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MAGAZINE



**A Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year
To You All**



**PARISH OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY
WITH PENTRIDGE**

December 1997

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EDITORIAL

*Welcome to the
December
edition of
The Downsman.*

Well here we are almost at the end of November, and whilst the rain forecast by Vic Fryer in his regular piece (submitted before the rain started!) certainly has appeared over the last few days it is still remarkably mild.

I mention this because I assume it is the reason for what has happened to the birdseed I recently put on my bird table. It has germinated remarkably successfully and I have had to remove a luxuriant growth of various grasses. It is the first time I remember this happening.

It is disappointing to see from their article that the Flower Show failed to show a profit this year. This is particularly sad in view of the amount of hard work and effort that was put into the occasion by the Flower Show committee.

You will see that a questionnaire has been included on page 29 of this magazine to establish what the community wants from a Summer Show and I would ask you all to take a few minutes to complete and return it to Geraldine. (Once you have finished reading the magazine of course!)

Reading Ian Davies' article about planning issues reminded me of something I had read some time ago. A bit of research, and sure enough, I found the piece in the December 1989 issue of the Downsman. The article reported questions that had been asked at a meeting held at the offices of the East Dorset District Council.

**The editorial team wish you all a
Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!**

The first question was **"Why are Parish Council views ignored when we go to great lengths to make them on planning applications. In some cases the opposite decision is taken."**

Eight years have elapsed and it seems nothing has changed!

Keep those contributions coming.....

Alan Vincent

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The next edition of this
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will be published on the
1st February 1998
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Copy Deadline is
16th January 1998

St Mary's Church



"The Seeker" is the Church magazine for the combined parishes of Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge. It gives details of all Church Services and Church activities. If you would like **"The Seeker"** delivered to you, please get in touch with Dr. Zoe Harris – see

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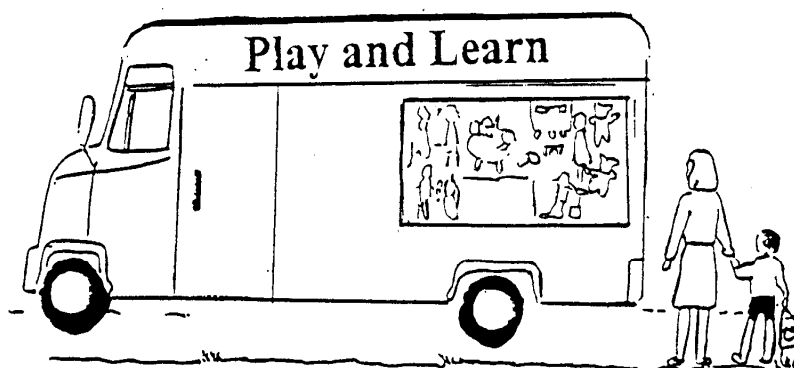
CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. MARY'S, GUSSAGE ST. ANDREW AND ST. RUMBOLD'S PENTRIDGE.

Sunday, 21st December Carols by Candlelight at Gussage St. Andrew Chapel at 4 pm and at St. Rumbold's at 6 pm.

Wednesday, 24th December **CHRISTMAS EVE** Christingle at St. Mary's at 5 pm.
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11.30 pm Midnight Service at St. Mary's.

Thursday, 25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY** 08:30 Holy Communion at St. Andrew's
09:30 Holy Communion at St Mary's
11:15 Matins and Holy Communion at St Rumbold's

Sunday, 28th December CAROLS at St Mary's at 10:30 am followed by DRINKS at the Vicarage, to which all will be most welcome!



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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

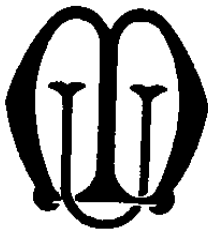
Sixpenny Handley Rainfall

My last Downsman report was written in mid-September. Since then we have had long spells of dry sunny weather interspersed with a week's wind and rain in the first half both of October and November.

From October 6th to the 14th there fell two inches of rain and from November 4th to the 9th we again had two inches. What a contrast with Herstmonceux in Sussex where the other day they had two inches in under 24 hours.

Looking back to 1986, the average rainfall on Sixpenny Handley for the two months October and November together was seven inches - varying between 8¼ in 1994 and 5½ in 1988. So with only 4 inches so far for these two months this year I am tempted to forecast another wet spell by the time you read this in early December.

By way of explanation as to how it comes about that I have all this data, I have an official raingauge calibrated to 0.05 millimetres (tell me, you schoolboy mathematicians, what is that in inches?). I send (postage paid) the daily record each month to the National Rivers Authority (Wessex Region) at Blandford Forum; there the regions statistics are collated and sent on the Met. Office. What they do with them there is nobody's business, but I get an annual Christmas card of thanks!



MOTHERS' UNION and the WOMEN'S REFUGE IN SALISBURY

As many of you already know, Sixpenny Handley Mothers' Union takes a special interest in supporting the Women's Refuge in Salisbury. The Refuge has just opened another three family rooms, and we have been able to help with their appeal for sheets, towels, and other furnishings.

What you may not appreciate is that ALL the rooms at the Refuge have been full pretty well every night for the last six months. That means that a lot of women and children are still suffering violence. We, in Mothers' Union, wish that this wasn't the case. But we aren't about to shut our eyes and pretend its not there. We want to help and we'll go on doing so while the need is there.

At Christmas time we shall be sending small gifts to all those women who have left their homes after suffering domestic violence - often with nothing at all. When you do your shopping, how about an extra pair of tights or some nice soap or talc, to show that some people do still care?

Jean Mayne

Pam Wood.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

**Are you free on a Wednesday afternoon?
Do you enjoy meeting friends, old and new?**

Then, why not come along to **WEDNESDAY CLUB**. Wednesday Club is the only club with no subscription. You just come along and pay for your tea on every other Wednesday afternoon at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. You will also get a talk or entertainment while you are there, and a chance to meet new friends and chat to old ones.

All for 75p!

In December we have our annual Christmas lunch on **Wednesday, 10th**.
(This is the one event where we DO ask you to pre-book, please!).

Then we have a short break before the Club starts again on **Wednesday, 14th January** with

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Then on **28th January**, The Rev. K.S. Timbrell will be talking about HERBS.
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Crime Wave

After a comparatively crime free Summer and Autumn in our Parish, October heralded the arrival of something of a crime wave in the Village.

Two properties in St Mary's Close were broken into, with the loss of valuables and cash, and within 48 hours vehicles in the High Street and in the Common Road car park were tampered with. In some cases fuel was siphoned out of the tanks, while others were broken into. Prompt reporting by villagers and swift action by the Police enabled the Homewatch to alert others in properties thought to be vulnerable and thankfully the crimes were not repeated. This may be because crime awareness in the village rose after the incidents and the area may simply have become too 'hot' for the criminals to continue operating.

The incidents in Sixpenny Handley followed closely on a similar spate of crimes in Tollard Royal and in Ashmore, so there could have been a connection. This emphasises the importance of

adjacent Homewatch schemes keeping in touch, something the Handley Co-ordinators do regularly at the monthly Homewatch Liaison Meetings hosted by Dorset Police at the Blandford Station.

Greater Visibility

In the light of our continuing crime problems, Homewatch Co-ordinators have decided to invest in further Homewatch signs for the Parish. These will be put up in several strategic locations where at present our scheme is under-advertised. Funds for the signs will be drawn from the proceeds of last Summer's Homewatch Barbecue.

Christmas Care

In the run up to Christmas, please don't forget that the festive season offers opportunities for criminals too. Houses left obviously empty during the holiday period are easy targets. Empty packaging left out for the dustmen can indicate homes where there may be new equipment (e.g. computers) worth the criminal's attention. Please continue to report any suspicious persons or activities to the Homewatch Co-ordinators, and in an emergency direct to the Police on 999.



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HOT NEWS – Meals on Wheels comes to Sixpenny Handley

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CHILDREN – A MESSAGE FROM POSTMAN DAVID



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Listen to the band and join in and sing the Carols.

Refreshments - Raffle - Quiz

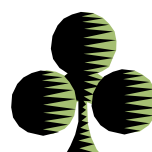
WHIST AT THE VILLAGE HALL

COMMENCES 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Wednesday 14th January
--- " --- 28th January
--- " --- 11th February
--- " --- 25th February
--- " --- 11th March

Saturday 13th December



HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

100 Club 1997

Prizewinners Draw No 5 - October 1997

1st Prize	£50	Number 55	D.R. Neave, Cashmoor, Gussage St. Michael, Wimborne
2nd Prize	£20	Number 113	Mr. N. Bainbridge, High Street, Sixpenny Handley
3rd Prize	£10	Number 123	Mrs B.P. Cordina, High Street, Sixpenny Handley
4th Prize	£10	Number 26	Mr. A. Taylor, Hanging Cottage, Tollard Royal

Prizewinners Draw No 6 - November 1997

1st Prize	£50	Number 205	Calvin Bent, Hawthorne Close, Shaftesbury.
2nd Prize	£20	Number 63	Chris Haskell, Common Road, Sixpenny Handley.
3rd Prize	£10	Number 104	R.J. Lampard, Handley Green, Sixpenny Handley.
4th Prize	£10	Number 142	Allison Gulliver, St. Mary's Close, Sixpenny Handley.

**Draw No 7 will take place at the
'Star Inn' Lounge Bar
on Monday December 8th
at 9:00 pm.**

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Management Committee wishes to thank everyone for Donations, Raffle prizes and items for the stalls for the Jumble Sale on Saturday October 11th.

A grand total of **£634.98** was raised.

Thank you for your support.

Pat Oxford & Stella Symes.



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Report on Autumn Meetings.

At the October meeting we were fascinated to hear about the history of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, from Mrs Garrett, and much enjoyed her excellent slides. She also kindly offered to guide us around the Chapel if we should decide to visit in 1998.

The same month, a group of members attended the County Autumn Council Meeting in Weymouth and, after the business, were well entertained by Mr Colin Tarn. We were also very glad to welcome three new members to the Institute.

November brought our Annual Meeting when Mrs. Symes was re-elected as President. The Committee provided a supper and we took part in a light-hearted quiz.

At this meeting our Annual Awards were presented:

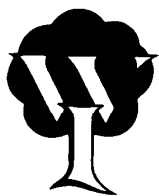
Flower of the month:-	Mrs. N. North
	Mrs. D. Leverton
Monthly Competition Cup	Mrs H. Eynon
Annual Competition -	
For a homemade Bookmark	Mrs Judd on Mrs. K. Hardiman's judgement.

At our December Meeting on 8th, we hold our Christmas Entertainment, with guests and supper.

January 12th 1998 is the time for subscriptions to be paid and we will, we know, enjoy Ron Wood's talk and examples of 'Caricatures'.

On February 9th we look forward to seeing more of Mr. Daniels' Photographs of Old Salisbury.

As you will see we enjoy a varied and interesting programme, at a very low cost to members, so how about joining us and seeing for yourselves!

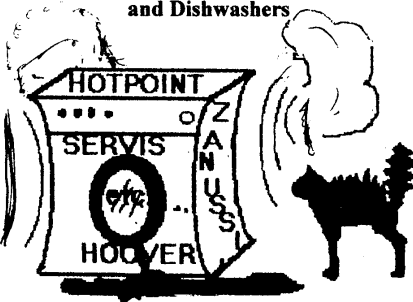


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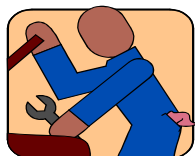
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WOODCUTTS CUBS

This term we are continuing to work on our badges and have been studying some science by looking at weather and forecasting etc. We hope to go on and study the Night Sky, so if there is anyone who is interested in the Sky at Night who could come and help me I would be pleased to hear from them. (Tel: 01725 517203)

A new Cub, Sam Bayne has joined us and we are pleased to welcome him into our pack. We hope to make him a full member by the end of term.

It was so nice to see so many Scouts and Cubs on Parade on Remembrance Sunday. Well done boys, and didn't Paul Jewer (Scout) and Isaac Meadon (Cub) do well.

I am sure many people think it is strange that Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies parade on this day. It is mainly because B.P. was a soldier and of course there were many Scouts and Guides who lost their lives on active service.

Some of us will remember those who returned and gave long service to Scouting, like Skip Hardiman here in Sixpenny Handley, and in the younger generation my son Martin an ex Woodcutts Scout whose ship H.M.S. Coventry was lost in the Falklands War and who is now serving with the Royal Marines in other conflicts.

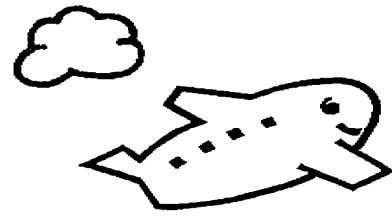
The boys were interested in the medals I wore. They were my Father's, who was himself a Kings Scout.

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Esme Isaacs.

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THE PANTOMIME "CINDERELLA"

Cinderella will be staged in the Village Hall for three nights during the February School Half Term. (Subject to the balance of the cast being found). The cost of staging this pantomime could exceed £500, so if anyone can help by donating suitable clothing for the costumes, timber for the scenery, printing of admission tickets etc etc to help reduce these costs we would be most grateful. If you can help please contact me.

S.H.E.D.D.S. ROEBUCK CHRISTMAS BINGO

The S.H.E.D.D.S. ROEBUCK CHRISTMAS BINGO will be held on **Thursday 11th December** in the back room of The Roebuck. Doors open 6.45pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm. We will be playing 1 line, 2 line, full house on 2 Special Flyers, The Money Flyer and on the Main Session Books.

Our 1st Session for 1998 will be **Thursday 8th January 1998** and continuing fortnightly from 22nd January. New Players Always Welcome.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

FATHER CHRISTMAS will be at the Star Inn on Saturday **20th December 1997** between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. All Children Welcome. Admission is FREE!!!!.

S.H.E.D.D.S. NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Join The S.H.E.D.D.S. for their New Years Eve Party at the Star Inn on **31st December 1997** from 7.30pm until 1998. Everyone is Welcome. Admission is FREE!!!!.

SPONSORED 24 HOUR 45rpm RECORD PLAY-IN

I would like to thank every one of you who sponsored me for the 24 Hour 45rpm Record Play-in and especially those of you who gave up your time to run the kitchen. The event raised the sum of £320.35p for the Village Hall Improvement Fund.

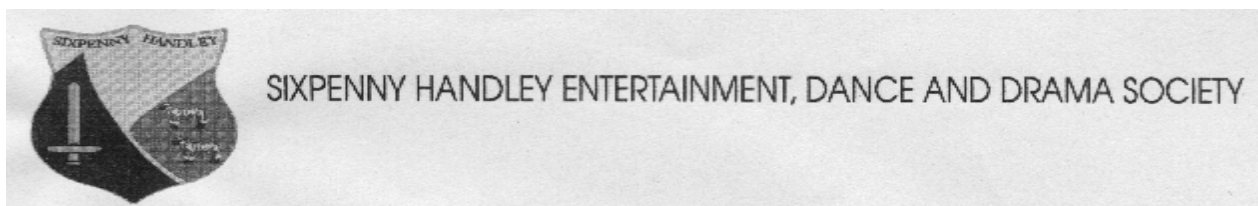
MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1998

The proceeds from the 1998 midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival will go the Village Scouts and Cubs to help refurbish their hut. Please Support.

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thu 11th December	- S.H.E.D.D.S. Roebuck Christmas Bingo
Sat 20th December	- Father Christmas will be at the Star.
Sat 27th December	- Christmas Break Disco at the Star Inn.
Wed 31st December	- New Years Party at the Star Inn
Thu 8th January	- First S.H.E.D.D.S. Roebuck Bingo of 1998.
February Half Term	- Cinderella Pantomime. (2 or 3 Nights)
Easter Saturday	- 1998 Carnival Queen/Princess Selection
Sat 20th June	- Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival

Godfrey J. Turner - Chairman S.H.E.D.D.S. – Tel: 552533 (Evenings Only)



Letters to the 'Editor'

Dear Sir

May I through your columns express my heartfelt thanks to all who felt able to support me in the recent District Council by-election.

I have taken up the two available committee places, Amenities & General Purposes. I shall also follow my predecessor as East Dorset's representative on the County Archaeological Committee.

The Party Political battle now behind us, I shall endeavour to serve our area and all its people at Furzehill, without fear or favour, regardless of their political affiliation.

Yours sincerely

Letters to another 'Editor'

Alan J. Humphries.

I am sure our readers will be interested in the following letters that appeared in the Daily Mail recently.

- o o o -

Any idea of British entry into the Euro currency must go no further. It's obvious that the villagers of Sixpenny Handley in Dorset are once again being ignored.

Sixpences were rattled in jam jars as a defiant gesture against decimalisation. Five Pence Handley, or even 2½p Handley, didn't appeal to residents but they kept their heads down, milked a cow or two and got on with life.

But the Euro is a step too far. Euro Handley? Euro Cent Handley? Six Euro

Handley may increase status but grates on the ear.

If the inhabitants' views aren't sought, I predict a move towards devolution. But does anyone in Government give a Tuppenny Toss?

Jack Loveland, Wimborne, Dorset.

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Further to an earlier letter, my 92-year-old uncle gave me the following account of how the Dorset village of Handley came to be known as Sixpenny Handley.

My grandfather, Isaac Gough, a professional rabbit trapper, went to stay with his sister who lived in the village and who told him the lord of the manor was claiming ownership of the common and planned to fence it off, denying the locals its use for their livestock.

Isaac told her to ensure all the people of Handley gave six pence each to procure the best solicitor possible to fight their cause. This they did – and won their case. Ever after, the village was called Sixpenny Handley.

Cynthia Pasroe, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

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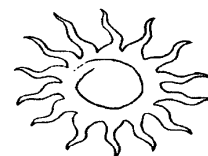
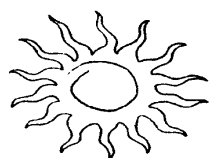
Before moving to Wales, I lived for 30 years in the Dorset village of Sixpenny Handley.

The first sixpence was introduced in 1551 and the last in June 1980. The village name comes from *Saxpena* and *Hanlega*, two parts of an Anglo-Saxon county.

Olive Cox, Llandybie, Carmarthenshire.

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Correspondents are reminded that whilst the Editorial team will withhold name and addresses if requested we will not consider for publication letters that are submitted anonymously.



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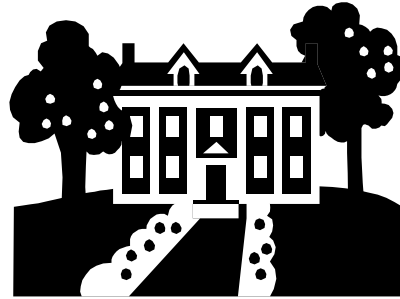
A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

The generally dry weather in September and October has meant of dearth of puddles and for a puddle-biting dog like Sheila the pleasure of autumn walks has been seriously diminished. This extraordinary activity is one which I have never seen in any other dog I've known and I can only assume that it must stem from an event which occurred in her early life before she was rescued by PALS and came to live in East Woodyates. Anyway, she seems to derive a lot of enjoyment from attacking these unsuspecting and defenceless pools of water and the recent rains have evoked the practise once again. For one so old, I'm not sure where she finds the energy!

One of the benefits the parish council enjoys, as a member of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC), is the information passed to each councillor through the DAPTC Newsletter which appears every quarter. This includes information and reports from other councils in Dorset and, because of the DAPTC's affiliation to the National Association of Local Councils, reports from across the country. One of the items that appeared in the June edition was a summary of the activities of Rural Action, including this piece under the heading "Millennium Activity": - *Around the country Rural Action has supported more than 3,000 projects, covering a staggering range of environmental themes. One new idea is a parish 'Inventory for the Millennium', a stock-take of all the things about their place which local people value and would like to continue into the next century and beyond. This can cover anything from well-loved walks to valued facilities such as the bus service and village shop.*

M. G. CORDINA

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It can also include a hit list of features which people would like to banish for the next 1,000 years!....."

The inventory part seems to me to be a good idea and more information about Rural Action can be obtained from Chris Avanti at Dorset Community Action (01305 262270).

I was very pleased to learn that the District Council had awarded a prize of £50 to the Conservation Area of Pentridge. May I suggest that the money be spent on the planting of wild flowers along the lanes and bridleways?

Ian Davies

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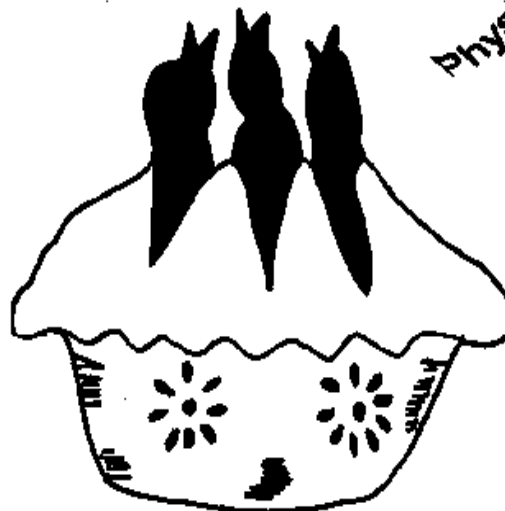
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Sixpennies Pre-school is proud to announce that it has been awarded a grant of £950 by the National Lottery Charities Board.

As some of you may know, we have been fundraising for some time to create a safe and secure outside play area for the use of the pre-school children in our community. The Village Hall Management Committee very kindly agreed to allow us to 'borrow' a strip of land behind the village hall and we have had the area levelled, enclosed and paved to create a safe smooth playing environment.

The project left a very considerable dent in our savings and with this in mind we applied to the National Lottery Charities Board to attempt to secure funding to 'furnish' the play area. The grant will be used to purchase a wooden playhouse, 'road safety' learning cars, pedal trikes, push along toys, a slide, balls and hoops.

This range of equipment and opportunities will allow our children to develop confidence and enjoyment in the use and development of their own bodily skills. The children will be well supervised to enable them to safely create and meet physical challenges and to develop increased skills and control in moving, climbing, balancing and general co-ordination. We are therefore very proud of this additional asset to our Pre-school.

In addition to the Pre-school group sessions, Sixpennies Pre-school offer the older children the

Photo from
Sixpennies Pre-school
goes here.

opportunity to attend the Link Group which takes place in the village school. The Link Group is exactly what it says. It provides a link between Pre-school and First School, for those children of four years of age and over who have not yet entered First School.

It was established in 1995 to provide structured activities in small groups within the school environment. Its aim is to encourage children to follow a 'school type' routine, to enable them to familiarise themselves with the building and the staff, and to prepare them for entry into the School's Reception Class.

For further information about Sixpennies Pre-school and Sixpennies Link Group please contact me, **Helen Bradshaw**, Chairman. Telephone: **(01725) 552042**.

ROYAL AIR FORCE, BOMBER COMMAND LOSSES

It is now over fifty years since the Allied landings in Normandy which paved the way to the victory over Nazi Germany in May 1945. During 1944, the year of the invasion, Bomber Command played a significant part towards ensuring the success of the land battles to come, especially in the spring when the emphasis of the almost nightly raids was directed at the railway centres of the occupied countries. So effective were these attacks that the German High Command was faced with near insurmountable problems in transporting vital supplies to their armies in the field. The cost to Bomber Command in terms of human life and aircraft was high, as the fifth volume of my published work on Royal Air Force Bomber Command losses will show. Over the twelve months of the year the Command lost over 3,500 aircraft, principally Halifaxes and Lancasters, each carrying a crew of seven or more airmen. It is a stark fact that of 20,000 plus airmen involved in these losses, roughly 65 per cent were killed, with most of the remainder ending up in prisoner of war camps.

Thus, Volume 5 will identify in chronological order all these aircraft and their crews, reporting their fate and a brief summary describing what happened to their aircraft. Most were shot down by night-fighters though anti-aircraft fire, familiarly referred to as "flak", collision, weather and technical failure all took their toll.

In addition to reporting the losses, the book will include a narrative describing the progress of the bombing campaign along with detailed appendices showing overall losses by squadrons and groups, plus bases, names of prisoners of war and evaders, etc. In total, the book runs to 576 pages, illustrations restricted to the rear cover, and will retail at £19.95. As usual, I will be purchasing copies from my publishers for resale and, therefore, anyone wishing to buy a signed copy should contact me at 10 Sycamore Close, or telephone 552776.

**Sixpenny Handley First
School**

BINGO

Tuesday 16th December

7: 30 p.m.
(Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

To be held in the Village Hall



Sixpenny Handley

FOOTBALL CLUB

December Fixtures

SATURDAYS

Kick-off 2.15pm (unless otherwise stated)

December

6 th	<u>Handley</u> v Mere Town FC	Div 4 North and East
13 th	<u>Handley</u> v Islanders FC (Kick-off 1.45 pm)	Minor Cup Quarter Final
20 th	Lytchett Red Triangle v <u>Handley</u>	Div 4 North and East
27 th	<u>Handley</u> v Sherborne Town	Div 4 North and East

SUNDAYS

Kick-off 10:30am

December

7 th	Stepping Stones FC v <u>Handley</u>	Div 6
14 th	<u>Handley</u> v Morden FC	Div 6
21 st	Winton Sports v <u>Handley</u>	Div 6

The Saturday side will be playing for a place in the semi-final of the Dorset Minor Cup on the 13th December at Handley. Kick-off 1.45 pm (extra time if necessary)

Can we have as much support as possible please?

It would be good to see all members of the 100 Club positively supporting the Club on this occasion.

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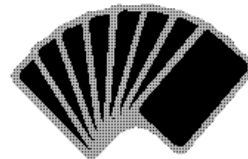
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Cranborne Chase Land Assessment

In the last issue, I referred to the District Council's Cranborne Chase Land Assessment document. Because it runs to some 33 pages, I thought it would be better to pull out little pieces that refer specifically to our parish. This is what the District's Conservation Officer had to say about the area under the heading "Archaeology":-

The history of the Cranborne Chase, and its effects in shaping the countryside, distinguishes the area from all other Chalkland landscapes. From prehistoric times man has been attracted to the area. The Bronze Age site at Handley Down is the earliest settlement. There are Iron Age hill-forts and settlements; the most important of which is Badbury Rings. Lesser forts existed at Pembury Knoll and Mistlebury Wood, near Sixpenny Handley.

Elevated downlands were popular sites for occupation during the Iron Age and Roman periods. At Woodcuts, near Sixpenny Handley, on Gussage Hill, Oakley Down (Wimborne St. Giles) and King Down (Pamphill) there is evidence of important settlements.

There are Roman remains at East Hemsworth, near Witchampton, and the remains of a villa at Holwell near Cranborne. The most significant landscape effect of Roman occupation in the area is Ackling Dyke, which connects Badbury Rings with Old Sarum.

There are two important defensive dykes still evident that lie in the AONB: Grim's Ditch near Pentridge, and Bokerly Dyke nearby, but lesser dykes within the area have been destroyed by agriculture.

There are over three hundred barrows and burial mounds dating from the Neolithic period concentrated around the Gussages, Pentridge and Knowlton Circle, but many have been destroyed by the plough. There are prominent barrows at Thickthorn Down, Gussage Hill and Bokerley Down.

Closely associated with the distribution of Long Barrows is The Dorset Cursus, a Neolithic ceremonial monument that extends for over six miles between Thickthorn and Martin Downs, parallel with the A354. Another important ceremonial centre was Knowlton Circle, also related to numerous barrows.

Most early Medieval settlements were confined to valley bottoms, a pattern that is evident today. The settlements of Brockington, Hemsworth and Knowlton are now only place names. Further north, away from the river valleys, the settlements comprised dispersed farms and hamlets - Sixpenny Handley being the only significant village.

Ian Davies



Sixpenny Handley

Bowls Club

Following our previous very successful events we are holding our third Quiz Evening on the 6th December at the Village Hall. This will be a special Christmas one so please come along and support this fun evening.

The club outdoor competitions have now been completed and the results are as follows: -

	Winners	Runners Up
Presidents Cup.....	Paul Noble	Brian Hansford
Mixed Singles.....	Gordon Martin	Jean Maidment
Men's Singles Champion.....	Gordon Oxford	Colin Chambers
Ladies Singles Champion.....		Gill Martin Phyllis Chown
Mixed Pairs.....	Brian Hansford Gill Martin	Tony Groves Maureen Moss
Mixed Triples.....	Derry Goddard Gordon Martin Brian Moss	Peter Martin Maureen Moss Sarah Churchill
Mixed Fours.....	Gordon Martin Gill Martin Jenny Churchill Paul Noble	Joyce Cooper Frieda Hadingham Derry Goddard Brian Moss
Novices Cup.....	Brian Hansford	Eva Goddard

**The Mystery of Woodyates
– inn extraordinary
By Michael Shepherd
(Reproduced from "Dorset Magazine"
No 8 1969)**

...continued from previous issue.

Later, the Princesses Elizabeth and Augusta, travelling to Weymouth in advance of their parents, also stayed at the Inn after their coach had lost a wheel on Martin Down, just over the Hampshire border. Having walked the final mile to Woodyates they must have taken their meals in that first floor dining room approached from an outside staircase the arches of which, although bricked up in 1870, were still clearly discernible up to the time of demolition.

Perhaps they, too, noted the famous family names inscribed on the windowsills and may even have seen the gallows similarly engraved. By next morning the offending wheel had been repaired and the journey to the sea continued although Mr. Shergold's service did not go un-rewarded for, when the King and Queen next passed through, the landlord was presented with a china tea service as a mark of appreciation.

Our story now moves to the late 19th century when a splendid racing stables was erected adjacent to The Shaftesbury Arms for, even on the 1901 edition of the Ordnance Survey, the building still bears that name. Single storied at the roadside, the other three wings were on two floors and here, seemingly well patronised by the aristocracy, William Day held sway as trainer. His best horses appear to have been kept in the stable block adjacent to the inn where the walls displayed some fine racing murals and, second-hand, from an elderly gentleman who was employed here as a stable lad comes the final, dramatic tale from Woodyates.

Here, it seems, a dark conspiracy was hatched whereby an extremely gifted horse was substituted for a "hack" running at long odds in a major race. Having fleeced the bookmakers as it romped home, this luckless animal was rushed back to Woodyates, shot and beheaded. The head was burnt and the body hurriedly buried in the centre of the exercise yard beneath, appropriately, a horse chestnut tree before the suspicious stewards of the turf authorities arrived hot-foot to set enquiries in train. But once more we must ask ourselves, fact or fable? Certainly reference to sporting records reveals that the 1901 Two Thousand Guineas was won by "Handicapper" at the handsome odds of 33-1. A good price indeed. And the trainer? F. W. Day!

Romans, King Arthur, Monmouth Hanoverian monarchy, and the racing fraternity have thus all passed by Woodyates, each leaving a morsel of history or folklore in their wake. But the indiscriminate 20th century bulldozers cared nought, sweeping aside farmhouse, ancient inn and racing stables alike to make way for road improvements and possible further redevelopment.

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SIXPENNY HANDLEY FLOWER SHOW 1998

The 1997 Flower Show financially made a loss. This is despite the quality of the events, considerable efforts by the organisers and the excellent weather on show day.

We cannot continue putting on this event if, each year, we lose more money.

Urgent help is therefore needed if the 1998 Flower Show is to be made, not just an enjoyable day, but also financially sound.

As a way of both attracting additional help and resources and understanding what you want from an annual show the Flower Show committee would ask you all to complete the questionnaire on the facing page and return it to the Show Secretary (Geraldine Vincent, 5 The Parsonage) in time for consideration at the next committee meeting on January 21st.

If you are interested in either the Horticultural/Gardening Club or in providing support or assistance for future shows we would be grateful if you would include your name and address when responding.

Thank You.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FLOWER SHOW 1998 Questionnaire

Do you think the Village should continue to run an August Show.....Yes No

Did you attend this years show.....Yes No

If No – Can you tell us why?

☐ - On holiday

☐ - Not aware it was taking place.

☐ - No interest

☐ - Too expensive

☐ - Other reason

If Yes – Did you enjoy it.....Yes No

Was it value for money.....Yes No

Will you go next year.....Yes No

A number of formats for the Show have been suggested, which would you support?

Continue with current format.....Yes No

Flower and vegetable Show only with no arena events...YesNo

A village day, eg Carnival am, Flower Show pm, and
a Barbecue in the evening.....Yes No

The Flower Show Committee is considering the creation of a Horticultural/Gardening Club to be run to support the annual show.

Would you be interested in joining.....Yes No

Would you be prepared to provide support either financially (ie sponsorship of a class) or give your time to assist in the organisation of future shows.....Yes No

Any other comments

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Name.....

Address.....

Please return to the Show Secretary, Geraldine Vincent, 5 The Parsonage, Sixpenny Handley by 20/01/98.

PLANNING MADNESS

Two contentious issues about planning have come to the parish over the last year, both of which cause me serious doubt about the way in which the District Council operates, especially with regard to Sixpenny Handley. The first concerns the land alongside the surgery and adjacent to Mulberry Court, most of which is outside the 1986 village envelope line; the second involves the development of the Victory Tours site.

The original outline plan to develop the land behind the surgery for residential purposes with eight dwellings and the formation of a residential estate road was eventually refused by East Dorset District Council. This refusal became the subject of an appeal and a local public enquiry was held on the 12th November 1996 and on the 27th/28th February this year. One of the reasons for the refusal was as follows:-

"The development would be contrary to Policy DI (Development in the Countryside) of the Dorset (excluding South East) Structure Plan, which states:- "Residential development will not normally be permitted in the countryside outside any settlement unless there is an essential agricultural, horticultural or forestry need which cannot be met in other ways". The applicant has not demonstrated any need. The site is located beyond the village envelope as defined in the Sixpenny Handley Informal Village Envelope 1986 and within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty."

In January this year, the District Council's Planning Committee decided that the Sixpenny Handley village envelope line should be moved to include most of the land behind the surgery. This was at a time when the whole matter was, I assume, sub-judice, i.e. in the middle of the public enquiry! In due course the Inspector rejected the appeal, although the District Council did have to pay a partial award of costs. Once the new envelope line was established in the District Wide Local Plan deposited on the 30th of June, the way was open for the developers to present another plan. This they did in August and it was pushed through so quickly by the District Council that even I, as Chairman of the Parish Plans Committee, have never seen it. With an issue so controversial that it needed a public enquiry to resolve the first part of the saga, it should have been almost incumbent upon the District Council to have detailed consultations with the people of Sixpenny Handley in the second part. Oh no, not this District Council! It demonstrates time and time again its absolute arrogance and disregard for local opinions! The sad part about this is that we pay them to do this!

The matter of the Victory Tours site is much more recent, but this too had to be pushed through in a hurry just to satisfy the developers - the Parish Plans Committee only had a week to look at amendments. Apart from the fact that the proposed development lies between the School and the Church and all developments now are supposed to match the existing surroundings (I wonder how they'll do that!), the proposals include a narrowing of that part of the main road which lies between the War Memorial and the School. This stretch of road with two nasty bends, one at each end, must be potentially the most dangerous in Handley and yet the District Council appear to be happy for this to happen. The thought of children embarking and disembarking for school in a potentially lethal situation fills me with horror. But even though the Parish Council objected strongly to these proposals, permission to build eleven houses was subsequently granted by the District Council Planning Committee. It only remains to be seen whether people will, as they tell me, lie down in the road to prevent it happening!

Ian Davies

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NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

It may seem rather insignificant to many but the wood has recorded an important first with the record of a Bechstein's bat being found in a nestbox. Colin Morris of The Vincent Wildlife



Trust, put up 60 boxes earlier this year and immediately a colony of long-eared bats was established. Discovery of a Natterer's bat was encouraging but the record of the much rarer Bechstein's is a first ever record of a box being used by this species. It is quite remarkable that this project to find the bat has been so successful in its first year. Because of the mild weather, long-eared bats have been very late leaving the wood for their hibernation - usually in caves - and some were still around in November.

The story with Dormouse boxes has been rather disappointing but it appears that this is a national problem rather than a local one. 75 boxes are established in the wood and for months there was little sign of dormice, only many bird's nests. However, by October we were delighted to find that 20 boxes had some form of dormouse nest and 15 individuals were weighed and sexed. It is clear that breeding has been almost non-existent this year, probably caused by the cold, wet spells in the early summer. Nearly all the animals were already up to winter hibernation weight with only two individuals light enough to suggest they are immatures born this summer. Reports from around the country suggest that this has been a very poor year for dormice and we hope for better things next season.

Once again there are signs of the boxes being interfered with: Please remember it is an offence against the Wildlife and Countryside Act to either tamper with the nestboxes or handle the animals.

As I have outlined previously, major works are underway in the wood. A large working party has started to clear some of the very old hazel that will be fenced off against deer predation and returned to the ancient coppicing cycle. Non-native trees in the plantation are being removed a little at a time to create scrub habitats that may encourage nightingales back. The Ancient Technology Centre at Cranborne has school teams working again: This year they have to replace large portions of their fencing and will be using natural materials in keeping with their dwellings.



All this may seem little to do with birds which is the

Come along and help us!

Wednesdays

7th January
28th January
25th February
11th March

28th December
11th January
15th February
1st March

Sundays

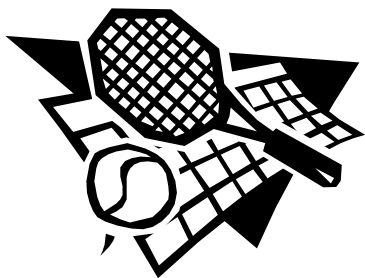
The season finishes on the 22nd March with a lunchtime barbecue

main reason for the RSPB's existence but the new plan for the wood is to encourage all aspects of wildlife, birds butterflies, mammals, invertebrates and flowers as well as provide a pleasant amenity for the local residents. By the end of the work in five years time, it will be much less dark with a wider range of flora and fauna to see and enjoy.

I hope many readers and members will take the opportunity to see the work as it progresses, especially when the spring

comes around again.

David Tucker



NEWS FROM SIXPENNY HANDLEY TENNIS CLUB

The club has just completed its first full year and is happy to report a successful season. The membership is now standing at 266 and the courts were well used during the summer months. Various tournaments were played, and the club has awarded its two cups for the first time.

The winners of the mens' doubles cup donated by Vic Fryer, were Mark Morgan and Michael Catchpole, whilst the ladies' cup, donated by Gordon Clarke, was won by Jill Carlisle and Annie Noble.

Winter tournaments are now under way, and Roni Peck is running ladies' coaching sessions at the courts on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Bill Chorley on 552776.

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS!

A teenagers' tennis ladder is to run throughout the winter months, starting as soon as possible. All teenage members are welcome to join in. As there is little daylight, matches will have to be played at weekends and during the Christmas holidays. If you would like to join, please make sure that you would be able to play matches, so that the ladder is not held up! We hope to get at least a dozen teenagers interested and warmly welcome anyone who is keen to play. Matches will be the best of three short sets (i.e. first to 6). If you would like to be included in this ladder, please contact James Reed on 552518 as soon as possible.

**WATCH THIS SPACE
GAMES EVENING PLANNED FOR LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY
EVERYONE WELCOME
WATCH FOR DETAILS.**



Christmas is coming!

St. Mary's Mob would like to invite children
aged 4 and older to join us for the weeks before Christmas when we will
be having a special series of meetings

from

9:30am to 11:00am starting in the Church
from Sunday 30th November – Sunday 21st December.

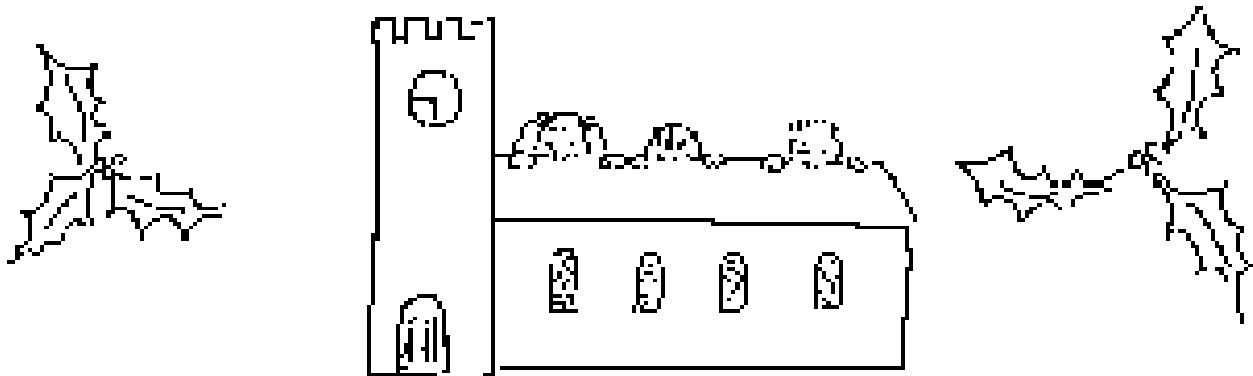
We are preparing a nativity tableau for the Christingle Service and
would love to have as many of you as possible taking part.

We will also be doing some special Christmas craft activities!

Why not come along on the 30th and join in the fun!

If you're interested please ring Wendie Everall on 552843.

(so we have some idea of numbers for the activities)



“FOR THE KIDZ” NEWS

Due to the success of the Bonfire Party on 2nd November we now have only just over £400 left to raise to reach our magic figure of £7500, the amount we need to be able to put in for our grants.

The “For The **Kidz**” committee would like to say a big thank you to Steve & Gill Judd for letting us use the camping field for the Bonfire Party and thank you to Rob Jesse, our super chef. Also thank you to all who helped and supported us.

Future Events

On 6th December, Handley Hall, 2:30pm we are holding **A BAZUMBLE** with Christmas Tombola, Jumble, Toys, Books, 50/50 Christmas For Sale Stall, Bric-A-Brac, Teas etc.

SO HAVE A PRE CHRISTMAS SORT OUT – Anything you can spare us will be much appreciated. If you can spare us a couple of hours to help us on the day we will be very grateful.

We will be drawing the SUPER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE on that day. Come to the newsagents and get your tickets!

The lovely prizes include – Cordless Drill – 1.5L Gin – Super Size Teddy – Vodka – Christmas Cake – Christmas Pudding – Wine – Chocolates & lots more.

Carol Singing

Weather permitting we will be Carol Singing with the Imps on Friday 19th December. All who can come along and join in will be most welcome. Ask Bronia for further information.

Children’s Christmas Party

Last years children’s Christmas Party was a huge success. This is a **non-profit making event** that the children greatly enjoyed and so did we. The cost per child will be £2 again this year. This covers the Village Hall hire, Santa’s visit and other extras including party hats & drinks. We ask each child to bring along a plate of food to share with everyone. A list will be put up in the newsagents from early December, for you to add your child & food donation so that we can make sure we have all we need and that not everyone brings marmite sandwiches. Under fives must be accompanied by an adult.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone for all your support and encouragement. We have achieved in just one year that which I expected to take three years at least.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and for more “For The **Kidz**” watch this space in 1998!

Bronia Styles

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.

The AGM for Chase Community friends was held at Chettle Village hall on Monday 10th November.

A full account of the last year's business was given by our co-ordinators.

The retiring Chairman, Alec Hunt and Treasurer, David Salmons, were thanked for their work and the new Chairman, Dr. Geddes, and Treasurer Maureen Penrose were elected.

Alec Hunt was made President of Chase Community Friends and the meeting was closed with refreshments.

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Sixpennies Pre-School



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 1997 at 10.30 am

All parents, relations, friends and villagers are invited to join us for
a cup of coffee/tea and mince pie,
and to listen to the children singing some of their favourite songs.
Followed by Christmas Carols

We look forward to seeing you!

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

Press Release

Concessionary Fare Scheme 1997/98

The Concessionary Fare Scheme has been increased to make the scheme available to a further 250 people.

The East Dorset District Council's General Purposes Committee was advised that the scheme's original limit of 3,800 packs had already been taken up, and voted to extend it by 250 packs of tokens. The scheme provides concession travel using National Transport Tokens, the annual value of which, for this year 1997/98, is £22.00 per person.

To qualify for these additional tokens people have to be eligible under the scheme and not already have received tokens in the year 1997/98. Anyone who has applied and been turned down due to lack of availability is welcome to re-apply. These extra tokens are available on a first come, first served basis.

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For more information contact Mr Paul Hudson on (01202) 886201 ext. 362



Do you run a local business?

Are you looking for local customers?

If so why not advertise in this magazine.

Issued 6 times a year, almost 650 copies of the magazine are delivered free to every property in the Parish.

Your advert will reach all these people
and you will also be helping to support the local communities, and their organisations,
 whose activities are publicised and reported in this magazine.

Our next issue will be published on February 1st.

For full details on costs and discounts for multiple issues contact the Editor.

PARISH DIARY

DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
Dec 03	Bridge at The Roebuck	10	Dec 27	Handley F.C. Sat. Match	23
Dec 03	Chase Community Friends (Weekly on Thursdays)	24	Dec 28	Carols at St Marys	04
Dec 06	Handley F.C. Sat. Match	36	Dec 28	RSPB at Garston Wood	32
Dec 06	Bowls Club Christmas Quiz	23	Dec 31	S.H.E.D.D.S. New Year	15
Dec 06	For The Kidz Bazumple	26	Jan 07	Bridge at The Roebuck	24
Dec 07	Handley F.C. Sun. Match	35	Jan 07	RSPB at Garston Wood	32
Dec 07	St. Mary's Mob	23	Jan 08	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	15
Dec 08	100 Club Draw	34	Jan 11	RSPB at Garston Wood	32
Dec 08	W.I. Meeting	11	Jan 12	W.I. Meeting	12
Dec 10	Wednesday Club Lunch	12	Jan 14	Wednesday Club	07
Dec 11	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	07	Jan 14	Whist at the Village Hall	10
Dec 12	The Imps Xmas Concert	15	Jan 16	Downsman Copy Deadline	**
Dec 13	Whist - Christmas Drive	10	Jan 20	Flower Show Question	29
Dec 13	Handley F.C. Sat. Match	23	Jan 21	Bridge at The Roebuck	24
Dec 14	Handley F.C. Sun. Match	23	Jan 22	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	15
Dec 14	St. Mary's Mob	34	Jan 28	Wednesday Club	07
Dec 16	S.H. First School Bingo	22	Jan 28	Whist at the Village Hall	10
Dec 16	Pre-School Coffee Morning	37	Jan 28	RSPB at Garston Wood	32
Dec 17	Bridge at The Roebuck	24	Feb 04	Bridge at The Roebuck	24
Dec 19	For The Kidz Carol Singing	35	Feb 05	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	15
Dec 20	S.H.E.D.D.S. Father Xmas	15	Feb 09	W.I. Meeting	12
Dec 20	Handley F.C. Sat. Match	23	Feb 11	Wednesday Club	07
Dec 21	Carols by Candlelight	04	Feb 11	Whist at the Village Hall	10
Dec 21	Handley F.C. Sun. Match	23	Feb 15	RSPB at Garston Wood	32
Dec 21	St. Mary's Mob	34	Feb 18	Bridge at The Roebuck	24
Dec 24	Christingle at St Marys	04	Feb 19	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	15
Dec 25	Christmas Day Services	04	Feb 25	Whist at the Village Hall	10
Dec 27	S.H.E.D.D.S. Xmas Disco	15	Feb 25	RSPB at Garston Wood	32

Please support your local functions

Details correct at time of going to press.

Organisers -

Please let the Editor have details of any additional items to be included above. Dates quoted in contributors' copy will appear automatically.

The aim is to cover the forthcoming 3 month period each issue.



NEW BABY CLINIC POST NATAL SUPPORT GROUP

A chance to share concerns and meet
new friends with similar needs.
Contact - Val Bowen
Tel:- 01725 552792

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 552892

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
Tel:- 01725 552024



Sixpenny Handley School Link Group

An introduction to mainstream school. Time to get to know the
teachers, the routines and expectations of school life.
Monday and Friday morning 8:45am - 11:15am
Contact - Sue Shepperd
Tel:- 01725 552784

Sixpenny Handley First School

Age 4 - 9 years
Give your child a first class education in the friendly, caring
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Register your child as soon as possible to ensure a place.
Contact - Mrs A. Latcham (Headteacher)
Tel:- 01725 552356

