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April 1998

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Details correct at time of going to press.

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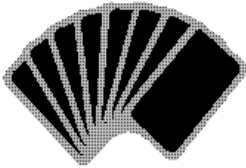
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- To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer.
- The first 90% of the task takes 90% of the time. The last 10% of the task takes the other 90% of the time.
- The number of formatted disks you have available is always n-1, where n is the number of disks you actually need.
- The reliability of a computer system is inversely proportionate to the urgency of the

WHIST AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCES: 7:30pm

Wednesday 8th April
Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 6th May



Details - Bill Chorley - Tel: 01725 552776

BRIDGE AT THE ROEBUCK COMMENCES: 8:00pm

Wednesday 1st April
Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 29th April
Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 27th May



Welcome to the April edition of The Downsman.

My apologies to those of you who received your February edition of The Downsman late. This has been taken up with the Homewatch personnel and hopefully the problem has been resolved. I believe that because of the late delivery some of you who wanted to enter the competition were unable to do so. Although we do not have one in this issue, we plan further competitions, and I will ensure that entries are accepted as late as possible so everyone can have a go!

Recently I became aware that some people in the Parish did not realise that the Parish Council influenced the content of The Downsman.

Although this surprised me, on reflection I felt that this editorial slot provided me with the opportunity to clarify the basis under which this magazine is produced.

The Parish Council is the publisher of The Downsman and as such is ultimately responsible for its content. Also both The Clerk to the Parish Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are members of the editorial team. It therefore follows that the Parish Council does have an influence on the contents of the magazine. However when I was asked to be Editor it was made clear to me that the Parish Council were looking for someone who was “independent” and that I would have editorial control over what was or was not published. This editorial control has remained in place and at no time in the last 9 months have I been asked by any member of the Parish Council to omit or

Cover Picture
One of my own photos - taken when the rains came and Dean Lane became Dean River!!!
Early 1989 - I think!

modify any article submitted for publication.

I suppose that in the end the issue is not whether the Council has influence over the content, which it clearly does, but whether it uses that influence unduly, which is simply not the case.

Finally, reading the poem reproduced on the centre page, turned a dull day into a sunny one and kept me smiling for a long time. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did.

Keep those contributions coming.....

Alan Vincent

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The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the 1st June 1998
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NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD



The first Wood Anemones are out, so is the Toothwort. Blackbirds and Thrushes are establishing territories and I am sure I have heard the first chiffchaff. Spring is here! It is still winter though for the Woodcock that have been wintering in the woods, they can still be flushed from the damper parts.

As any visitor can see, particularly from the awful mud, we have been extremely busy this winter with about six acres of woods coppiced and fenced using the system we have now decided to use. The wire sections will be re-used every three years as far as possible, and the natural fences turned into habitat piles to aid recovery of the insect life that has been lost. Some standard trees have been removed to let in more light and more of them will be cut down or ring-barked and left for deadwood. All the hole-nesting birds find there is a shortage of available nesting places in the healthy trees, so that the numbers breeding are quite low and some species are absent. Hopefully the birds will eventually stop using the dormouse boxes!

Where the standards have shaded the coupes too much the hazel has died or is in a poor state. This year for the first time we have started to layer the whippy shoots to encourage a greater density of stools in the cleared areas. This involves pegging the long shoots into the ground in a ‘U’shape to stimulate root growth. This only works if you remove the large trees and each year we will continue to do this as we clear the hazel. The work was started by groups of children from the Ancient Technology Centre at Cranborne, under the supervision of Jake Keen and “Uncle” Reg Miles.



At least a hundred trees will have to be thinned to restore the wood to its original state. In the conservation review of ancient woodlands in 1989, comment on photographs show that the wood “should be properly called high forest” and not “coppice with standards” due to the shading, and we have had another ten years growth since then. As each coupe is coppiced the standards will be thinned to a suitable density of about 30 per hectare.

Dates for your diary:

Spring Open Day: Sunday 17th May
Summer Open Day: Sunday 19th July,
With Free Guided Tours from 10.00am, last one 3.30pm.

In spring we should have a superb display of Bluebells, Ramsons and some Orchids, together with the first of the migrants, usually Chiffchaffs, Willow Warblers and TurtleDoves.
The Summer Open Day is notable for flowers and birds but especially for butterflies.

David Tucker

Local Events in April & May from
“The Dorset Countryside Book 1998”

Sunday 19th April 10:30am
TWO-COUNTIES WALK
With Ramblers Association, East Dorset group. An approximately 10 mile long Two-Counties walk. Bring a packed lunch and wear good walking boots and waterproofs. There is no charge for this walk.
Meet: Furlong Long Stay car park, Ringwood.

Wednesday 13th May 10:30am
CRANBORNE RAMBLE
Join the East Dorset Ramblers Group for a 9 mile walk. Bring a packed lunch and wear good walking boots and waterproof

clothing. There is no charge for this walk.
Meet: Cranborne (Park in Village).

Saturday 30th May 2.00pm
BOKERLEY DYKE – A PREHISTORIC LANDSCAPE
A look at the archaeology and wildlife on Bokerley Dyke, with Claire Pinder of the County Council Archaeology Service and Dorset Countryside Ranger, Gill Myers. Approximately 2½ hours. Free to Friends of Dorset Countryside.
Meet: At the lay-by at Bokerley Junction on A354 Blandford to Salisbury road.

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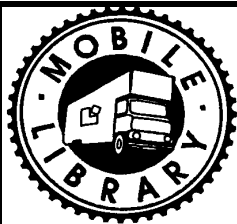
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Issued 6 times a year, almost 650 copies of the magazine are delivered free to every property in the Parish.

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whose activities are publicised and reported in this magazine.

Our next issue will be published on June 1st.

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



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Visits on Tuesdays Fortnightly

Pentridge
The Old Post Office - 2:05pm - 2:20pm
Woodyates
Cobley Close - 2:30pm - 2:45pm
Deanland
Barley Corn House—2:55pm - 3:10pm

APR	7	21	
MAY	5	19	
JUN	2	16	30
JUL	14	28	
AUG	11	25	
SEP	8	22	
OCT	6	20	
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FEB	9	23	
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Visits on Every Tuesday

Sixpenny Handley
School - 3:20pm – 3:30pm
Garage - 3:35pm – 4:05pm
Letter Box, Dean Lane 4:10pm – 4:20pm
Sheasby Close—4:25pm – 4:45pm

>>>> **Dan PET RESCUE** (Chelsea)!!!!!!

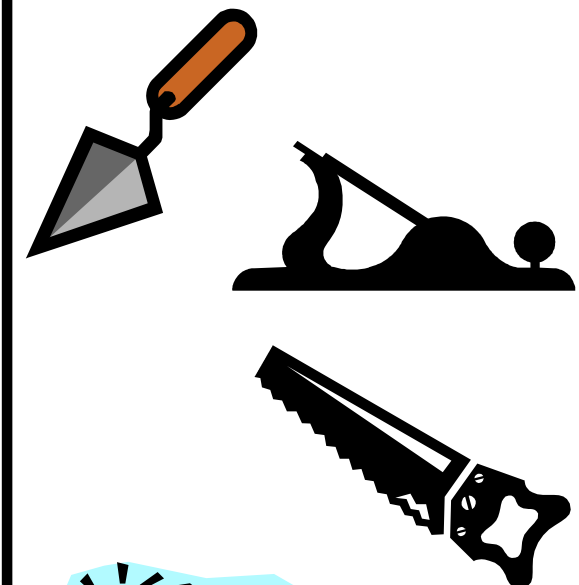
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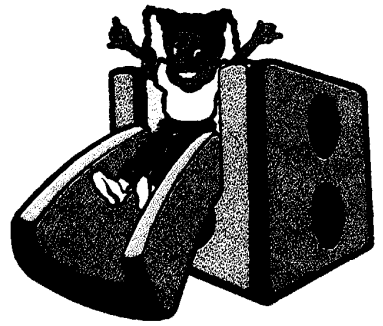
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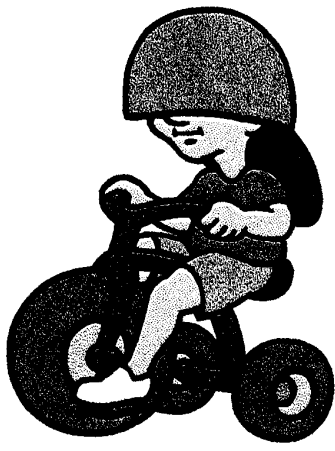
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The Happy Nappy Club



We welcome all new members and visitors to join us at the Village Hall on Monday mornings between 10 and 11:30am (during school term).

From slides, sit-n-rides and sing-songs, to tents, tunnels and tea-sets. Play with playdough, paint a purple picture, have fun with friends, dress up and dance or just relax and read.



Not only are there toys for the children, there's also friendly chat for the adults and other great events all year round.

Everyone is welcome - from babies and toddlers to children up to school age, with their mums, dads, nannies and minders! £1.40 per morning, refreshments inclusive.

If you have any questions phone Penny on **01725 552024**

The Happy Nappy Club - Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

To the Clerk to Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council.

Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground

I have now obtained an accurate breakdown of costs for the construction of the tennis courts.

I have made no allowance for any operations and construction works except those of the tennis court itself, and have not included for a percentage of the car park, additional fencing and signs, grounding of the overhead cable, Planning and Building Regulations fees, entrance sign, purchase of additional land, or any costs in connection with the Pavilion.

The tennis courts represent 16% of the external works construction costs (e.g. excluding the Pavilion), and I would recommend that 16% of the balance of the work should be added to the enclosed list.

Brian Watts RIBA
Philip Proctor Associates
Chartered Architects

Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground

Breakdown of costs directly relating to construction of double Tennis court.

	£
Preliminaries (based on percentage of total contract)	961
Removal of topsoil, excavations, cutting and filling to specified levels	1,500
Construction of 215mm thick brick retaining walls and foundations.	4,660
Drainage and associated pea shingle bedding	408
Stone base	2,250
Blinding to stone	1,000
Kerb edging to wearing surfaces	700
Courtstall two layer wearing surface, lining, spray finish and equipment	11,000
Fencing and Gate	2,506
Ramps, paths (based on percentage of total contract)	508
Floodlight ducting (percentage of total installation)	208
Plant and Labour	3,050
Sub Total	28,751
Proportion of professional fees (7%)	2,012

Total costs directly relating to construction of Tennis Courts £30,763

St Mary's Church



April

“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

WHO’S WHO

The Vicar	
The Rev. Ron Wood, The Vicarage, Sixpenny Handley	552608
Churchwardens (St. Mary’s with Gussage St. Andrew)	
Mr. David Salmons, 4 Wyke Cottages, Wimborne St. Giles	552721
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Lay Pastoral Assistants	
Mrs. Wendie Everall (Youth and Sunday School)	552843
Mr. Haydn Everall (Youth and Sunday School)	
Mistleberry Cottage, Newtown	552843
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Mrs. Pamela Wood, The Vicarage, Sixpenny Handley	552608
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Dr. Zoe Harris, 16 St. Mary’s Court, Sixpenny Handley	552430

5th, Palm Sunday Family Service at 9.30 at St Mary's. Palm Crosses will be given out. 11.15 at St Rumbold's, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, with the blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses.

April 9th Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 11 St. Mary’s Court at 7.30pm. The Last Supper took place in a house, which is why we meet in a house on this evening.

April 10th Good Friday 7.30pm at St Mary's, Readings and Hymns to tell the story of Jesus' suffering and death.

April 12th Easter Sunday Holy Communion at Gussage St Andrew at 8.30am, at St Mary's at 9.30am and at St Rumbold's at 11.15am. Evensong at 6.00pm at St Mary's.

Everybody should be able to get to church somewhere, sometime on Easter Sunday!

Parochial Church Council - Annual Meetings

The Annual Meetings of the Parochial Church Councils (PCCS) are when we elect our Churchwardens and other officers for the year. All those who are on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to come and vote.

The Annual Meeting for **St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley** is on **Tuesday April 21st** at 7.30pm in the church.

The Annual Meeting for **St Rumbold's, Pentridge**, is on **Friday, April 24th** at 5:30pm in the church.

Ron Wood

St Mary's Church



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Car Parking at St Mary's

As you will all have noticed by now, building work has now started on the Coach Yard site by St. Mary's. This means that St. Mary's no longer has any form of carpark. Of course, we never owned a carpark, but Nick Adams very kindly allowed us to use the Victory Tours' yard on Sundays and for other services.

Now we are on our own, and all the PCC can do is to ask you to park as sensibly and courteously as possible. The best place seems to be - on Sundays - along the road outside the School. Stephen Judd at Church Farm has always been generous in allowing parking on his field for special occasions. But do please remember that the lane up to the field is used all the time for farm machinery and, especially in the summer, there are many caravans needing access to the camping field.

PLEASE, PLEASE, don't obstruct the lane at any time.

St. Mary's P.C.C.

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

Wednesday Club has had an excellent start to the year. We were delighted to welcome the newly formed String Group from Queen Elizabeth School who gave an excellent recital; we have asked them to come again. And the afternoon on herbs and herbal medicine was a real eye opener - to say nothing of being great fun! We've also done some history and some pottery and enjoyed a Victorian Entertainment.

The programme for April onwards includes the Sandroyds School Choir, Conjuring, Hearing and Dowsing; full details can be found on the Village Hall Noticeboard or by phoning Handley 552279 or 552608.

We meet every other Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Despite the name "Wednesday Club", you don't have to be a member - just come along and join in. The current entry charge is 75p. which gives you tea as well.

Dear Sir

The Parish Council has been asked by the Editor to respond to the letter by Mr Radclyffe published in this edition. This is the response:-

The Parish Council was requested, as part of Mr Froud's bequest, to provide a tennis court for the benefit of the community of Sixpenny Handley. The money from the legacy was added to money borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board and, together with the interest which had accumulated, was used to obtain a grant from the Lottery Fund in order to develop the Recreation Ground into the facilities seen today. With the help of the grant, the Parish Council was able to provide two tennis courts; the family of Mr Froud, having seen the results, is delighted with the outcome. A breakdown of the costs involved in providing the tennis courts has been obtained from the Council's architects and the Editor has been asked to publish these details with this response.

Mr Radclyffe has raised the question of equipment and coaching for the village school children. At the moment, the Sixpenny Handley First School handles tennis coaching for its pupils and the Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club is providing coaching for young adults with the co-operation of the local LTA coach. It was always assumed that the Tennis Club would offer coaching to its members, especially the younger members, in the same way as this is carried out to a lesser or greater extent within the other clubs which share the Recreation Ground facilities. With regard to the question of equipment; although this was not a requirement of the legacy, when the Tennis Club was first formed, the members were asked whether they required racquets; the reply was that the youngsters generally had their own or would receive them in the form of gifts from members of the family once they had shown an interest in the sport.

As far as future capital expenditure is concerned, the, Project Committee, the group of people currently in charge of running the whole facility, is in the process of setting up an Association of the sports clubs - Bowls, Football, Cricket and Tennis Clubs – with the intention of handing over the responsibility of looking after the site to this Association. It is hoped that the Association will be formed as soon as possible so that matters such as the future financial implications of maintenance expenditure can be discussed.

In his last paragraph, Mr Radclyffe takes issue with the amount of money spent by the Parish Council on ties for parish councillors. These were commissioned by the Parish Council for the Opening ceremony so that councillors would be easily recognised on the day. The ties are blue and printed with the village badge, which is encompassed by an oval shape carrying the words "Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council"; their cost, including cravats for lady councillors and spares for future councillors, was £176.00. Councillors wear them with pride for their village in the same way as members of the Bowls, Cricket and Football Clubs wear badged sports kit to show that wherever they are they represent Sixpenny Handley and its community. Above all, they wear them as a tribute to Mr Froud who by his generosity made the whole thing possible.

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
{The details from the Council's architects are reproduced on the next page. Ed.}

Letters to the 'Editor'

Dear Sir,

Some years ago Edwin Froud bequeathed the sum of £27,000 in order that tennis facilities could be provided for Sixpenny Handley.

Several years later, after which over £5,000 in interest had been received by the Parish Council in respect of the bequest being kept on deposit, tennis courts were erected at a cost of £25,000.

In consequence, I have been trying to discover the whereabouts of the balance of £7,000,

Unfortunately, it would appear that no monies have been spent by the Parish Council on obtaining tennis racquets and other equipment; nor on coaching fees for the village school children; nor retained for future capital expenditure on the courts; and nor on the maintenance of the courts,

So far, all that I have discovered is that the Parish Council has spent £240 on buying themselves neckties!

Yours faithfully

W. A. R. Radclyffe

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Thank you Message from Mrs Betty Weeks

I would like to thank everyone for their get well wishes and cards during my recent spell in hospital.

I am home now, and am hopefully, God willing, on my way to recovery, although I fear that it will be quite a little while before you see me out on my usual jaunts.

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Dear Sir,

Congratulations on the February edition. The Downsman goes from strength to strength. So also does the “Chase Community Friends”, now in its eighth year.

Your readers may be interested to know that the C.C.F. has recently received a bonus in addition to its annual grant from Dorset County Council - *in recognition of the valued service that your organisation provides to older people in the community.*”

Details of the full range of voluntary support offered will be found on page 27.

Yours faithfully

Eileen Rickards

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Cranborne Chase A.N.O.B.

Most readers will not know that our Parish is one of the seventy or so which lie within one of the thirty-seven Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty up and down England. These are much less well known, but in landscape terms no less important than the seven National Parks which are administered differently, and have the added and onerous responsibility of catering for recreation.

Our own AONB, established as long ago as 1983, is called Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs. We who live in it know that it is a thoroughly rural area. It actually has no towns at all, the boundary running along the outside edges of Salisbury, and then (clockwise) past, not through, Fordingbridge, Wimborne, Blandford, Shaftesbury, Warminster and Wilton.

It contains two expanses of high chalk downland, separated by the Vale of Wardour in the southern half and the Wylde Valley in the northern. What we all need to realise is that it is fairly and squarely up to us, its residents, to retain its distinctiveness.

AONB designation is a national process aimed at conserving and enhancing “natural beauty”, a term which includes geological, historical, scientific and wildlife features as well as the visual qualities and physical characteristics. Responsibility for all this rests with the local authorities, so in our own case it is Dorset and Wiltshire (plus for a very few parishes Hampshire and Somerset) County Councils and the relevant District Councils which share with us who live here the task of caring for this AONB.

In order to raise local awareness, there has been every autumn since 1995 a consultative seminar, held in the Area near the county border. These have been interesting and worthwhile occasions attracting by invitation about 75 people each time, and reasonably representative of the farmers and landowners concerned, and of a good number of voluntary and statutory organisations involved in the Area. Issues such as farm development and diversification, the needs of communities, and landscape management have been discussed. Concerted action is not easy, since seven District Councils are inside the Area, and many different groupings of other bodies. But some modest suggestions are emerging. These include the placing of boundary signs. Another is that we should tactfully encourage farmers and landowners to cut their hedges only every two years, and then to do them to an A-shape, which is far more bird and small mammal-friendly than the low flat top. But other ideas will be most gratefully received. Do please write with them to your County Authority:-

Richard Burden, Environmental Services Directorate, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

The challenge to every one of us is to manage change creatively, so that by our joint efforts we keep this Area Beautiful. It will be increasingly difficult, given the conflicting pressures of the next few years. Awareness is the first step: we are part of an AONB. The next is grasping the complementary roles of the local authorities, the voluntary organisations and ourselves the residents, and giving time and trouble to act upon them in a shared responsibility.

Sixpennies Pre-School

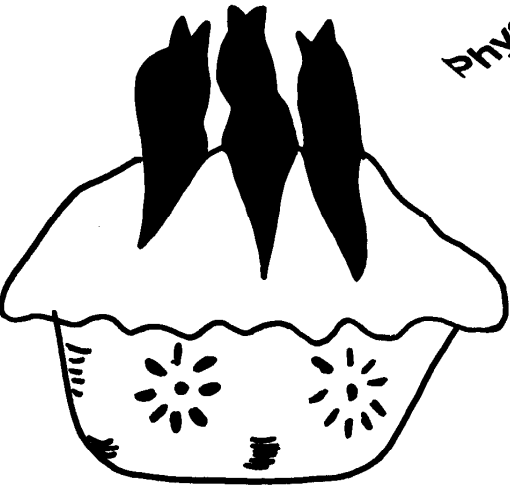
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Sixpenny Handley
Salisbury SP5 5QQ
01725 552776

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Category	Annual Subscription	Amount enclosed
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Key deposit (single payment on joining/refundable on cessation of membership and return of key)	£5	_____
Total		_____

Please make cheques payable to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club.

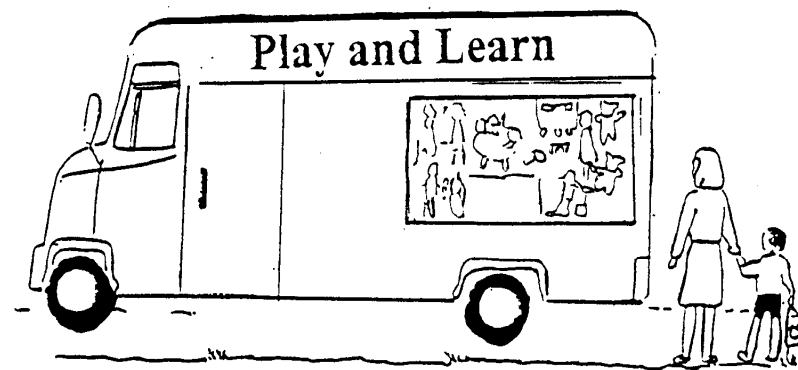
Please complete this section when applying for/renewing family membership.

Name of spouse _____
Children _____ Age _____
_____ Age _____
_____ Age _____

Signature of applicant _____

For official use: Your application for membership to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club has been accepted and your membership No. is _____ This number should be quoted when booking the courts, via Mrs Roni Peck on (01725) 516350.

Signed _____ Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
01725 552776

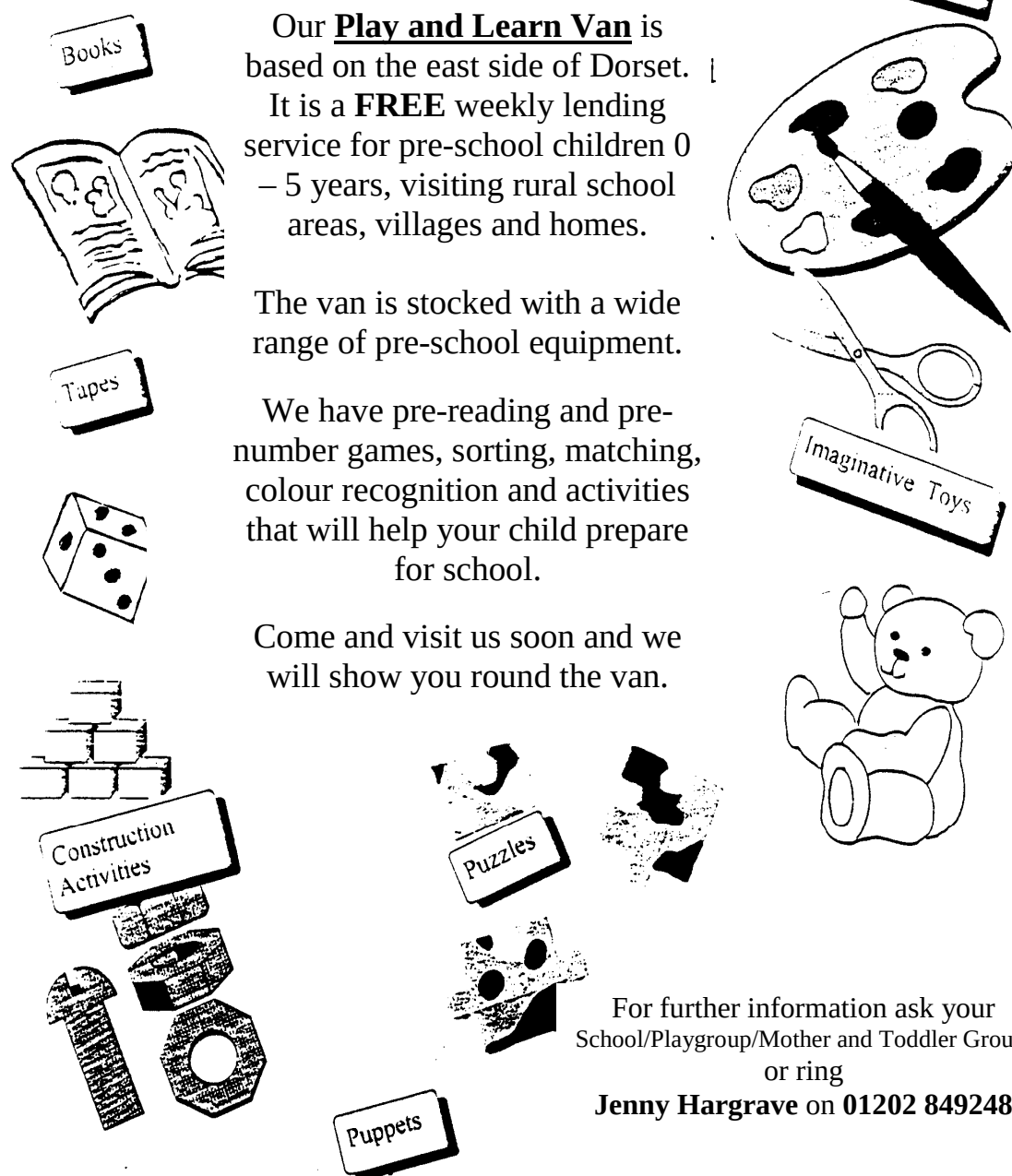


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9:15 am – 10:00 am outside the Village Hall

Sixpennies Pre-School and Link Group have just received an excellent OFSTED report, a copy of which is available on request. The children currently attending are receiving excellent Pre-school education from fully qualified and dedicated staff.

Sixpennies Pre-School and Link Group are non-profit making organisations, run by an elected committee of parents, with the happiness, love and care of both children and parents their main concern.

We have strong links with the local First School and hope the children's time with us is both a happy and a productive one.

At Sixpennies Pre-School we aim to promote the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of children in a very high quality educational and happy environment at a low cost.

Where the children in our care can have fun and fulfil their potential and develop a love for learning, so can go on to Link Group and School well prepared and confident.

We have well qualified and experienced staff and have a staff/child ratio of 1:6.

The major areas of the curriculum are: -

Language and Literacy

The children sing well and listen attentively to stories. They enjoy books. The children have access to the well-resourced and colour school library at the link group." OFSTED '98

Mathematics

Through practical play and mathematics activities the staff encouraged the pupils to be constantly mathematically aware. Staff explain and demonstrate, bringing mathematics into many of the activities." OFSTED '98

Personal and Social Development

The personal and social development of the children at the pre-school is excellent." OFSTED '98

Physical Development

The physical development programme is good. Children are fortunate in having a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities to increase their co-ordination and bodily control." OFSTED '98

Creative Development

The educational programme for creative development is good. Children explore sound, colour and shape in two and three dimensions." OFSTED '98

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The children participate in many worthwhile activities to expand their knowledge of the world. Technology was used effectively to assist learning and pupils have access to audio tapes, a computer, a television and numerous educational videos at the school." OFSTED '98

Even with all these great assets, our numbers have fallen recently and if we can not improve these numbers we may be forced to close. We feel our Pre-School is an asset to this village and helps to introduce the children into school life.

For further information about Sixpennies Pre-School.....

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FOR THE KIDZ

Having missed the February issue of The Downsman (all my own fault) I feel I must let you all know how and what the For The Kidz are doing.

With the wonderful support that we had at the BAZUMBLE in December (we raised over £600) we broke our £7500 playarea target. This money has been invested in a high interest bank account waiting for planning permission to be given on one of the sites that have been so kindly offered to us by Savilles on behalf of Mr. Michael Pitt-Rivers. Finding the right site is quite a problem but we are ever hopeful.

Now we have the playarea money and can do no more until we have a site, we are turning our fundraising efforts to raise money for the Youth of our village. We would like to start a youth club and provide other facilities for the youth of the village. If anyone would like to help fundraising "For The Youth" or has any good ideas for youth facilities we would love to hear from you. Especially the 9 to 16 year olds – what would you like to see in your village?

Let us know and we will see what we can do!

For The Kidz/Youth
Of Sixpenny Handley

Jumble Sale – Saturday April 25th
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Jumble – Nearly New – Toys – Books – Bric A Brac
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Etc – Etc



HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB



The team lost their Minor Cup Semi-final match by 4-1. The opposition were the best team on the day!

However playing the same club again the following week in the League we ran out winners by 3-1. Calvin Bent getting all three goals for us.

The club is Top of the League by one point with two games in hand; so let's hope we can win the league!

Those people who belong to the 100 club are reminded that there are only two more draws before the subscriptions are due again.

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Competition Winner

The winner of our competition in the
February issue was Mrs Kirby of
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The photo was of Champs Farm House in
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HOT NEWS – Meals on Wheels comes to Sixpenny Handley

A Calendar Of Change

The beginning of what people call "the third millennium" since the birth of Christ is now only 20 months away and I thought it would be interesting to discover how we will arrive at this date in time. To do this I referred to the "Calendars" section of the Guinness Book of Knowledge.

The most widespread calendar in use is apparently the Gregorian, which is based on the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar was established by Julius Caesar in 46 BC to reform the Roman calendar which had become out of synchronisation with the solar year. On the advice of the Egyptian astronomer Sosigenes, the year 46 BC was lengthened to 445 days to realign it with the solar year.

From then on a period of three years, each lasting 365 days, was to be followed by a leap year with 366 days. Each year was divided into 12 months, each of 30 or 31 days, except February which was at the end of the Roman year and thus given the remaining 28 days in a normal year or 29 days in a leap year.

The year the Julian calendar was introduced became known as "the year of confusion" because so few people understood the change!

The Julian system assumed, however, that the average length of a year was 365.25 days, but this is actually slightly too long (by 11 minutes 14 seconds) when compared with the astronomical year. Over time this discrepancy became even more obvious, and by the year 1582 the calendar was 10 days ahead of the astronomical year. In that year, Pope Gregory XIII solved the problem by turning the 5th of October into the 15th of October. This new system was known as the Gregorian calendar, and most Roman Catholic countries adopted it immediately. Several Protestant nations did not instigate the change until 1700. Britain aligned itself in 1752 whilst Russia stuck to the Julian system until 1918.

To ensure that the slight error in the Julian calendar would not be repeated, it was decided that century years would be leap years only if they were divisible by 400. Thus 1600 was a leap year, and 2000 will be a leap year, but 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not. The Gregorian system has an error of 0.0005 days per year, but it will not need to be adjusted for many hundreds of years; there will probably be no adjustment until the year 4000, which may lose its leap year status, although minute variations in the Sun-Earth relationship have not made this a certainty.

This section of the Book of Knowledge also contained the following derivations of the names of months from their equivalents in the Roman republican calendar :-

January - named after Janus, the god of doorways and of beginnings.

February - named after Februa, the Roman festival of purification.

March - named after the god Mars, the Roman god of war. This was the first month in the Roman calendar.

April - possibly named after the Aphrodite, the Greek equivalent to the Roman goddess Venus. It may however have been named after the latin word aperire, "to open".

May - named after the the goddess Maia, the mother of Mercury.

June - named after the goddess Juno, the wife of Jupiter.

July - named after Julius Caesar in 44 BC.

August - named after the emperor Augustus in 8 BC.

September - the seventh month in the Roman calendar and derived from the latin word septem meaning "seven".

October - derived from the latin word octo meaning "eight".

November - derived from the latin word novem meaning "nine".

December - derived from the latin word decem meaning "ten".

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- Collection of prescriptions - local shopping for the house bound.
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- 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.

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Police Reorganisation

This month sees a major reorganisation within Dorset Police. Our local station, Blandford Forum, ceases to be part of the old Dorchester Division and will instead report to Christchurch. The Crime Desk, to which all crimes should be reported, will be at Verwood, where our Crime Prevention Officer is DC Mike Moorcroft who can be reached on (01202) 222810. To call the police for assistance you should still use the Blandford station number, (01258) 452101 or in emergency dial 999.

There is one other change that will affect our village in particular. WPC Alison Gadd, who has been our community policewoman for several years, is transferring to the CID. Her place has been taken by PC Stuart Cotton, who like Alison will operate out of Blandford with particular responsibility for the villages in our area. Of course we are lucky to retain the help provided by our own voluntary Special Constable, Yogi Patel of the Yew Tree Garage.

Outhouses Still the Target

The recent list of crime statistics from the Police confirms yet again that relatively insecure sheds, outhouses and farm buildings are the favoured targets of criminals in rural

areas. In our own Parish, recent thefts have included break-ins to garden sheds and to parked vehicles. Please remember that spring always heralds a spate of thefts of lawnmowers -and other garden equipment, for which criminals find a ready market at the many car boot sales.

Postcoding of equipment can **greatly** increase the chances of stolen property being recovered. Your Homewatch Area Co-ordinators can advise on how this can be done. Note also that of all the local break-ins last year, none was to a property with an operational burglar alarm. If you don't already have one, now is the time to consider it. The outlay may well prove money well spent if you avoid crime problems in the future, and if you are investing in an alarm, consider one which will cover your garage and sheds as well as the home.

One other recent trend is worth passing on to readers. Other villages in the district are suffering from a spate of dubious house to house callers, posing as all manner of characters but in reality simply taking the opportunity to scout for easy crime opportunities. If they make their way to the Sixpenny Handley area, don't let them on to your property and if you are suspicious about anyone operating in this way, tell the Police or the Homewatch, preferably both.



LOST & FOUND

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NEWS**

The first three months have been very successful with 7 friendly matches being played against Three Legged Cross, Heatherlands, Bourton (H&A), Camelot B.C. & Fordinbridge (H&A). We won 5 matches, lost one by 1 shot and lost one by 20+ shots.

Our indoor teams are becoming much stronger now & we hope that the outside games will be more successful this year. The mild weather this winter has enabled several of our members to play on the outdoor green most Saturday afternoons for the past few weeks.

On Saturday 11th April we are having another open afternoon on the Bowling Green at 2:30pm. Anybody who would like to come & have a go are really welcome – the more the merrier! We have plenty of spare woods & some shoes – but if you have some flat shoes bring those.

We are laying on some tea as well!
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We still have plenty of space for new members so if you hear of anyone interested let them know.

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The Sixpenny Handley Branch of the M.U. meets once a month to pray together, learn from a speaker, and enjoy each other's company.

Guests are always welcome, so if you are interested do phone Jean Mayne on 552692 to find when the next meeting is to be held.

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

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

I am at present working on a Christmas Stage Event that I plan to stage on the **19th December 1998** at the Village Hall.

Booking Form for Local Organisation Stall Space at Street Fayre

Name of Organisation.....

The above Organisation would like to have a stall space at the Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival on Saturday 20th June 1998.
We agree to pay S.H.E.D.D.S., the Event Organisers, 10% of our takings, whether we are located on the Street, in a Garden or Driveway, or any position where we can run our fund raising stall(s).

Signature.....

Position in Organisation.....

This form should be returned to Godfrey J. Turner, 39 High Street, Sixpenny Handley by Saturday 13th June 1998.

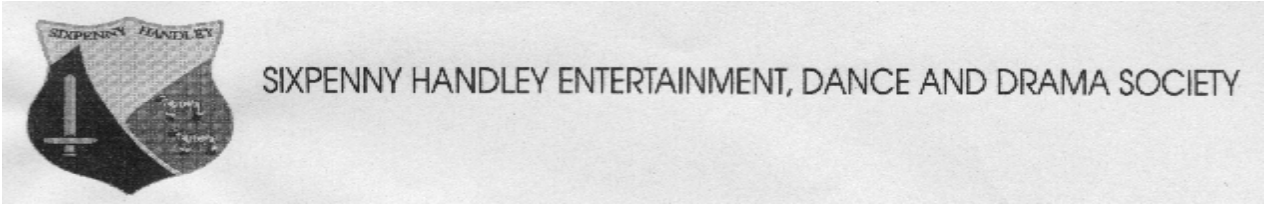
S.H.E.D.D.S. ROEBUCK BINGO

Bingo dates for 1998 are: 2nd, 16th and 30th April, 14th and 28th May
11th and 25th June
and continuing fortnightly.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Our New Years Eve Party on the 31st December will be held in the Village Hall. More details later.

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



CARNIVAL QUEEN/PRINCESS SELECTION

The selection of the Carnival Queen and Princess for 1998 will take place at the Star Inn on Easter **Saturday 11th April 1998** at 8pm (Approximately).

The Carnival Queen Entrants must be Age 13 or over.

The Carnival Princess Entrants must be Age 8 or over.

MIDSUMMER CARNIVAL WEEK

Entry Form for Carnival Queen/Princess Competition

I would like to enter the **Carnival Queen / Carnival Princess** Competition
(Delete one NOT entering)

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____

Signature:

Telephone No: _____

The Midsummer Carnival Week will begin on Sunday 14th June 1998 with a Childrens Treasure Hunt around the Village area.

We are trying to organise something for every day of the week.

MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1998

The Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival will take place on **Saturday 20th June 98** from 1.00pm to approx. 6.30pm. It will be followed by a Midsummer Dance with Local Talent Cabaret in the Village Hall from 7.30pm to Midnight.

Stall Space will be available as usual for local groups who wish to raise funds for their organisation. They will be expected to donate 10% of their stall takings, whether on the Street or in a Garden or Driveway just off the Street, to the S.H.E.D.D.S.

A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

I found a little booklet written by John C. Chadwick on Folklore and Witchcraft in Dorset and Wiltshire containing a piece entitled "The Odstock Curse" which goes as follows:-

The story begins in 1801, when a gypsy by the name of Joshua Scamp was hanged in Salisbury. He came from the village of Odstock and had been found guilty of stealing a horse after his coat was found in the stable where the horse had disappeared. His son-in-law, the real thief, had in fact purposely left the coat there. Joshua knew this, but in order to protect his daughter, who was expecting a baby, he refused to plead and only after his death came the acknowledgement of his innocence. He was buried in Odstock churchyard and gypsies began to visit his grave, but such was the noise and clamour of their gatherings that the rector decided to stop further visits by employing special constables. When the gypsies next returned and their queen was locked out of the church, they smashed everything they could find by way of reprisal. That evening, after visiting the local inn, the queen came back to the churchyard and, standing on the wall, delivered her famous curse.

She told the rector he would no longer be

preachng at Odstock by the same time the following year. She predicted two years bad luck for the churchwarden and vowed that the sexton would be buried the following year. She told the special constables that they would "die together, sudden and quick", and finally she cursed the church door, saying that anyone who locked it would die within a year.

Needless to say everything the gypsy queen predicted came true. The rector had a stroke and never preached again; the churchwarden's cows went sick, his crops failed and his wife produced still-born babies; the sexton died of a heart attack and the two special constables disappeared, never to be seen again - two skeletons were found in a shallow grave near Odstock many years later. The church door was locked twice after the curse and both of those who locked it died within a year; the key was eventually thrown into the river by another rector.

The booklet also contained the following long-range weather forecast

Sun Easter Day,
Little grass, but good hay,
Rain Easter Day,
Good deal of grass, but bad hay.

Ian Davies

APPOINTMENTS FOR PENTRIDGE

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the following appointments for Pentridge Parish:-

Parish Councillor: Richard R. Riddle, The Cottage, Cobley Farm, East Woodyates

Footpaths Liaison Officer: Dr. Stephen E. Barnes, Yew Tree Cottage, Pentridge

Tree Warden: Dr. Michael E. Swann, Redwings, Pentridge.

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SATURDAY 13TH JUNE**

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HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

100 Club 1997

Prizewinners Draw No 9 - February 1998

1 st Prize	£50	Number 75	S.M.Small The Parsonage, Sixpenny Handley
2 nd Prize	£20	Number 97	Christopher Styles, High St. Sixpenny Handley
3 rd Prize	£10	Number 196	R.C.Curtis, Manor Road, Gussage St. Michael
4 th Prize	£10	Number 51	Stuart Haskell, Common Rd. Sixpenny Handley

Prizewinners Draw No 10 - March 1998

1 st Prize	£50	Number 213	Stuart Painter, Wisteria Drive, Verwood
2 nd Prize	£20	Number 194	R.J.Prince, Salisbury Street, Cranborne
3 rd Prize	£10	Number 121	Gordon Clarke, High St. Sixpenny Handley
4 th Prize	£10	Number 95	Christopher Styles, High St. Sixpenny Handley

**Draw No 11 will take place at the ‘Star Inn’ Lounge Bar
on Monday April 6th at 9:00 pm.**

We are starting to canvass members for the 1998/9 Club which starts again in June 1998.
You are welcome to join now if you wish but we shall ask for £2 for Apr. to May
and then from June the 12 month subscription will be £12.
Interested, then please contact the Club Secretary on 01725- 552468 - Brian Hansford.

GUSSAGE St MICHAEL

BARN DANCE & BARBEQUE

THE TRADITIONAL HIGHLIGHT OF SUMMER

WHERE BETTER THAN IN GUSSAGE St
MICHAEL?

FRIDAY 12th JUNE at 7.30pm

in MANOR FARM BARN

Note in your diaries. Full details later on posters



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Report for February and March.

In February, Members of Sixpenny Handley W.I. enjoyed an excellent slide show of "Old Salisbury" given by Mr. Peter Daniels. His photographs enabled us to see the changes over the years, not all of them for the better. Members brought their own photographs of family and memories which gave us a most interesting display.

We held a most successful Jumble Sale at the end of the month, thus ensuring that we will be able to give a good tea and entertainment to our Senior Citizens later in the year. Many thanks to all who helped with the Jumble Sale.

In March the weather made us feel that winter had returned, but our President and Secretary gave us a warm welcome in a new and informal manner as they stood to conduct the meeting. A large table held all the information of County and our own coming events to which we could sign up.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Fromming's talk on Jewellery. Mr. Fromming is a valuer for Messrs H.R.Tribbeck & Son of Salisbury, and he built up a detailed picture of the intricacies of the jewellery trade and the wide knowledge of gems, metals and workmanship that is needed for it. Many Members had brought their own pieces of jewellery and he took a great deal of trouble to tell us about them and their possible age and value.

Five new members have joined us since last autumn and there is plenty of room for more! Don't forget the change of date for the next meeting, which is on 6th April when we are having a talk on Homeopathy.

A trip to Windsor is planned for 6th June and if you are interested in going on it please get in touch with Mrs. Trish Chorley at 552776 or Mrs Heather Eynon at 552308. The bus fare will be £6.75, entry to the Castle extra. We shall be staying for Evensong in Windsor Chapel.

On April 29th members of the W.I. will meet at The Roebuck at 7:00pm
and proceed with a
“Grand Litter Pick Up”

This is part of the **Keep Britain Tidy National Clean Up Month.**

Nancie Raban-Williams

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PROGRAMME FOR 1998**

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January and February No Meetings

March 16th “Spring Has Sprung”..... Rachel Phillips

April 20th Practice Evening..... “Spring Has Sprung”

May 18th “Flowers Around The Home”..... Liz and Eileen

June 15th Either Garden Party or Visit..... To be decided at a later date.

July 20th “Gone To Pot” Maggie Sales

August 17th Practice Evening..... “Gone To Pot”

September 21st “Viewing Times”..... Sheila Newlin

October 19th Practice Evening..... “Whatever Takes Your Fancy!”

November 16th “The Colours Of Christmas”..... Dodie Stevens

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

Sixpenny Handley? Where's that?
What an unusual name!
When I give my address, it's always the same.

It's a fine Dorset village,
Full of true Dorset men
Zentile? Bicheno? Cordina? and then....

We've a **Smith** who's into property,
A butcher who's a **Clarke**
And our Bobby is called **Yogi**, who's patrolling after dark.

There's a **Perrett** and a **Perrott**
Not a Parrott to be seen,
We have no need for Carrotts, as we have many **Greens**.

You can find **Greens** on The Common
And in the Hollow too,
There's a **Heath** in the High Street; yes all of this is true!

There's a **Wood** in our vicarage
Our **Bishop's** in the Close
Two **Birch's** share the Five Elms, it gets rediculose!
(sorry!)

Should anyone **Rob Jesse**
We'd catch, arrest and search'em
Then after they'd been sentenced, we'd have someone to **Bircham!**

If all of this sounds "fishy"
Ignore it if you like,
That reminds me.....

We've a **Guppy** in the Garage and our **Salmons** on his bike!
(Ride on David!)

S. Penny, Handley

Rose Cottage – 67, High Street

Parishioners may be interested to hear that the Secretary of State for the Department for Culture, Media & Sport has decided to list Rose Cottage – Grade II, late 18th Century.