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WITH PENTRIDGE**

June 1998

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June edition of The Downsman.

This is the start of my second year as Editor of The Downsman, and although it has been hard work, I have enjoyed the experience and I hope that you have all also enjoyed the experience of reading it.

Many things have changed over the 12 months but for me it is a disappointment to have to reflect on something that has not changed - the facilities within our village for children.

When I took on the Editors role the "For The Kidz" committee were going strong in their money raising efforts and despite the fact that they achieved their target almost 6 months ago there is still no sign of a play area for the young children at the lower end of Handley. It was obvious last June that an area would be required, but here we are 12 months on, with still no land allocated. Our councillors, both Parish & District, need to address this issue urgently. The lack of facilities means that children are playing in a dangerous environment, for Mulberry Court children so dangerous that our local Doctors felt it necessary to write to residents there, warning of the dangers to their children. Things can only get worse as it appears that additional development will take place behind the surgery with the access going through Mulberry Court. This is not the childrens fault, nor is it the parents (who presented a petition to the Parish Council recently) but it is the fault of the councillors and planners who allow development to go ahead without adequate provision being made for the people who they expect to live there.

Perhaps our Councillors can replicate the level of effort that has gone into the "Great Council Tie Investigation" and bring about a successful conclusion to this

Cover Picture Something strange dug up in a local quarry?

project - its probably too late for this summer, but please let us make sure that its not too late for any of the children.

The question is raised in the magazine about Sixpenny Handley's millennium project. What about the Village Hall? - going into the next century with a Village Hall to match the excellent recreational facilities already in place would further enhance our village. In the meantime it needs funds simply to remain standing - and Chase Community Friends' Cheese and Wine Party, in support of the hall, on the 26th June looks like a good night out for a worthy cause.

Keep those contributions coming.....

Alan Vincent
5 The Parsonage
Sixpenny Handley

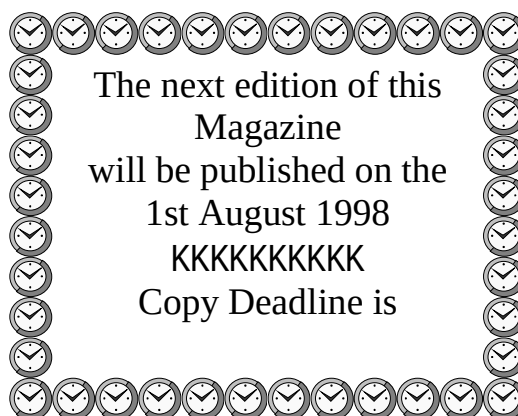


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CHASE COMMUNITY FRIENDS

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 30p 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.

For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,

Please contact CCF co-ordinator,

Margaret Pendrigh on 01725 552510.

New volunteers always most welcome.

CRANBORNE CHASE CONSERVATION GROUP

Forthcoming events

Friday 3 July, 7. 00pm - An evening at Chettle House

A talk of local interest with simple supper in the beautiful setting of Chettle House.

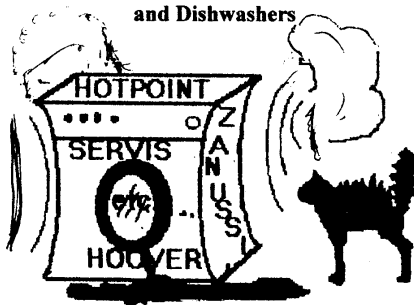
Enquiries to Debbie Rigg on 01722 331647,

Cranborne Chase Conservation Group will also be inviting entries for a photographic competition during the spring and summer, culminating in an exhibition in Blandford in September. Full details and entry form available shortly - interim enquiries to Roger Watkins on 01725 552422.

Cranborne Chase Conservation Group seeks to protect the landscape and wildlife of the Chase, and to foster the rural economy within the Chase. It was set up in 1974 as an environmental watchdog: its aim is to identify new threats to the countryside and to heighten public awareness of those real dangers that can suddenly arise. Enquiries about the work of the Group and becoming a member will be welcomed by Debbie Rigg on 01722 331647, or at 171 Castle Road, Salisbury SP1 3RX.

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Thursday 13th August
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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club NEWS

Our outdoor season
has started at last,

although, for several weeks, most
Saturdays have seen members playing.
The first 2 matches that we were due to
play, however, were cancelled - one due to
the weather & the other because our
opponents couldn't get a team.
We have played 2 though, against
Fordingbridge & Alderbury, which we
unfortunately lost, but its all experience!

Our men have joined the Dorset League
this year for the first time - they have
played 2 matches so far, against
Shaftesbury & West Moors. They lost both
but the second was a close score, so by the
end of the season hopefully we will see
some wins.

The men are also taking part in County Competitions, so let's start making a name for
ourselves!

The following is a list of the friendly matches which we are playing at home over the next
few months - Visitors are always very welcome!!

Gill Martin

Saturday	6th June	Salisbury Bowls Club Ladies	2.30p.m.
Wednesday	10th June	Gillingham	6.00p.m.
Saturday	13th June	Trowbridge Touring	2.30p.m.
Sunday	14th June	Cranborne	2.30p.m.
Sunday	21st June	Tisbury	3.30p.m.
Sunday	26th July	Three Legged Cross	2.30p.m.
Sunday	2nd August	Mere	3.00p.m.
Sunday	23rd August	Pimperne	2.30p.m.
Thursday	3rd September	West Ealing Touring	2.30p.m.
Saturday	26th September	Fordingbridge	2.30p.m.

Our District Councillor now on Planning Committee

At its annual meeting on May 18th Alan Humphries was allocated a place on the East Dorset District Council's Planning Committee. Alan said *"I am grateful to the leader of the council for stepping down, thus creating this vacancy. There have been a number of contentious local planning matters recently, and I look forward to being involved at the 'coal face'."*

Sixpennies Pre-School



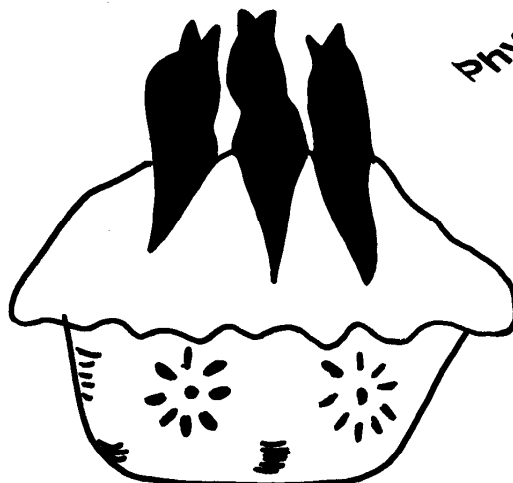
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Mompesson House

One of the attractions at Mompesson House, the National Trust property set in the Cathedral Close at Salisbury, and familiar to film buffs as one of the locations used in Emma Thompson's sympathetic screen adaptation of Jane Austin's *Sense and Sensibility*, is an exhibition of nineteen paintings by James Lynch. Displayed in the small drawing room, the pictures show a varied selection of his work, which are principally landscapes, with many featuring a farm animal dominating the foreground. Two paintings, in particular, are worthy of note; one is fine execution of Greys Court in Oxfordshire captured in the evening light, while an ambitious work of four doves in flight passing over a tall brick building suggests the artist is exploring new avenues in dimension and scale in order to present an unusual perspective to his subject.

Entry to the exhibition, which will be present until the house closes at the end of October, is included in the house prices (free to Members of the National Trust) which range from £3.40 for a single adult to a selection of charges for children, families, etc.

For garden enthusiasts, the walled garden is looking particularly lovely and well cared for, while light lunches, home produced cakes, tea and coffee are available from the cafe sited in the garden.

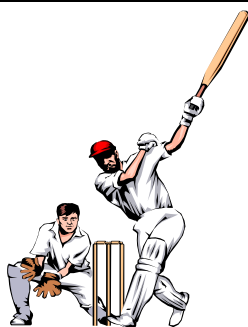
Please be aware that the house is closed on Thursday and Friday of each week, while opening times for the remaining days are from 12 noon until 5.30 p.m., with last entries at 5 o'clock.

Bill Chorley.

Drs Pelly, Nodder and Morgan **Surgery Opening Times From June 1998**

There will be some changes to the surgery opening times from 1st June 1998.

	Sixpenny Handley	Broadchalke
Monday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0
Tuesday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	9.0 - 5.0
Wednesday	9.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0
Thursday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0
Friday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	9.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0
Saturday	9.0 - 12.0	Closed



Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

Winter League - Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club have played in the indoor cricket league throughout the winter. We achieved a final position in the league of 3rd with a record of Played 10, Won 6 & Lost 4 for a total of 12pts.

Record Start - On the 17th May we played the Handley Challenge Cup match against Alderholt. The team made a club record score over 40 overs of 303 for 6, in reply Alderholt could only make 110 before being all out. The major contributors to the score included Trevor Edwards with 93, Simon Illingham 87, Bill Johnson 47 & Nick Goodlife 40. Special mention should also be made of Adam Fadgley, who although only 12 years old, took a good catch and took the final wicket, to win the match, with his first ball.

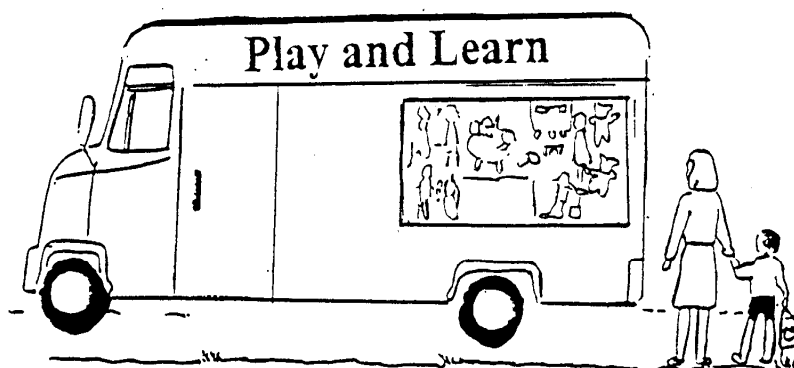
Practice - Every Thursday at the ground from 6:30pm - weather permitting. New players of all standards always welcome.

Volunteers - Volunteers would also be welcome to help maintain the ground. Motorised mowers are available and help is genuinely required. Please contact Ivor Potter on 01725 552930.

Lost - One tall 16 - 17 year old blond haired lad, last seen bowling badly & posing - answers to the name Duncan (no balls) Slater. Been missing 6 months and sorely missed.

Found - One tall mid 20's spin bowler who turned up looking lost - answers to the name Oliver Lord Lucan Coward. Would owners please contact the club to arrange removal.

<u>Forthcoming</u>			<u>Fixtures</u>		
<u>Sunday Friendly Matches</u>			<u>Old Sarum Invitation Cricket League</u>		
June 7 th	Rockbourne	A	June 1 st	Shrewton (cup)	A
June 14 th	Commoners	H	June 2 nd	Police	A
June 21 st	Shroton	H	June 9 th	Moonrakers	H
June 28 th	Dinton	A	June 15 th	Cup/Plate	
July 5 th	Amesbury	H	June 16 th	Shrewton	H
July 12 th	Broadchalke	A	June 23 rd	Berwick St. James	A
July 19 th	Moonrakers	A	June 29 th	Cup/Plate	
July 26 th	S. Newton	H	June 30 th	Harnham	A
			July 7 th	Police	H
			July 14 th	Moonrakers' A	A
			July 21 st	Plate Final	Langford
			July 28 th	Cup Final	Langford



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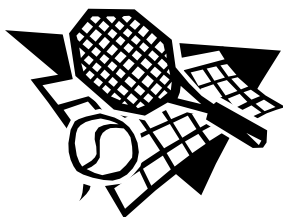
Puppets

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

EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME

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

NEWS FROM SIXPENNY HANDLEY TENNIS CLUB



As Membership Secretary for Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club, I wish to thank those members who renewed their

annual subscription so promptly. This has enabled the Club to make a positive start and by the end of April, the first month of our new year, membership stood at 57.

Despite the inclement "spring" weather, entries for the various competitions have been forthcoming, with several new names appearing alongside the more familiar. Undoubtedly, at the end of the summer, there will be a social evening, during which trophies will be presented to the winners. As a reminder to members of what they are contesting, a superb silver cup (generously given by our Honorary President, Gordon Clarke) awaits the victorious couple from the Ladies Tournament finals, while the men will be challenging for the Victor Fryer Trophy. Victor was made an Honorary Member in recognition of his past achievements in the game, particularly during his war

service when he played in the services mens' doubles team in Malta, gaining the 1945 title as a result.

This year, the most improved junior player will be the recipient of a fine trophy kindly presented to the Club by Dr. Ian Geddes.

So, a promising summer lies ahead. As a reminder, Club sessions, for which no booking of courts are required, are held each Thursday evening and on Sunday mornings. Members who may wish to take advantage of tennis coaching should consult the notice board in the pavilion for details of times, contacts and conditions. Also, junior members will find details of the Tennis Ladder (organised by James Reed) displayed at the pavilion. Finally, tennis balls can be purchased in the village from Liz at Sixpenny Handley Stores (Post Office).

This brief resume of tennis matters may be just the spur necessary for "you" to consider joining, and for this purpose an application form is published in this current issue of The Downsman.

Bill Chorley.
01725 552776

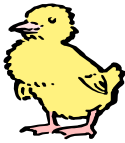
THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

Well, if there is a sudden outbreak of amateur conjuring in Sixpenny Handley and district, it is because we were so entertained and enthused one afternoon in May! Actually, most of us agreed that we really didn't want to know how the tricks were done, we were just happy to admire the magic - and it was fun.

Wednesday Club continues through June and July with the Sandroyds School Choir on 3rd June, a talk on Dowsing on the 17th June, Miss June Barrow on "Guiding" on 1st July and on 15th July a reincarnation of Aristarchus of Samos. Never a dull moment at Wednesday Club.

Come and join us on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 pm and enjoy yourself and have tea.
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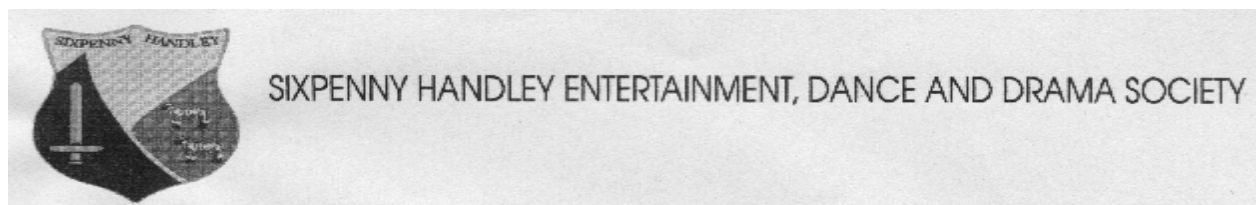
LINE DANCING

Sixpenny Handley Line Dancing Club meets every Tuesday
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Price - £2.50 per session.

We hold regular social events.
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for more details.



CARNIVAL QUEEN/PRINCESS 1998

The Carnival Queen and Princess contest 1998 took place at the Star Inn on Easter Saturday 11th April 1998. Disappointment was felt by the organisers and the judges, who came out from Salisbury for the contest, when only one person bothered to enter the contest. No doubt if the prize money had been £100 or more then we would have been overrun with entries, but the sponsor gave £25 for each of the winners, for which we say thank you very much. It's a pity that more people don't get involved with things in this Village for the pleasure of it, rather than for financial gain, it's called community spirit.

The winner of the Carnival Princess 1998 was Miss Louise Cutler. Congratulations go to her along with the £25 prize.

MIDSUMMER CARNIVAL WEEK 14th to 20th JUNE 1998

The Midsummer Carnival Week will begin on Sunday 14th June 1998 with a Children's Treasure Hunt around the Village area starting at 10:30am. Entry into this is free for children aged 15 and under. All entrants will receive a packet of sweets on returning their completed hunt card.

Prizes: 1st - £5.00, 2nd - £3.00, 3rd - £2.00.

This will be followed by wheelbarrow/pram races beginning at 2.30pm. Entry into these races is £1.00 per wheelbarrow/pram. A Gold, Silver or Bronze medal and a bottle of champagne perry will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Both events will start and finish outside the Star Inn.

Prizes for the Children's Treasure Hunt and The Medals for the Wheelbarrow/Pram Races will be presented on Carnival Day 20th June.

On WEDNESDAY 17th there will be a Barbecue and Disco at the Star Inn from 7.30pm.

On THURSDAY 18th there will be a visit to the Tisbury Brewery. Tickets for this are £7.00 each and SHOULD BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE from the Star Inn, from where the Coach will depart at 7pm.

Saturday 20th MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1998

- 12:30pm High Street Closes To Traffic, including Bicycles, to allow stalls to be set up for Street Fayre.
- 1.00pm Official Start of afternoon events.
- 2.00pm Imps Band play outside Roebuck.
- 3.00pm Carnival Princess Crowning Ceremony.
- 3.10pm Judging of Fancy Dress.
- Classes "A" Children age 8 years and under.

"B" Children age 9 years to 16 years.

"C" For those aged 17 and over

"D" For those aged 16 and under in fancy dress and riding a decorated bicycle.

"E" For Pets in fancy dress.

Prizes: 1st - £5.00, 2nd - £3.00, 3rd - £2.00. in all classes.

3.30pm Floats Assemble at Spots Green.

3.45pm Judging of Floats

Prizes for the floats are 1st - £25.00, 2nd - £15.00, 3rd - £10.00.

The winning float will receive the "Thermal Glazing Systems Challenge Trophy" and the 2nd place float "The Jesse Cup". Both trophies are held for one year.

4.00pm Carnival Parade moves off from Spots Green along Dean Lane, up the High Street and down Common Road to the Village Hall Car Park. The Parade then returns along Common Road and down The High Street to disperse at the Cross Roads.

5.00pm Presentation of Prizes for the Children's Treasure Hunt and for The Wheelbarrow/Pram Races.

5.15pm Drawing of Main Raffle.

6.00pm Street Fayre Ends

8.00pm Midsummer Dance in the Village Hall with the Radio Sixpenny Handley Road Show, who will also be broadcasting live during the afternoon in the High Street, plus Local Talent Cabaret.

Tickets for this Dance are £2 each and can be purchased in advance from the

Star

Inn, C & B Styles Newsagents, Sixpenny Handley Post office and Stores and from the Special Street Fayre Stall or on the Door.

All Timings are subject to change as circumstances and entertainment prevail.

Hot Do-Nuts and Baguettes will be on sale during the afternoon and Baguettes will be on sale by the Village Hall during the Evening.

Stall Space will be available as usual for local groups who wish to raise funds for their organisation and new for this year there is space for Boot Sellers. Local organisations and Boot Sellers 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. who are the Event organisers.

Booking Form Overleaf

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.

Please support this worthy cause.

S.H.E.D.D.S. STAR BINGO and OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bingo dates for 1998 are: 11th and 25th June, 9th and 23rd July and continuing fortnightly.

Christmas Stage Event planned for the **19th December 1998** at the Village Hall.

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

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



ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Over the last seven years those who live around here have lent generous support to this very good cause. The money raised has helped to fund nearly all of the research in this country into this devastating, painful condition -- one that can affect anyone at any age. The Charity spends little on advertising or administration. Its income comes from local efforts and the goodwill of such as you.

In our area the Cranborne Chase Branch of the ARC has, in the past years, organised various fund-raising events. Each year there is a house-to-house collection. As well as this there has been a Sponsored Walk (great fun), an evening concert sung for the ARC by Sandroyd School (with wine and snacks to follow), various Coffee Mornings and a splendid Silent Auction (again with wine and refreshments) which was greatly enjoyed by the many who joined in.

This year, on **SUNDAY JULY 12th**, there will be another SPONSORED WALK starting from Sandroyd School from 2.0pm to 5.0pm. A Tiny Walk for Tiny Tots (aged 4 and under) will be an additional feature as will a much LONGER walk for trekkers or mountain-bikers.

Do come to walk and/or sponsor or just to enjoy lovely surrounding (and a good tea!)

Forms will be available from July 1st at

Sixpenny Handley: Clarke's, The Roebuck, The Star, The Surgery.

Broadchalke: The Surgery.

Farnham: The Post Office.

Tollard Royal: The King John.

Very sorry but NO DOGS please.

Local Organisation/Boot Seller Booking Form for Stall Space at Street Fayre

Name of Organisation/Boot

Seller.....

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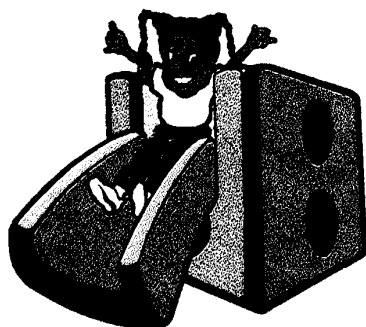
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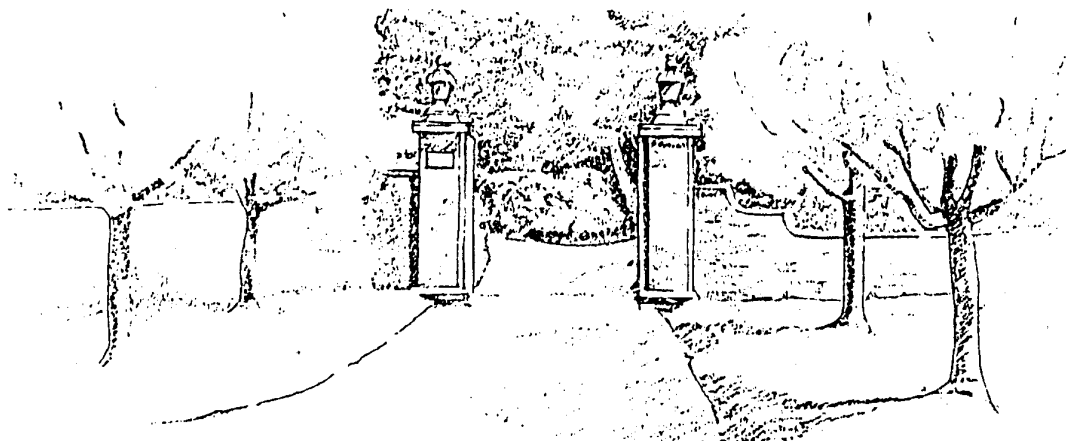
Did you know that limestone is an important ingredient in toothpaste, face powder, and bread? Or that one of the finest porcelain clays in the world comes from a small open pit on the Isle of Purbeck? These and other fascinating facts were revealed to our Sixpenny Handley schoolchildren during their visit (on 19th March) to Swanworth Quarry near Worth Matravers and the ECC Ball Clay Pit near Wareham. The field trip received the excellent support of the Dorset Education and Business Partnership, a programme which, by involving business and industry in a variety of school activities, aims to develop in the students a better economic understanding of the real world of business and industry, and in return gives business some insight into the interests and educational experience of the coming generation. This skilful liaison work between firms and schools is carried out by Joanna Watkins, whose energy and organisation again resulted in a day to remember for the Handley 7-9 year olds.

At Tarmac's site at Swanworth, the children were made most welcome and given an excellent tour of the quarry by manager Derek Haden and his team, who explained in simple terms the whole industrial process from customer order and extraction to processing and delivery. The stone is used in a variety of manufacturing processes but chiefly as aggregates in the building and road-making industries. The limestone quarry itself was an impressive site, the rock face towering above the group of tiny, helmeted children. Exploring the huge diggers with the help of their friendly drivers was a special experience for many, and the piles of stone of graded size emerging from a star of conveyor belts at the central crusher made a lasting impression. The highlight of the day for all, however, was the 'blast'; the controlled explosion carried out only about once a week, which produces the stone rubble to be processed. The Handley visit was fortunate enough to coincide with this event. To the delight of the privileged onlookers (and from the safety of the far side of the quarry), the whole quarry face appeared to bulge out in slow motion, before descending to a huge rock pile at the base - unforgettable!

The party then moved on to the ECC Ball Clay pit near Wareham, where Development Manager Andy Hill showed the children how the fine dark blue clay (which fires to a superior whiteness) is extracted, and explained how it was laid down in an ancient lake under unusually still conditions.

In addition to learning about the economic aspects of the quarrying, the children were surprised by the extent to which the industries involved now go to reduce the environmental impact of the extraction processes. This was seen most clearly in the huge and costly restoration work undertaken by both companies. At the ECC Ball Clay pit the children walked to the site of a former open pit which has now been sympathetically converted to a lake with reed-beds and island, not for human leisure activities, but purely as a protected nature reserve. At the much bigger Swanworth site, which closes in 10 years, work has already begun on an ambitious project to convert the whole quarry into a wildlife park with lakes and woods where one day Handley children may picnic with their children! As if to symbolise its intention to repossess the site, a huge buzzard accompanied the children at the quarry, circling overhead in the sunshine.

During the next days back at school, with the impressions of this memorable day fresh in their minds, the children wrote poems and painted a huge mural of Swanworth Quarry, which was sent to Mr Haden and his team, with many charming and grateful comments on a splendid day.



❖ Country Village Fete ❖

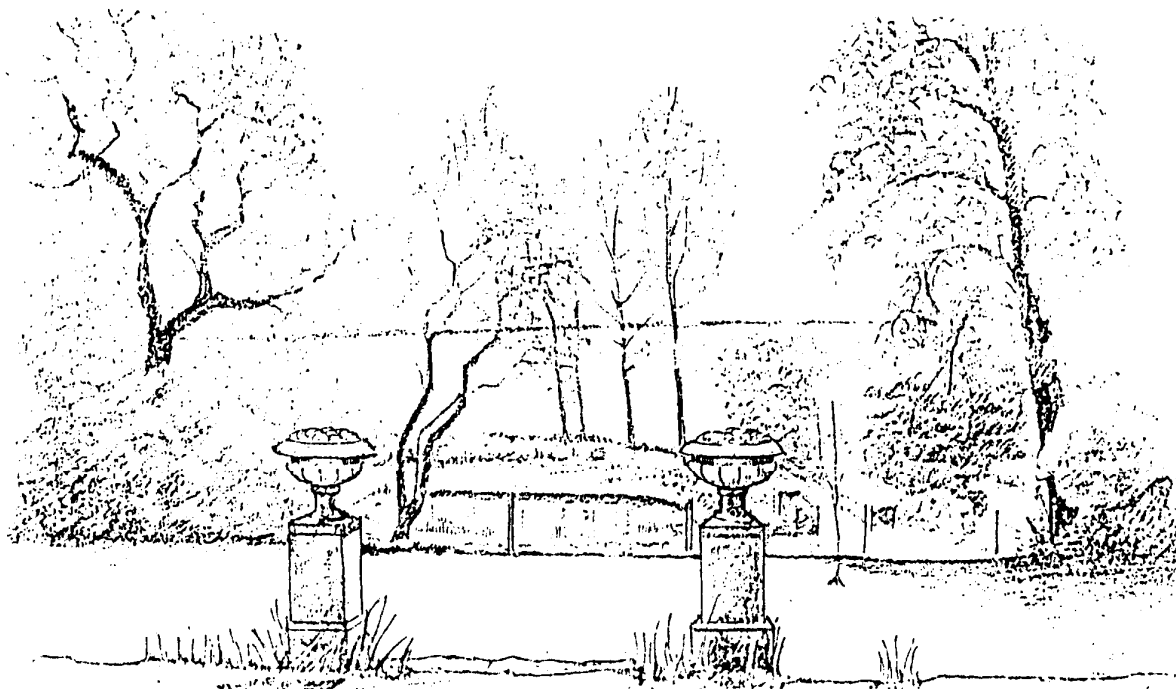
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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Local Crime Report

Two break-ins have been reported to Sixpenny Handley Homewatch since the last issue of the Downsman. Both were to outbuildings, one a shed and the other a garage. In one case two lawnmowers were stolen and in the other tools and machinery.

These crimes follow the recent pattern, reported in the last issue, of thieves targeting outbuildings rather than the more secure main dwelling. In both cases the buildings concerned were locked but not alarmed. This sort of crime is now becoming so regular that the Homewatch now advise alarming all outside sheds and garages in which valuable items are kept. This can either be done by extending the

coverage of an existing house alarm system, or by fitting a separate shed alarm. The latter are now obtainable from hardware shops for less than £20.

Police response to these incidents was good and we are delighted that following the recent reorganisation within Dorset Police, liaison between the police and your Homewatch Co-ordinators continues to improve.

Signs Go Up

Six new Homewatch Area signs have been purchased with proceeds from earlier fundraising events and a party of volunteers has now put them up around the Parish. Most are in new positions, including the highly vulnerable Garston Wood car park. (Thanks to the RSPB for their co-operation). One replaces the damaged sign at the entrance to Sixpenny Handley from the roundabout.

Flower Show Presence?

The Homewatch is hoping to mount some sort of crime prevention display in the village during the summer, possibly at the Flower Show. Dorset Police have been asked to join in and may be able to send their county display caravan. Co-ordinators are to have a further meeting in July to plan the details but in the meantime if anyone would like to help, please could they contact John Curtis (see Parish Directory).

HELP!

Can anyone lend us a dressmaker's "form" or "tailor's dummy" for 2 days in July? If you could, or know anyone who might, please could call on 01725 552608. We would take great care of any loan. We should be most grateful for any help.

Ron and Pam Wood



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MY VISIT TO QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, WIMBORNE MINSTER

On Friday 8th May, Mrs Latchem and I attended a ceremony at which the Queen was present. There were lots of different things going on; for instance, all the year elevens received their NRAs (National Record of Achievements).

My favourite part was when a boy called Richard Hall was juggling. First he juggled with three balls, then he juggled with three bowling pins, then he juggled with two cones and one ball, finally he juggled with three 'knives' 'Over a teacher, with triple spin!'

The boy I sat next to was called James Kitt (I saw on his certificate). I was only six or seven metres away from HM the Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. I thought 'Oh, my word, I'm seeing the Queen in real life!' She seemed very quiet indeed and was wearing all blue. She had a kindly face and I thought she would be about as tall as Mrs Latchem, but she was smaller.

It was a hot and sunny day and people were quite excited and cheered. We heard them clapping and I thought it was rain! One of the guards around the Queen had a huge sword, but I didn't see any guns. I saw Chris (our baby-sitter). He was one of the traffic directors.

Back in the car both Mrs Latchem and I took our jumpers off right away. Mrs Latchem drove us back to school and I was late for lunch.

Ben Potter

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The Village Envelope

At an impassioned Annual Parish Assembly, moved to the Village Hall because the Pavillion was unable to cope with numbers, over 150 people – 10% of the village population met to hear the views of the Parish, District and County Councils on the proposed village envelope developments.

Maps were circulated to the audience showing exactly where the proposed developments were to be. It was then announced by the Chairman, Patrick Chick that eleventh hour negotiations had been sought with the main planning applicators – Messrs Savilles on behalf of Rushmore Estate – and that they were not progressing **at this time** with their applications for the two sites. The third site owned by Mr S Judd was not an application for development but submitted on his behalf for clarification of demarcation lines around his farm buildings.

There were many in the audience who voiced an opinion of non-information and that rumours had grown. It was generally felt that not all those who should have been informed were. One gentlemen attempting to find further information on the proposed planning change was told by EDDC that plans were held in the Verwood library! The Parish Council agreed to support the argument that we, the people of Sixpenny Handley, are not properly informed of such applications.

Although the applications are not being progressed at this time the inspector will still conduct an enquiry and therefore every one attending the meeting were urged to express their objections to the proposed changes in the village envelope, in writing, to both:-

Mr G Cross	and	Rushmore Estates
East Dorset District Council		Estate Office
Furzehill		Tollard Royal
Wimborne		Wilts

It was agreed that to establish a common theme all letters should be headed
“VILLAGE ENVELOPE WILL NOT BE BREACHED”

The audience was reminded that 100 letters of objection to the District Council carry far more weight than a single petition signed by 100 people and that all letters should be with EDDC by **19th June**.

Alan Humphries, our District Councillor, who is now on the EDDC planning committee, emphasises the need for action in a subsequent note to the Editor of this magazine:-

“A number of people have been wrongly informed that the District Council are to allow building development outside of the Village Envelope. This is NOT SO.

Planning officers and members agree that Sixpenny Handley has taken its share of new development in recent years, and must now be protected from further Rural Sprawl, hence the placement of the envelope.

The three areas shaded on the recently published map are sites, the owners of which, have indeed raised objections to the Council's Policy as detailed in the District Wide Local Plan. I urge all residents who support the Council's policy in maintaining the Village Envelope, to write now, in order that the inspector when he conducts his inquiry, (starting in a few weeks time), is fully aware of local feeling.”

Letters to the 'Editor'

Dear Editor

It has come to my notice that St. Mary's Church; i.e. "the people" have launched an appeal for £25,000 for urgent repairs to the church i.e. "the building". I agree that we all should contribute to its upkeep, after all it is the most attractive building in the village and this tranquil place has been used in times of trouble throughout the ages. I have witnessed many happy wedding ceremonies and Christenings and I can think of no finer place to be planted when I "pop my clogs".

However, what is happening on the fifth Sunday evening service? It appears that a "lively" service takes place where voices are raised to unprecedented levels and hand against hand audio contact has been used to praise the Lord! I am certain that the Lord has been thrilled by such activity but I am not so sure the roof would agree. My point is that we should all pay towards the cost of our church but perhaps a special tax, or call it a Levi, on the most fervent worshippers who's activities have helped to raise the roof! I am fully aware that it may be me that is "slated" for writing this letter but I would urge all your readers who doubt the validity of my comments to attend the next Sunday Night Live service, which should be around the last Sunday in August - check for final details in The Downsman. But be warned - you may find yourself strangely happy after leaving the church as people have been seen skipping down the High Street following this service.

Yours sincerely

Ann Glican

{I have also had messages of support for this project from Lord Ismay Shepherd, Doug Collar & Justin Pediment and his pet Newt - Esta Ment. Ed.}

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Dear Editor

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbours who sent Get Well Cards and Messages of Support, when I was suddenly taken into hospital. I am now up and about again and every day is a better day!
Thanking you all again for your support.

Charles Sims

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Dear Sir

In reply to Mr. Radclyffe's letter, I think it is sad that he appears to have nothing better to do than condemn the Parish Council for all the work they do in the village.

I myself think that they do a really good job for little reward. Perhaps Mr Radclyffe feels he could do the job better - but I think that is only a dream. It is now time for him to sit down and let those who know how to do the job get on with it.

Yours faithfully
Mr G Martin

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Dear Sir.

Further to the publication of the Parish Council Finances for FY 1997/98 and the predicted expenditure for FY 1998/99; I took the opportunity to visit the Clerk of the Council to take a closer look at the accounts owing to the fact there were several unanswered questions within the publication.

1) Lease- Computer and Digital Printer-, £2446.

First question that came to mind was would it not be cheaper if the Parish was to purchase the IT equipment rather than leasing it. Mr. Hansford informed me that it was against the Regulations for the Parish to make such a purchase. However, I have checked with the District Council, and with the DAYFC (which the Parish subscribes to) and both groups have informed me that there was no reason what so ever why the Parish Council cannot purchase the IT equipment it needs.

2) Lease- Drink Machine; £603

With an income of just £49.00, obviously the question is can the Parish buy-off the lease agreement to cut its losses; only to be told 'the people must use the drinks machine'. But in reality, how many people use the Sports Pavilion at one time?

3) Lease- Mower; £1934

Firstly, the questions that come to mind are: -
Cost of securing the mower.
Cost of maintaining the mower.

Cost of running the mower.

Also, who is insured, trained and operates the machine?

I asked the question why has the Parish purchased a mower when there is a grass-cutting contract in operation. Has the contractor who cuts the communal areas been approached for a quotation to include the playing fields; the reply received was the County Council charges too much money. I then asked has any other contractor been approached to offer a competitive quotation for any of the grass cutting works only to be informed that it was too much trouble to ensure the work would be completed.

4) Photos/Parish Records - £2107

I am the first to agree that records should be kept for history, and the purchasing of photographs of the opening ceremony of the Sports Pavilion is a good practice for the records. But to purchase a consignment of photographs to sell to anyone who

wishes to purchase before there was any market for the product seems to be proven a folly. A box of photographs are available from the Clerk of the Council if anyone wishes to purchase photographs of the opening ceremony of the Sports Pavilion. Myself, I would have obtained the negatives and placed orders for prints as required.

5) Insurance for Financial Year 1998/99.

Members of the Parish are through their Council Tax paying for the Insurance Premiums for third parties causing accidental and deliberate damage by the guest teams, I would of taken it for granted that the host teams have their own insurance to cover for damage and injuries.

However to remain on the subject of the Sports Pavilion/Ground it is the Parish Councils' intention to sponsor the running of the Pavilion and Grounds through the monies received from the Council Tax until the formation of a Sports Association in two years time. The Association should look to running the Sports Pavilion/Ground as an independent concern and self financing, however should this idea fail then the Council will resume the financing of the Pavilion and Grounds through the Council Tax.

But correct me if I am wrong, but did the Landlord of the Star Inn try to start up a village Sports Association which subsequently failed.

Finally, with regard to the issue of 'Council Ties' will it be Council practice to purchase a new tie for any future new Member of the Parish Council, or will any Member leaving the Parish Council for what ever the reason be required to hand their tie in?

Yours faithfully
Russell V. Bennett

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Dear Sir

In the February edition of the Downsman, you printed details of the Parish Council's Precept for 1998/99.

From a brief investigation of such details, I would suggest that it would appear that:-

Through the expenditure items of loan repayment (£4,647), new equipment (£500), insurance (£660), maintenance

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insurance (£310), new Recreation Ground Project (£1,000), and Recreation Ground costs (£1,630), a total sum of £8,747 is to be spent on the Recreation Ground.

Through the expenditure items of clerk's expenses (£300), stationery (£150), audit fee (£300), DAPTC Subscription (£200), clerk's salary (£1,000), printer lease (£1,230), sundries (£400), hire of Meeting rooms (£12), training (£30), and computer lease (£931), a total sum of £4,553 is to be spent on the clerk and his administrative expenses.

In consequence these figures would suggest that of the overall Precept of £15,500 58% is to be spent on the Recreation Ground and an incredible 28% on the clerk and his administrative expenses.

And what of the balance of 14% of the £15,500? £1,000 is being donated under Section 137? £620 on the Downsman's costs, and £640 on grasscutting!

Bearing in mind how few villagers use the Recreation Ground, I would ask whether this is really how they wish our Precept to be spent?

Yours faithfully
Robin Radclyffe

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{I think that at least the members of the Football, Cricket, Bowls and Tennis clubs would disagree with your contention that 'few villagers use the Recreation Ground'. It seems to me that this was a project for the youth and future of the village. It is sad that you feel unable to support it whilst the organisations, including the National Lottery, that contributed obviously felt it was extremely worthwhile! Ed.}

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Dear Sir

I write in response to the letter from W. A. R. Radclyffe, printed in your last edition of the Downsman.

The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge, a population of some 900/1000, has a sporting facility to rival most small towns. A Cricket field, Tennis courts, Football pitch, and an all weather, International standard outdoor bowling green, and to put the icing on the cake, a superb pavilion at the centre.

Let us thank the people who had the foresight, the will, and the courage to see this facility built, it is not just for the benefit of the community to-day, but for future generations to come.

It is a shame that others have to offer criticism, which is not even constructive.

Edwin Froud's bequest was used for it's purpose, and was the catalyst for the whole sporting facility, we must ensure that he is remembered, not by just a thought, but by hard work in maintaining the facility and it's fabric.

In an ideal world we would all like free bus travel, free access to swimming pools, free parking in the towns and cities, free street lighting, free hire of the village hall, however we all live in a modern world, with council tax, income tax, water rates, phone bills electric bills, just to name a few.

The bequest of Mr Froud represented approximately 6% of the total cost of the new complex. There are many who wish to see this complex succeed, and thrive in the community, and who spend 6% of their time fund raising, so don't knock it, get fund raising for your club or sport.

Yours faithfully
Colin R Chambers



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A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

I learn from one of the residents of The Orchard in Sixpenny Handley that the District Council have written to him regarding the Local District Plan, specifically about objections to the line of the Village Envelope. This Plan had been "deposited" in June last year with a request for final objections to be submitted by the 10th of August 1997. It seems strange for the Council to only now be seeking the views of "nearby residents" regarding objections made, presumably, before that final deadline. Surely, the consultation process should have given all interested parties the time to make objections known at the proper time.

Having already spent a small fortune of taxpayer's money on the whole procedure, it is extravagantly foolish of the District Council to re-open the consultation process now just when the public inquiry is about to begin.

The real debate about village envelopes centres, of course, around the desire of local landowners to sell land for development purposes and the concerns of the community to protect the integrity of the village. The purpose of the village envelope is to contain development within its boundary so that the spread of the village does not continue ad infinitum. It is therefore understandable for Sixpenny Handley landowners like, for example, the Rushmore Estate to argue for a change to the boundary line. It is also equally understandable for those directly affected by future development to be concerned about the changes to their lives, something that landowners and developers sometimes fail to appreciate. At a recent meeting of parish councillors with the builder and architect currently developing the land between the school and the church, I was staggered to learn that they equate one bedroom with one car. This means that a small estate of ten three-bedroomed houses will be expected to contain upto if not more than thirty cars. If, for argument's sake, the five sites currently expected to be developed each contain an estate of ten three-bedroomed houses, then Sixpenny Handley can expect an influx of 150 more cars on its already congested roads. This is something the community needs to seriously consider as it moves into the new millennium. Incidentally, the first item of the Parish Council's list of objections to the Local District Plan reads "Village Envelope - Is taken as an objection to the published plan ... in that the village envelope should be returned to its original position".

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As I return from my walk with the dogs in Gardiner Woods, I am greeted by a "Road Closed" barrier, manned by the police at the Copley Lane junction with the A354, with vehicles being diverted up Copley Lane. Once again, another accident on that section of this dangerous road which lies within our parish. This time a fatal accident, a cyclist has been killed. I ask the policeman on duty: Was it a child? No, a man about fifty was the reply.

People often wonder why I raise the issue of Copley Lane junction, why I have included it in my objections to the Local Plan, why I moan about the speed of traffic and the overtaking at the junction, why I am concerned about the safety of the children standing at the bus stop and the number of accidents which have taken place in recent years. One fatality answers all these questions. But it does not answer this one - When will the District Council and the County Council, with all their fancy, so-called "deposited" structure plans simply come up with ways of making this road safer, much safer for our children and their children?

Ian Davies



News and Information

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Report for April and May.

We were very disappointed at our April Meeting to hear that our Speaker's car had broken down and that Mr. Skilling was unable to give us his talk on Homeopathy. In spite of this, we had a lively meeting and our thanks go to Heather Eynon who gave us a Slide Quiz of Local Views.

We also covered a lot of business during the meeting, hearing how our contribution to the County's "Day of 1000 Cakes" had raised a considerable sum of money enabling us to send off our £20 quota to Dorset Federation. This left a useful sum to go to our own coffers.

Members were urged to join in practical efforts to support the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign by mustering on Wednesday 29th April to gather up any rubbish we might find around Handley.

We heard news of the Beacon Group Meeting to be held in May and the Group Show at Pimperne on 26th June.

On a balmy May evening members gathered to discuss the two Resolutions that will go forward to the International General Meeting being held this year in Brighton. Both Resolutions provoked lively discussion. The first urges the Government to use more 'Brownfield' sites in the Housing program, and the second concerns the welfare of 'Young Carers' - the many children who look after handicapped or disabled relatives at the expense of their own lives and education. The Resolutions were most ably explained to us by our new V.C.O., Mrs. H. Hersey, who also joined in when we practised a German Dance under Mrs. Pamela Slater's tuition. We missed our leder hosen!

Earlier the business of the meeting was very wide-ranging, with news of the Spring Council meeting in Weymouth and the successful Birthday Dinner held at the Queen's Head in Broadchalke. We also heard of many forth-coming events, especially the Street Fair to be held on June 26th.

We ended with a splendid Ploughman's Supper, organised by the Committee. A very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Nancie Raban-Williams

HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

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2nd Prize	£20	Number 8	Ruth Collins, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley
3rd Prize	£10	Number 158	H.J.Everall, Newtown, Sixpenny Handley
4th Prize	£10	Number 15	N. Mansfield, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley

Prizewinners Draw No 12 - May 1998

1st Prize	£50	Number 154	G.Green, Burley Rd. Farm, Sixpenny Handley
2nd Prize	£20	Number 059	A.Blachford, Gussage St. Michael
3rd Prize	£10	Number 075	S.M.Small, The Parsonage, Sixpenny Handley
4th Prize	£10	Number 189	J. Lennane, Water Ditchampton, Wilton

Members will shortly receive a renewal form for the next 12 months.

Please continue to support us.

The next draw will take place on June 8th provided sufficient renewals have been received.

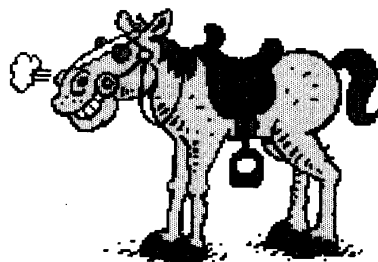
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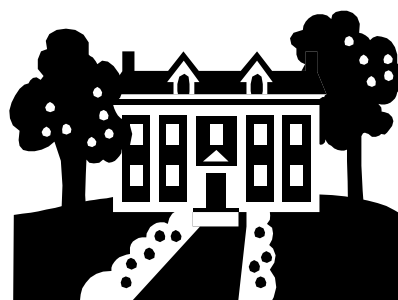
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WHO'S WHO

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St Mary's Roof-Fund Appeal

Remember those cartoons of vicars in the pulpit with umbrellas, appealing for funds to fix the church roof? Well, St Mary's isn't that bad yet, and only leaks a bit, but we're still in need of around £25,000 to make all the necessary repairs. So at the beginning of May we launched our appeal, and we trust in God and your generosity that the money will come in, and the work will be done this year. We'll let you know how the fund grows, and we look forward to the church being weatherproof and good for another seven hundred years.

Holiday Club

Holiday club for the five to nine year olds will be at the Village Hall from Monday, August 10th until Thursday 13th. Mad Michael Harris will be bringing a team of young people, and a good time is guaranteed.

Put it in your diary now, and look out for more details soon.

Car Parking at The Church

Sorry to have to mention this again, but we don't have any official car parking space now. What we did have was only through the goodwill of Mr Adams. For funerals and weddings, if the field behind the church isn't being used by campers, Steve Judd is willing to allow parking, but the lane up to the field is used by moving vehicles, some of them big like combine harvesters, so please don't park so as to obstruct the lane. All we can really offer is the normal parking in the High Street and the Hollow, and if someone is disabled, or injured, we can usually squeeze a couple in at the Vicarage.

Ron Wood

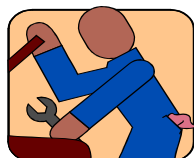
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Signature of applicant _____

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01725 552776

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FLOWER SHOW

Despite the apathetic response to the questionnaire issued in the Downsman at the beginning of this year the Sixpenny Handley Flower Show Committee have decided to continue to run the show this year, for the benefit of the community, but on a reduced scale in an effort to conserve funds.

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SIXPENNY HANDLEY FLOWER SHOW AND FETE

will be held on

SATURDAY 15th AUGUST 1998

Entry to the Show will be free

There will be five Sections:

SECTION A - VEGETABLES AND FRUIT - OPEN
SECTION B - FLOWERS & HOUSE PLANTS - OPEN
SECTION C - FLORAL ARRANGEMENT - OPEN
SECTION D - COOKERY - OPEN
SECTION E - PHOTOGRAPHY - OPEN

Prizes will be awarded within each Section to the Parishioner gaining the most points. Children may enter any Section.

Full details and Rules are in the Schedule being kindly distributed with this edition of the Downsman.

ENTRIES CLOSE WED 12th AUGUST 1998

Support YOUR local activities

NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

The deadline for the Downsman just gives me time to report on the Spring Open Day, Sunday 17th May, when once again we were able to provide guides for walks around the woods. About 100 adults and children took up the offer on a gloriously sunny day but a fresh breeze early on, kept some of the birds out of sight and sound until late afternoon. This year the TurtleDoves have arrived on time and are moving around the top of the wood. It seems that we have four calling in all, but so far they have been noted in eight different locations so we could have more than last year. Numbers of common migrants are about normal, with 9 Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs, three Willow and Garden Warblers and a

Cuckoo heard most days. Since the last Downsman, a Goshawk has visited, this being the third year running that we have had spring sightings of this rarity. Song Thrushes are doing well with about 9 singing males.



Sadly for the visitors on Open Day the very warm spell had ruined the Bluebells and Ramsons but about 50 species of plant were easily identifiable, including one each of Butterfly and Common Spotted Orchids in flower, with a truly amazing display of both Early

Purple and Twayblade Orchids. The heavy rain of the early spring has had a quite remarkable effect on the plants with very luxuriant growth everywhere: Even the Dog's Mercury is up to 25cms in height.

As the temperature improved so seven different types of butterfly eventually appeared on the day and it could have been eight: Sadly the very early Painted Lady I saw on my way to the woods was just ten feet outside the boundary in a field and does not count. Shame for such an unusual sighting.

Of the other conservation groups there is little to report. A few Long Eared Bats have been monitored but there is little activity yet. Three Dormice appeared for the first check but, as usual, many of the 127 boxes are filled with young birds at this time.

A new Dorset Dormouse Group has been set up in conjunction with the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The aim of the group is to monitor Dormice in the county, share information and contribute to the National Species Recovery programme. The first meeting of the group was held at Garston in May and was attended by the head of the programme, Pat Morris and his wife, who came down from Royal Holloway College.

Mr Morris is an international expert on small mammals, particularly the hedgehog, Dormouse and Edible Dormouse. He was particularly impressed with the woods, this being his first visit.

Regrettably, I have to report yet another pointless theft, this time of a Dormouse box clearly marked in white paint G3. If any one knows the whereabouts, please return it. From another incident, the Police are investigating an individual regarding interference with nest boxes. Would any locals who are dumping their grass cuttings and garden waste in the woods please desist!

Lastly, an apology to a few local dog walkers if we are changing your routine. Some of the deer and mammal paths have become so large that people are now attempting to use them regularly, particularly along the western edge of the woods. In summer, we frequently have to rescue visitors from thick hazel where they have strayed off the designated paths. That section of the wood is being conserved for migrant warblers and Dormice by letting the scrub reform over a period of time. It is necessary therefore, for us to build temporary fences to restrict access to walkers (and the odd motorbike!), we hope you will understand.

Summer Open Day:

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East Dorset District Council – Press Release – 19th May

SHOPMOBILITY COMES TO TOWN

People with walking difficulties who visit Wimborne Minster will now be able to get around the town more easily by hiring electric scooters and wheelchairs.

East Dorset District Council has engaged the services of Poole Shopmobility to provide powered scooters and wheelchairs every Tuesday of the year. They will be available from a mobile unit which will be parked in Allenvie Road (South) Car Park, next to the subway ramp, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. For only £15.00/year it will be possible to have unlimited use of their equipment.

The Council is looking for volunteers to help run the mobile unit. If there are any people who are able to offer their services for a few hours a week, please contact Lindsay Cass on Wimborne 886201.

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HOT NEWS – Meals on Wheels comes to Sixpenny Handley

Sixpenny Handley First School Presents "Our Fragile Earth"

Sixpenny Handley First School children entertained packed audiences in the Village Hall with their thought-provoking production of "Our Fragile Earth" before Easter.

Caring for their environment had been uppermost in the children's thoughts as they prepared for their production of "Our Fragile Earth" which included dance, musical compositions as well as singing and choral speaking. The children, aged between 4 and 9 years, had been learning about "The Earth and the Elements" during the Spring term and took Creation stories from Australia, North America and Africa as the stimuli for their dances which attempted to 'explain' the creation of fire, the winds and water. Culminating in entreaties to care for the planet on which we live, the children quoted from the famous speech made by Chief Seattle over one hundred and fifty years ago.

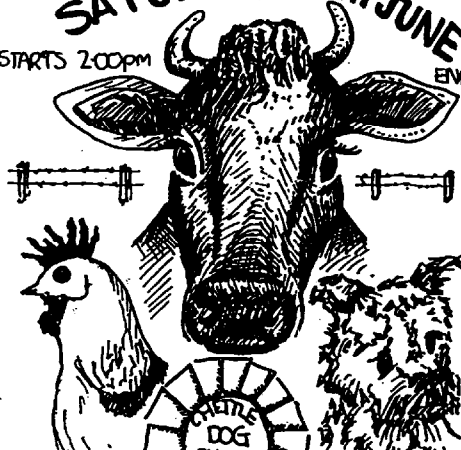
Incorporated into their term's work, the children made wallhangings to illustrate their stories using vibrant dyes with a Bata technique as well as painting designs directly onto fabric. The pupils enjoyed tie-dyeing their own T-shirts to wear for the performances in a variety of different ways. Eagle-eyed residents of Sixpenny Handley are sure to spot some colourful tie-dyed T-shirts this summer, proudly worn by our enthusiastic youngsters!

FREE ENTRY

CHETTLE

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SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

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GOOD-BYE MILLENNIUM

Under the auspices of the entertainment society S.H.E.D.D.S., a new Millennium Committee has been formed. It is hoped that the parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge can give the old millennium a rousing send-off and the committee is looking for ideas from the community on how this can be achieved. The DAPTC Newsletter came up with the suggestion that every house in the parish should be photographed with the occupants standing outside their home. These photographic records could then be included in a time capsule that would be buried somewhere in the parish, not to be opened until the year 3000.

Any suggestions to Godfrey please.

MODERNISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

It appears to be the prerogative of every new government to want to reform local government; the Labour government is no exception. And so, with a keenness that will undoubtedly be tempered in the fullness of time by the vast volumes of paper generated by the consultation exercise, John Prescott is in the process of seeking views and comments on local government democracy. The first paper of the series, the one on democratic renewal, has already been through the consultation exercise and he should by now have received an answer to his question - how can English councils once again engage with, and more effectively lead, their local communities? The Government's General Election manifesto said "*To ensure greater accountability, a proportion of councillors in each locality will be elected annually*", and the paper dealt in great detail with reform of the election process, ostensibly to encourage a better turnout of electors - Great Britain currently stands at the bottom of the European Union league table with 40% turnout. However, in a reference to parishes, the paper concluded that "*the benefits of annual elections do not seem great for this tier of authority and the Government is not inclined to disturb current electoral arrangements for parishes*". Other chapters of the paper included involving the local communities, modernising the way councils work especially with regard to committees which are now regarded as inefficient and opaque, and councils leading their communities (whatever that means).

The remaining papers will deal with best value in service delivery, a new ethical framework, and aspects of the local government finance system.

A Round A Sixpence

Thursday 4th and Sunday 7th June
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1st WOODCUTTS SCOUT GROUP

Barbecue

We will be having a barbecue on Friday 10th July at Woodcutts Scout HQ. 7:30pm onwards.

Tickets £2.50 adults & £1.50 children.

(Ticket price includes 2 items from the Barbecue and a drink)

Tickets available soon from Neil Bowes at Clarke's the Butchers or Barry Howes on 01725 552583.

Come and join the Cubs, Scouts and Committee for the evening.

Spring Sale

The net proceeds from the Spring Sale amounted to over £360 - an excellent result.

Thank you to all who supported and helped to achieve such a result. It will go a long way to help tidy up the Scout H.Q.

Can You Help

1st Woodcutts Scout Troop desperately needs a Scout leader. No previous experience necessary as Leader Training is always available as required.

There has been a scout Troop in Sixpenny Handley for 42 years, and it will be tragic if it is suspended now through lack of a Leader, especially as we have a very active Cub Pack which meets on Friday evenings.

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PARISH DIARY

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Jun-14	Cricket Club Home Match	08	Jul-23	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	13
Jun-15	Flower Arranging Club	31	Jul-26	Bowls Club Home Match	05
Jun-16	Cricket Club Home Match	08	Jul-26	Cricket Club Home Match	08
Jun-17	Wednesday Club	10	Jul-29	Wednesday Club	10
Jun-17	Barbecue & Disco - Star Inn	12	Jul-30	Larmer Tree - Concert	05
Jun-18	Visit to Tisbury Brewery	12	Aug-02	Bowls Club Home Match	05
Jun-18	Sixpennies Open Day	22	Aug-06	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	13
Jun-19	Envelope Objection Deadline	23	Aug-10	W. I. Meeting	29
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Jun-20	Midsummer Dance	13	Aug-12	Wednesday Club	10
Jun-21	Bowls Club Home Match	05	Aug-12	Close Date for Show Entries	35
Jun-21	Cricket Club Home Match	08	Aug-13	Larmer Tree - Concert	05
Jun-21	Duck Race - Broadchalke	11	Aug-15	Flower Show & Fete	35
Jun-25	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	13	Aug-17	Flower Arranging Club	31
Jun-26	CCF Cheese & Wine Party	30	Aug-20	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	13
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			Aug-26	Wednesday Club	10

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.



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