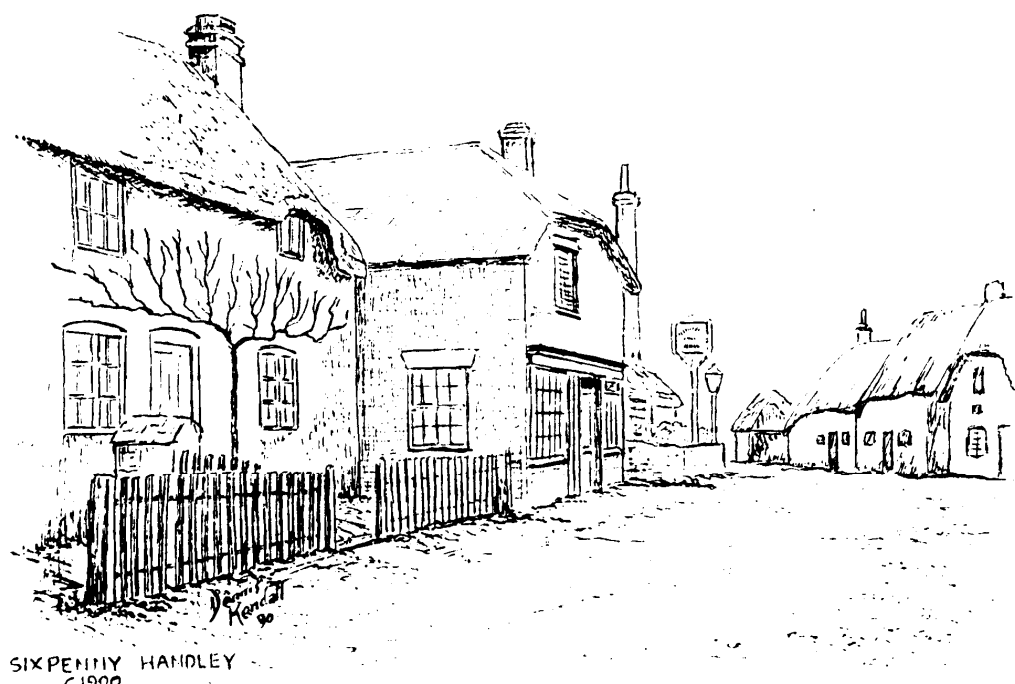


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August 1997

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the August edition of The Downsmen.

The June issue was successfully distributed on time although we did have a slight problem with the reproduction of some of the items. My own photo was an example portraying myself without the top of my head. This came as something of a shock to Geraldine as I had always told her I had something under my hat.

The members of the Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club are certainly due an apology as an image of a basket of flowers used to illustrate their article appeared without the flowers. This was not intended to be a comment – they were there when I “planted” it.

Congratulations are due to Godfrey Turner and his team. Their efforts on carnival day, despite the weather, were excellent and resulted in a number of local organisations adding significantly to their funds.

I am not sure if it was just a happy coincidence but the timing of the verge cutting in the area of the Handley cross roundabout has resulted in the best display of wild flowers I can remember seeing for some years. Well done who ever is responsible.

We have added a new feature to the magazine with the inclusion of a Parish Diary. This can be found on the inside back cover and is intended to act as an easy reminder to you all of the events going on in the village.

Cover Picture

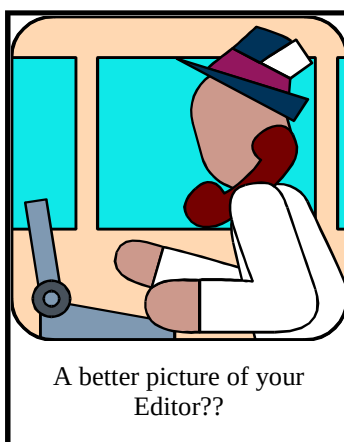
High Street, Handley

Dennis Kendall drew this picture from a photograph thought to be between 1890 and 1900. The picture shows a view of the High Street with the Post Office in the centre and the Roebuck beyond.

Keep it to hand and support your local organisers by attending as many events as possible.

Finally if there are any “techies” out there maybe they would like to e-mail me with their comments or contributions. The address is alanv@zetnet.co.uk

Keep those contributions coming.....



Alan Vincent

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Sixpenny Handley

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

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Copy Deadline is
15th September 1997

FOOTBALL TRAINING

at Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground

**SKILLS
MINI-SOCCER**

STARTING SATURDAY August 2nd

10 to 11 a.m.

Session Fee - £1

BOYS or GIRLS ages 5 to 12 years (incl.)

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BOYS aged 13 and over – Thursday Evenings at 7pm

{Session Fee of £1 is split between “For The Kidz” and the Sports Club}



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***



Local Events in August & September from “the Dorset Countryside book 1997”

Monday 4th Aug. 7:30pm EXPLORING THE PAST ON CRANBORNE CHASE

A slide show to introduce the Cranborne Chase events week. Martin Green will give an illustrated talk revealing interesting and exciting facts about the area's past history.

Meet: At East Dorset Heritage Trust, The Cornmarket, Wimborne.

Wednesday 20th Aug. All Day (Times TBA)

WILDLIFE DETECTIVE DAY

Become an animal sleuth for the day and find out what animals have been passing your way using feeding and track signs and plaster cast making. Booking essential on 01425 477880. Further details on booking. Charge £2.50.

Meet: Forest Classroom, Moors Valley Country Park.

Saturday 30th Aug. Eve. (Time TBA)

SPIRALLING INTO THE FUTURE AT MOORS VALLEY

An evening wander with a ranger from Forest Enterprise looking at sustainable forestry on the site of the new tree revolution living sculpture. Booking essential on 01425 477880. Cost £1.50. Further details on booking.

Meet: Moors Valley Country Park.

Sunday 28th Sept. 10:30am – 3:30pm A WALKER'S WALK FROM RINGWOOD

An eight mile walk along the Avon Valley, starting at Ringwood, with transport back at the end of the walk. This is one of a series of walks arranged by Moors Valley Country Park – booking essential – phone 01425 470721. £2.00 per person.

Meet: Ringwood – full details will be sent on booking.

LOCAL PEOPLE HONOURED IN NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

Did you know that June 1st to 7th was National Volunteers Week?

No, and neither did **Vic Fryer, Elizabeth Oxe** and **Maureen Smith** until the postman delivered to their respective doormats a congratulatory letter from Royal National Institute for the Blind. This enclosed a certificate from the National Centre for Volunteering (never heard of 'em!) inscribed **"In recognition of their dedication and commitment as volunteers to R.N.I.B. presented during National Volunteers Week."**

What? You very reasonably ask, do these "volunteers" actually do that might merit the presentation of a certificate?

Answer! All three are voluntary transcribers of print into Braille (yes, they CAN read Braille) on computer for the R.N.I.B. Between them they have clocked up a total of nearly sixty years at it, and are still going strong.

Anyone interested in joining them? Telephone Vic Fryer on 01725 552232 for further information and, if desired, a demonstration.

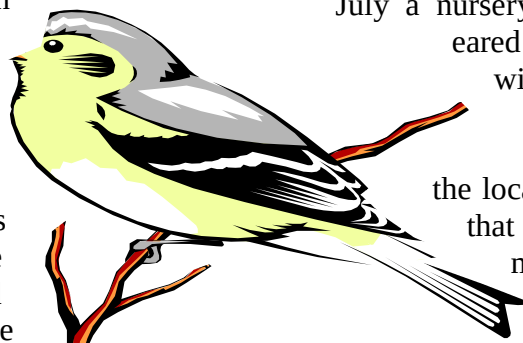
NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

The climate changes continue to shape events with what can only be described as an outstandingly successful early breeding season. This was followed once again by a late period of rather cold and wet weather which prevented most insects from emerging in large numbers, seriously affecting those birds breeding in May and June.

Nuthatches, Blue Tits, Blackbirds, Thrushes and Wrens have done particularly well, but Long-tailed Tits have had problems. Of the threatened species – those on the Red Data list – Bullfinches and Song Thrushes have bred but the Spotted Flycatchers disappeared before raising young again, having picked the wrong time for a holiday!

Of the other migrants, Blackcaps have been more numerous than ever before with as many as a dozen pairs counted, but Turtle Doves have been much less common with three pairs in Garston and very few in the surrounding areas.

Having now carried out surveys for some years, a few changes in the wildlife patterns seem to have emerged which are probably independent of the strange



weather we now endure. Until this year, I always saw foxes in the early mornings, searching for invertebrates in the fields whilst the birdlife on hedges and fields was quite varied and common. With the improved effectiveness of pesticides there are many fewer feeding opportunities for some species while others are unaffected. For instance, Linnets have declined from about thirty to a handful in my area but Yellowhammers have maintained their numbers and probably increased, judging by the numbers on the birdtable. The former species seems unable to adapt quickly to the changes in management of their environment. No doubt everyone has noticed the thousands of rabbits which are gradually taking over our gardens in Newtown and elsewhere! Can someone please change their environment? I would be very interested in any general information on changes in wildlife patterns that anyone has noticed around the village.

Back to Garston. The bat boxes put up by the Vincent Trust have been very slow to attract residents but after the cold spell in July a nursery colony of Brown Long-eared bats was found together with a single Natterer's bat.

This is a particularly exciting development for the local bat group and it is likely that more species will now move in, particularly the common Pipistrelle.

Sadly, Dormouse numbers are almost non-existent as I write, with most nestboxes showing no signs of mammals.

RSPB cont...

On the plus side, at least half have

provided nesting sites for a range of small birds, particularly Blue, Great, Marsh and Long-tailed Tits. Dormice can breed very late and as the weather improves we are hopeful of better luck in August.

The revised management plan for the woods with improved visitor facilities are being finalised. Work will start shortly on the car park to clear the 'lake' and improve the kissing gate, followed by large-scale removal of non-native trees and the widening of rides. Apologies to all visitors who have been unable to get through the gate either because of the water or it's narrow gap. By next summer I hope most local residents will take advantage of the improved access and be able to find something of interest in the woods.
David Tucker

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ALL TYPES OF BUILDING
WORK CARRIED OUT



Telephone – 01725 552310

Berwick Cottage
42 High Street
Sixpenny Handley
SALISBURY

Sixpenny Handley Rainfall

Last time (June issue) I was pessimistic concerning the village's rainfall which had been very meagre since February's nearly four inches.

In mid-June things changed; "the tap upstairs" was turned on with a vengeance and we experienced, with the rest of the country, the wettest June since my records began. A bit of a thunderstorm in mid-May boosted that month's precipitation (posh word for rain) to two inches and then in June came a total of five inches with the 48 hours to 10 a.m. on the 26th providing two inches - the wettest two consecutive days of the year so far.

My records commenced in 1984 and I see that only on 30th and 31st of August 1988 were those figures barely equalled let alone surpassed.

Only on the 26th August 1986 was there more rain in twenty-four hours than the one and a half inches that fell here on June 25th this year.

Now, in mid-July, the tap has been turned off, we are back to dry days again and the sound of the combined harvester is competing with the quieter though maybe nearer noise of the lawn mower.

However, further rain and perhaps a thunderstorm or two may be on the way for the rest of July. We shall see.

Incidentally, at the end of my garden are two large heaps of well matured vegetable and grass compost; any one or two of you reading this will be most welcome to come to number 45 High Street and take away as little or as much as your wheelbarrows can hold.

Free, gratis and for nothing.

Vic Fryer

CHASE COMMUNITY FRIENDS

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it,
within the Cranborne Chase villages.

In the form of :-

Transport to the Surgery, Dentist, etc, with an appropriate contribution from the user of 25p per mile, to cover petrol costs.

Collection of prescriptions - local shopping for the house bound.

Emergency garden care - child sitting - dog walking.

We hold regular Social Day Centres, at Sixpenny Handley village hall, and weekly Coffee Mornings at the back bar of the Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley. Thursday mornings 10 30am- 12 midday.

So come along and make new friends, or play cards- bridge etc.

Anyone interested in Jig Saw puzzles?
to borrow or to lend, contact Peggy Jones on 01725 552377.

For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,

Please contact CCF co-ordinator,
Margaret Pendrigh on 01725 552510.

New volunteers always most welcome.

Handley Sports Club 100 Club

The first draw did not take place in June as anticipated owing to many subscribers not renewing. However we are getting it together and we shall catch up with the June/July draws.

So if you have not renewed please do so as soon as possible.

The expenditure last year to run 2 teams cost the club £3200!

Handley Sports Club

The **51st Annual General Meeting** was held recently at the new Sports Pavilion. Unfortunately for an AGM the attendance was not good.

The Chairman thanked those who had worked hard for the club last season.

The accounts for last year were presented and the balance in hand was £1037.00. The Chairman pointed out that over a third of this had already been spent on League entry fees etc for next season. So it must be emphasised that players must try and sell **100 Club** tickets to help swell the funds. The total expenditure to run the clubs last year was over £3000 of which the players themselves subscribed almost 2/3rd of it in fees.

The Officers Elected for the Year 1997/8 are: -

President	Mr. John Curtis
Chairman	Tony Dale
Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Handsford
Committee	Mark Young
	Mark Muspratt
	Tony Bishop
	Gary Neave
	Kevin Prince
	Plus one more to be co-opted

Team Managers	Saturday	Mark Young
	Sunday	To be appointed



Handley Sports Club Football

The Football season starts with League Games on the 6th & 7th of September.
Before that the clubs will arrange friendlies

New players will be welcome. ——— Ring Mark Young 01725 552741

Training will be at the Recreation Ground – Thursdays at 7:00pm
Your support will be appreciated!!

Letters to the 'Editor'

Sixpenny Handley

This is a message for the thief who stole our large tub containing a spectacular Torbay palm on Thursday 20th June from our front garden, you will know who you are.

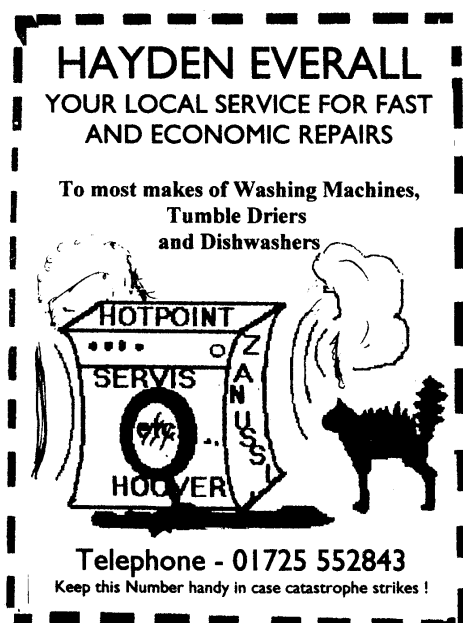
It saddens me to think that you are a village resident although I am certain that you are.

Perhaps you would like to knock on my door if you are in any doubt as to the care and attention that this shrub requires or if it should die I can let you know where you can **BUY** a replacement.

What sort of person are you, what kind of mentality "acquires" other peoples' possessions in this way.

I appeal to the honest people of Sixpenny Handley to be vigilant of their property so that we can rid our village of this type of low life.

Name and Address supplied.



Paddock Close
Sixpenny Handley

Dear Editor

In the June issue of the Downsman reference was made regarding the current state of the village hall. We certainly agree that as a major millennium project the renovation of the village hall would be an excellent goal to set.

We feel that a village hall is a central hub of any village and must be maintained. The idea put forward to add the cost to the Council Tax seems fair as this ensures a good standard of local facilities for everyone.

Can I suggest that a local poll be taken to ascertain the feelings within the community?

Yours sincerely
Ann & John Jeff

{Perhaps the Village Hall Committee may like to consider this proposal. Ed.}

Littlefield Lane
Sixpenny Handley

Dear Editor

Since my wife and I moved here in mid March this year, we continue to be amazed at the number of people we discover who have made the move from Cheshire. Do we know something that others don't?

Anyway, back to the purpose of this letter. In my travels, I come across a few documents that cause me to laugh a little. I enclose one such example with this letter trusting that other people in the village too will see the funny side.

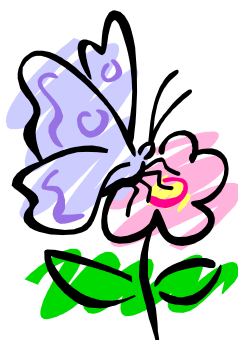
May I be added to the list of those people that appreciates the content of The Downsman. It is the only way I find out

what is going on in and around Sixpenny Handley; a busy working life ensuring little time for socialising.

Yours sincerely
Tony Nowell

{I know what you mean Tony. Every time I go back – Chester is still the best city in England – I am suprised that there are so many people still there... Ed.}

{Tony's list of maintenance problems can be found on page 27. Ed.}



Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

The club would like to thank all those who contributed and helped with the **Spring Fayre** held at Beales Mead, Ashmore.

The venue was used with kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. R. Jesty.

A grand total of **£600** was raised for
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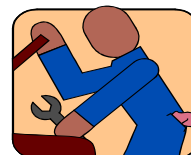
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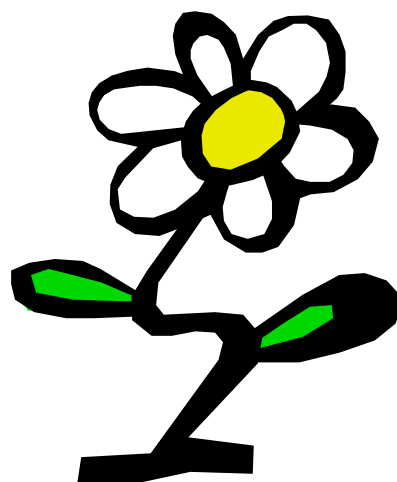
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Opening Hours

Mon – Fri 7:30am – 7:30pm

Saturday 7:30am – 4:30pm



◆ Sixpenny Handley Cricket ◆

17 July 1997

**JUST A BRIEF NOTE
TO THANK CAR-
OLYNE, CLAIRE,
PHIL & MRS SLATER
FOR A SUPERB JOB
ON THE CATERING**



Well Done Gang

**FOR THE SIXPENNY
HANDLEY CRICKET
CLUB'S FOUNDERS
DAY. DESPITE THE
CHANGEABLE
WEATHER IT WAS A
WONDERFUL DAY,
THE FOOD WAS EX-
CELLENT, AND THE
CRICKET ALMOST AS
GOOD!**

CRICKET QUIZ
Saturday 9th August
**The Roebuck-
Roger's Back Bar**
7.30 - 8.00pm Start
£1.00 per head/
£4.00 per team



1st Prize £10
2nd Prize £5
3rd Prize a Kiss from Nellie

Match Report - Founders Day

The weather on June 22 was not good. However, 13 young cricketers braved the elements to suffer a one hour coaching session followed by a short limited overs match. The two teams, captained by Chris Williams and Adam Fradgely, put on a fine match and were congratulated for their good performance.

The main event of the day, a match between the existing Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club and players from the former Star Inn team, began at 2.30. The SHCC team lost the toss and were put into bat. A fine batting performance from Steve Goodwin and Clive Churchill gave SHCC a good start with runs being scored at over 6 an over for the first 6 overs. Then the heavens opened and play was postponed. When all seemed lost for the day the sun reappeared and a quick pitch inspection showed that play could con-

tinue. The run rate slowed briefly as Duncan Slater came to the wicket and put on a classic performance of test batting. A partnership of 51 was put on before Steve was out for a fine 42. Another good partnership of 37 between Duncan Slater and Trevor Edwards saw the score rise slowly. The Star Inn took off their main bowlers and allowed the second line attack to have a go. Terry Salisbury showed he was still as consistent as ever conceding 8 runs from 3 overs. Pete Godden, Neil Bowes and Martin Green all took wickets and it fell to Ollie Coward to finish off the tail end with a final collapse leaving SHCC all out for 156 runs

This gave the Star Inn team a target of 157 from 35 overs, 4.5 an over. Things did not start well with Martin Green being run out from an accurate throw from Nigel Fradgely, Ivor Potter out for a duck and Clive Spendley being ob-

structed and cruelly run out. Things were not looking good for the Star. A partnership of 27 between Pete Godden and Robert Hammond-Smith put the Star back with a chance. A very good batting performance from the whole team and especially Ollie Coward and Terry Salisbury, saw them being in the strange position of requiring 9 runs from the last

5 overs with two wickets in hand. The crowd were really enjoying the excitement when Terry Mills was bowled out. 5 runs required with 1 wicket in hand. Malcolm Gritt was telling the batsmen to take their time but they took too long and, with the scores equal, Andy Bicheno fell victim to a fine diving catch from Steve Goodwin to leave the match tied.

Acknowledgments & Thank You

THANK YOU TO ROGER FOR PROVIDING THE BAR FACILITIES ON THE 22ND JUNE, I TRUST WE DIDN'T LET THE SIDE DOWN!

Well done to who raised
ing the day in



Phil Potter
£86.00 dur-
aid of KIDZ

APPRECIATION

It has been quite a few years now since the ball was set rolling with regard to the Sports Facilities. Although there have been

a few teething problems let us not forget just how fortunate we are to actually have these facilities. As a club we owe some

APPRECIATION Continued

thanks to Arthur Downton our former Chairman, who put a lot of time and effort into the initial stages of these facilities. Without his direction none of this would have happened. Thank you.

JUNIOR TRAINING SESSIONS

SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST 10.00AM We are obviously very keen to
SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 10.00AM get our Village Junior Team
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 10.00AM well established, after all they
are our future.

If your interested it would be great to see you. Just turn up to any of the above Training Sessions or for more information call Robert Hammond-Smith on 01725 552691.

Fully Trained Cricket Coach at all Sessions

While talking about the Junior Team, it was good to see so many of them take part in the Seniors Match on Founders Day. Adam Fradgely even bowled out his coach with a good impression of *Shane Warne*. Other young players showed the oldies how to field properly!

Well done to all who took part. It is hoped to arrange a match for the Junior Team at some point during the Summer Holidays, watch for more details.

Forthcoming Events

At long last we have a superb Cricket Pitch on which we are proud to host matches, it would be wonderful if we could encourage more spectators from the Village. The team have come a long way from the very early days!!

Our next home matches will be as follows:

Sunday July 27th
Sunday August 3rd
Sunday August 10th

All matches due to start at 2.30pm

**SIXPENNY
HANDLEY CRICKET
CLUB QUIZ NIGHT
9th August
The Roebuck's Back Bar**

We are hoping to start running Tombolas regularly at all home matches, so come along, save up those pennies and try your luck. Buy a 50p ticket and who knows what you could be going home with!!!

Oh no we hear you say, not another Quiz. For those of you who are not likely to ever appear on Mastermind, but more likely *Family Fortunes* or *Play your Cards Right*, this is it. Of course I couldn't let the opportunity go by without throwing in the occasional brain baffle.

9th August 1st Prize £10.00
7.30pm - 8.00pm Start 2nd Prize £5.00
£1.00 per head/ £4.00 pear team 3rd Prize (The boobie Prize) a Kiss from Nellie

**Back to Cricket
Founders Day Performance**

NAME	Runs	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
S GOODWIN	42	3	0	25	1
D SLATER	26	6	0	25	3
T EDWARDS	38	1.2	0	2	2
O COWARD	23	4.4	0	17	3
T SALISBURY	22	3	0	7	0
P GODDEN	22	2	0	17	1
R HAMMOND-SMITH	26	7	1	34	1

In the next issue, we will give full individual performances for the whole season, with a summary of how the season progressed. A little light reading for you fanatics, courtesy of Statto



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

It has been reported that children well under the age of 5 are playing in the play area on the Recreation Ground unsupervised.

Children this young need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

Let's Be Safe!!!

ENGLISH VILLAGE OR TOWN GOVERNMENT

(Parish or Town Councils)

What is a Parish?

There are two sorts of parishes whose boundaries do not always coincide. These are (i) the Ecclesiastical Parishes centred on an Anglican church with a parochial church council chaired by the vicar or rector and (ii) the Civil Parishes, which are part of local administration: some of them are called *Towns*.

What is the Civil Parish?

A civil parish is an independent local democratic unit for villages, for the smaller towns, and for the suburbs of the main urban areas. Each parish has a Parish (or Town) Meeting consisting of all its local government electors and most (where the electorate exceeds 200) have a Parish or Town Council. Over 12 million people live in such parishes.

What is the Parish (or Town) Council?

The council is a small local authority. Its councillors are elected for four years at a time in the same way as for other councils. The usual election years are 1983, 1987 etc. but some councils will have elections in 1982, 1986 etc. or 1984, 1988 etc. Bye-elections may be held to fill vacancies occurring between elections. The council is the corporation of its village or town. Each year the councillors choose a chairman from amongst their number: in Town Councils he is called Town Mayor.

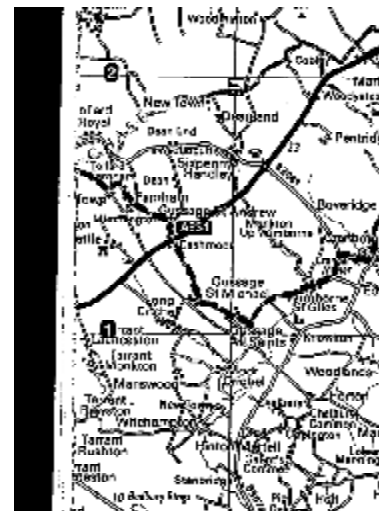
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THE NATIONAL BYWAY Britain's Heritage Cycling Route



Extracts from letter to Parish Council Clerk...

"I am writing to tell you about The National Byway, and that its route will pass through your area. It will be very discreetly signposted, using signage approved by the Department of transport and designed to blend in with the nature of the areas through which it passes.....

.....A copy of a map showing its route is enclosed for your information. Signage will be put in place later this summer and the route opened before the end of September."

**The route runs from Farnham through
Minchington and Gussage St. Andrew
crossing the A354 at Cashmore.**

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Responding to the petition which the Homewatch organised earlier in the year, the Home Office have notified us that the overall Dorset Police budget is to rise by 3.9%, a slightly higher increase than the national average. Whilst we cannot expect a dramatic increase in policing of our Parish, it is clearly a step in the right direction.

Homewatch co-ordinators are continuing to meet with Police to improve liaison. Can we re-emphasise, please, the importance of reporting all crimes, however trivial, to the Police? They base their deployment of officers on the reported crime statistics. The more we report, the more police we will see in the village!

Local Crimes

Happily, we seem to be enjoying a relatively crime free summer. The last serious break-in reported in the Parish was in April. However there have been thefts from gardens and garden sheds, and

minor acts of vandalism continue.

Police are warning us all to beware of door to door callers impersonating everyone from council workers to salesmen.

Always check caller's credentials carefully before you give them access or impart information.

Horse Attacks

You may have read in the newspapers that once again there have been savage attacks on horses in Central Southern England; some have been in Dorset. Whilst none have yet been near our Parish, we should all be aware of these atrocities. Any suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Police on 999.

Homewatch Barbecue

A big thank you to all who helped with the Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Village barbecue and to all who came. For the third year running we were dogged by cold and wet weather but thanks to Stephen Judd allowing us to use the barn at Church Farm, everyone kept dry and around 150 meals were served.

The sports clubs provided the side-shows, the children danced to a disco and a good time was had by all.

Special thanks to Yogi Patel for his support and for marshalling the cars, and to the Star Inn for the donation from the bar.

Despite the rain, a moderate profit was made and this will be used in support of Homewatch meetings, liaison with the police and maintaining the Homewatch signs.

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Handley Parish Council as a member of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils receives information via Fax.

The following items appeared in the latest "issue" dated 25th July.

Inter-Parish Fax Message

A Community Safety & Crime Prevention Network

SUPERMARKETS

Thieves in North Dorset have been targeting female customers in supermarkets and stealing handbags and purses left unattended in shopping trolleys. It is advisable to keep your purse and handbag on you when selecting your purchases, and not leave them in the shopping trolley.

SUSPICIOUS MEN

A male aged 40, muscular build, dark hair, wearing shorts and T-shirt has been seen on a number of occasions to approach women in the Milldown area of Blandford.

KNOCKERS

In the mid-Dorset villages door knockers have been active offering carpets, and three piece suites for sale. The vehicles used are:

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A blue Ford transit van, part registration number --97LK--.

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The Mystery of Woodyates

– inn extraordinary

By Michael Shepherd

(Reproduced from "Dorset Magazine" No 8 1969)

By no stretch of the imagination can the last few miles of Dorset, onwards along the main Blandford to Salisbury road, be ranked among the most beautiful in Dorset. But a mere half mile short of the county boundary, which hereabouts faithfully follows Bokerley Ditch, one comes to Woodyates where, in recent years, this age of the motor car has demanded further drastic changes to the wayside landscape. Gone for ever is a farmhouse and rectangular range of flint and brick buildings whose arched entrance gate led to an enclosed yard; in truth the buildings themselves are scarcely worth a second glance but what a story could they tell!

Through this same yard ran the Roman Portway down which, the better part of two thousand years ago, the legions and their transport trudged and rumbled on journeyings between Durnovaria (Dorchester), from whence a spur ran on over Ridgeway to Radipole and the sea, Vindocladia (Badbury Rings), where the arrowstraight Ackling Dyke turned northeastwards through Woodyates, and on to Sorviodunum (Old Sarum), Calleva (Silchester), Portes (Staines) and finally Londinium.

Following the departure of the legions for Rome, the Saxon marauders were checked for a while at Bokerley Ditch before they swept round the British defenders in a classic outflanking movement to enter Dorset from the west in about 500 A.D. On the south side of today's A 354, the now demolished farmhouse took its name from these earth ramparts with their legendary Arthurian connections, thrown up against these fierce invaders from across the North Sea.

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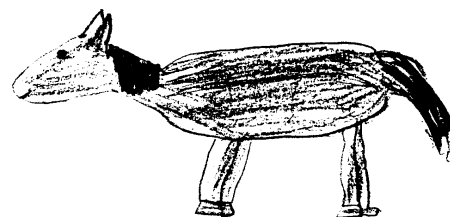
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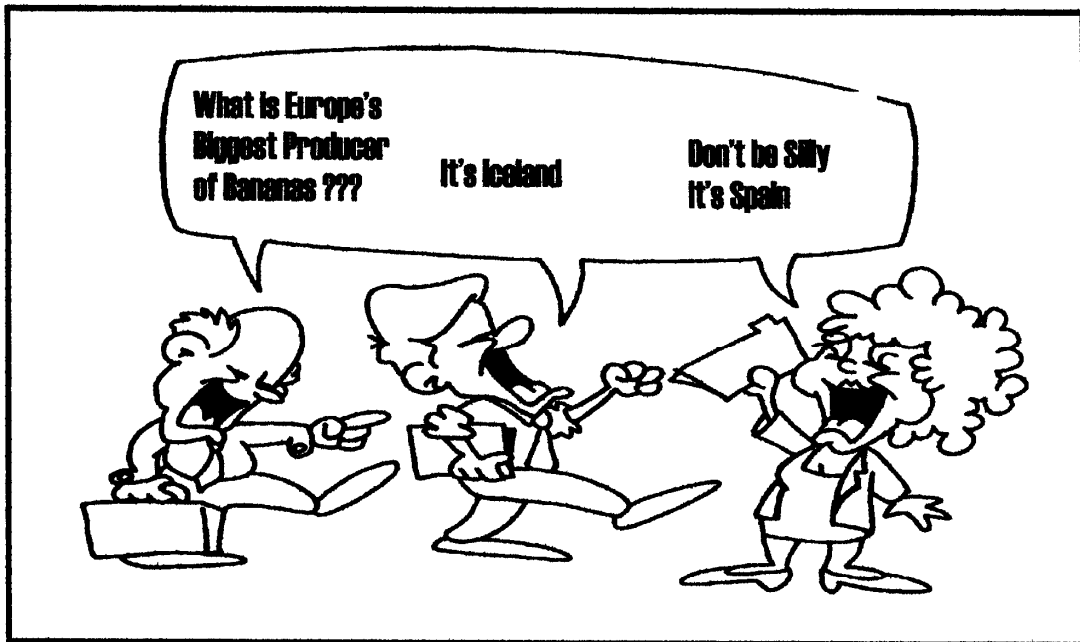


MY ROOM AT NIGHT



It is dark and snug
Smells of perfume drift around,
Although there is still the screeching of
bats in the roof,
And the sound of horses' hooves
still hurts my head!





SIXPENNY HANDLEY CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

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THE ANSWER IS: ICELAND

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



It has been a busy month with matches against Tisbury, Salisbury (Ladies), Alderbury, Cranborne & Verwood.

Playing on grass is certainly different for us, but it's all experience.

The club has received donations of 8 trophies and competitions for these prizes are well under way.

Two of our lady members were lucky enough to receive invitations to the Dorset County Ladies' Bowls Association President's day at Weymouth on 16th July. There were representatives from all the clubs in Dorset and 80 of us played bowls

on a lovely afternoon right on the Sea Front at Weymouth. It was a bit overwhelming for us on our first attendance, but it was nice meeting all the different clubs and I think more matches might come of it.

It was a very dressy occasion, even down to white gloves. A five-course meal followed at Preston Village Hall, which made a lovely finish to the day.

Two of our male members are due to attend a similar occasion on 31st August and I am sure they will also enjoy it.

On **30th August** we are planning to hold our next Quiz Evening, so be prepared.

Our Annual Jumble Sale is coming up again on **6th September**, so start saving your jumble & pennies for spending there.

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Profits in aid of 'For the Kidz' and Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

WE ARE KNOWN ALL OVER THE WORLD!!! HANDLEY AND PENTRIDGE ON THE INTERNET

I am sure readers will be interested to know that information about both Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge is held on the World Wide Web. I have reproduced below the details being displayed together with their web addresses.

Sixpenny Handley

<http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/btomp/sixpenny.htm>

This was one of the homes of the dreaded Isaac Gulliver [1745-1822] whose smuggling operations spread from Poole to Lyme Regis. He married innkeeper's daughter Betty Beale at Sixpenny Handley parish church [5 October 1768]. His father-in-law's holstelry, the Blacksmith's Arms, Thorney Down, was on the main road from Blandford to Salisbury and horse-shoeing was William Beale's other trade.

Those who think that smuggling has, of necessity, to be carried on somewhere near the sea, might note that Sixpenny Handley is around 30 miles inland, which is a long way to travel, loaded and under cover of darkness. Gulliver, though he had a liking for spirits and lace, might well have had another string to his bow - an enterprise founded on the availability of deer on the Chase ... and a tomb adjoining the local church where 'hot' venison could be stored for the duration of the hue and cry.

In a Blandford paper of 1770 it is related how the Excise Superintendent came with a posse of Preventive-men to seize a sotre of tea, tobacco, and brandy which lay

hidden in a cottage in one of our hamlets [Sixpenny Handley]. On their return to Blandford, they beat off an attack made by the Freetraders and brought their spoil safely to the Exciseman's house. That night Blandford was held up by a body of 150 armed horsemen who persuaded the Exciseman's wife, at pistol-point, to give back the contraband, with which they rode away in triumph.

The cottage is still in existence, and until a range was put in, one could stand in the open chimney and look up at the little chamber where the contraband was hidden.

In 1892, the village suffered a devastating fire, in which nearly 209 people were rendered homeless and destitute. It surprised me to learn there were that many villagers - they must have lived about 20 to the house - but something about the tragedy caught the public imagination because people rallied around in a way for which Oxfam have been praying ever since, and it was said that you could always tell a Sixpenny Handley man for some time afterwards because he usually wore two if not three waistcoats.

A great deal of money was collected and when all claims were met, there remained at least £1,000. But so much squabbling arose over how this large (in those days) sum was to be spent that it was put into Chancery and remains there, as far as I know, to this day.

The signpost on the main Salisbury to Blandford road (1 m. S.E.) reads: To 6d. Handley. Many an overseas visitor, (and many of our younger population), have been known to wonder what unit of length goes with '6d.' when trying to decide how far they have to go to Handley. But the love of money has nothing to do with the

name of the village, which is derived from the two medieval hundreds of Saxpena and Hanlege ('Saxon hilltop' and 'high clearing').

Sixpenny Handley lies in an area of Dorset with many prehistoric remains. A considerable amount of work has been carried out by the School of Conservation Sciences at Bournemouth University. For those interested in the archaeology of the area, I recommend that you check out the reports on Goldfields Farm and Handley Down enclosure.

Pentridge

<http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/btomp/pentridg.htm>

Pentridge on Cranborne Chase, like so many places on this hunting ground of old, is a little hamlet, hiding at the end of a lane off the Salisbury-Blandford road and is thus quiet and isolated, always in the shadow of Pentridge Hill. With the heights of Cranborne Chase on the other side of the road, Pentridge could almost be said to be at the gateway into Dorset.

The village is often mistakenly said to be the birthplace of the Dorset poet, William Barnes, but his Pentridge, a small farm near Sturminster Newton, has long been obliterated from the map.

From the name, it would appear that wild boar roamed this very ancient place on Cranborne Chase - in fact, it is one of the few places in Wessex to preserve its ancient place name. It comes from the Welsh: pen - hill, twrch - boar.

The first recorded name of the hamlet, Pentric, appeared 80 years before the birth of Alfred.

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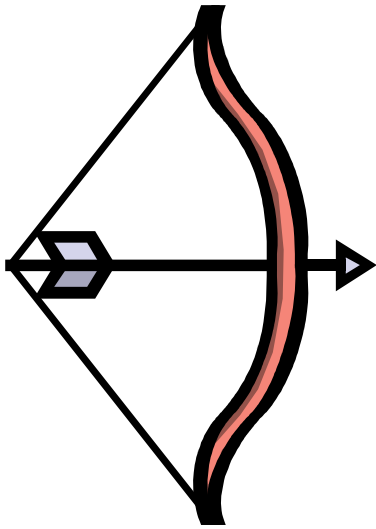
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Archery

Archery is one of the fastest growing sports in Britain today; this is largely due to the huge interest in the new technology that is encompassing archery. Compound bows, which were invented in 1966, have become precision shooting machines, compared to the old long bows of Robin Hood's time. The long bow as used in Agincourt could only shoot an arrow at 180 feet per second and about 250 metres in distance. The compound bows can shoot an arrow at 350 feet per second and it is possible to shoot almost a mile in distance with specialised equipment and in certain conditions.

Materials such as carbon, graphite, kevlar, boron ceramic and aluminium are often used in the production of the high tech equipment; arrows are far straighter and faster made of carbon and aluminium than wooden shafts.

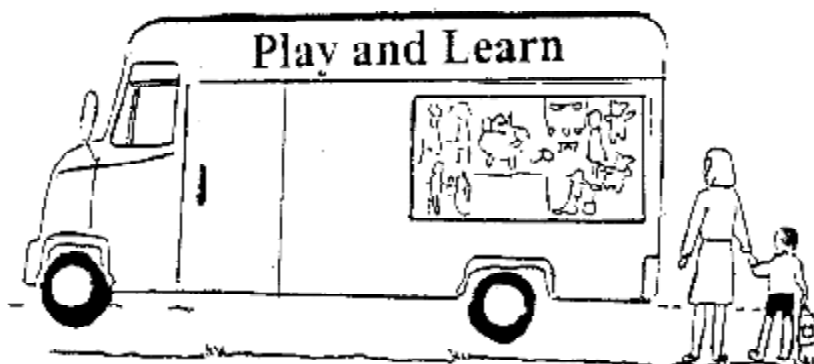
Archery consists of two main types, target archery and field archery.

Target archery is shot over a flat field at large round targets over measured distances. The archers stand in a line and shoot 3 arrows in an allotted time. 90 metres is the longest distances reducing by 10 or 20 metres down to 20 metres which is the distance shot indoors.

Field archery is shot rather like a golf course. A group of 4/6 archers shoot at targets at varying distances, some are pictures of animals, and others are round targets set at different and unmeasured distances over undulating ground. The course is often set in woodland and in a figure of eight pattern. Sometimes the archer has to climb up onto a platform and shoot down or across water or into ditches. This type of archery is far more exacting and a very high degree of skill is required, but is great fun and attracts young and old, alone or in family groups. It can be just fun or highly competitive.

Archery has become such a specialised sport that all-purpose sport shops cannot cope with the highly technological aspects of the market. Specialists such as Roebuck Archery Products based in Gussage St. Michael are the Only Suppliers in Dorset. They cater for target and field archery and traditional and contemporary details. Jan Andrews and Ken Duff have both been National Champions in field archery and are both qualified coaches.

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9:15 am. - 10:00 am. outside the Village Hall

APPEALING TREES



At a recent Parish Council meeting, the clerk passed me part of the formal decision by the Planning Inspectorate following an inquiry held at Wimborne. The inquiry was in connection with an appeal against the refusal by E.D.D.C. to grant planning permission on an application to develop land for residential purposes adjacent to Mulberry Court, Dean Lane. The appeal was refused and I append below extracts from the Inspector's report.

"The large mature trees on the high bank, in particular a very large beech, dominate the site and would be close to a number of the houses. In my view, their sheer physical size, particularly when moving in strong winds, would cause apprehension and concern about safety to the occupants. They would also overshadow the gardens, in some places with a considerable overhang, and shade the main rooms of some of the houses to an unreasonable degree for a significant part of the day

"I believe that these considerations would lead, inevitably, to future pressure to fell or lop some or all of the trees at the top of the bank in order to remove overshadowing, the likelihood of damage or injury through trees falling or branches dropping and the nuisance of leaf and tree litter fall ... I therefore consider that, unless the trees are given adequate space, the loss of protected trees at some time in the future would be a probable consequence of the proposed development. This would, to my mind, have a seriously detrimental effect on the setting of the village and on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty...

"I have therefore come to the view that, although in principle the site is an appropriate one for residential development, the proposed layout does not take sufficiently into account the probable effects of siting houses in close proximity to the wooded bank. My view on this was reinforced by the effect I saw that the gardens of Mulberry Court have on the wooded slope I therefore conclude that the proposed development would have a significantly adverse effect on the character and appearance of the surrounding area such that planning permission for these proposals should not be granted..."

I visited the site the other day and saw a lovely meadow of wild flowers and, as I watched Martin and the other children playing in Mulberry Court, the thought occurred to me that it would be a lovely spot for a forestry commission type adventure play area. Perhaps, one day.....

Ian Davies



COME FLY WITH ME, LET'S FLY LET'S FLY AWAY

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots together with the replies from the maintenance crews.

"Squawks", as they are known, are problem listings that pilots leave for maintenance crews.

Problem: "Left inside tyre almost needs replacement"
Solution: "Almost replaced left inside tyre"

Problem: "Test flight OK, except autoland very rough"
Solution: "Autoland not installed on this aircraft"

Problem 1: "Number 2 propeller seeping prop fluid"
Solution: "Number 2 propeller seepage normal"
Problem 2: "Numbers 1, 3 and 4 propellers lack normal seepage"

Problem: "The autopilot doesn't"
Solution: "IT DOES NOW"

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit"
Solution: "Something tightened in cockpit"

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear"
Solution: "Evidence removed"

Problem: "Number 3 engine missing"
Solution: "Engine found on right wing after brief search"

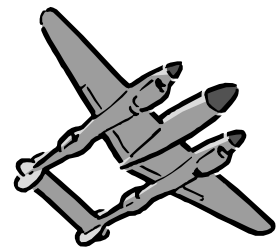
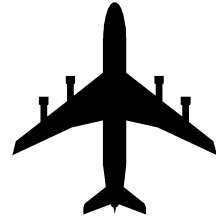
Problem: "DME volume unbelievably loud"
Solution: "Volume set to more believable level"

Problem: "Dead bugs on windshield"
Solution: "Live bugs on order"

Problem: "Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 foot per min descent"
Solution: "Cannot reproduce problem on ground"

Problem: "IFF inoperative"
Solution: "IFF inoperative in OFF mode"

Problem: "Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick"
Solution: "That's what they're there for"



Submitted by Tony Nowell

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EAST DORSET LOCAL PLAN

The East Dorset District Plan was deposited on the 30th of June and it contained more or less the same information as the consultative document published in 1995. Sadly, the Parish Council's contributions to the consultation process were never registered, for reasons which I cannot explain; however, now that the District Council's policies are virtually set in concrete until the second decade of the next millennium, I thought it would be useful to extract from the document the relevant statements of intent that will eventually affect all our lives.

Sixpenny Handley

1. "The County Highway Authority has long-standing proposals for a by-pass of the village. This would be formed by widening and re-aligning Back Lane, and providing a new roundabout junction with the B3081 just south of the Vicarage. This is currently a long-term policy and will not implemented until towards the end of the term of the Plan."
2. "Land adjoining Back Lane will be developed for housing and a footpath will be provided along Back Lane, as a pre-requisite of this development, to link the site to the Hollow."
3. "Land adjacent to the Doctor's surgery will be developed for housing with vehicular access via housing to the south. The sloping land to be retained as a public open space and the surgery will be protected from this development."
4. "Other housing development will be limited to infill or village infill within the village envelope, as defined in the Plan."
5. "A car park will be provided on land adjoining Common Lane to serve the village school."
6. "Measures will be taken, including the introduction of physical features where necessary, to limit traffic speed in the High Street, the Hollow and in Dean Lane and to provide for increased pedestrian safety."
7. "A footpath will be provided along Common Lane as far as the Recreation Ground entrance."
8. "Planning permission may be exceptionally granted for affordable housing on a small scale within, or immediately adjoining, the village, on land which would not otherwise be released for housing development providing:
 - a) A local need is demonstrated which would not otherwise be met;
 - b) The benefits of affordable housing are enjoyed by subsequent as well as initial occupiers."

Woodyates and Pentridge

1. "The visibility at the junction of Bowling Green Lane with the A354 will be improved in the medium term by taking land from the Pentridge side of the main road."

Comments on the Plan can still be made to East Dorset District Council until the 11th of August.

Ian Davies

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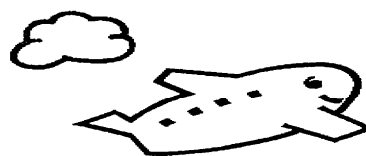
HOT NEWS – Meals on Wheels to come to Sixpenny Handley

Details in next issue – or contact surgery

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17 th September	The Organist Entertains with Phil Birkbeck.
1 st October	A Family Business – talk by Brian Stannah
15 th October	An Egyptian Journey – slide show by Ron Wood
29 th October	The Salvation Army Band
12 th November	Dorset Buttons – Joan Nichols
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10 th December	Christmas Lunch with Singer and Entertainer Howard Cole

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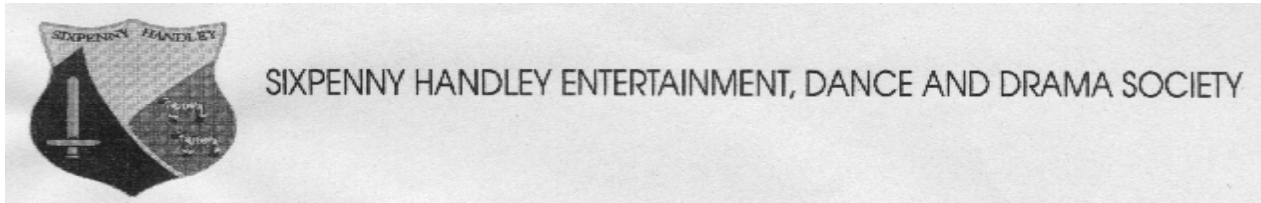
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MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1997 - REPORT

Despite the dreadful weather forecast, I decided that the Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival would go ahead as planned. As it turned out, after a short shower about 1 pm, it stayed dry for the rest of the afternoon. My answer "It's Not Going To Rain, So, Carry On Regardless" turned out to be the right reply to give to those who said it looked as if it was going to rain. Meanwhile all around us it did rain. During the week following the Street Fayre and Carnival I met up with friends who were either organising or attending other events on the same day as ours. They reported being soaked in Verwood, drowned in Southampton and bogged down in Bearwood.

Oh The Joys Of Organising outdoor Events!!!.

The rain around us stopped some people from visiting our event and some of the stallholders who'd booked to come, failed to arrive.

I think all those who attended the Street Fayre and Carnival had a good time and from reports on the day quite a lot of money was spent. I was a little disappointed with the low turn out of entries for the Fancy Dress and for the Floats but congratulations to all those who did enter. Perhaps next year more people will take the plunge and enter.

I would like to thank all the Organisations, Companies and Individuals who donated prizes for the Raffle and Tombola Stall or donated financially to the event; all stallholders who paid to have a trading site on the street; Gordon Clarke for the wonderful bouquets given to the Carnival Queen and Princesses and John Clarke for the use of his field as a car park.

Many Thanks also to Carnival Queen Clare Orman and Carnival Princesses Louise Cutler and Fiona Randal for looking fantastic and doing a good job.

I would like to thank the following for their help in running the event on the day: Gwen Jesse, Ivy Thorne, May Tricket, Ian Davies, The Scouts who looked after the Car Park, Arthur and Linda Downton, East Dorset District Council and Vic the Camera (hope you've got some good pictures Vic.)

Thanks to the Imps Band, The Starlets and The Line Dancers for providing entertainment for everyone during the afternoon.

Thanks to Paula Yates for Crowning the Carnival Queen and Princesses then, along with her husband and Alan Humphries, for judging the Fancy Dress and Floats.

Finally thanks to anyone I may have inadvertently missed out of the above list and to all of you who turned out to support the Event.

The Float Prizes were won as follows: -

1st	Flintstones - Sixpenny Handley Post office and Stores
2nd	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs - Starlets
3rd	Viva La France - Star Inn
Fancy Dress Prizes:	
Under 5	1st - Adam and William Barker-Wyatt, Suzanna Nodder and Ruth Sheppard - (Ugly Sisters, Fairy Godmother and Cinderella.)
	2nd - George Collins - (a Knight)
	3rd - Deanna Goodfellow (Snow White)
Under 8s	1st - Sue Nowell's Tess - (Collie Flower) a 4 legged entry.
8 to 12's	1st - Mark Styles - (Ace Ventura, Pet Detective)
Financially the event was a success as the following figures show:-	

Balance in the Street Fayre and Carnival Fund Bank Account :- NIL

Income		£	Expenditure		£
Stall Fees	187.90		Photo Copying	34.35	
S.H.E.D.D.S. Raffle	132.50		Postage	42.60	

There seems to be a few people in the village who are wondering why the Street Fayre and Carnival doesn't raise more than it does, for the good cause of the day, when Chettle, Gussage and Frogham Fetes each raise between £1000 and £2000.

Well the answer is that these Fetes are 'One Pot Events'. i.e. ALL the money raised at these events goes into 'One Pot' at the end of the day. The Street Fayre and Carnival is a 'Multi -Pot Event' where the money raised on the day goes into several pots. i.e. The W.I., The Bowls Club, The Sixpennies Pre-School Group, The "For The Kidz" Project, The C.P.L., Dogs For The Disabled, The Asthma Group, Blind Children Etc.

This year there were 22 various organisations (Pots) each raising money for their own good causes.

Each of these 'Pots' paid 10% of their takings into the Street Fayre and Carnival Fund. This totalled £187.90p, which tells me that £1879.00 was raised by the various 'Pots'. Add to this the other income of The Street Fayre and Carnival Fund and the total amount of funds raised on Carnival Day was £2343.15, a figure which compares extremely favourably with the other Fetes which have been mentioned.

For the Street Fayre and Carnival Fund to finish the day with £1000 to £2000 the 'Pots' would have to raise a total of £10000 to £20000. So as you will now realise the Street Fayre and Carnival Fund will never raise much more than it already does.

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

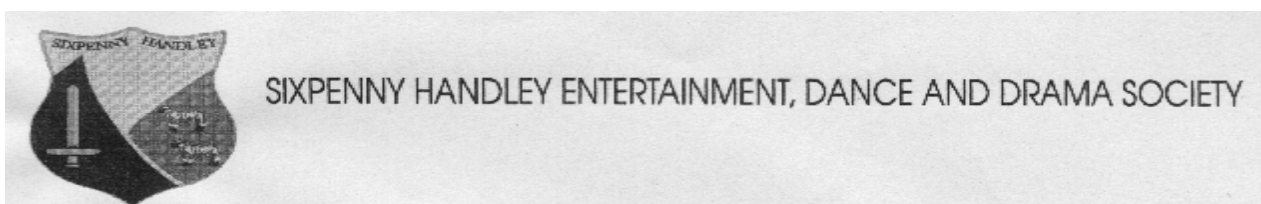
The dates for 1997 are 7th and 21st August, 4th and 18th September, 2nd, 16th and 30th October and continuing fortnightly.

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)
Sat 20 th June 1998	- Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival

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A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

It is not often that a serious issue comes before the Parish Council which affects the county parish of Pentridge, but the proposal for a telecommunication mast at Copley Farm must be regarded as such an issue; so much so in the eyes of the community that a petition was presented to the Plans Committee from the residents to show a clear objection to the construction.

After looking at the plans, the Committee concluded that there was no logical reason why Mercury, the company seeking planning permission, could not share the Orange mast at Vernditch, just two miles away, and therefore avoid another piece of our area of outstanding natural beauty being spoiled.

What I found quite astonishing was the fact that, of all the places it could have chosen in this area, the company had decided to locate this mast next to an historic listed building.

Anyhow, we now await the decision by

the East Dorset planners which I understand will be made on the 5th of August.

One thing I haven't quite understood is the decision by the County Council to install a stile for a footpath and to make access for a bridleway, both adjoining the public path BR4 between Peaked Post (the nasty bend on the road to Pentridge) and the nature reserve at Martin Down.

Under normal circumstances, you would expect this to be an admirable thing for the County Council to do, keeping up with its obligations to maintain public rights of way etc; except for the fact that the District Council is in the process of extinguishing the footpath and diverting the bridleway!

I wonder if this is an argument for abolishing the district councils altogether and having one tier of local government in Rural Dorset with suitable offices in the villages and towns, thereby bringing the County Council much closer to the people whose lives it affects.

St Mary's Church



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Aug 03	Cricket club home match	13	Sep 06	Saturday Football starts	09
Aug 04	Exploring Cranborne Chase	05	Sep 06	Bowls Club Jumble Sale	20
Aug 07	Football Training 13+ starts	04	Sep 07	Sunday Football starts	09
Aug 07	Chase Friends Coffee Morn. (Weekly on Thursdays)	08	Sep 07	Cricket Junior Training	13
Aug 07	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	34	Sep 15	Downsman Copy Deadline	**
Aug 09	Cricket Club Quiz	12	Sep 17	Wednesday Club	31
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Aug 24	Cricket Junior Training	13	Oct 16	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	34
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Aug 30	Moors Valley Future	05	Oct 30	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	34
Aug 30	Bowls Club Quiz Night	20	Oct 31	S.H.E.D.D.S. Halloween	34

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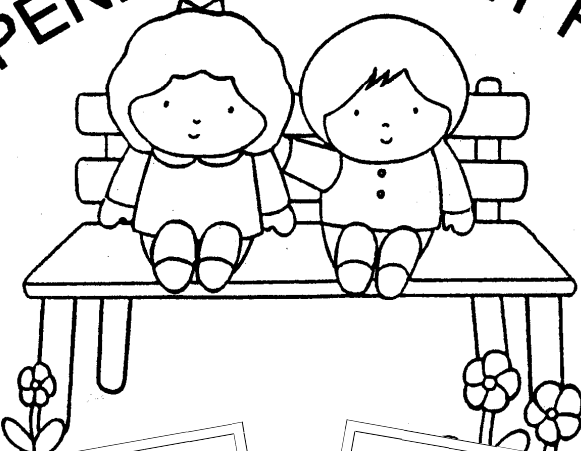
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