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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the August edition of The Downsman.

Looking out of the window as I write this I can see another patch of blue sky! The last couple of days have improved over the last couple of months; perhaps summer is here at last! However one day on which the sun did shine was the day of the carnival. With the street full of stalls and plenty of people about it was a day that I really enjoyed. Having been roped into acting as "David Bailey" my thanks go to Pete Francis and his team from the Clay Karting club for helping to raise our bit towards the Scouts & Cubs' fund by setting up their Karts for budding racing drivers to have their picture taken. Fortunately for everybody I had put film in the camera and I hope that the subjects were pleased with their prints when they received them.

Following such a successful day it was sad that very few people turned up for the Midsummer Dance that evening in the Village Hall. Still, those of us who were there had a good time with Godfrey giving us plenty of music to dance to. Maybe next time more people will turn up to see what they missed.

Another enjoyable event was the Chase Community Friends Cheese & Wine evening. The horse racing was exciting and although my failings both as a "punter" and an owner came strongly to the fore, it was one of the best ways of losing money that I have come across in a long time. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the night.

Finally, may I make a plea about dog litter. Alexandra, who is now 23 and has lived in Deanland for all her life except the first two years, is profoundly deaf,

Cover Picture

Carnival Princess Louise Cutler after being presented with the Sixpenny Handley Silver Salver by Dave Pine (A/C Scouts) assisted by Darren Perrott.

partially sighted and mentally handicapped. Her parents Nicholas and Rosemary Sherman love to walk with her across the fields from Deanland to the village but feel it has become impossible because of all the dog litter left on the path, particularly adjacent to the caravan site near the Church. Alexandra has recently lost nearly all the precious little sight that she used to have, owing to a severe deterioration in her condition. She now has to walk with a white cane. As I have had to clean my shoes twice recently because of this litter problem I can understand their feelings and I am sure that in Alexandra's case, it actually deprives her of some quality of life. Please dog owners - could you encourage your dogs to move off "the beaten track".



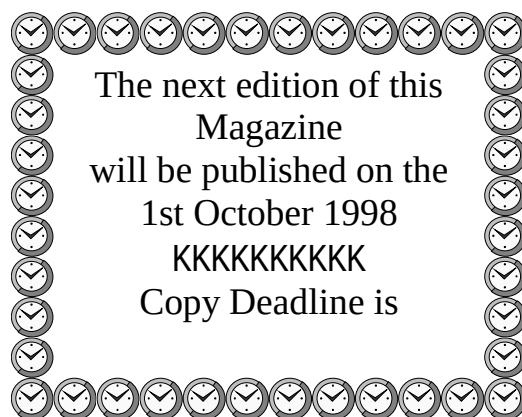
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News and Information

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INSTITUTES

Report for June and July.

Since our last report we have taken part in the annual Street Fair, raising £80 each for the Church Roof Fund and for the Village Hall Fund, and also contributing to the cause of the day, the Scout Hut refurbishment.

We were blessed with a lovely sunny day and that doubtless influenced "the punters".

Mrs D. Lupton took our July meeting, in Mrs Davies' absence, and she gave us an extremely interesting and lively account of the origins and the work of the International Red Cross. It was amazing to hear how much more work is now being undertaken in our changing world. The finding of lost refugee children and reuniting them with family members is just one such task and the example video showing two Tutsi boys being reunited with their aunt was very moving.

Arrangements are in hand for this years evening guided walk which will be to "Forgotten Fisherton" on Monday August 10th, leaving from the Central Library at 6.00pm. If anyone wishes to join us please phone Heather on 552308.

We are also looking forward to the Senior Citizens tea party that is being held on Wednesday, 2nd September. Then our September meeting, to which we welcome all visitors and prospective members on Monday, 14th at 7:30pm will include a talk by Mrs J. Lang on "The Life of a Solicitor". These meetings are most enjoyable and we really do welcome new members.

So why not give us a try!!

Heather Eynon

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

Wednesday club starts again after our summer break on **Wednesday, 9th September**. Mr. Peter Ruck will be our first speaker/demonstrator with a session on "Modelling in Wire and Paper".

After that we have the Salvation Army Band on 23rd September, the Cranborne Chase Preservation Group on 7th October and Clayesmore Prep School Choir on 21st October.

Come along at 2:30pm to the Village Hall on any of these Wednesdays and every other Wednesday till the end of the year. The cost is only 75p per session and that includes your tea!

NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

Although it is still the middle of the summer – sort of-, we are preparing for the winter coppicing programme and planning the next stages of woodland management. The winter should see a major change to the western side of the wood as we remove the very old over-stood hazel and return it to a coppicing cycle. This will involve more wire fences with self-closing gates but ultimately the wood will benefit from the rejuvenation of this area. Further opening up of the rides will be a priority and the southern section will have enough standards removed to provide birds and butterflies with improved habitat. A sitting area is to be created in this southern section where it should be possible to watch birds and butterflies from the relative comfort of log benches made from the cut standards.

To carry out the work we still require volunteers who can cut hazel or make fences for a few hours at a time.

The dates of the working parties are as follows: -

7th, 18th & 21st October

1st, 4th, 15th & 25th November

28th December

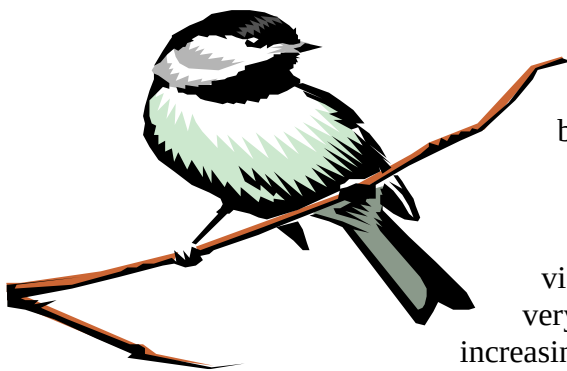
13th, 17th, 27th & 31st January

10th & 21st February

3rd & 14th March

If you are able to help please contact Tony Goddard on 01725 510309; any time you can give is valuable.

Sunday the 19th July was the summer Open Day and thankfully it stayed dry all day.



Whilst there were very few birds to be seen, some 14 species of butterflies did make an appearance and as usual, the flowers were of interest to the 65 visitors who toured the woods. This has been such a poor year for weather that butterflies are few and far between. However, the sight of Silver-washed Fritillaries dashing around looking for mates was quite spectacular. Lucky visitors saw three or four Purple Hairstreaks in the very top of the trees and the White Admiral that is increasingly found in the woods. For the second year

running there was a Scarlet Tiger moth in the car park displaying both the black and cream spotted upper wings and the bright scarlet that shows in flight. Ringlets are common and there were sightings of Comma, Holly Blue, Gatekeeper, Large Skipper as well as the more common “whites and browns”.

The dormouse boxes have provided nesting for over 350 fledglings this year but we would prefer them to be used for their original purpose. Due to the coppicing history and characteristics of the woods, there is a shortage of nesting sites for birds and bats, hence the use of the boxes instead. We propose to collect a variety of nest boxes to be put up in the

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR 1998

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August 17 th	Practice Evening..... "Gone To Pot"
September 21 st	"Viewing Times"..... Sheila Newlin
October 19 th	Practice Evening..... "Whatever Takes Your Fancy!"
November 16 th	"The Colours Of Christmas"..... Dodie Stevens
December 7 th or 21 st	Christmas Party or Dinner..... To be decided at a later date

Meetings commence 7:30 pm at the Village Hall

wood to encourage breeding, and also to be visible to the public where possible. If anyone has any old boxes that could be renovated or wishes to donate a particular box I should be glad to hear from you. David Tucker: Telephone 01725 552026.



Finally, it is good to hear from Colin Morris that the rare male Bechstein's bat ringed in the wood last year, has returned to the same area but due to the weather, other species are not numerous. With some more sunshine everyone could be happy!
David Tucker

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A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

It was exactly a year ago that I wrote in this piece about the proposal for a telecommunications mast at Cobley Farm, Woodyates. The Parish Council's Plans Committee had concluded that there was no logical reason why Mercury, the company seeking planning permission, could not share the Orange mast at Vernditch, just two miles away, and therefore avoid spoiling another piece of our precious area of outstanding natural beauty. But what a difference a year makes! Surprisingly, the Plans Committee this year has not objected to the new proposal for a mast at Cobley Farm. This is even more baffling when I remember that last year most of the Parish Council signed a petition supporting objections to the proposals.

Inevitably, the decision raises a number of questions about the Parish Council's support for the AONB. In the Parish Council's objections to the District Wide Local Plan, there was certainly no comment on, or indeed any problem with, paragraph 6.93 which commits the District Council to reject any construction or structure which does not enhance or maintain the AONB - this, in fact, was the main argument put forward by the District Council's planning committee in rejecting last year's application for the telecommunications mast. Nor was there any suggestion of the Parish Council's lack of commitment to the AONB when it was asked to comment on the AONB's Officer Working Group Issues Report. On the contrary, there was a positive approval of the objectives of the Working Group in seeking to raise awareness of the AONB, its basic character and the issues that are relevant to its future conservation and enhancement. There can be no doubt that the Plans Committee's decision reverses any commitment the Parish Council has or ever had to protect the beauty of the land which surrounds and encompasses the parish.

Probably the most worrying aspect of the whole saga was the decision not to invite the objectors to the fatal Plans Committee meeting. I have always believed that the basic strength of the Parish Council was in its closeness to the community. What it did was always on behalf of the community, it was there to listen to and support the community. This belief has been somewhat dented by the actions of the Plans Committee, especially when it knew that there were more than one hundred letters of objection to the proposed mast, and the petition it was presented with last year should have suggested that any future proposals for siting a mast at Woodyates were bound to be controversial. All controversial issues in the past have demanded a public meeting, why this one was different will never be known.

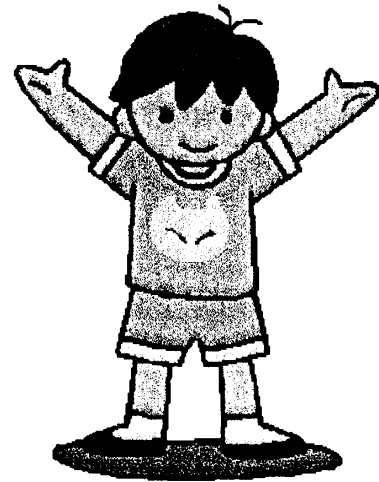
As I write this piece, amended plans are being examined, but this may just be a clever ruse to eliminate the original objections, because time is limited when planning application amendments are processed. Nevertheless, the objectors may gain a crumb of comfort from the fact that our District Councillor has committed himself to support the objections. Whether the Plans Committee can help to resurrect the Parish Council's commitment to the AONB remains to be seen.

Ian Davies

The Happy Nappy Club



**We meet
again on
Monday 7th
September
1998.**



The Happy Nappy Club meets at the Village Hall on Monday mornings between 10 and 11:30am (during school term).

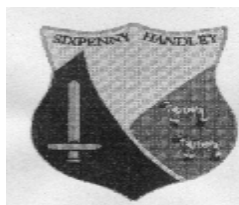
We really look forward to welcoming you and your children. You can visit us every week or once a term. You can bring a friend or come alone. You can even come and help. Whatever you want to do, it's your club - it's up to you!

Play with playdough, have fun with friends, dress up and dance or just relax and read. From slides, sit-n-rides and sing-songs, to tents, tunnels and tea-sets, there's something for everyone.

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



SIXPENNY HANDLEY ENTERTAINMENT, DANCE AND DRAMA SOCIETY

MIDSUMMER CARNIVAL WEEK 14th to 20th JUNE 1998

The Midsummer Carnival Week began on Sunday 14th June 1998 with a Children's Treasure Hunt around the Village area. A total of 20 children entered this event, and they all returned a correct entry card for which they received a packet of sweets. It was decided that as all entries returned were correct the only fair way to select the winners was by drawing out the three required. Mrs. I. Goddard was asked to do this, for which we thank her.

The results were:

£5.00 first prize	Christopher Masson
£3.00 second prize	Anna Frith
£2.00 third prize	Izzy Flockton

Many thanks go to the six Scouts who helped with the running of this event, namely: Ben Cullen, Matt and Chris Preedy, Richard Judd, Jason and Darren Perrott, Also to Geraldine Vincent and Ian Davies.

This was followed by the Wheelbarrow Race, which, disappointingly, only had 2 entries. We nearly managed to finish them off with the course we set, but both teams finished the circuit.

The result was:

Gold Medal plus a bottle of Champagne Perry - **Paul Burton and Scott Brown**
Silver Medal plus a bottle of Perry - **Stephen and Amanda Pharo.**

Many thanks go to the Clay Karting Club who generously donated the medals and Champagne Perry for this event.

SATURDAY 20th MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1998

Despite a damp start to the day the Sun was high and bright in the sky by the time we closed the road at 12:30pm. The first stalls started to arrive at around 10:30am to set up and by the time the event officially started there were some 24 stalls and displays in the street with people gathering around them. A wide range of music was played between 12:30 and 2:00pm by the road show. Between 2:00 and 3:00pm the Imps Band did a superb job of entertaining its audience with some fine music. At 3.00pm Dave Pine, the A/C Scouts, crowned **Louise Cutler** as Carnival Princess. Mrs Helen Rivers then presented her with the Sixpenny Handley Carnival Princess Silver Salver. This salver has been donated in memory of the late Col. Dick Rivers.

The Crowning Ceremony was followed by the Fancy Dress Contest for which there were only two children entrants and two pet entrants. For the Carnival Parade there were only two vehicular floats plus a walking entry from the Women's Section Royal British Legion, Verwood. The Thermal Glazing Systems Challenge Trophy was won by the Post Office

Float and the Jesse Cup by the Star Inn Float with the Village Football Team on board, celebrating their winning of the Championship.

I was pleased that the Brass Band CDs arrived in time for the Parade to have marching music playing when it passed up the High Street.

Only a small number of people turned up for the Midsummer Dance in the Village Hall in the evening.

I would like to thank the following for their help in running the event, donating Raffle Prizes and/or their financial sponsorship.

Dave Pine (A/C Scouts), Mrs Helen Rivers, Mr J. Sills of Frogham, Mr E. Braithwaite of Norleywood, Richard Guppy of Handley Garage, Ian Davies, Alan and Geraldine Vincent, Paul Burton, Barry Howes, Gwen Jesse, Ivy Thorne, May Tricket, Mrs V. Corbin (for the Pony & Trap), John Clarke (for the use of his field as a car park), Tony Groves (for the use of the trailer for the Road Show and PA System), Pete Francis and members of the Clay Karting Club, 1st Woodcutts Scouts and Cubs, Liz Scriven, The New Landlords of the Roebuck (for use of the chairs for the Imps Band and Car Park for Go-karts display), Paul Williams (for the model boats and arranging the model planes), The Handley Line Dancers and the Moonshine Line Dance Co., anybody I may have inadvertently missed out of this list plus everyone who turned out to enjoy themselves.

I would also like to thank the W.I., The Bowls Club, The "For the Kidz" Project, Sixpennies Pre-School Group and the Scouts and Cubs Parents who all supported the Event by setting out stalls.

YELLOW ROAD SIGNS

You may have seen the yellow road signs that we put up around the Village on Carnival Day. These were especially commissioned by us and cost £75.00. You will see in the Statement of Account a special donation of £75.00; this was given for the sole purpose of paying for these signs and is being cleared through this statement for accounting purposes only.

Financially the Event was a Roaring Success as the Statement of Account shows!

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

I shall be doing a sponsored record/CD play in at the Village Hall from 8.00pm Friday 23rd October to Midnight Saturday 24th October, a total of 28 hours. I shall be presenting the music etc in the form of a Radio Broadcast, with different types of music at different times Country, Classics, Opera, Brass Band, Hymns, Children's, 60's, 70's, 80's, Disco, Rock, Easy, etc. A full schedule will be published as soon as I have worked it out. There are two ways of sponsoring this event. One is by sponsoring me as DJ; the other is by sponsoring 30 -minute segments of the programming at £10.00 per segment. The sponsor of a segment would be mentioned at the beginning, in the middle and at the end of their segment. The music played in these segments would still be my choice.

I will need some volunteers to run the kitchen for teas and coffee for the full 28 hours.

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Saturday Evening will be Party Night with a licensed bar from 8pm to 11:30pm. Admission to this will be a £1.00 each. Further details to follow.

The monies raised at this event will be split - 70% for the Church Roof Restoration Fund and 30% to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

I am at present working on a Christmas variety Show that I am going to stage on the 19th December 1998 at the Village Hall. This will be a fundraiser for the Church Restoration Fund. Talented people are invited to join the cast.

S.H.E.D.D.S. STAR BINGO

The Bingo has now settled into the Lounge Bar of the Star Inn for it's fortnightly Sessions. The dates are 6th & 20th August, 3rd & 17th September, 1st, 15th & 29th October and continuing fortnightly.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

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

MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1999

The planned date for the Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival 1999 is Saturday 19th June. I am hoping to set up a Tombola 1000 stall at this event. This is one prize for every year of the second millennium. More details on this event to follow.

S.H.E.D.D.S. MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Our Millennium Committee is: - Godfrey J. Turner (Chair), Mrs Geraldine Vincent, Mr Ian Davies, Mr Tim Palmer (Dorset County Council), Mr Alan Humphries (EDDC).

We are planning on putting down a time capsule within the Parish, to lie for 1000 years.

We are also producing a Millennium Film of the Parish. We have sourced the Stainless Steel Capsule and sourced the GPR Coating for it. The Film is already in production. We hope to have copies of this film available for sale towards the end of next year. More details to follow.

Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival - Statement of Account

	Income	£	Expenditure	£
Easter Raffle		60.00	Press Advertsing	86.54
Stall Fees		205.55	Carnival Princess	25.00
Raffle		117.00	Float Prizes	50.00
Tombola		106.90	Fancy Dress Prizes	16.00
Car parking		22.00	Treasure Hunt Prizes	10.00
Go-kart Photography		10.00	Treasure Hunt Sweets	7.28
Midsummer Dance		25.00	Imps Band	30.00
Sponsorship		150.00	Photocopying	14.90
Donations		13.00	Postage	22.00
Auction (Gorilla/Pet Food)		21.00	PRS Permit	18.53
Wheelbarrow Race		2.00	Road Show Cost - Lights Hire	55.60
Special Donation		75.00	Equipment Fees (3 events)	54.40
			Engraving - Jesse Cup	4.00
			Village Hall - 50% of Door	12.50
			10 Traffic Cones	38.89
			Road Signs	75.00
Total Income		807.45	Total Expenditure	520.64
Less Expenditure		520.64		
Net Income		286.81		
Donation to Scouts & Cubs		286.81		
Balance in Account		0.00		

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



FOOTBALL FOR KIDZ

Due to the popularity of the sessions carried out over the past 2 years, members of Handley Sports F.C. **(1998 Dorset Div 4 League Champions)** will again be organising some football training sessions for the kids during the summer holidays.

The previous 2 seasons have been a lot of fun and the footballing skills of the children have improved immensely, in fact it only seems like yesterday that we were teaching Michael Owen how to score.

So if the kids are getting under your feet during the holidays and you need a break, bring them along to the pitch and let us burn off their energy for you.

After a 2 minute warm up, we will spend about 25 minutes practising some shooting, passing and dribbling skills, and then split into teams for the favourite part of the session - the match.

The sessions will take place on August 8th, 15th & 22nd starting at 10.00am for 1 hour, at Sixpenny Handley football pitch. Both boys and girls are welcome (5yrs to 12yrs inclusive).

For the 3rd year running the cost per child is still only £1.00 (money will go to Handley Sports F.C.). So when you need a break from the kids on a Saturday morning, you could:

- a) Drive 12 miles and pay £2.75 for an hour at Clown About
- b) Drive 12 miles and pay £2.50 for your child to go to the cinema, plus popcorn, Coke, sweets etc, and your own entry fee.
- c) **Drive about a mile and pay £1.00 for us to take them off your hands for an hour, burn off their energy and give them a great time.**

We'll see you there!!

Conservative Association Forth Coming Events

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11th September

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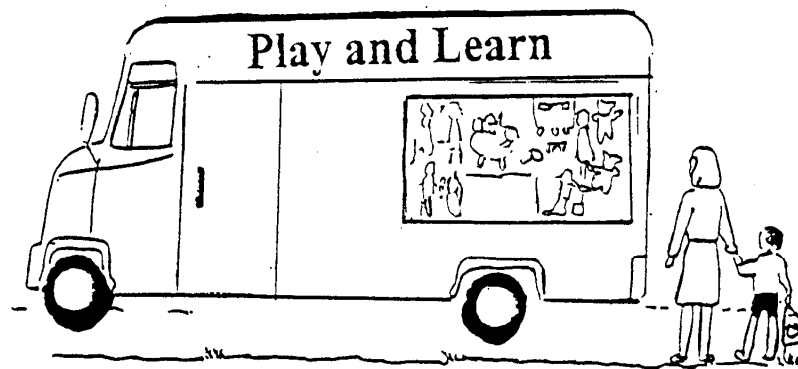
THE STAR INN

Come on down and have a jar
at your local called the Star
Come on in and sit right down
Whatever you drink be it cider or brown
You can play darts or maybe some pool
or just sit down by the bar on a stool
If you've come from near or from afar
We hope you won't forget the Star
We hope you have enjoyed your stay
as we wave you on your way
from all the staff behind the bar
at your local called the Star

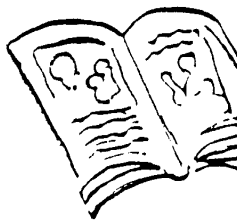
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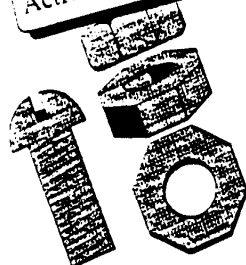
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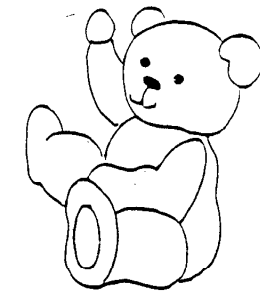
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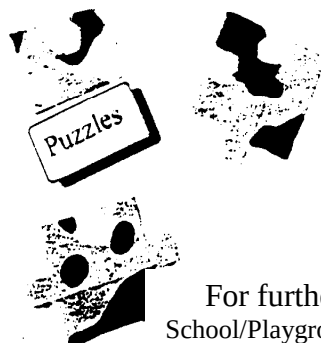
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EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME

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

“FOR THE KIDZ” NEWS

I'm sorry to say we still can't agree a site for our new playarea with the local planners. But we **are** trying, as are our Parish Council and Mr. Alan Humphries our District Councillor. All we can do is hope that by next years school summer holidays things will be different.

We have over £8000 in the play area fund ready & waiting!

THE NEW YOUTH CLUB

We are waiting to hear from all of you who are aged 8 to 16 years.

Our new **YOUTH CLUB** is planned for the autumn. We will have new equipment and lots of great things to do!

Fill in the form overleaf if you haven't already put your name down, and let us know what you like to do and your interests. IT WILL BE YOUR YOUTH CLUB so lets hear from you now!

Calling all parents, grandparents and any one else out there who have interesting pastimes & talents. E.g. Sports, pottery, cooking, car maintenance, model making, music, drama, art, gardening, makeup and hair styling etc, etc, etc.....

Would you interested in spending a session or two with the youth club? If so we would love to hear from you!

Do you have any old 50p's?

**We are now collecting them at the newsagents in aid of the
“New Youth Club”**

**Quiz Evening with Fish & Chip Supper
Saturday 19th September 7pm for 7:30pm
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Bring you own drink.**

**Teams of FOUR - £5 per person to include supper.
Pick up your entry forms from the Newsagents**

Big Autumn Bingo

**Monday 5th October, doors open 7pm “eyes down” 7:30pm
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Lots of Lovely Prizes**

Both events in aid of the New Youth Club

Letters to the 'Editor'

Dear Parents,

The For the Kidz Committee are hoping to start a Youth Club, so if you have a child aged 8 - 16 that would like to join please could you let us know. This we hope will be held at Woodcutts Scout hut. Please enter details at the bottom of this letter and return to Handley Newsagents.

We have several members of our committee who are prepared to train as youth leaders but we will also need parents who could give a few hours to help. The grant that we have applied for will enable us to buy equipment so that we can offer various activities such as Arts and Crafts, Music, Drama, Hairdressing, Makeup, Sports, Indoor Games etc. If there are enough children interested we could be up and running by the end of the year.

We would be delighted if there is anyone (No matter what age) who could spend a few hours with the children showing them special skills and hobbies.

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Symes

(On behalf of For the Kidz Committee)

Application to join the Youth Club

Name.....

Address.....

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Age.....

Dear Sir

I write in response to Ann Gilcan's letter published in the last edition, where she seems to raise her eyebrows at the lively nature of the Sunday Night Live services at St. Mary's. Surely the fact that people attend this service in above average numbers to praise the Lord and "enjoy" their worship time shows the need for a variety of service forms especially as St. Mary's is the only church in the village. So come along Ann to the next one which is on Sunday 30th August at 6pm, see for yourself and bring a friend.

Whilst writing I can confirm that the Teddy Bears Parachute and Bungee Jump from St. Marries Tower **WILL** definitely go ahead as planned on Saturday 15th August at 5pm despite the attempts of some animal rights activists to stop "these Grizzly goings on".

However Mr. Rupert Bruin from the R.S.P.C.B. (The Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Bears) from their head office in Paddington, issued a statement earlier today which said "We were obviously concerned for the welfare of the bears but all the safety regulations are being implemented - all bears will have a full medical before being allowed to jump". He went on to Pooh Pooh suggestions that they were killjoys as they had in fact offered to provide a trained anaesthetist for the period of the event in case any bear should require stuffing after landing. He hoped the event would bear fruit and make money for the church roof fund but added that he would not be there, as he could not bear to watch.

Hope to see you at St. Mary's and don't forget to bring your Teddy!

Yours faithfully

Evan Jellicle

Dear Sir,

After officially 'opening' the Sixpenny Handley Roundwalk on June 4th Derek Mills (Chairman EDDC) accompanied by Chief Executive Alan Breakwell & Neil Farmer (Head of Leisure & Tourism), and other members, paid an unofficial visit to the new Sports & Leisure Centre.

I listened with great pride to their complimentary remarks, and it became obvious that they, at least, fully appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Parish Council and all who have been involved in bringing this dream to fruition. I wonder how many other villages are envious of such a wonderful facility, set as it is in such beautiful surroundings.

I hope that previous correspondents will either adopt a more constructive approach, or take their grievances to The Ombudsman, who is the person appointed to deal with complaints from anyone who feels that any council has acted improperly.

Alan Humphries.

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Sylvia Day

Sylvia Day would like to thank the staff and children at Handley First School for the lovely gifts they gave her on her retirement.

Also a big thank you to Alison Latchem, staff and governors for the surprise party on the 21st July.

You got the better of me!
I didn't have a clue!

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Copy of letter to Mr. P. Chick, Chairman, Sixpenny Handley Parish Council.

Dear Mr. Chick,

Fly posting on lamp posts in the village.

We have become concerned over recent months at the increasing numbers of posters and notices put up on lampposts. This gives the village a very messy, run-down sort of look - particularly as few people bother to take down posters when they are out of date.

Would it be possible for the Parish Council to put up a good solid noticeboard in the centre of the village - without glass - so that organisations could put their notices up (and take them down!) in an agreed place where the residents could go and inform themselves.

If there were such a board, then we could all join forces in keeping the lamp posts clear of what is often just vertical litter!

Please could you put this proposal to the Parish Council.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Pamela Wood

Larmer Tree Gardens

TOLLARD ROYAL

Present

Thursday 13th August

Humphrey Lyttelton in Concert

Details & Tickets available through the

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01725 516228/453

Sixpenny Handley First School Children Go To Town!

As part of our term's project on "Our Local Area" Class Two paid a visit to Wimborne Minster. The children had already found out about their own home and school and they had visited the Church in Sixpenny Handley. Now they were going to study a larger settlement as part of their Geography curriculum.

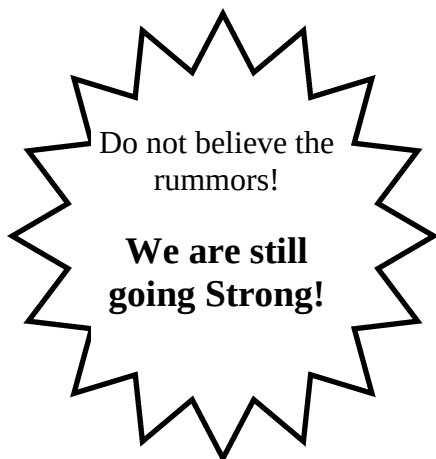
On the way to Wimborne in the bus the children observed how the land was used, noting the crops and animals and small settlements en route. A tour of Wimborne by bus enabled the children to appreciate the size of this larger settlement and to compare the services provided by the shops, banks, hotels and so on.

Our first visit was to the Wimborne Model Town, which is based on Wimborne of the 1950's. The children were intrigued by all the little shops with their intricate arrays of goods for sale in the windows and soon could be heard confidently giving directions to a variety of places.

Next we visited the Minster which was full of interesting things to search for including a knight with his feet on the wrong way round and an impressive clock with no hands! Sadly, the famous Quarterjack on the tower was not striking the time but I am sure the children will encourage their parents to take them again to see him in action! The children were most impressed by the sheer size and magnificence of this place of worship, comparing it to their own church.

It proved to be a thoroughly worthwhile, stimulating day that gave the children first hand experience of a different locality.





LINE DANCING

Sixpenny Handley Line Dancing Club meets
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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

Mr. Graham Smith, 25 Paddock Close, Sixpenny Handley 552149

Churchwardens (St. Rumbold's Pentridge)

Mrs. Jane King, Pentridge House, Pentridge 552231

Mrs. Jean Longley, Orchard House, Pentridge 552703

Lay Pastoral Assistants

Mrs. Wendie Everall (Youth and Sunday School) 552843

Mr. Haydn Everall (Youth and Sunday School)
Mistleberry Cottage, Newtown 552843

Mrs. Jean Mayne, 6 St. Mary's Court, Sixpenny Handley 552692

Mrs. Pamela Wood, The Vicarage, Sixpenny Handley 552608

Seeker Distribution

Dr. Zoe Harris, 16 St. Mary's Court, Sixpenny Handley 552430

On the weekend of 4th and 5th July, our annual summer event took the form of a Wedding Dress Display. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to making this a fascinating and delightful display. Mr. Gordon Clarke and the Flower Arranging Club members who gave arrangements added a splendid finishing touch, but the event could not have happened without your generosity in lending your precious dresses - thank you all!

And an especial thank you to the immensely hard working team from the Church who put it all together.

Ron Wood

HOLIDAY CLUB 98

The St. Mary's Holiday Club for all 5 - 11 year olds in the Parish will be at the Village Hall from 10th to 13th August. Please remember that all children must be pre-booked for legal reasons. So if you haven't booked your child in yet, there is no time to lose! Phone

Pam Wood on 552608.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday, 15th August at 5 pm TEDDY BEARS PARACHUTE JUMP from Church Tower,

Sunday, 16th August 9.30 am THANKSGIVING SERVICE for the progress on the Church Roof

Sunday, 30th August at 6 pm SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE - Work, rest and play
- getting the balance right.

Sunday, 6th September 9.30 am FAMILY SERVICE Celebrating St. Mary.

Friday, 25th September 7 30 pm HARVEST CELEBRATION at the Village Hall.

Sunday, 27th September HARVEST FESTIVAL - 9:30 am at St. Mary's
- 6:00 pm at Gussage St. Andrew

Sunday, 4th October 9.30 am PETS' SERVICE at St. Mary's.

ST.MARY'S MOB - THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

After a short break in July, St Mary's Mob will start again on Sunday, 16th August. Meet Wendie and Haydn at 9 30 am in Church and go on to the Vicarage for fun, games, stories and teaching.

For more information, phone Wendie on 552843.

WANTED - CAN YOU HELP?

I am hoping to train for the Church of England Ministry and, if I am successful at my selection conference, I will begin to train in October and be ordained in three years time. My ministry, whether ordained or lay, will be in the Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Benefice, assisting Ron and the other people who are already involved in the Parish with Church work. To enable me to be more effective, I would ideally live in the Parish. At present, I live at Donhead St. Mary which is really too far away.

If you know of any house about to come on to the market with at least two bedrooms and a largish garden then please could you let me know. I have agricultural status so if you are a

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**Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Tuesday 18th August & Tuesday 15th September
Between 10:00 am & 10:45 am.**

CHASE COMMUNITY FRIENDS

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it,
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In the form of :-

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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.

For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,

Please contact CCF co-ordinator,

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REPAIR OF CHURCH ROOF

When you walk up to the top of the Village you can scarcely miss the builders up on the Church Roof. The roof had begun to leak badly and, to prevent interior damage, the PCC took the decision to go ahead with the repairs costing £25,000.

We have managed to get some grants from various bodies who help with the restoration and repair of historic churches. In particular, the Dorset Historic Churches Trust has been most generous and so I would urge you to support them on the Annual Cycle Ride which is advertised separately. And many church members, residents and friends have been immensely generous with donations for the Roof Fund.

We are now hoping to raise the last £5000 by the autumn and we are confident that with God's help we can do it.

Do please come along to our Thanksgiving Service at 9.30 am on Sunday, 16th August at St. Mary's.

PS I thought you might be entertained with the following copy from a photo taken by David Eynon, relating to the previous works carried out in 1830!

Ron Wood

Voluntary Subscriptions towards Enlarging the Church by building an Aisle prolonging & Building new Gallery Adding 200 Sitings Free Seats and building 10 pews Repairing the Chancel & Without Church Rate.			
A.D. 1830			
Marquis of Anglesey 2 new pews	30	Entire Expenses of the work	
Sir H. Fane	25	Original Estimate	448 10
Mr. Hanham late of Upwood	56	Additional Estimate the old	
I. Hughes Esq. lay Rector 1 new pew	20	Gallery being found Unsafe	40
Church building Society	120	New pews Refitting Chancel	
Rev. T. Mason 1 vicars pew	200	Arranging seats in the body of	
M. J. Welch Yeoman	20	the old Church belfry and	
Capt. I. A. Caldwell	10	Outside Entrance to gallery	
Drawbacks on Timber glass &c	37 15	Not in the Estimate	82 6
Rev. W. Merrick Woodvates	5	Painting and Colouring	20
Capt. H. B. Mason R.N.	2	Altar Cloth & pulpit Cushion	7
M. Woodyear	5	Faculty of the Register	12
Capt. Perton R.N.	5	Architect and plans	21
I. Platt Esq.	2		
Capt. Blackwood R.N.	2		
M. Mason	10		
M. Collins	5		
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& Jo. Cookman pews lifehold	23		
M. Emily Mason Bath an Altar			
Cloth and Pulpit Cushion	7		
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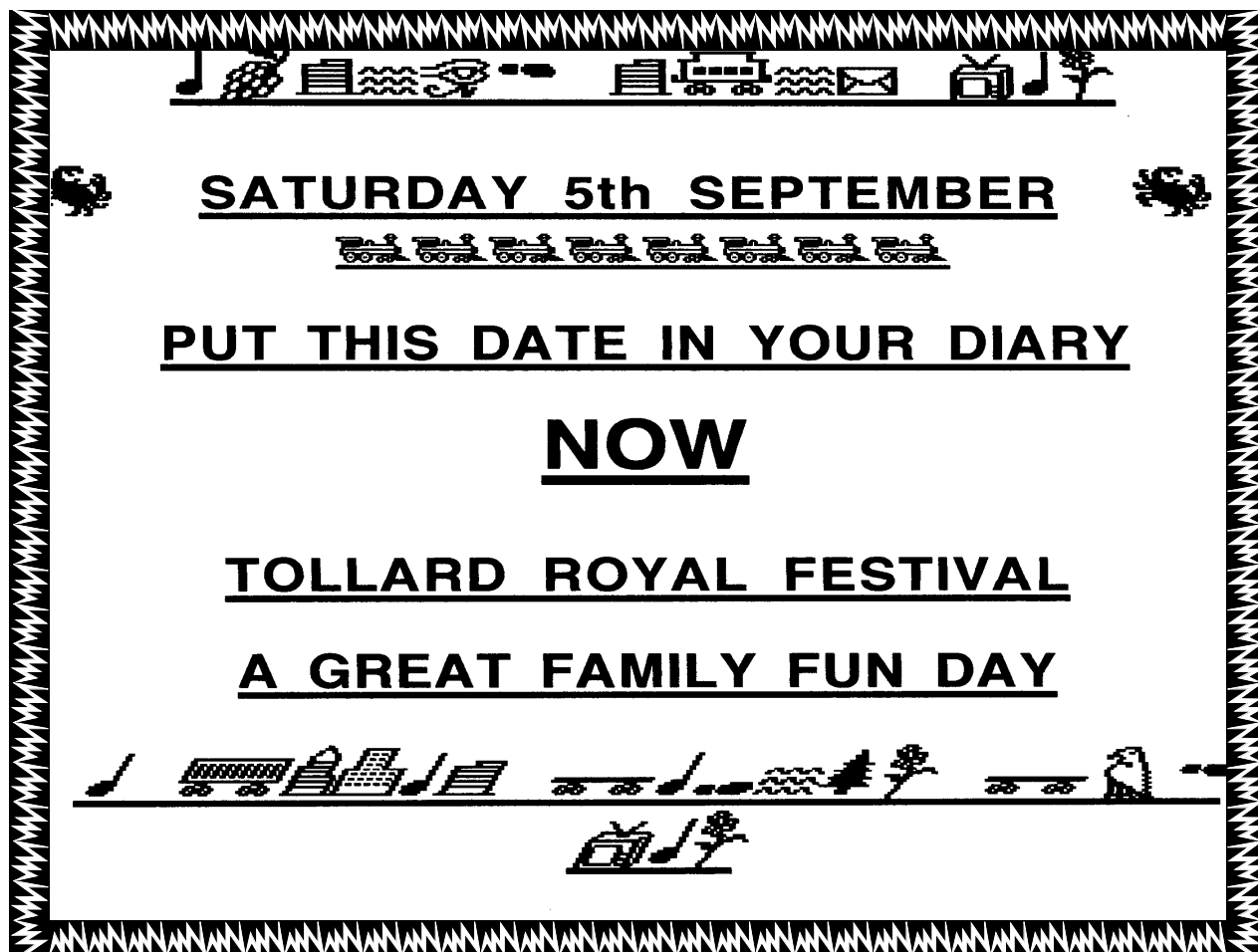
EXTRACTS FROM THE DAPTC NEWSLETTER

Definition of By-Ways and Off-Road Vehicles

The Land Access and Recreation Association, representing off-road motorcycle and four-by-four vehicle users, appealed against a decision last May that a Somerset lane be defined as a bridleway reserved for walkers and horse riders. However, the judge ruled that off-road drivers could use tracks and lanes classified as "Roads Used as Public Paths (RUPPS) only if they could show that they had been used by vehicles before 1930 (the Road Traffic Act 1930 had made it an offence to drive a motorised vehicle along a public footpath or bridleway). The fact that a lane or track had been classified as a RUPP was not in itself proof that vehicles had a right of way along it. The onus was on would-be users to provide evidence that this had been so in the past.

Mobile Cinema For Dorset

Dorset County Council, North and West Dorset District Councils are backing a feasibility study into the provision of a mobile cinema for the county at an estimated cost of £600,000. The Arts Council will fund most of the cost of the feasibility study, which might lead to an application for National Lottery funds to cover the project.



SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

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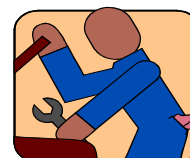
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Tuesday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	9.0 - 5.0
Wednesday	9.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0
Thursday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0
Friday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	9.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0
Saturday	9.0 - 12.0	Closed

Harvest Celebration

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*Friday September 25th 7:30 pm
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HOT NEWS – Meals on Wheels comes to Sixpenny Handley

The **Thursford Christmas Shows** are without question Britain's largest Christmas production. 76, 000 people attend the 58 shows each year.

A cast of over 100 professional artistes, make up the 55 voice choir, the string ensemble, plus 2 percussionists, 4 woodwinds, 6 brass, keyboard and guitar players, other miscellaneous musicians, a dance troupe of sixteen, The Band of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment and Phil Kelsall (from the Tower Ballroom Blackpool) at the Wurlitzer Organ, all combining to produce, on the eighty foot wide stage, a show which covers every aspect of Christmas music from light hearted to the collegiate sound of Kings College, Cambridge.

It took two pages of the Sunday Telegraph Supplement to try to describe the wonder of the Thursford Christmas Experience, last year, so I obviously cannot do so here.

However, you have a chance to see it for yourself by joining us on one of our coach trips this year. These are booked for:

Thursday November 26th returning Friday Nov 27th.

Monday November 30th returning Tuesday December 1st

Saturday December 5th returning Sunday December 6th (Fully Booked)

We leave at around 9:00am, take lunch at Northampton and arrive at the Globe Hotel Kings Lynn at approx. 4pm. (This is a three star listed establishment) At 5pm we board our coach for the journey to Thursford. This allows time to visit the fabulous gift shops & restaurants within the complex, before the show. Arriving back at our hotel at approx. 10:30pm.

After breakfast next morning you have time to visit King Lynn's shops before boarding the coach for home at 11.00am.

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Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert.

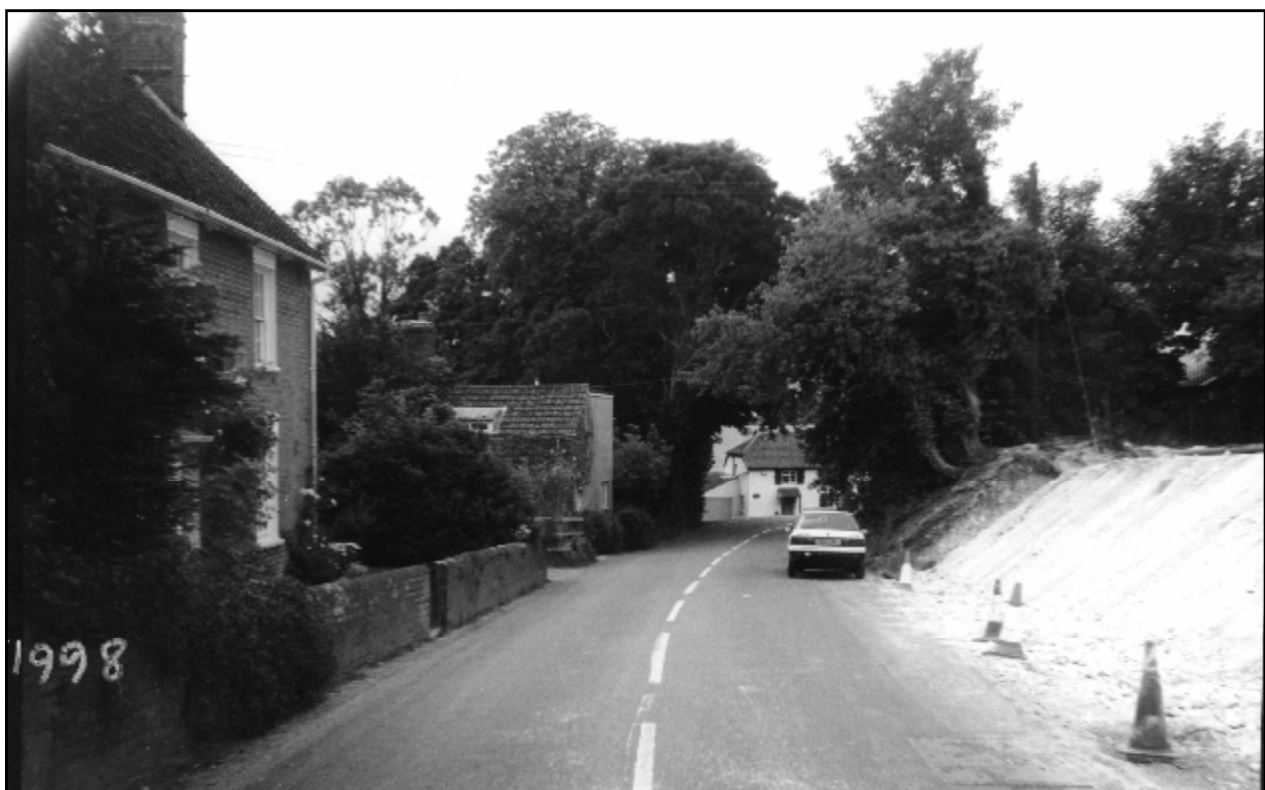
Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: **THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT IS ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.**

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Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call!

Submitted by John Bennett





It is very interesting to compare the above photo (taken about 1920?) with the two on the facing page, one from last year and the other since the building in The Hollows was started.

Many thanks to Mr. Dennant for providing these photos and to his son who discovered the early print in a shop in London!

**Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Management Committee Present A
Fun Evening**

Saturday August 15th 1998
Hall & Recreation Ground

Stalls - Competitions
Raffle
Entertainment

From 5:30pm until dusk
Watch out for Posters



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club News

Hopefully, by the time you read this summer will have arrived! I just hope that the good weather in May wasn't our summer!

The men have had to play two of their League matches in the rain - these have to be played whatever the weather. Thank goodness we have an all-weather bowling green - I don't think it would have been possible to play on grass.

They have one more league match to play, on August 10th, and they should achieve a respectable position in the league, which is good for their first try.

We are being approached by quite a few Touring Clubs now, to come and have friendly matches against us - these are really good because they bring us income as well as enjoyable company. One club has asked to come again next year, so perhaps we are getting on the map.

For the last three weeks I have had to sit and watch following a small operation, but am really looking forward to starting again in a few weeks time.

Our internal Club competitions are now taking place and I would ask all our members to keep up the good work and get their games played off as soon as possible.

The dates of our friendly matches are: -

August

Sunday 2 nd	Mere	Home	3:00pm
Sunday 9 th	Shaftesbury	Away	2:30pm
Wed. 12 th	Salisbury Men	Away	2:30pm
Sunday 16 th	Gillingham	Away	2:30pm
Sunday 23 rd	Pimperne	Home	2:30pm
Sunday 30 th	New Forest	Home	2:30pm

September

Thursday 3 rd	Ealing Touring Team	Home	2:30pm
Sunday 6 th	Wool	Home	2:30pm
Thursday 10 th	Saffron Walden Touring Team	Home	2:30pm
Sunday 13 th	Wool	Away	2:30pm
Sunday 20 th	Fordingbridge	Away	2:30pm
Saturday 26 th	Shaftesbury	Home	2:30pm

Planning - Cobley Farm

There is an amended Plan for the Mercury Communications application for a Mast at Cobley Farm.

It is intended to hold a public meeting at Pentridge Village Hall to enable interested parties to air their views.

Date and time to be advised - Watch for Notices.

Allotments

The District Council passed the Planning Application by Pitt-Rivers Estate to extend the present allotment land off Bushy Bush Lane. Hopefully prospective Allotment Holders will be able to use some of the land in the spring. Existing tenants will have to be given notice to vacate the land in due course by the Estate.

It is almost certain that an Allotment Committee will be formed to run the site.

Under the planning permission granted no authority was given for things like Greenhouses and Garden Sheds or structures of any kind (except boundary fencing). This is because the site is in an A.O.N.B. and can be glimpsed through the hedge and also from the west.

Prospective Allotments Holders who had previously passed their names to the Council and are still interested will be given priority should there be a shortage of land. Any one else

Sixpenny Handley Stores & Post Office

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Wide Selection of Cards
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Tel:- Liz on 01725 552827**

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Electricity Savings Stamps now
available**

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Television Licence Payments
Travellers Cheques & Foreign
Currency
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Association of Sports Clubs

An association of Sporting Clubs will be formed to run the Recreation facility. This will start from the 1st October and will run in tandem with the Project Committee for six months. The four present users - Football - Bowls - Cricket - Tennis will be the founder members. This is in accordance with the plan set out when the complex was built.

The Association will remove much of the financial and administrative work from the Parish Council and clubs will be responsible for their own destiny.

The old association has been disbanded as there were no current members and it had been impossible to elect an Executive Committee at its last AGM. Also the aims and rules of the previous Association were different from the new one.

20th Annual Flower Show

Unfortunately the Summer Show had to be cancelled because of lack of resources and accommodation.

However the Flower Show Committee have decided to run a late
Autumn Show on the 3rd October.

Pull out schedule with this edition of The Downsman.

Weather conditions permitting we will have outside stalls around the Village Hall.
i.e. Plants etc.

The Monster Raffle will take place.

All proceeds to the Flower Show Committee.

Your support will be appreciated.

Next year will be the 21st Annual Show

We hope to make it a special one!

Chairman - B. J. Hansford - 01725 552468

Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground - Play Area

This play area, which is owned and administered by the Parish Council, has received its Annual Inspection as required by Health & Safety Law.

Unfortunately much of the equipment, which was elderly, did not reach the new criterion under BS Standards of Safety.

As a result our insurance company would not cover the equipment and users. In the event of an accident the Parish Clerk or Chairman would be liable for negligence. It was therefore necessary to remove the offending equipment, as most of it was not repairable. The swings have remained but will need some renovation work - painting and renewed chairs. The fence will be brought up to standard to be dog and vandal proof. The Roller barrel works OK but will need safety surfacing and the framework re-painted. The See-Saws were not up to standard and have had to be removed as have the home made equipment - tyres for the balance walk etc - as these are not allowed under present health and safety law.

The wooden animals will stay but need staining and polishing.

The Parish Council has formed a Sub Committee to look into future replacements. The cost including safety surfacing could be up to £10,000 depending on what is installed.

Handley Sports Club

The club held its Annual Dinner and presentation Evening at the Star Inn on the 19th June. Alan Ambrose and John Masters from the Dorset County FA came along and presented the League Cup and individual awards to the players.

Club awards were also presented and the winners were: -

Clubman of the Year		Mark Young
Leading Goal Scorer	Sat.	Simon Wallworth
Leading Goal Scorer	Sun.	Stuart Neave
Players Player	Sat.	Calvin Bent
Players Player	Sun.	Stewart Hibberd
Man of the Match	Sat.	Calvin Bent
Man of the Match	Sun.	Gary Neave

This coming season the Saturday XI will be competing in Division 3 of the Dorset League whilst the Sunday side will compete in Division 5 of the County Sunday League.

Any prospective players can attend training at the recreation ground on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

Some pre-season friendlies have been arranged as follows: -

August 8 th	Bowerchalke	Away
August 13 th	South Newton	Home
August 20 th	Witchampton	Home
August 29 th	Marden	Home

The first Saturday League match will be played on September 5th

The first Sunday League match will be played on September 6th

Handley Sports Club

100 Club 1998

The club are currently inviting subscriptions form the new year that started up in June.

When this is completed the requisite number of draws will be backdated.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Annual Meeting

The Hall Management Committee held its Annual Meeting on the 23rd of April.

Officers Elected were: -

Chairman	Mr. S. Judd
Vice Chairman	Mr. B. Hansford
Executive Committee	Mr. C. Miles, Mrs P. Oxford, Vacancy to be filled
Maintenance Committee	Mr. T. Henderson, Mrs P. Oxford, Mr. R Jesse, Mr. C. Miles, Mr. S. Judd

Balance in hand April 1998 was £3773.03.

The Secretary - Mrs P. K. Bailey-Wright and the Treasurer Mr. R. Watkins will continue in their posts as they are appointed, not elected.

Mrs Michelle Daniels continues as Caretaker.

Fun Evening

**There is a vacancy on the Executive Committee.
Any person from the Parish interested please write to the Secretary.
Mrs P. K. Bailey-Wright, Iona, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 5RP**

The Village Hall Management Committee is taking advantage of the cancellation of the Flower Show (re-arranged for 3rd October - see separate report) and are holding a

Fun Evening

to raise funds - starting at 5:30pm and continuing until dusk.

Stalls, Competitions, Raffle - usual things for this type of event. If you can help or have any ideas to raise money please contact Mrs. Bailey-Wright on 01725 552771.

Watch for further details on posters in the Village.

Village Hall Extension & Refurbishment

For several years the Committee has been discussing the extension and repairs to the Hall. Recently the Hall Extension Committee interviewed groups and decided on a plan that was passed to the Architects to draw a formal plan for a planning application to the EDDC. Financial providers were also discussed with Dorset Rural Action. Originally it was considered Millennium Project but time is of the essence at the moment.

PARISH DIARY

DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
Aug-01	Cranborne Chase Week	21	Sep-10	Bowls Club Home Match	3
Aug-02	Bowls Club Home Match	34	Sep-11	Conservative Assoc. B-B-O	1
Aug-04	Line Dancing Club (Weekly on Tuesdays)	21	Sep-12	The Great Cycle Ride	3
Aug-05	Chase Community Friends (Weekly on Thursdays)	24	Sep-14	W. I. Meeting	0
Aug-06	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	12	Sep-15	Mobile Advice Centre	2
Aug-08	Football For Kidz	14	Sep-17	Downsman Copy Deadline	0
Aug-10	Holiday Club Week Begins	22	Sep-17	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	1
Aug-10	W. I. Guided Walk	05	Sep-19	For The Kidz Quiz Evening	1
Aug-13	Football Club Friendly	37	Sep-21	Flower Arranging Club	0
Aug-13	Larmer Tree - Concert	19	Sep-23	Wednesdav Club	0
Aug-15	Football For Kidz	14	Sep-25	Harvest Celebration	2
Aug-15	Teddy Bear Jump	27	Sep-26	Bowls Club Home Match	3
Aug-15	Village Hall Fun Evening	33	Sep-27	Harvest Festival	2
Aug-16	Church Roof Thanksgiving	25	Oct-01	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	1
Aug-16	St Mary's Mob	23	Oct-03	20th Annual Flower Show	3
Aug-17	Flower Arranging Club	07	Oct-04	Pets Service	2
Aug-18	Mobile Advice Centre	23	Oct-05	For The Kidz Autumn Bingo	1
Aug-20	Football Club Friendly	37	Oct-07	RSPB Working Partv	0
Aug-20	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	12	Oct-07	Wednesdav Club	0
Aug-22	Football For Kidz	14	Oct-12	W. I. Meeting	0
Aug-23	Bowls Club Home Match	34	Oct-15	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	1
Aug-29	Football Club Friendly	37	Oct-18	RSPB Working Partv	0
Aug-30	Bowls Club Home Match	34	Oct-19	Flower Arranging Club	0
Aug-30	Sunday Night Live	23	Oct-21	RSPB Working Partv	0
Sep-02	W. I. Senior Citizens Tea	05	Oct-21	Wednesdav Club	0
Sep-03	Bowls Club Home Match	34	Oct-23	Record/CD Marathon	1
Sep-03	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	12	Oct-24	Record/CD Partv Night	1
Sep-05	Saturday League starts	37	Oct-29	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	1
Sep-05	Tollard Royal Festival	26	Nov-01	RSPB Working Partv	0
Sep-06	Bowls Club Home Match	34	Nov-04	RSPB Working Partv	0
Sep-06	St Mary Family Service	23	Nov-04	Wednesdav Club	0
Sep-06	Sunday League starts	37	Nov-09	W. I. Meeting	0
Sep-09	Wednesday Club	05	Nov-12	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	1
			Nov-15	RSPB Working Partv	0
			Nov-16	Flower Arranging Club	0

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.



NEW BABY CLINIC POST NATAL SUPPORT GROUP

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

SIXPENNIES PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Opportunity to spend time away from mum and enjoy playing
with other children within a caring environment.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30am - 12:00 noon
Contact - Denise Meaden Tel:- 01725 552715

HAPPY NAPPY CLUB

Come and enjoy a friendly,
fun-packed morning at the
Village Hall.

Babies, toddlers and
children under school age
are welcome - with their
mothers and carers.

We always provide
refreshments and sometimes
special events.

Mondays
10.00am - 11.30am

Term time
Contact - Penny Morrison
Tel:- 01725 552024



Sixpenny Handley School Link Group

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

Sixpenny Handley First School

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

