join in on Monday mornings, during school term, between 10 and 11:30am.

We have toys for the young ones, friendly chat for the adults and delicious refreshments for all.... plus special events and outings.

Everyone is welcome – Babies, toddlers and children under school age. Only £1.40 per visit per family.

Phone Penny on 552024 for more information.

Happy Nappy Club – Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Message to Parents

A recent survey in Dorset has shown that a very large number of children are transported in cars without being strapped in!

I know that we all think that accidents will never happen to us, but they can, they do and they can never be undone.

Don't risk your children's future.

Please belt up!!!

PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 15th May in the New Sports Pavilion,

Cllr. B. M. J. Curtis was re-elected Chairman of the Council.
Cllr. Ian Davies was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

Other Officer appointments were as follows:-

Planning

Cllr. Mrs E Miles
Cllr. Mr C Styles
Cllr. Mr P G Chick
Cllr. Mr C Sims
Cllr. Mr I Davies
Cllr. Mr C Goodman
Cllr. Mr S Judd

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Cllr. Mr N Bowes

Pentridge Village Hall

Cllr. Mr C Goodman

Adventure Playground, Rural Transport

and Street Lighting

Cllr. Mrs E Miles

Ancient Monuments

Pentridge - Ms E Singleton

Sixpenny Handley - Miss E

Waller

Tree Warden

Pentridge - Mrs G Edwards

Sixpenny Handley Cllr Mr C

Sims

Electricity Liaison

Cllr Mr. S Judd

Sixpenny Handley First School

Cllr Mr. P G Chick

Recreation Ground Committee

The Chairman

The Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Mrs P K Bailey-Wright

Cllr. Mr C Styles

Cllr. Mr C. Sims

together with representatives from the

Bowls Club

Sports Club

Tennis Club

Cricket Club



BLANDFORD MOBILE NEWSLETTER

Extract from the May 1997 Mobile Library Newsletter

The replacement vehicle is expected to be in use by mid-summer.

New stock is being brought now, and will include videos for the first time. New adult and junior books are ready for the new mobile.

The new design will feature a tail lift for full disabled access, and a hearing loop at the counter. The vehicle will be painted white and green outside in the County Council corporate colour scheme; the interior will have a burgundy carpet and grey finishing around the shelves. Stock will be displayed on shelves and spinners.

Sixpenny Handley, being one of the busier stops gets a weekly visit.

Route planning for next year takes place in the autumn, so any suggestions for new stops are welcome. To provide a new stop, we need a minimum of four families to register.

REAL ALE

STAR INN

GOOD FOOD

FREE HOUSE

Sixpenny Handley, off A354

REAL ALES, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
AND TASTY HOME COOKING.

OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY.

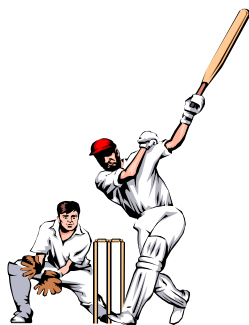
A REAL OLD COUNTRY PUB IN A
LOVELY DORSET VILLAGE

CLOSED TUESDAY LUNCH ONLY.

LOUNGE BAR AVAILABLE FOR
PRIVATE PARTIES

TO BOOK SUNDAY ROAST
PHONE LINDA ON
01725 552272

OUTSIDE FUNCTIONS CATERED FOR



Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

A New Centurion for Handley

After a slow start against Dewlish on Sunday the 4th of May, Handley were sparked by an "on-fire" Trevor Edwards and reached a total of 190 runs for 8 wickets before the interval.

This was all the more remarkable because after four years, the Club can boast its first centurion.

Take a bow Trevor Edwards!

Trevor scored 105 runs, including five 6's and nine 4's.

To crown a very special day, Handley went on to win by 7 runs, as Dewlish reached 183 runs for 8 wickets by the close of play.

Junior Coaching

Eight young players turned out on a cold, wet Sunday morning in May to play and practise cricket.

The youngsters proved to be very skilful and enthusiastic and it is hoped that a youth team can be found to play some fixtures this season.

Further practise and training will be held in the second week in June and then more regularly.

FOUNDERS DAY - SUNDAY 22nd JUNE AT 12:30PM

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE CRICKET CLUBS' FOUNDER'S DAY ON
SIXPENNY HANDLEY CRICKET GROUND
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOUR:**

**MALCOLM AND BERYL GRITT
(EX LANDLORD AND LANDLADY OF THE STAR INN)**

**BAR, LUNCHES AND TEAS ETC.
BOUNCY CASTLE AND PRIZE RAFFLE
WITH PROCEEDS TO THE "FOR THE KIDZ" CAMPAIGN**

**A CRICKET MATCH WILL BEGIN AT 2:30PM
SO JOIN US IN WELCOMING
MALCOLM AND BERYL
BACK TO SIXPENNY HANDLEY**



**SIXPENNY HANDLEY
VILLAGE HALL**

Please support our fundraising events

Watch for Posters !!

The next edition of this magazine
will be published on the 1st August
1997

Copy Deadline is

Sixpenny Handley First School

The children researched a creature of their choice using the collection of reference books from our school Library. They wrote the name of their animal down the side of the page and created an acrostic with the information they had discovered.

h amsters run on a wheel in a cage

Q hamster is a mammal

Makes a home in the country

Some are golden colour

They are tame

Every hamster is different

Run fast!

By Mia Foxhall

Penguins have horny feet

Emperor penguins are the largest penguin

Now some penguins have become extinct

Qoes about in winter

Unideable

In winter Emperor penguins go 70 kilometres across ice

Never dies of freezing

By Tommy Foulk

Another poem from
Isabel in the next issue.

Hummingbirds make music with their wings
Use their beaks to put into the flower for energy

Makes its nest with spider's webs

Male hummingbirds get nectar from flowers

They can walk but hummingbirds can't really walk

Not annoying birds

Green and purple and black

bird lays tiny eggs

I know that there are over 300 different

hummingbirds

Really fast

Did you know that a hummingbird can flap its wings 80 times a second?

By Matthew Lockey

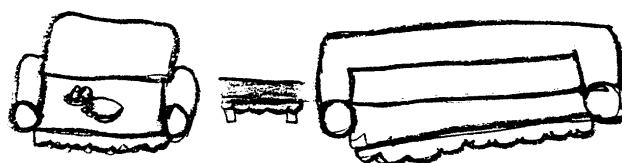
POEMS FOR YOU AND ME!

by Isabel Rush-Jansen

THE SITTING ROOM

In the sitting room
I can hear the cat purring in my ear,
The crackling of the fire is peaceful
and inviting

I also hear
The catflap creaking in the wind.



Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31/03/97

<u>1995/6 - £</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1996/7 - £</u>
6553	Hire Fees	6967
658	Supporters Club	649
165	Deposit A/c Interest	99
	- Donations	41
44	Excess Expenditure over Income	-
7420		7756
<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>
1600	Cleaning: Wages	1600
556	Materials	664
1957	Gas (10238 Litres - 95/6 9583 Litres)	2682
79	Tank Rental	79
642	Electricity (8103 units)	714
440	Insurance	452
169	Non-Domestic Rates	184
1330	Repairs/Replacements	279
115	Telephone	162
	Less Coin Box	25
129	Water Rates	127
49	Administration	67
104	Miscellaneous	108
250	Letting Secretary's (Mrs Orman)	250
	Honorarium (Mrs. Daniels)	125
	- Excess of Income over Expenditure	288
7420		7756

Treasurer's Report

Notwithstanding the sizeable increase in our hiring charges, we are still having to rely on the continuance of the Supporters Club to break even. The price of gas increased for a period during the year and so did our consumption, which accounts for the increase under this heading.

Fortunately, for the second year running, we have seen a reduction under Repairs and Replacements, compared with some previous years, but serious consideration must be given to the need of funds required to maintain decorations and repairs and the possible replacement, in the not too far distant future, of the heating system.

Annual Parish Assembly 8th May 1997

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr John Curtis welcomed the small gathering to the meeting.

Discussions initially took place on the future of the village hall with the meeting being given a document covering the history, renovation needs, user suggestions and possible funding. Extracts from this document are give below.

The meeting agreed to wait for the result of the feasibility study.

The meeting were advised of our entry in the best kept village competition and encouraged to maintain the cleanliness & tidiness of the village during **and after**, the judging period.

Discussion then took place on the villages plans for a millennium activity. Some suggestions were made (street party, etc) but we need to hear from our readers. **What do you think?**

The possibility of the replacement/renovation of the village hall as the millennium project was mooted. **Do villagers feel this would be a good idea? Letters to the Editor will be forwarded.**

Mention was also made of the issue of dog mess as discussed in the previous edition of The

History of Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Prior to 1978 Sixpenny Handley's only Community Building was the Old Unity Hut and afterwards the Sports Hut which has recently been demolished to allow for Recreation Ground improvements.

The New Hall was financed by the sale of Parish land in the High Street (now Handley Park) and a 50% grant from the Department of Education and Science via. the Dorset County Council. The expenses of construction took all the available funds plus a later amount of over £1000 used to treat the steel roof to cure condensation problems.

From that time the Village Hall finances have just about broken even and what small excess of income over expenditure appeared was due to the activities of the '100 Club'. Small works have been carried out from time to time.

The Hall is a registered charity and this saves some money (i.e. rates) and governs the way accounts are prepared and presented. This also is revised from time to time.

The income from letting tends not to vary from year to year but has shown a slow rise in value over the years according to a small increase in the letting charges.

However, insufficient excess of income over expenditure has been realised to enable the committee to store away sufficient funds for major refurbishment and or replacement of equipment and bring the hall up to modern standards (whether by required regulation or in order to encourage letting)

The letting charges have now reached an all time high but if you do hire the hall everything is included in that figure.

Some groups hire it at discounted rates i.e. the Playgroup, Brownies, Youth Groups -etc This is because of the original policy for this to be so as the original grant came from the Education Dept. and the Youth and very young were to be supported.

What needs to be done?

The Management Committee have discussed briefly the following points.

Certain items need urgent attention and some will need to be done soon because of the wear and tear of nearly 20 years use.

Boiler

Now worn out- heating system out of date.

Windows

Some are in need of repair and replacement - double glazing

Floor

Wearing thin in places - has been sanded to get rid of imperfections created by use. As it is for public use high quality materials needed.

Disabled Toilet.

Needs re-siting and modernisation

Kitchen

Needs refurbishment - modern equipment needed - possible resiting - modern equipment for public use.

External and Entrance Area

Requires facelift.

Toilets

Redesign and General refurbishment with modern materials and equipment.

Storage

Very little storage space – stage used – not practical owing to lifting. Also more storage for user groups needed.

Users List.

The Village Hall Management Committee asked users to indicate any needs peculiar to their use.

Chase Community Friends – Generally items already mentioned – i.e. kitchen, toilets and heating.

W.I. – Would like to have use of a Skittle Alley. Storage of tables and chairs.

Sports Club - Larger area for use with functions. Dedicated bar area and an area where chairs and tables could be laid out.

Flower Show Committee Hall large enough to hold Flower Show.

Bowls Club Larger area so that 4 mats could be used instead of 3. Dedicated restaurant area.

Parish Council Room for Parish Office.

General Public Possible introduction of Social Club with usual activities plus an area of seating for families and guests.

Other Sport Badminton and Short Tennis - School Use for Gym.

S.H.E.D.D.S. Modernisation of Stage Area - to allow for entry and exit of stage area; Right and Left, Crossover at rear. Stage lighting and spotlights. Rear storage for props etc. Changing Rooms. New curtains.

Community Use. E.g. Weddings and Parties. More comfortable and better decorative

FUNDING

Cost say £120,000.- Application to the Arts Council Lottery Unit and the Sports Council Lottery Unit. Maybe help from Charities Board. Lottery Unit.

Village Hall Share - under £10,000 - 10%; over that 20% plus feasibility study.

10 to 20% from:- Rural Action (was Community Council); East Dorset District Council (Revenue Grants); Own Funds; Parish Council; European Money; Social Services.

The Management Committee has decided to enter into a feasibility study and the Parish Council has agreed to support this action. The Parish Council's Architect has agreed to draw a draft plan for a start without charge and look at costings up to grant application stage.

There has been a suggestion to put the Village Hall on the Council Tax and making the Village Hall a Community Centre for all activities. The Hall would also compliment the new sports activities recently constructed.

FOR ALL YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS

Classique Photographic

Commercial Photographers

Special Wedding Photography Packages
Portraiture, Sporting and Social Events,

For a really competitive quote and friendly service

Telephone Mark Lilley, 01725 552746

A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

I must admit that I was surprised by the way in which Angela White's successor was elected to the Parish Council. I would have thought that, in the case where more than one person is seeking a vacant seat on the Council, the electors of the relevant parish should decide. This seems to be more democratic than allowing the Council, and not even the full Council, to make a majority decision. I have always been of the opinion that there should be representation on the Parish Council from each of the outlying villages and hamlets. I only hope that at the time of the next Parish Council elections someone from Pentridge will stand.

I was astonished to see the amount of 'tree management' loping and cutting back which has taken place in St. Rumbold's churchyard. I can understand the desire by the Parochial Church Council to stop the trees extending further into the conservation area, but the extent

to which it has gone on this occasion almost amounts to vandalism. Surely a bit of careful pruning from time to time would have been better than this wholesale destruction.

The death of Sir Nicholas Baker saddened me greatly because I had come to know him as a very good constituency MP. In the last four years he wrote to me on about thirty occasions, always concerned to give me the fullest possible reply to matters ranging from the reclassification of public paths to local housing needs. In his last letter to me, he told me that he was tabling a question in Parliament to the Secretary of State about the proliferation of telecommunications masts in Dorset. I never heard the outcome of this action but I know that he was fighting for North Dorset to the last. He will be sorely missed.

Ian Davies

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
AT SIXPENNY HANDLEY SURGERY
Tuesdays 9:30am – 12:00 noon
Christine Pacey**

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOUR ENQUIRY IS
WE WILL TRY AND HELP
COST? – Free**

FOR YOU?

For everyone, regardless of class, race, sex, sexuality, culture, income or benefits.

- **We will not tell anyone unless you say so**
- **We don't judge or blame**
- **We will not be influenced by outside interests or views**

- **Financial Problems**
- **Preliminary Debt Counselling**
- **Employment Issues**
- **Housing Related Problems**
- **Family Breakdown**
- **Issues relating to being a Carer**
- **Issues related to Community Care**

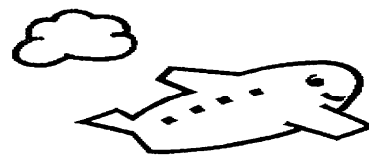


Domiciliary appointments available

CAB: ADVICE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Flying Start Nurseries

**Flying Start Nursery School
Ebbesbourne Wake
Salisbury
Wiltshire**



Mid-way between Salisbury and Shaftesbury and convenient for the Chalke Valley and many villages such as Sixpenny Handley and Tollard Royal, Flying Start Nursery School offers a well balanced pre-school education for children aged 2½ to 5 years old. The nursery takes place in the excellent modern village hall and has a good outside play area and car parking.

- **Qualified and experienced staff with a ratio of 1:6**
- **A large range of educational materials and play equipment**
- **Exciting, well planned sessions in a loving and secure environment**
- **Many Flying Start children are reading when they leave**
- **The ideal confidence-boosting experience to prepare them for school.**

For a brochure contact Claire Macdonald on 01747 829085,

or call into the Ebbesbourne Wake village hall Monday to Friday 9.15 - 12.15.

PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of 15th May 1997

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Tim Palmer to the meeting, being the newly elected County Councillor in place of the long serving Alan Humphries. The Chairman paid tribute to the work of Alan Humphries.

The Parish Council heard a presentation by Philip Gready of Savills on behalf of Rushmore Estates on their proposals for housing in the hamlet of Woodcutts. The main principal was to keep the estate viable and one way was to build houses for sale. These would be various redundant farm properties and converted outbuildings that would be restored to their former glory.

Rushmore Estate has prepared a Design Statement for Woodcutts and this will be

discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Mr Gready also outlined the Countryside Commission's statement on the environmental merits of the Rushmore Estate, which should be preserved.

Planning:

The council decided to raise no objection to an extension of the time limit on the outline plan for the Old Timber yard, The Hollow, for residential development. This will allow the owners to prepare a new plan.

Next meeting:

This has been scheduled for 19th June.

Amongst items to be discussed

Allotments

Offer of a site for the new play area.

SUMMERLOCK UPHOLSTERY

**Church Farm Workshop
Sixpenny Handley
SALISBURY**

Tel: 01725 552333 Fax: 01725 552333

FOR

RE-UPHOLSTERY

**CURTAINS
Loose Covers**

**VERTICAL & VENETIAN
BLINDS
Carpets Supplied & Fitted**

Chris Wadge Clocks

Partners: C.J.Wadge P.J.Wadge

ANNIVERSARY CLOCK SPECIALIST

**142 Fisherton Street
(2mins from rail station)
SALISBURY SP2 7QT
Tel/Fax 01722 334467**

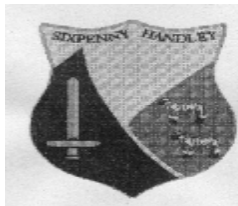
Or ring Handley (01725) 552455

**ANTIQUE AND MODERN
WATCH & CLOCK REPAIRS**

Sales and Spares

COLLECTION & DELIVERY

**CLOCKS BOUGHT & SOLD
CLOSED ON MONDAYS**



SIXPENNY HANDLEY ENTERTAINMENT, DANCE AND DRAMA SOCIETY

CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTEST - WINNERS

The winners of the 1997 Carnival Queen and Princess contest held on Easter Saturday were:

Carnival Queen – **Clare Orman**

Carnival Princesses – **Louise Cutler and Fiona Randall**

MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL

The 1997 Midsummer Street Fayre and carnival will take place on **Saturday 21st June 1997**, in the High Street.



Clare Orman

Timings for Carnival Day are:-

12.30 pm – Street closes for setting up

1.45 pm to 3.00 pm – Imps Band with breaks in their playing programme at:-

2.00 p m – Crowning of Carnival Queen and Princess

2.30 p m – Senior Starlets (if available)

3.00 p m – Fancy Dress Judging (beside the Star Inn). Entrants in this event should make their way to Spots Green, after their Group Judging is complete, if they wish to walk in the parade or are riding on a float.

3.30 p m – Floats assemble at the Spots Green end of Dean Lane for Judging.

4.00 p m – Carnival Parade moves off along Dean Lane, up the High Street, down into Back Lane, along lower end of village past Sheasby Close back Dean Lane for dispersal.

4.45 p m – Line Dancing Demonstration

5.30 p m – Drawing of Raffle etc.

6.00 p m until dusk – Dancing in the Star Inn Car Park.

The theme for Floats/Fancy dress is primarily Cartoons but as you wish.

The Fancy Dress Competition will be divided into the following age groups:-

Under 5 years, 5 to 8 years, 9 to 12 years, 13 to 16 years, 17 and over.

The Prizes for each group are:- **1st - £5.00, 2nd - £3.00, 3rd - £2.00**

There will be Cash Prizes for Floats entering and taking part in the Parade.

The Prize Money for Floats will be:-

Best in Parade - £25.00 plus Trophy, 2nd - £15.00, 3rd - £10.00

S.H.E.D.D.S.

Stall spaces will be available for local groups to rent to raise funds for their own organisations. Those groups taking advantage of this will be asked to pay 10% of their takings into the main fund, which I shall be holding, at the end of the day. Please complete the booking form below and return to me by 14th June. If anyone would like to donate an item or two for our Tombola Stall would they please hand them into me at 39 High Street, or at the Roebuck Bingo or into the Newsagents Shop. Anyone wishing to donate a Raffle Prize can hand it into me or a collection can be arranged for any larger items during the week running up to Carnival Day.

S.H.E.D.D.S ROEBUCK BINGO – EVERY FORTNIGHT – EVERYBODY WELCOME

Village Group Stall Space Booking Form

The.....would like to have a stall at the Midsummer Street Fayre on the 21st June 1997. We agree to pay 10% of our takings into the Main Carnival Fund at the end of the day.

Signed.....Position/Title in Group.....

Return to Godfrey J. Turner, 39 High Street at least 7 days before Carnival Day

The dates for 1997 are **12th and 26th June, 10th and 24th July, 7th and 21st August** and continuing fortnightly.

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

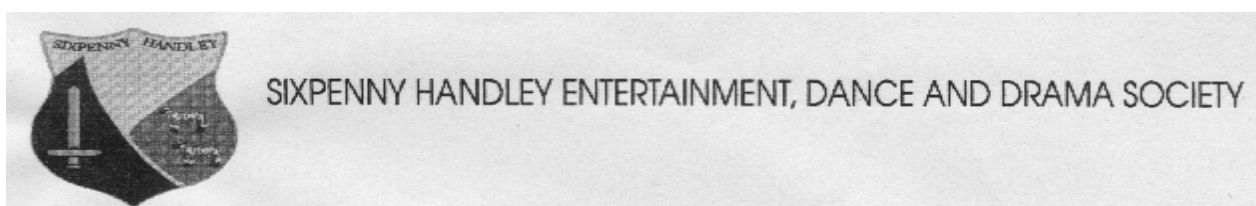
Sat 23 rd August	- Summer Star Night Disco at the Star Inn
Fri 31 st October	- Halloween Fancy Dress Party at the Star Inn
Sat 20 th December	- Father Christmas will be at the Star Inn
Sat 27 th December	- Christmas Break Disco at the Star Inn
Wed 31 st December	- New Years Party at the Star Inn
Date to be fixed	- Cinderella Pantomime (2 or 3 nights)

FOR THE FUTURE

We are still looking for more people to come forward to take part in our plays, musical shows and to help behind the scenes. The children are doing a great job but people are wanted from the 18 to 99 year old group, both male and female.

Godfrey J. Turner

Chairman S.H.E.D.D.S.



St Mary's Church



HOLIDAY CLUB 1997

This year's Holiday Club will be from
11th to 14th August inclusive.

It will feature **MAD MICHAEL** and the
DAILY HOUND together with Numerous
Other Attractions!

All places must be pre-booked and you can
find full details in The Seeker or from The
Vicarage.

Final booking date – **FRIDAY 18th**

Saturday 4th October in St. Mary's
Church, Sixpenny Handley
Concert by the PORTLAND
SINGERS

Full details in the next issue of the
Downsman.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PAROCHIAL **CHURCH COUNCIL**

At the Annual Parish Meeting of St. Mary
the Virgin with Gussage St. Andrew, Dr.
Zoe Harris retired from the Parochial Church
Council. Dr. Zoe has been a member of the
PCC for some 46 years and her wisdom and
experience will be greatly missed by the
Church Council who would like to take this
opportunity publicly to thank her for
everything she and the late Dr. Paul have
done for the Church over the years. Happily,
she is so close by that we can still consult
her quite often!

We welcome Mrs. Sheila Smith as a new
member of the PCC.

Saturday 12th July at 7pm in St.
Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley
The Salvation Army Songsters
Do come along, support 'The Army'
and have a jolly good sing!

St. Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley

The team that brought you Son of the Return of Sunday Night Live IV
Presents

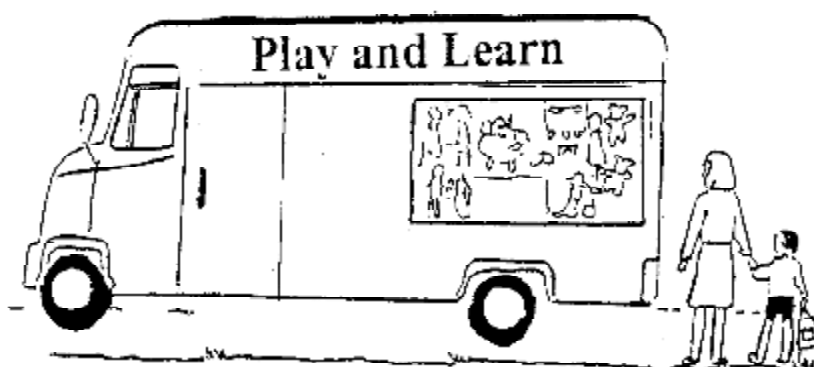
SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE VI

The search for sheep

Songs and hymns you want to sing,
Bible teaching, and a Grown Man
pretending to be a lion.

June 16th 6:00pm

At the Vicarage, or in church if wet
Refreshments will be served.



Books

Our Play and Learn Van is based on the east side of Dorset. It is a **FREE** weekly lending service for pre-school children 0 - 5 years, visiting rural school areas, villages, and homes.

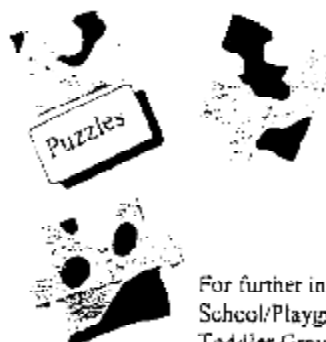
Tapes



The van is stocked with a wide range of pre-school equipment.

We have pre-reading and pre-number games, sorting, matching, colour recognition and activities that will help your child prepare for school.

Come and visit us soon and we will show you round the van.



Puppets



For further information ask your School/Playgroup/Mother and Toddler Group, or ring **Jenny Hargrave** on 01202 849248

EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME

8:30 am. - 9:15 am. on Sixpenny Handley School Playground
9:15 am. - 10:00 am. outside the Village Hall

WHAT IS IN SIXPENNY HANDLEY FOR MY CHILD?



NEW BABY CLINIC / POST NATAL SUPPORT GROUP

Chance to share concerns and meet new friends with similar needs.

Contact - Val Bowen
Tel:- 01725 552792

HAPPY NAPPY CLUB

Come and enjoy a friendly, fun-packed morning at the Village Hall. Babies, toddlers and children under school age are welcome - with their mothers and carers. We always provide refreshments and sometimes special events.

Mondays 10.00am - 11.30am Term time
Contact - Penny Morrison - 01725 552024

Sixpenny Handley First School

4 - 9 years

Give your child a first class education in the friendly, caring environment of your village school. Register your child as soon as possible to ensure a place.

Contact - Mrs A. Latcham (Headteacher)
Tel:- 01725 552356

NURSERY VOUCHERS

Sixpenny Handley School

An introduction to main stream school. Time to get to know the teachers, the routines and expectations of school life.
Monday to Friday morning 8:45am - 11:15am

Contact - Sue Shepperd
Tel:- 01725 552784
NURSERY VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Link Group

SIXPENNIES PRE - SCHOOL GROUP

Opportunity to spend time away from mum and enjoy playing with other children within a caring environment.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30am - 12:00 noon

Contact - Hazel Killeen Tel:- 01725 552059
NURSERY VOUCHERS ACCEPTED