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The next edition of this
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will be published on the

1st October 2000
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18th September 2000

Flower Show - Cancelled

Owing to the lack of helpers available

Mrs Rita Cooper

I am trying to locate a cousin - her name 33 years ago was Mrs. Rita Cooper and she lived at Denzil Cottage, Bower Chalke Road, Sixpenny Handley. I do not know her husband's first name. Her maiden name was Geeson and she has a sister Gwen who became Mrs. Copeland. For a time in our childhood we lived together at Rosemont, Elham, Nr. Canterbury, Kent -both her family and mine, plus another Aunt and Uncle, Mr. & Mrs. John Westacott.

Mrs Anne J. Olson
Saskatchewan
Canada

If anyone can help Mrs Olson, can they contact myself and I will either pass the information on or put them in touch

The cover this month shows scenes from the Street Fayre and Carnival.

New Play Areas - Preferred Plan

The Parish Council Sub Committee looking at ideas from Play Companies in consultation with the East Dorset District Council have now come up with a preferred plan.

Any person interested in having a look at this plan may do so at the Sports Pavillion at 7 pm on Thursday 10th August and may make comment to the Sub-Committee.

HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

'100' Club 1999/2000

Draw No 9 - June 2000

£40 - 140 Mrs Mckenzie, St Mary's Court, S H
£10 - 103 Michael Catchpole, Hill House, S H
£10 - 108 J.E. Edwards. Cashmoor, Wimborne
£5 - 224 Mrs Keegan Cobley Close
Woodyates

Draw No 10 - July 2000

£40 - 107 J.A. Edwards, Cashmoor,
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£10 - 149 M.R. Read, Handley Park, S H
£10 - 105 Mr T Blake, Handley Green, S H
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NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

Summer Open Day has come around again (Sunday 23rd July) but it was so cold and with an easterly wind that few people ventured out until the sun came out late afternoon. Steve Oakes carried out a butterfly transect at noon and the temperature was 15degrees, not enough to even wake up a dormouse who do not stir below 16°C! During our Dormouse check on the 16th, we only found one animal and that was fast asleep in torpor, which tells you something of the appalling weather during the last month. Luckily the birds have managed to breed successfully around the various cold and wet spells. Of the 180 dormouse boxes, over sixty have been occupied by breeding birds and these nests have fledged over three hundred young. There have been the usual losses to interference from squirrels, mortality among the parent birds and possibly some human interference, but it has not been a bad year. This year we have had Wrens nesting in boxes for the first time and talking to other areas we find a similar picture. This bird has only just realised the potential of dormouse boxes, three years after all the tits starting using them. Once again the main occupants were Marsh, Blue and Great Tits with a few Long-Tailed for good measure.

Returning to the Open Day, those that came early and late saw marvellous displays of Silver Washed Fritillaries and other butterflies. The count for the day included, Gatekeeper, various whites including Green Veined, Comma, White & Red Admiral,

**Bats and Moths evening on 9th August meet in the Car Park at 8.30pm.
Wear warm clothes, you can stay all evening or later.**

Dormouse Day on 2nd September at 10.00am to 1.00pm. Numbers limited to 20, booking through RSPB Arne is ESSENTIAL Phone 01929 553360

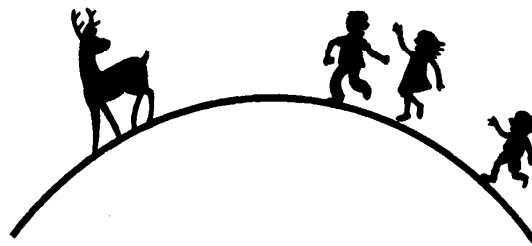
Meadow Brown, Speckled Wood, Ringlet and Large Skipper. Incredibly, for the third summer Open Day running, a Scarlet Tiger Moth appeared in the Car Park just at the right time for the local team to see it at close quarters. The bird count started very slowly and with such luxurious top and undergrowth from all the rain this year it is very difficult to spot much through the leaves. However, the new ride through the Plantation produced an early Sparrowhawk and late afternoon a Goshawk flew over the Car Park. I do not think that Turtle Doves have bred in the woods this year due to the disturbance of their breeding habitat and the very few birds that have reached the region this year. Reports from all over the County indicate a drastic decline again in the numbers migrating back to breed. Birds have occurred in Garston at regular intervals and were heard again on the Open Day but it is not certain that they have actually paired up to breed. We shall have to wait another year to see how the trend is going.

Those of you that went on the very successful Bats and Moths evening last year (70 people attended), will want to know that the next one is on 9th August at 8.30pm in the Car Park. This year we are also holding a Dormouse morning on 2nd September, but numbers are strictly limited. If you are interested in the latter, please book through Arne. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of these free events.

David Tucker

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01725 552314*

Woodcutts and Beyond

3:40am 3rd July 2000 - Determined to be the first up, I dress and wearing shirt and trousers plus long sleeved sweater topped off with my cap but still with my slippers on, I venture outside into the half-light of the early morning. The temperature is reasonable but not warm enough for just shirtsleeves. In my hand the inevitable mug of steaming tea. The first noise I hear is the rapid wingbeat of a bat, which flashes past and away into the shadows of the high, Leylandii hedge, next I hear distant barn owls and then a heifer bawling in the field behind the house, obviously bulling. I venture along the lane, the light good enough to be able to avoid the puddles as I move westward, in the direction of Tollard Royal, where I can hear lambs in the Park, calling their mothers and the ewes replying. So far so good, I think I am the only human abroad, but immediately the peace is shattered, as away to the south a lorry changes down as it climbs the hill from The Inn On The Chase up to Thickthorn. The driver will have completed half a days work before most people are up.

3:50am - Time to return to the kitchen to replenish my cup with more tea. Now, I can see clearly to write, in the early dawn light coming from the direction of Martin Down.

4:04am - The dawn chorus has now started, led by a Cock Robin in the hedge opposite, immediately joined by many more small song birds of every description. The larger birds appear to prefer a few more minutes in bed. By 4:10am every small bird for miles seems to have joined in, even a duck has just flown by, where it came from goodness knows but it is heading for the woods, perhaps it is disorientated and does not know it is supposed to be aquatic. On looking up it is noticeable that the clouds are breaking up, letting the rays of the sun filter through leaving a red haze overall.

Red sky in the morning shepherd's warning.....

The peace and tranquillity, with the birds for company, oh how I wish I could paint! If I could, it would be a picture of red, pinks greys and black. (With a very special colour for the bird song.) The black would be the silhouette of the Manor's six tall chimneys and the walnut trees at the front, now betwixt myself and the sunrise, with Martin Down a dark grey, topped by lighter grey clouds and above them a red/pink sunrise.

4:15am - A vixen with a growling bark makes her presence known for some reason away to the west. This is where the pheasant release pens are, but as yet not occupied. It does not appear to affect the birds generally, it may be purely coincidental that a pheasant picks this precise time to leave its roost, hooting as it does so, apparently waking every pigeon in the area, who are now cooing in unison. (A large choir despite the organised shoot at the weekend.) It is now thirty minutes since the smaller birds got up, welcoming the new day, while their bigger brethren are just making it now, there must be a moral in it somewhere.

4:30am - My mug is empty again, you will have to excuse me while I return to the kitchen for a refill. Sorry, but I didn't want to risk withdrawal symptoms from lack of tea. Anyway I am now plodding along (still in my slippers I have just realised), between two excellent crops of winter wheat heading west again. These crops look so much better than last year's winter oil seed rape, a credit to the farmer's husbandry, in fact nothing in sight except the crop; not a weed, not an insect and in biological terms no natural food chain in fact an environmental disaster. As I stand and ponder on the meaning of the word AZOIC, suddenly there is a movement in headland weeds about five metres (I hope that's right, I mean fifteen feet in old money.) away and from between the lane and the wheat a deer dramatically appears, leaping to its feet and races away with great leaps and bounds down

Know your football teams?
How many of these did you get?

The sun shone **BRIGHTON** the day we set sail for the **ORIENT** aboard an ancient wooden ship which had a **HULL** riddled with holes and a **CREWE** made up of Scots, Welshmen and others of the **CELTIC** race. They were a rowdy bunch and did in fact **WREXHAM** furniture after a heavy session. The exception was the cabin boy whose job it was to **STOKE** the boilers. He won our **HEARTS** with his honest endeavour to conquer his lack of learning by practising his **READING** alone as if sent to **COVENTRY**. On the whole the sea **AYR** was good for the family and did my **MOTHERWELL** as she had not had a holiday **FORFAR** too long. It certainly did her **CHESTER** lot of good. At last we docked at **NEWPORT** which had just been built and at once headed for the fabled residence of Hawaii's monarch. It was inhabited by the **QUEEN OF THE SOUTH** and was looked after by forest **RANGERS** dressed in **LINCOLN** green, who greeted us with a friendly **ALLOA**. We saw the hills where the **WOLVES** still roamed freely and where the natives **BURY** their dead. For tea each night we had **DUNDEE** cakes, **CHELSEA** buns and some **OLDHAM** which was best left alone.

Submitted by Len Vincent from Chester - My Dad!

Harry & Sally O'Shea would like to thank everyone for their kind gifts, cards & good wishes on the occasion of the birth of their son, **Henry**, and look forward to introducing

the nearest tramline for about fifty metres (I'm becoming quite cocky now), then stops, turns and stares at me for several seconds before leisurely ambling off to the other end of the field and disappearing through the hedge.

4:35am - On down by the old farm, now simply barns and disused buildings, the farmhouse tumbled down long ago, just a shadow of bye-gone days but to the south new life. Here rows of beech and other indigenous species, planted in the past few years, disappear into the distance. Moving out of these trees some 400m. away two more deer trot out across the wheat, and are silhouetted against the skyline. It's not all bad news. Now on to the pheasant strip where neatly spaced rows of kale have been drilled. Here the kale is in the cotyledon stage with just the two seed leaves showing, while it's main competitor, fat hen is in the seven to eight true leaf stage, despite, I suspect the application of a herbicide, who says there isn't any justice.

4:50am - As I return homewards, I'm again serenaded by pigeons high in the elms and Leylandii, which I now pass. In front, of me, the chimneys of the Manor are red brick and mortar and the walnut trees green leaves and grey/green boles, no longer silhouettes.

5:04am - Back to reality, sitting at the kitchen table, another mug of tea at my side, I start a long overdue assignment for the O.U. about the effects of traffic and travel on the environment. 6:18am - As I let the chicken out it begins to rain.

Red sky in the morning etc. etc.....

For those of you who thought I'd finished or wished I had, **HARD LUCK**. In the spring edition of The Downsman I mentioned I had sown some early potatoes on the sixth of March this year, well I lifted the first two roots on the sixth of June, despite there being no

flowers on the haulm, and was pleasantly surprised with the yield. The flavour wasn't so good, so I will probably go back to Homeguard next year; Rocket has not really taken off. Potato growing has always been a great challenge to me since a young lad. To begin with, an old neighbour of ours, many years ago in Hampshire, when it was still a rural county, took great pride in his garden especially his potatoes. It was he who sowed the initial seeds of interest. "Old Bob" was a countryman through and through, he did nothing he could not justify, believing in hard work, honesty and minding his own business. Bob, if born in an earlier age, would have been a Luddite; he neither believed in nor understood machinery; forges yes, tractors NO. His huge garden was dug completely by hand, often by the light of a lantern, hooked onto a forked hazel stick, cut especially for the purpose. While others were abed in the mornings or sitting by the fireside in the evening, Old Bob was digging relentlessly. From this, you might assume he had a large family, not at all; Bob just loved to dig, plant potatoes, ridge potatoes, hoe potatoes, harvest potatoes and eat and talk potatoes. If he had known about Sir Walter Raleigh, he would have built a shrine to him in his garden. His family did in fact, consist of his wife, himself and three very slim daughters. No, to Bob, potato growing was his purpose in life, his religion almost, C. of P. doesn't sound right, does it?

Once he had dug and manured his potato patch, Bob waited; Good Friday was the time to sow potatoes, irrespective of the date on which it fell. Come rain or shine, Bob planted potatoes on Good Friday. After planting, he nurtured his crop lovingly, weeding, hoeing, ridging until harvest time, when armed with a fork, he dug and dug in every dry moment leaving his harvest to dry on the soil surface, where it helped the skins to set, before his daughters helped to put them carefully into sacks, ready for him to carry down into the cellar. It was now time for "Old Bob" to pass judgement on the current year's crop. It was always the same comment: "Somes as big as peas, somes as big as marbles and the rest is lit'luns." So you see I had a good grounding in potatoes. College just filled in a few misses, and off I went to work in East Anglia, where I was involved in growing for the early and canning market. This was followed by moving to Ireland where I was responsible for growing hundreds of acres of earlies and maincrop, mostly for crisping, finishing my apprenticeship amongst the greatest connoisseurs in the world. The Irish are renowned for their liking of this tuber, and can wax lyrically on the subject for hours, especially in pubs. I can assure you all, there is no better place to be in nor are there nicer, friendlier people to discuss this topic with. I recommend it to all. To say I became an expert in the potato crop, during my time in Ireland would be very wrong, but I did get to know some of the pubs very well. Perhaps I did though, depending on the definition of expert, the one I prefer is: "An expert is a person who knows more and more about less and less, until he knows everything about nothing." I guess under this meaning I qualify with honours. It really is time to finish now, so until the next time I write, when it will be about the churchyard, I have to say goodbye.

Ted Cox 11/7/00



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St. Mary's Church - To Keep You Up To Date...

As you know, two years ago we had major repairs carried out on the roofs of St Mary's Church. At that time, we explained that there would need to be further work done, on the tower, the east end and the north transept roof, and that any money over from the Roof Fund Appeal would be put to these further works. Well, the time has now come when this next lot of work should be done and, happily, due to your generosity, we have the funds to pay for the work. Thank you again. The builders may not be there until the Spring, but they are coming!

From the Annual Report, you will have seen that the day to day finances of your Church are not in such a good way. In fact, we went into the red for the first time for many years. There are two ways of looking at this: you can say that financing the local church is entirely a matter for local Christians: on the other hand, most local residents enjoy the churchyard, use the church for marriages and funerals, and even if they don't attend church regularly would be unhappy if the church weren't there. The Church exists to serve the community in God's name, and we need your support too.

Support can either be financial or practical. If you have any ideas as to how you might be able to help, why don't you contact one of the Churchwardens?

**ADVANCE
NOTICE**

St. MARY'S WINTER

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

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It was encouraging to see in the national figures reported recently that **East Dorset had the lowest incidence of violent crime out of all 330 police divisions in England and Wales.** We are often told that the fear of crime these days has a major impact on people's confidence. Maybe these figures should give us encouragement – we really do live in one of the safest places in the country. More local statistics are shown below.

HANDLEY CRIME FIGURES

Sixpenny Handley: Reported Crimes 1/5/00 to 30/6/00		
Type of Crime	Incidents Reported	Same period last year
Dwelling Burglaries	0	0
Non-dwelling Burglaries (includes sheds and	2	4
Thefts of and from vehicles	1	4
Criminal Damage	1	0
Totals	4	8

This table indicates a trend in the right direction, although it would be a mistake to get complacent. Adjacent parishes have experienced similar crime levels this year to 1999 and as we warned last month, distraction thefts have definitely increased throughout Dorset. These are when one criminal distracts a householder at the door, or lures them out of the house with some story, while an accomplice enters the home and searches for valuables.

ANOTHER PC

PC Colin Coulter is currently the acting Detached Beat Officer with particular responsibility for the villages of North-East Dorset. Sixpenny Handley Homewatch co-ordinators met Colin recently at one of the regular liaison meetings for local Homewatch groups, held at Blandford Police Station.

LIFE LINES

The East Dorset Crime Prevention Panel, on which Sixpenny Handley Homewatch is represented, recently heard from East Dorset Housing Association that more Life Lines are now available for people living on their own who are concerned about intruders, or indeed accidents of any kind. The Life Line is activated by the householder pressing a button, carried on a neck lanyard or a wristband. This automatically puts a phone call through to the Life Line control room, where an operator will be able to talk to the householder via a loudspeaker attached to the phone. The equipment is such that a conversation can take place even if the householder is some distance from the phone. Once the nature of the problem has been ascertained, the control room can alert the police, the medical services or, if appropriate, a previously identified neighbour so that help can be sent. Life Lines can be rented for £2.76 a week but are half price for a three month trial period. Talk to East Dorset Housing Association if you want more details.

The Happy Nappy Club



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

We will really welcome you and your children. We'd love you to come and visit us to meet for a friendly chat while your children play. You're welcome to bring along any friends or relations with you! This club is run to give mothers, carers and kids a chance to meet, so come and see for yourself.

We have tons of toys here and plenty of room to play. There are slides, climbing frame, bikes, trikes, sit-n-rides, play tent, tunnels, books, puzzles, painting, playdough, play kitchen, dressing up clothes, and even a parachute! There is also an opportunity to join in with action rhymes at the end of the morning.



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 queries phone Penny on
01725 552024



Changes in the management of our support services.

The Chase Community Friends aim to enhance life in our communities by organising a drop in morning coffee in the backroom of the Roebuck on Thursdays at 10.30 to 12.00 am, (all welcome), a monthly social day centre (by invitation), shared interest groups (planned) and support services provided by volunteers.

These support services are:

Transport to the surgery, dentist or elsewhere, collection of prescriptions with a contribution to costs by the client.

Emergency companionship, dog walking or other support on discussion.

We have a very limited number of volunteers so if you could and would like to help Please telephone 01735 552097. You would be very welcome in our happy band.

With the steady rise in the cost of fuel, now £4 per gallon, it is unfair to ask our volunteers to pay for the fuel as well as give their time and use of their car. We suspect this is the reason why some drivers are no longer available. Also it would be helpful if the client and the driver knew in advance what the appropriate contribution should be.

At present we ask for 30p, but that makes no allowance for the journey from the driver's to the client's home and back. As an extreme example, one driver recently drove ten miles to take a client some 200yards each way. The voluntary drivers of the Link groups and hospital car services are reimbursed between 29p and 35p per mile including the mileage between the driver's and the client's homes.

We see the disadvantages of this are that the client's contribution for the same journey will vary depending on where the driver lives and the organiser cannot tell the client, in advance, how much the contribution should be.

We have therefore calculated the appropriate contribution for all local journeys based on 45p per mile while the client is in the car. This makes a contribution of 15p per mile to cover the journeys between the driver's and client's homes and enables us to calculate the appropriate contributions for all transport journeys in advance and produce a list which each driver will have. Many drivers do not like to ask for a contribution to cover the costs, but in order to maintain and hopefully increase our pool of drivers we ask all our clients to make the contribution. We would not wish anyone who needs transport not to have it because of lack of funds, so if you are in that situation please still contact us and we will do what we can to help.

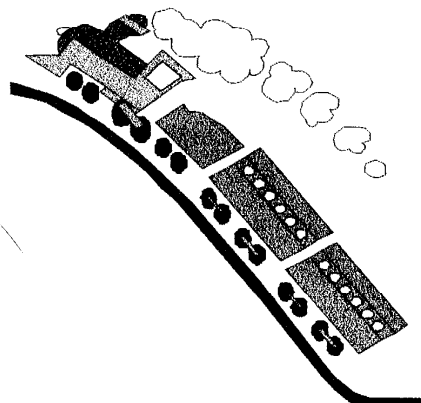
After six years of devotedly organising and often personally providing our support services, Margaret and David Pendrigh have decided to step down. We and our clients owe them an enormous debt of gratitude and we are very grateful to them.

We have therefore opened a dedicated CCF line, **01725 552097**, which should in future be used by clients and contacting the CCF on other matters unless you have the direct telephone number of the member of the committee responsible for the matter concerned. Calls to this number will be automatically transferred, free of charge to you, to whoever is organising our support services.

Ian Geddes - Chairman

Bright Sparks

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**Our friendly qualified and well experienced team welcomes you to
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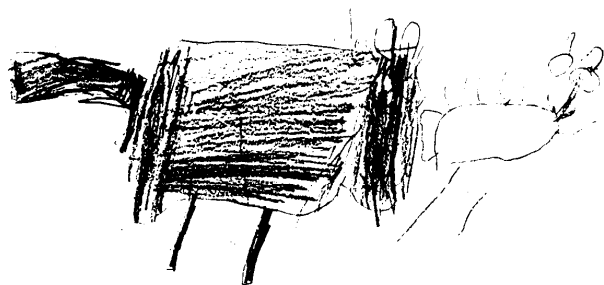
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**For a prospectus or to arrange a visit,
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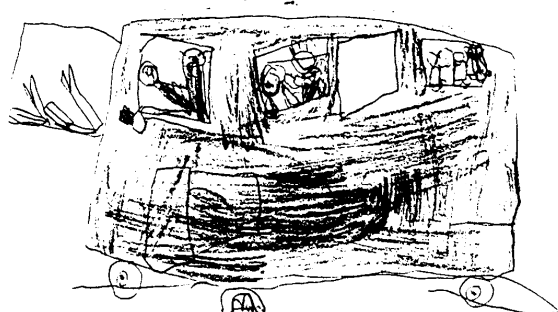
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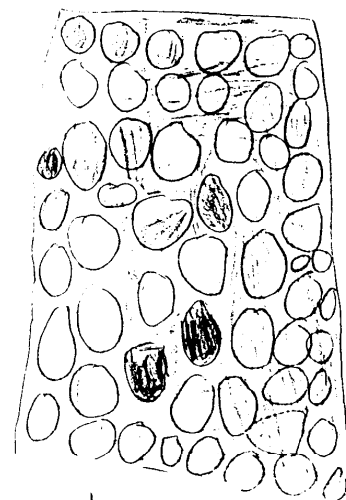


Alice



chelsea

On Thursday, 13 July the Reception class from Sixpenny Handley First School paid a visit to Farmer Palmer's Farm Park at Organford, near Wareham. The children enjoyed a busy day observing and handling the animals. They were fascinated by the 3 month old piglets of Sally the New Zealand Kune Kune pig, with their flat snouts and mottled brown black hairy coats. After helping to groom a Shetland pony and small breed Argentinian horse the children excitedly explored the various play areas.

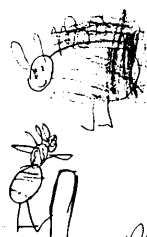
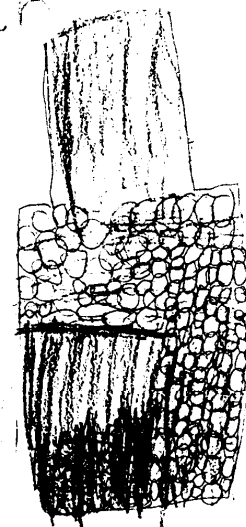


horse



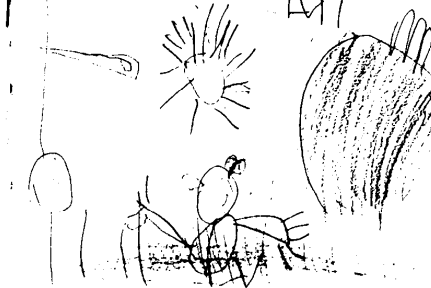
Tyler

Dear Farmer Palmer
Thank you of showing
me the animals from oliver



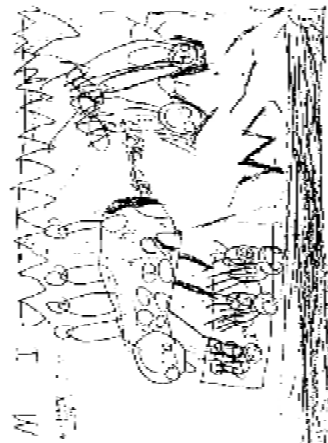
Ellie

Andrew



Rose

I stoked the Guinea Pigs
and Watched the goats
and the Watched
the Kune Kune Pigs



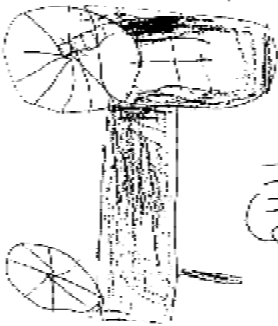
I stoked the Kune Kune
Pigs
They were there
and the Watched the
goats
I went in the straw

James

Maintain. We were

playing in the tunnels.

I went to the
Guinea Pigs
and the Watched
the goats
and the Watched
the Kune Kune Pigs

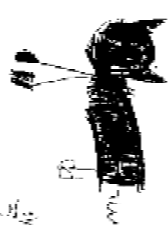


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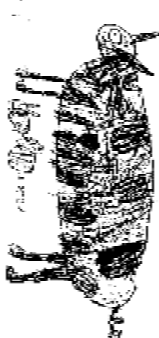
I collected the Kune Kune
Pigs they made a place
Squeaky noise
each.

I liked the rabbits they were
soft and fluffy

each. Alice



I saw some guinea pigs and I heard
them. I stoked the Kune Kune Pigs
I made the horses smell with brush



Guinea Pigs
I saw some
guinea pigs
I made the horses
smell with brush

I liked the Guinea Pigs
and I liked holding the
Guinea Pigs and the
Watched people feed
the goats



I went in the straw with
over and William we
made a straw mountain
like a corny bed. (Soft)

I went in the straw with
over and William we
made a straw mountain
like a corny bed. (Soft)



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Although the weather has been unsettled, no matches have had to be cancelled at home, although one at Mere was cancelled and then the weather cleared up and it could have been played after all. However, it was rearranged for the following week and we had a lovely afternoon.

On 10th June some of our players attended a Gala Day at Downton organised by the Wiltshire League that we have joined. One of our teams won the competition - congratulations to Maxine Keech, Pat Oxford and Jim Hopkins. We are getting noticed in the bowling world now, although we have not managed to win many of our matches in this league yet.

The men in the Dorset League are having more success and are in the middle of the league table at present with one match left to play.

We attended the AGM of the Blackmore Vale Short Mat League where we fixed the dates of our matches for the coming season. We have entered 2 teams this season; our previous team has been promoted to Division 3 and the new team, which is being known as 'Tanners' will be in Division 5. They were considering a North/South split but this was voted against, so we will have quite a distance to travel. The writer has been elected on to the Committee, so hopefully will be able to have an input to their future organisation.

September Short Mat Bowls League matches

5 th	Div 3	Home to Oak Trees	19 th	Div 3	Home to Sherborne Westonians
12 th	Div 3	Away to Sturnewts	26 th	Div 5	Home to Thornford Swallows
12 th	Div 5	Home to Cerne Abbas			

We have not been so successful with attracting our tourist matches this year - 6 as against 11 last year. However, we have already got 3 bookings for next year, so let's hope we have many more. One of them (the East Anglian Tourers) visited us for the third time this month and has booked again for next year. These matches are so friendly and enjoyable and we all really look forward to them. Unfortunately, some turn us down when they hear we haven't got a bar!

On Saturday 9th September, we will be holding our annual Jumble Sale. Please give us your normal support and put the date in your diary. Nearer the time we will be pleased to receive your donations of jumble.

We have been lucky enough to attract four new members in the last couple of months the only disappointment is that they all live outside the village! Come on you village people, it is a lovely way to spend an afternoon or evening (or even morning) as anyone who regularly plays will tell you.

In June Club Members had a stall at the Street Fair. Members who manned the stall had an enjoyable day.

Gill Martin

Aug 01	Tue	Club Fours - Semi Finals		Aug 29	Tue	Salisbury BC (WMTL)	A
Aug 02	Wed	Club Eve		Aug 30	Wed	Club Eve - Triples - Semi	
Aug 06	Sun	Shaftesbury (F)	A	Sep 02	Sat	Fordingbridge (F)	A
Aug 09	Wed	Club Eve		Sep 05	Tue	Dorset Ladies v Devon Ladies	
Aug 11	Fri	Downton (WMTL)	A	Sep 06	Wed	Club Eve	
Aug 13	Sun	Gillingham (F)	A	Sep 07	Thu	Moreton in the Marsh (F)	H
Aug 14	Mon	Verwood A	H	Sep 10	Sun	Club Singles - Semi Finals	
Aug 16	Wed	Club Eve		Sep 13	Wed	Club Eve	
Aug 19	Sat	Singles Comp		Sep 17	Sun	Club Finals Dav	
Aug 20	Sun	Tisbury (WMTL)	H	Sep 20	Wed	Club Eve	
Aug 23	Wed	Club Eve		Sep 23	Sat	Shaftesbury (F)	H
Aug 26	Sat	Tiverton Westend (F)	H	Sep 24	Sun	Club Finals Dav	
Aug 27	Sun	Sport 2000		Sep 27	Wed	Club Eve	
Aug 28	Mon	Club Pairs - Semi Finals					

Handley Sports Club Annual Presentation Evening

At a special evening at the Roebuck the Chairman presented the Annual Club awards for the year 1999-2000 to the following players:

Saturday

Players Player	Adam Day
Referee's Player	Adam Day
Joint Leading Goalscorers	Adam Day Stuart Neave

Sunday

Players Player	Neil Blachford
Referee's Player	Gary Neave
Leading Goalscorer	Stuart Neave
Clubman of the Year	Mark Bennett

The Secretary presented a voucher as a token of appreciation to the Club Chairman - Tony Dale who was retiring after 20 years. Steve Green presented a bouquet to Mrs Dale from the Club Members.

From Alan Humphries - District Councillor

Flooding

A meeting was held on the 18th May concerning surface and sewerage flooding in Sixpenny Handley where a number of issues were discussed.

This meeting concluded that surface water infiltration into the foul sewer was likely to arise from standing storm water and that that problem first needed to be addressed.

It was agreed that the District would take the lead and consider the extent to which enlargement of ditches and the creation of new ponds, possibly downstream from Manor Farm, might overcome the standing water problems. However the meeting acknowledged that the levels from Dean Lane through to Manor Farm were such that it would be extremely difficult to speed up the discharge of storm water. The District would then discuss the preliminary conclusions further with Wessex Water, the Highway Authority and Environment Agency and confirm the conclusions to the Parish Council.

"Signing & Lining"

On the issue of the proposed improvements to "signing & lining", Dorset County Council have agreed to their 50% of the cost, i.e. £2,500.

Not quite correct Ian.

In the last issue, under the heading "An M P for Woodyates" Ian Davis referred to me having "severed my connection with the Liberal Democrats". Whilst it is true I stood, was elected and sit as the only Independent member of the District Council, and as such have voted with both the Ruling Party & the Opposition on important issues, I am still a paid-up member of the Liberal Democrat Party nationally. However I am not expecting to become the M P for Woodyates, but look forward to the privilege of continuing to serve these parishes in my present capacity for a while yet.

Alan Humphries.



News and Information

NATIONAL
FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES

Report for June and July 2000

The well attended **June** meeting was quite a lively one and several visitors were welcomed. Maggie Staplehurst, our delegate to the T G Meeting at Wembley, gave a hilarious report on it, at which the Prime Minister had been heckled by many outraged ladies for talking politics when he was not supposed to do so. In the taxi going across London to the meeting, Maggie said she had been told there had been several shootings recently on a certain road they were passing and her taxi driver turned and said that he had been held up at gunpoint the previous week, but managed to get rid of the gunmen, rather alarming for Maggie.

Our Speaker, Mrs J Doswell gave an amusing account of her life and work as a wartime Lady Brewer which she had started at the age of sixteen. She was thanked by Linda Downton.

The competition for a wartime recipe was won by Mary Bawden, Win Judd and Jan Gibb. Flower of the month winners were Joyce Waker, Joan Clarke and Doreen Leverton.

Players were requested in order to form a Skittles Team.

A Commemoration plaque has been fixed to the Holly tree, planted in 1999, near the Village Hall entrance.

Another entertaining meeting in **July** was enjoyed by Handley members, when the Rev S Timbrell from Canford Heath regaled us with 'Clerical Errors', telling us many stories and amusing anecdotes of his work and life as a young curate in Lancashire. He recalled one elderly lady he often visited, who always offered him a cup of tea, which he didn't like to refuse. It tasted peculiar but he drank it manfully, no potted palm or other, to surreptitiously tip it into, but after each visit he was usually ill next day, he didn't know why! Until on one occasion he offered to make the tea and took the teapot from its usual place on the hob, where it was left to 'brew' thinking he would give it a quick scour inside, but to his horror found it was full of senna pods - the old lady's 'tea'. Light dawned, here was the reason for his past 'inside troubles'! He was thanked by Stella Symes.

Some members helped with the very successful 'All Sorts' stall at the Street Fayre. An enjoyable and interesting guided walk around Wilton took place on a lovely evening and members enjoyed a meal afterwards at the Pembroke Hotel.

Trish Chorley reported on the Group Meeting.
The next Group Meeting is on October 25th at S.W.I.M.

A Coffee Evening was held at Market Road Farm, Handley Common on 21st July and the garden meeting at 4 Cobley Close Woodyates, on 18th July.
Flower of the month winners were Win Judd, Doreen Leverton and Norah North.

The competition for an 'Amusing Rhyme' was won by Nancie Raban-Williams, Edith Taylor and Hilda Hansford.

There is to be a visit to Edmonsham House and gardens on Monday 14th August at 6.40 pm.

The Senior Citizens Party will be held on August 30th.

The next meeting is on Monday September 11th, when Mrs A Martin will give a talk, with slides on the Cranborne Manor estate.

There is to be an Exhibition of 'Local Finds'.

The proposed outing to Lyme Regis on August 5th has been cancelled due to lack of support, but there is to be a shopping trip to Exeter on November 1st leaving Shaftesbury at 9 am.

Diary Dates: Meetings September 11th and October 9th
Senior Citizens Party August 30th

Win Judd

Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

August 21st Garden party at "White Cottage"
Competition: "Arrangement in an Egg-Cup"
September 18th Demonstration by Gillian Habbin
"Accent on foliage and colour"
All enquiries to: 01725 552795

Annual Meeting - Handley Sports Club

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on July 27th, which was poorly attended. There were no nominations for Chairman.

The officers were elected as follows:

President	Mr B M J Curtis	Secretary/Treasurer	Brian Hansford
Chairman	<i>To be appointed</i>	Secretary - Sunday	Stuart Haskell
Vice Chairman	<i>To be appointed</i>	Manager - Saturday Team	
	Mark Young		
		Manager - Sunday team	Barry Hibberd
Committee	S Hibberd, S Neave, G Neave, S Green, M Muspratt		

School News

Streetwise carefully assessed various interactive safety centers, proved to have very interesting data and then hired Class 2, visited recently. Streetwise Berkeley funded and we enjoyed, encouraging children to become "bug" detectives in the school of different sciences. These included a fire-alarm house where fire breaks out during the visit, a round, spinning cycling accident, a park, a farmyard, a building site, a beach area and many more. Although very realistic, no hazards could harm the children or they learnt how to be safe citizens. An important and, hopefully, life-saving experience!

There were different dangers.
There was a fake note in the street
So a little child could come and
hurt themselves.

1990-1991

At St. Paul's there was a part over heated
spot the dangers in each corner there were
shown in all.

My grandfather was the house we went on the house and by the time we got into the kitchen we saw 9 moths, there was a fire!

George Collins

Did you know that

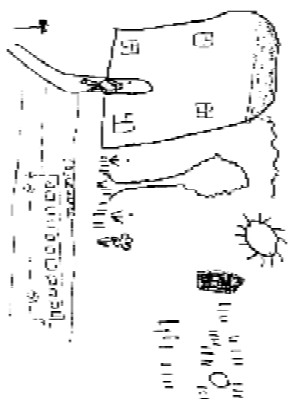
Inside the traffic crossing light there is a thing which looks like a handle, it looks like the blind and deaf people so they can touch the thing so they can know when to cross.

These means: Brandt's mean

Wine went to supermarket in p.m.
Evan, Steve, who told us about
changes.

In the house there was a fire and we called 911 to get a fire engine.

Ruby Shapero



We also brought out the tank to Safford's. We wanted to cross the pond by passing the hatchery.

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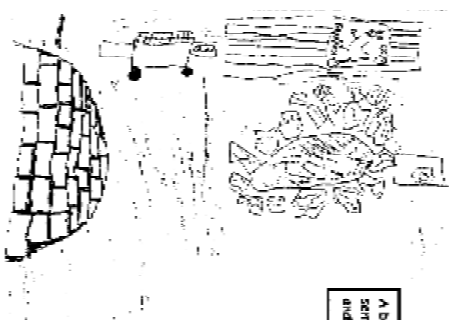
The school had lots of things
it had lots of bad things in the
shed. The other children was the team manager
because you could try over the team manager
and fold in the post and heart grow
sore.

Michael Rose

There is a real battle inside
Shedding in the house there
were lots of damage,
like a bridge, a few more pills
Mogun street

we know of dangers,
we need to work down and get our studies

Levin, D. 2003. *Mathematical Ecology*. Wiley, New York.



A bird's eye view of the garrison showing the semi-circular wall. The portcullis, shed and guard house among the dangers to be found

At 5 months we found out that there were many different languages in our house!

A stranger came and said he had lost his dog!

by Dr. Maria M. Haddad

7 hrs. before Wile on 2nd. We tried to separate it. We climbed down and I covered my mouth. He said he got my blood. He said I had a good smoke in 30 min. 10/1/50.

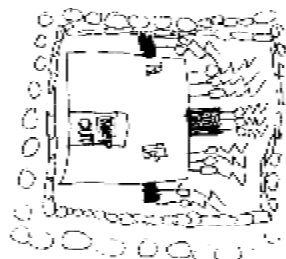
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At structure we found out that we should not go anywhere with strangers. Smoke was coming through the kitchen door so we all went down and looked out of the house and that the front door of the house.

Kali Peltava-

I know a lot of ranches in the lowland we have heard not to put it in the tree but we have to tell a grown up.

Issay Macdon.



Electricity and stations and kill

At Stuckinville there was a station with stove and us about safety at a sub-station.
I learnt if a stranger told you to help them say no.
also curies

I liked the building S.B. head I wore a hat but on my head to protect my head from bricks, bottles and paving slabs.

At electricity sub-stations there is lots of electric in this place you can get electrocuted.
William Finkel

In the garden there was a shed in the shed wine drinks that were poisonous. In the house were lots of dangers.

Katherine Hunter

There was some glass and smelly right at there sister and you should tell a grown up. Then at the sub-station there was a big elephant and we can't go to there because you might get a shock or die.
Phoebe Powell



There were different dangers there was glass on the bench. There was a bottle in the fence by the railway line. There was a man sitting on the building site.
Karlita Baker



Wendy's museum

It's dangerous to talk to strangers. I learnt a lot at Stuckinville.
You want to learn to pay attention always, any, do not p in the building site it is dangerous.



At Stuckinville I saw glass at the roadside.
I saw a boy who got stuck and.

Van Udder

At the sea site there was broken glass and a second bottle.
Shedding is a great place.

Thomas West



If you get in a building the you will get hurt. If you make the road you will get surprised and your life will get surprised.

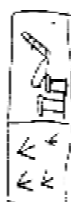
Ujjah Joseph



Headline and water down side. It took to catch 11 and a man talked to me and asked questions. Josephine Taylor Young

At the railway line, there were a wall or a wire and it is dangerous.

Wendy Brown



In the playground you have to shout to your friend strangers can't hear it so off the road.

Josephine Taylor

SUMMER PLAYScheme FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-14 YEARS

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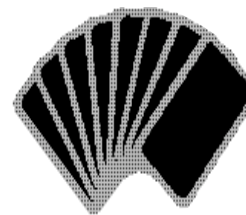
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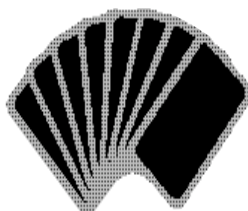


Bridge at The Roebuck



On Wednesday evening, 28th June, at The Roebuck, Helen Goodwin (West) and Sally David (East) realised what every bridge partnership hopes to achieve and that is a Grand Slam in 7 No Trumps with both pairing vulnerable. Their opponents on this auspicious occasion were Robin Radclyffe (North) and Anne Reed (South), but such was the massive playing strength of the combined hands of their opponents that no defence was possible for Helen and Sally between them had no less than 38 of the 40 high card points, leaving Robin and Anne with a single Jack apiece. Usually, when a Grand Slam is achieved, the opener has in excess of 23 high card points, but this was not the case when Helen opened the bidding with 1 club. However, Sally had a peach of a hand and following her 2 diamond jump raise, Helen bid 3 clubs, to which Sally was able to respond with a positive 3 hearts. The next bid from Helen was 3 No Trumps, which is usually regarded as a "shut out", as it will, if successful, reward declarer with 100 points and game. But, Sally was aware of the potential between the two hands and immediately set in train the procedure for determining how many aces and kings were present in the two hands and, thus, 7 No Trumps was the final contract. Played confidently by Helen, this landed 220 points for the contract, plus 1,500 points for the Grand Slam vulnerable and a further 500 points for winning a contested rubber. Excellent.

Usually, at least two tables have been in play throughout the summer meetings and in addition to the regular players, Vic Partridge has made several welcome appearances, thus compensating for the enforced absence through work of Doug Haskell. Apart from the Grand Slam reported above, several small slams have been bid, and made, including a 6 No Trumps by Bill Chorley (North) and George Marskell (South) sitting opposite Sally David (East) and Eric Turner (west), while Bill and Trish landed a 6 Clubs contract against George and Silvia on the same evening as Helen and Sally were making their mark in the Club's fortunes.



Whist at The Village Hall

Finally, whist will recommence at the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th September with meetings then running on a fortnightly basis (see the diary section for full details of dates). In addition to the bridge sessions, whist for beginners will also take place, at **The Roebuck** for the last two Wednesdays of August, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Bill Chorley

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Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club Sunday Cricket Match Reports

Shroton - 28th May

Sixpenny Handley batted first and reached 203 for 5 wickets in the allotted 40 overs. An unbeaten century by Andy Wright and good support by Clive Spendley, just missing his half-century, gave Shroton a testing target to reach. Good fielding by the team, and steady bowling by Alan Bennett (2 wickets for 13 runs), contained Shroton, and in the end the response was 139 for the loss of all wickets in 35 overs. It was the first time that Sixpenny Handley had beaten Shroton.

Pimperne – 4th June

In this “time-allotted” match, Sixpenny Handley batted well to reach 221 for 4 wickets in two and a half hours. Simon Ellingham was the mainstay of the innings, producing an excellent 107 not out, and Andy Wright (39) and Clive Spendley (22) ably supported him. There was a poor response by Pimperne, as they tried to play for a draw within the allotted time. But they were eventually bowled out for 85 runs, after a good bowling performance by Alan Bennett (3 wickets for 9 runs) and Adam Fradgely (3 wickets for 16 runs).

Rockbourne - 11th June

The friendly nature of Sunday cricket matches was demonstrated in the game against Rockbourne. Having been bowled out for 26 runs, Rockbourne were allowed to bat again, reaching a final total of 88 for the loss of 17 wickets. The main wicket takers were Clive Spendley (4 wickets for 5 runs), Simon Ellingham (4 wickets for 10 runs) and Alan Bennett (5 wickets for 15 runs). In reply Sixpenny Handley reached the required target for the loss of five wickets.

South Newton – 18th June

The day after the Carnival in Sixpenny Handley was an extremely hot day, and the smell of roasting flesh and sun tan lotion was everywhere. In these baking conditions, the home side opened the match and reached a total of 176 runs for the loss of all wickets in 35 overs. The main run makers were Simon Ellingham (43), Andy Wright (40), Trevor Edwards (35) and Clive Spendley (34 not out). In response South Newton scored 88 runs, a total achieved in the face of accurate swing bowling from Clive Spendley, who finished with figures of 4 wickets for 18 runs.

Dinton – 25th June

On a much cooler day than the previous week, Sixpenny Handley visited Dinton. Batting first in a time-allotted match, the visitors scored a creditable 192 all out, with valuable contributions from Alan Bennett (46), Don Newman (40), Clive Spendley (39) and Adam Fradgely (17). The home side's reply was very defensive and Sixpenny Handley were unable to remove the final wicket in the time allowed. But they did, however, claim a moral victory by restricting Dinton to 65 runs for 9 wickets. The main wicket takers were Alan Bennett (5 wickets for 2 runs off 15 overs) and Clive Spendley (3 wickets for 12 runs off 12 overs)

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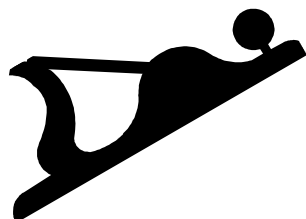
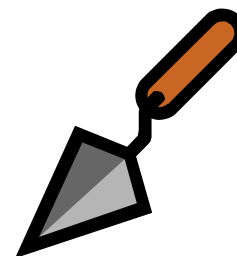
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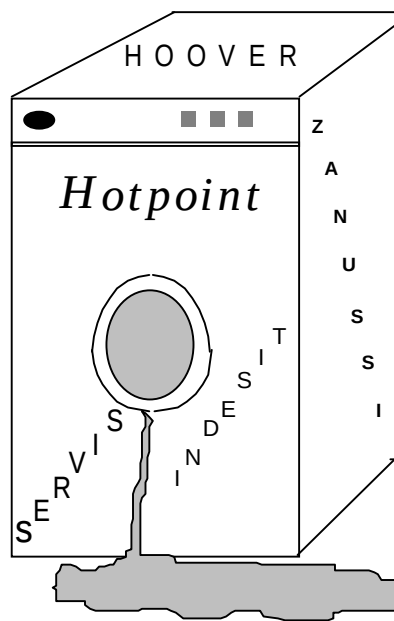
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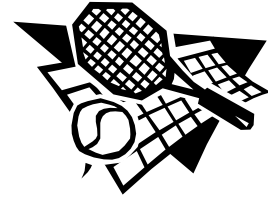
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Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club



In the second of the two "Play Tennis 2000" weekends (16-17 July), Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club welcomed an excellent entry of eighteen children for the first of three competitions, involving various age groups. At the end of the morning's play, Will Cadge emerged the winner of the "Older Age Group", with Harriet Noble runner up, while the final of the "Younger Age Group" (which featured the majority of entrants) was won by George Goodwin after an exciting tussle with James Cadge ended at 13-11. Initially, the match looked like being taken by James, but George won a vital point when 5-6 down and as a two clear points margin was deemed necessary to secure victory, a thrilling continuation was thus assured.

Prior to the final, all present played extremely well and their efforts were well supported by appreciative parents. Particular mention must be made of Rebecca Scott, who was the only girl to win a place in the semi-finals, where she lost to George Goodwin. In the other semi-final, James Cadge emerged victorious over his brother, Hugh.

Unfortunately, Roni Peck, whose coaching has been instrumental in raising the standard of tennis throughout the Club, could not be present but she left a clear set of playing instructions and, thus, the first session was overseen by Paul Noble, assisted by Helen Goodwin, Sally David and Bill Chorley. In the afternoon, James Reed stepped in to keep the scores for the adults singles competition. For this event, eight players signed on, each entrant having to play seven matches with the best of seven games being deemed the benchmark. With both courts in play, there was scant time for rest between matches and at the close of a very hot afternoon Jason Harvell (who is soon to commence his fourth season with MC Bournemouth School of Excellence youth team) emerged the winner with 28 games won to eleven lost, followed closely by Sally David who scored 27 wins and 14 losses. Third and fourth places were occupied by Atilio and Laura Loncar with 24 and 23 victories and 17 and 18 defeats respectively.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny and with the temperature climbing steadily sixteen players reported to contest the mixed doubles competition. Play was on a timed basis of twelve minutes per match, with the objective of scoring as many winning games as possible. Holding the stop watches and keeping score were Michael Catchpole and Elizabeth Legge and after some quite thrilling play from all the pairing, two mother and son combinations came out top to contest the final. This turned out to be an absolute thriller of the highest quality and at the end of twelve minutes Jill and Ollie Carlisle were level against Hilary and David Brown at three games each. A tie break immediately followed and the fortunes of both pairs swayed back and forth, Ollie Carlisle hitting a shot to the very edge of the tramlines at 5-6 down to deny their opponents a seemingly assured victory. The entertaining rallies that had featured throughout the match continued with thirteen year old David Brown displaying remarkable racquet control and depth of hitting from the base line, before darting to the net and putting away a superb volley to take the score to 7-6. Immediately, Jill and Ollie struck back to level the score at 7-7 and then against serve took the next two decisive points.

Runners up were Paul and Harriet Noble, who beat Annie Noble and Angela Allen.

With only a few matches remaining in the Third Division of the Shaftesbury and District League, Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club occupy premier place having notched up both home and away wins against Wincanton B and Shillingstone, while losing by the narrowest of margins to Templecombe and Motcombe Park. However, with matches still to come against these clubs, a reversal of fortune could be on the cards.

Meanwhile, the Club's summer tournament is well under way and it is thought that most contestants will complete their matches by the deadline of 30 September. Finally, a date for the diary is Saturday 16 September, when, commencing at 12.30 pm, the Club will host a barbecue and rounders afternoon (very much a family event) to coincide with the recommencement of junior coaching. For details pertaining to coaching, please telephone Roni Peck on 01725 516350.

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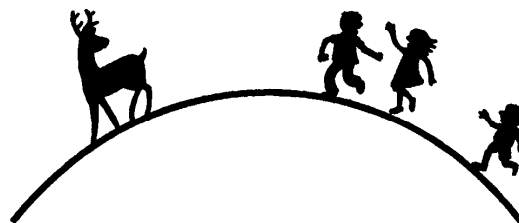
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Dorset at War

To the east, another fierce battle was being fought over Kent and by mid afternoon, large formations of enemy bombers were again winging their way towards London and other targets in the Home Counties. Not for the first time, men and machine were being stretched to the very limits of their endurance. Furthermore, the radar sets were aglow with further warnings of enemy air activity, this time the indications being that a major attack was building up and converging once more on the Dorset coast. It was about 4 in the afternoon when the force of around 40 Heinkel bombers, accompanied by an escort of Messerschmitts, came inland and headed in the direction of Yeovil, home to the Westlands Aircraft facility. Weather conditions were not good and the German crews found themselves flying over a near solid blanket of cloud. So far, they had flown unchallenged but all knew that this good fortune was unlikely to last. Flying on dead reckoning and still with the countryside below mainly obscured by cloud, the lead navigator assessed his formation was over the target area. Moments later, the first sticks of bombs were released and within less than a minute, the enemy formation was on course towards the Channel.

As was so often, the weather had combined to spoil the German attack but instead of their bombs falling over open countryside, a terrible twist of fate brought about sixty high explosives crashing in a line across Sherborne. The damage to property, shops and services was extensive and in those few seconds of terror, seventeen civilians died and many more were badly injured, necessitating the admission to hospital of over thirty. On supervisory duty in the local telephone exchange, Miss Maud Steele was thrown to the floor by the blast from a high explosive bomb that caused major damage to the building. Badly shocked and near deafened, the gallant lady struggled to her feet and in the hours that followed she resolutely refused to leave her post, continuing to ensure that vital messages were cleared to the authorities. For her exemplary devotion to duty, in the most hazardous circumstances, Maud Steele was recommended for the George Cross, the country's highest civilian honour.

High above the town, and pressing down hard on the tails of the departing enemy, came the Hurricanes and Spitfires. Leading 152 Squadron was Squadron Leader P K Devitt who, not many years previous, had been a pupil at Sherborne School. There was, however, little time for any nostalgic thoughts as the two forces joined in combat. Bravely, for their fuel was running perilously low, the escorting Me 109s turned in order to give the bombers as much protection as possible and it was not long before the first casualties were spinning down, out of control. Over Okeford Fitzpaine, some 6 miles north-west of Blandford, Sergeant P H Fox of 56 Squadron was fighting for his life as cannon shells smashed into his Hurricane (N2434 US-H) wounding young Fox in the process. As his aircraft plunged earthwards, he managed to force back the canopy and bale out, mere seconds before the doomed fighter hit the ground near the village. Meanwhile, away to the south-west, a Me 109E from the 5th Staffeln of Jagdgeschwader 2, based at Octeville near Le Havre, was coming under intense machine gun fire. As he twisted and turned in a desperate attempt to evade the hail of bullets Unteroffizier Alois Dollinger realised he was never going to take his favourite "Black 2" back to France. Forced lower and lower, Dollinger at last managed to jump from his stricken aircraft, which fell into a field belonging to Hundred Acre Farm near Sydling St. Nicholas. Those watching on the ground rushed towards the airmen suspended limply beneath the expanse of his parachute, but when they reached him, Alois Dollinger was beyond all earthly help.

The sway of battle had now split the enemy forces over a huge expanse of sky and combats were now taking place off the coast between Portland Bill and Durlston Head near Swanage. At around 5 o'clock, two Hurricanes, both from 56 Squadron, came crashing down in the vicinity of Portland Bill. One, that piloted by Pilot Officer M H C Maxwell (L1764 US-M), forced-landed amidst a clattering of shingle as it skidded to a halt on Chesil Beach, while from the sky above the Bill, Flight Lieutenant R S J Edwards (P3088 US-N) had a panoramic view of the local harbour as he drifted down, thankfully unharmed. Less fortunate was Sergeant L A E Reddington, whose 152 Squadron Spitfire (L1072 UM-) was shot down into the sea, not far distant from where a Heinkel (the only bomber from the attacking force to fall) was despatched to a watery grave by Pilot Officer R F T Doe of 238 Squadron (operating Hurricanes from Middle Wallop). Also in this area, 238 Squadron shot down two twin engined Me 110s. Both were claimed by Flight Lieutenant M L Robinson (R4099 VK-S) who reported his first victim as breaking up as it fell from around 12,000 feet towards the sea, while victim number two was despatched after the briefest of chases which had ended at 7,000 feet with the enemy fighter totally out of control and going down inverted.

To the east, and in the general vicinity of Durlston Head, two Me 109s fell to the guns of Green Section, 609 Squadron. One was claimed by Pilot Officer D M Crook, Green Section leader, while the second fell to Pilot Officer M J Appleby. Crook was to be awarded a richly deserved Distinguished Flying Cross (Gazetted on 17 October 1940) but, sadly, he was not to survive the war. On 18 December 1944, while flying Spitfires with No. 8 Operational Training Unit, he failed to return from a photographic reconnaissance sortie.

The Yeovil raid, which, through error, had left a swath of destruction across Sherborne, was the worst bombing sustained by a Dorset town away from those areas recognised to be at risk from enemy air attacks. In truth, every town and village within the land which lay inside the operational range of the Luftwaffe stood an equal chance of being hit by stray bombing. Sixpenny Handley had at least two very narrow escapes from serious damage and by a quirk of fate both happened towards the end of September 1940. During the night of 28-29 September, the Luftwaffe raided the Solent area and at least one enemy aircraft flew sufficiently off course to jettison two oil bombs which exploded on the east side of the Blandford to Salisbury road, some 300 yards west of Handley Cross.

Twenty-four hours later, a bomber returning from an attack on the docks at Liverpool passed over the village, depositing in the region of thirty incendiary bombs which fell near Upwood.

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted, but it leaves little to the imagination to realise that it could have only been a second or so difference between what was to be eventually reported as "no casualties" to what might have been a totally different and tragic consequence.

(To be continued) *Bill Chorley*

PARISH DIARY

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Aug-02	Bowls Club Evening	18	Sep-06	Bowls Club Evening	18
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Aug-09	Bowls Club Evening	18	Sep-07	Chase Community Friends	27
Aug-09	Mothers Union Coffee	34	Sep-09	Sponsored Cycle Ride	29
Aug-10	Play Area Plans on show	03	Sep-11	WI Meeting	21
Aug-10	Chase Community Friends	27	Sep-12	Short Mat Bowls Home Match	18
Aug-14	Bowls Club Home Match	18	Sep-13	Bowls Club Evening	18
Aug-14	WI visit to Edmonsham House	21	Sep-14	Chase Community Friends	27
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Aug-23	Bowls Club Evening	18	Sep-20	Bowls Club Evening	18
Aug-24	Whist for beginners	26	Sep-20	Whist at The Village Hall	26
Aug-24	Chase Community Friends	27	Sep-21	Chase Community Friends	27
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