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WITH PENTRIDGE**

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E-mail: alan@num5.freemove.co.uk**DORSET VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2000**

On behalf of the Council, I attended the awards ceremony held at West Lulworth Village Hall (a nice new one) on Tuesday 12th Sep. There was a good attendance from competitors despite the fuel problems. Representatives of Dorset CC and all District Councils attended. There were good slides of the Best Kept Village entrants including Pentridge which was praised for its hall and churchyard. Formal notification of the results will be issued by DCA in about a months time.

The results were..

Best Kept Village (39 entries)**SMALL VILLAGES**

3rd Iwerne Minster
2nd Holt
1st Frampton

LARGE VILLAGES

3rd Crossways
2nd Martinstown
1st Child Okeford

Best Community Village (26 entries)**SMALL VILLAGES**

3rd Sidling St Nicholas
2nd Holt
1st Lodors

LARGE VILLAGES

3rd Charminster
2nd **Sixpenny Handley**
1st Motcombe

I was presented with a certificate and a cheque for £75 for the Village Hall. The Chairman of East Dorset District Council also presented a cheque for £25 to the Parish Council.

A H Gibb

Cover Picture - St. Rumbold's Church, Pentridge

October & November 2000

ST MARY'S	ST ANDREW'S	ST RUMBOLD'S
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October 1st Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30 Animals Service 6:00 Holy Communion	11:15 Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
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October 8th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:30 Morning Prayer	9:30 Holy Communion
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October 15th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30 Holy Communion 6:00 Evensong	11:15 Morning Prayer
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October 22nd Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30 Holy Communion	8:30 Holy Communion	11:15 Family Service
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October 29th Last Sunday after Trinity

9:30 Holy Communion 6:00 A Service for the Bereaved

November 5th Fourth Sunday before Advent

9:30 Family Worship 6:00 Holy Communion	11:15 Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
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November 12th Remembrance Sunday

10:50 Service of Remembrance	9:30 Holy Communion	10:50 Service of Remembrance
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November 19th Second Sunday before Advent

9:30 Holy Communion 6:00 Evensong	11:15 Morning Prayer
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November 26th Christ the King

9:30 Holy Communion	8:30 Holy Communion	11:15 Family Service
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RE-CYCLED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Re-cycled Christmas Cards will be available from Mrs. Pat Birch on 552313 or at the **Winter Bazaar** on the **18th November**. These are sold in aid of the Churches of St. Rumbold's, Pentridge, St. Mary's, Sixpenny Handley and Gussage St. Andrew Chapel.

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of



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I forgot the Beer garden!

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Dorset at War

So far in this series, which reflects in a small measure the course of the Battle of Britain as it affected life in rural Dorset; I have tended to concentrate on the operational losses sustained by both sides of the conflict. There were, of course, other air losses and many of these are covered in the Daily Reports of Chief Constables. One, which seems to have escaped the attention of the reports, occurred in mid-June 1940 at Iwerne Minster. The background to the identity of the aircraft and its unit can be traced to the decision made soon after the outbreak of war to establish what became known as operational Training Units, commonly referred to OTUs. These units were responsible for bringing all categories of aircrew up to operational flying proficiency ahead of their posting to front line squadrons. It is worth reflecting for a moment that on the eve of war in September 1939, Bomber Command could boast an operational strength of 53 squadrons, but a closer examination of this seemingly impressive force shows that twenty squadrons were classed either as Reserve formations or Group pool squadrons, while a further ten squadrons, all equipped with single-engined Fairy Battle light bombers, were despatched to France, where they operated as the Advanced Air Striking Force (AASF). Thus, the effective front line strength of the Command was only 23 squadrons.

In the weeks twixt September and the end of 1939, the shortcomings of Bomber Command as a force capable of conducting an effective daylight bombing campaign against military targets, thus fulfilling the pre-war claims by its supporters, was proven to fall woefully short of all expectations.

And so it came to pass that early in April 1940, eight OTUs were established for the training of crews destined for Bomber Command, with No. 16 OTU being based at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire and equipped with twin-engined Handley Page Hampden medium bombers. Early in the morning of Thursday, 13 June 1940, Flying Officer John Edmund Seaton MacAlister, an ex-Oxford University graduate and Volunteer Reserve pilot whose titled parents lived in Tonbridge, Kent, was detailed to give instruction to a young New Zealand officer, Pilot Officer Edgard Albert Ernest Sedgley. Hailing from Christchurch, Canterbury, Sedgley had arrived in England in the late 1930s, joining the regular air force on a Short Service Commission. He was now in the final stages of his training to become a bomber pilot and, according to unit records, he was to undertake a local flight in order to practice instrument flying.

Unfortunately, the construction of the Hampden did not allow for side-by-side seating and the trainee pilot had to view what was going on from over the shoulder of his instructor. Then, when it was his turn to demonstrate that he had absorbed the procedures, he would change places with his instructor in a series of body manoeuvres that can only be described as extremely awkward for both parties.

At around 9 o'clock, the Hampden (P4297) took off, the two pilots having been joined by a trainee wireless operator air gunner, Aircraftman 2 James Lennon. Roughly an hour later, the Hampden was over Dorset, many miles from its base and well beyond the area that would be regarded as "local". Any reasons put forward as to why the crew should have flown so far from their base can only be conjecture, but the roar from the twin Bristol Pegasus engines certainly alerted the inhabitants of Iwerne Minster to its presence. Watching the bomber, which was now circling over the local school, there was no hint whatsoever as to the tragedy that was about to overtake the crew. Turn followed turn, until suddenly the nose of the Hampden pitched up and within seconds it had spiralled into the ground, killing all three airmen instantly. Far from home, Pilot Officer Sedgley and Aircraftman Lennon were laid to rest at Middleton Stoney, while Flying Officer MacAlister was buried in the churchyard at Upper Heyford.

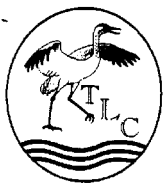
In the autumn of 1940, another Hampden, this one being on the strength of the Aeroplane & Armament Experimental Establishment at Boscombe Down, was to come hurtling from the sky and crash, practically on the border between Dorset and Wiltshire. The official accident record card gives the location as "Bowerchalke", but enquiries lead me to believe that it came down in fields south-west of Woodminton Down and between Middle Chase Farm and West Chase Farm. Debris, I am informed, from the aircraft remained in situ for several months before being cleared from the site.

The precise date was 22nd October, and it seems likely that the Hampden (P4354) was flying in the company of another of Boscombe Down's test aircraft, a single-seat Brewster Buffalo (AS430). According to Mr Clarence Hardiman of Bowerchalke, one wing of the Buffalo passed beneath the bomber and contact was made, sending the Hampden out of control.

As to what happened next is not clear. The accident record cards state that both aircraft crashed, but I think it is likely the fighter managed to return to Boscombe Down as records indicate its future use as an instructional airframe with the serial 2859M applied. There is also some confusion as to who was flying the Buffalo; one source names the pilot as Flight Lieutenant S Wroath, but another report indicates he was aboard the Hampden, along with a Flying Officer W J Carr, both officers parachuting to safety. Tragically, it seems that the two flight test observers, who were aboard the Hampden, Mr J W Parsons and Mr E L Oxley, were flying without parachutes and both lost their lives.

With the passing of over sixty years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find eye witnesses to the turbulent events of the war, so I am most grateful for the help and kindness shown to me by those I spoke to about this incident. Mrs Meriel Sheppard, a Bowerchalke resident but in the 1940s employed by the Post Office at Amesbury, telephoned Mrs Gulliver who, at the time of the crash, was living with her parents at The Bell (later, she was to become Landlady of this establishment, sadly now defunct as a Public House) and it was Mrs Gulliver who provided the first clues as to the direction of where the accident occurred. Mr John Gillon, too, was most helpful, while final confirmation came, as indicated above, by Clarence Hardiman.

(To be continued) *Bill Chorley*



Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning at Unit 8, Town Farm Workshops, held by **CRANBORNE CHASE COMMUNITIES** on Thursday 16th November 10.30 - 12 noon.

Do please call in for a drink and homemade cakes to see how our weaving and painting skills are developing. There will be Christmas, Greetings cards and hand-woven items on sale.

Everyone welcome!

For further details contact Helen on 552992, Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.

The Happy Nappy Club



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

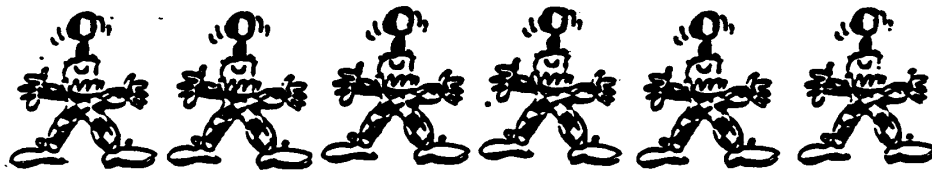
We will really welcome you and your children. We'd love you to come and visit us to meet for a friendly chat while your children play. You're welcome to bring along any friends or relations with you! This club is run to give mothers, carers and kids a chance to meet, so come and see for yourself.

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
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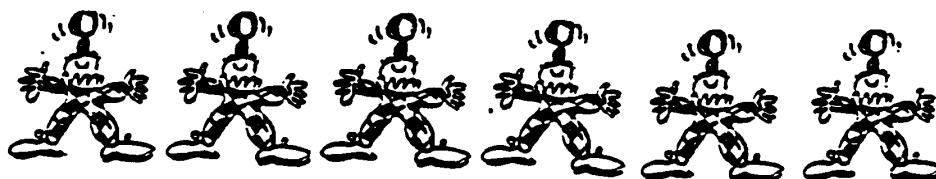
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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

VEHICLE CRIME AND THE FUEL CRISIS

It is interesting to note the trend in this months crime figures towards vehicle related crimes. Vehicle thefts, break-ins and fuel siphoning have all been on the increase, not only in our Parish but nationally too. This is thought to be because magistrates have been getting tougher in sentencing dwelling burglars, who are said by the police to be switching towards softer targets, including vehicles. On October 11th the Government will launch a national campaign against vehicle crime, aiming to reduce it countrywide by 30% over the next 4 years.

There were incidents of fuel siphoning in villages near here during the recent fuel crisis. Be aware of this if the fuel trouble restarts. Police also advise that if you have to travel when short of petrol, take all valuables out of the car before you set off in case you have to abandon the vehicle.

Whilst on the fuel crisis, do remember too that it is an offence to store large quantities of petrol at home. The dangers are obvious, to say nothing of the risk of prosecution.

HANDLEY CRIME FIGURES MOUNTAIN BIKES

Sixpenny Handley: Reported Crimes 1/7/00 to 31/8/00		
Type of Crime	Incidents Reported	Same period last year
Dwelling Burglaries	0	1
Non-dwelling Burglaries(includes sheds and garages)	1	0
Thefts of and from vehicles	2	1
Criminal Damage	0	0
Totals	3	2

Police are reporting a spate of mountain bikes being stolen throughout Dorset. The pukka ones worth thousands of pounds are the most highly sought after but if you have even a modest mountain bike – lock it up or risk losing it.

WHAT WE ARE NOT

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Co-ordinators have had several requests this year to attend suspicious incidents (odd sounds at night, peculiar strangers about – that sort of thing). Please remember that we are not substitute policemen. We are aiming to help reduce crime in the Parish by improving the spread of information and by raising crime awareness. If you need someone to attend an incident, that is a job for the police and if it is urgent, you should call them using 999.



News and Information

NATIONAL
FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES

Report for August and September 2000

There was no meeting in August but members enjoyed an evening outing to Edmonsham House and Gardens with a conducted tour and talk on both by the Lady of the House and afterwards enjoyed a meal out at a local 'pub'.

Margaret Quinn held a coffee morning at her house in Woodyates.

The Senior Citizen's Party was held when 31 guests from the parish enjoyed a coach tour of coastline and inland scenery, made possible by Mr Nick Adams who very kindly provided coach and driver for the occasion. On arriving back at the Village Hall another group of 'Seniors' was waiting to join them for a sumptuous tea prepared by the members and afterwards they were entertained with Bingo and raffle.

At the September meeting Mrs Anne Martin from Fordingbridge was welcomed, when she gave a most interesting and informative illustrated talk on Cranborne House and Gardens which she said was 11 acres of an 'Irresistible Aroma of Romance'. Mrs Martin brought various specimens of herbs and flowers which she identified for the Members. She was thanked by Edith Taylor. Refreshments were then served, after which normal business resumed.

There was an exhibition for a 'Local Find'

Members were reminded of the Autumn Council Meeting to be held at the Weymouth Pavilion on October 31st.

Carol Festivals are to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday December 16th at 7 pm and at Sherborne Abbey on December 13th at 4 pm. The Group Carol Service is at East Orchard and Margaret Marsh - date later.

The Autumn Group meeting will be at S.W.I.M on October 25th.

Next meeting is on October 9th when Mr K de V Lorraine MBE will give a talk - with slides on 'The Hidden Parts' of Salisbury Cathedral.

Flower of the month was won by Stella Symes, Edith Taylor and Joyce Gee.

Win Judd (01725 552237)

NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD



Sitting here writing this piece with the rain lashing down outside, roads in the village flooded and a distinctly cold feeling, it is quite difficult to remember that personally, my wife and I have had weeks of sunshine and warmth since I last wrote. Cornwall in July and August offered nearly three weeks of unbroken sunshine, once we had survived the storm that flooded Padstow, while a later week on the Thames saw no rain at all. Since then we have been at home and surprised at the relative lack of regular rain except for the quite unexpectedly severe storms that have occasionally flooded areas of the south. This pattern of very severe weather and hot spells that has occurred throughout much of the year 2000, has had varying effects on the wildlife. For some it has meant ample food and successful raising of families, but for others poor breeding conditions, starvation and death. Our neighbour rescued a Kestrel in distress that the Postman had spotted nearby. She kindly took it to the animal hospital in Lytchett Matravers where they were able to say that it was simply starving. This Kestrel was one of a brood successfully reared on the farm opposite us, probably by the female bird treated and returned to us by the same hospital after a road accident at Garston Wood, a year earlier.

The very hot period in late winter and then another cold and wet spring has proved too much for the Dormice. We had to cancel the Special Open Day in September because there were simply none about. By August, only one area showed any signs of animals but that did include one youngster. I am glad to say that, since then, there are signs of late breeding in four more areas, including a pregnant female. Sadly, with the present weather patterns, those young born late have very little chance of surviving the winter unless they can put on enough weight very quickly, before the cold and wet sets in. Sufficient food will be the answer and as many of you will have noticed, this year there is a bumper crop of hazelnuts in the woods and hedges. This unusually large crop is not a local occurrence but is being reported by observers throughout the country. Is this a sign of anything? Will there be a hard winter? Is it a feature of the strange weather? Does anyone know the answer from folklore?

Finally, a reminder that the coppicing and fencing working parties start again for the winter this month. We meet at 9.30a.m. in the Car Park, training, tools and gloves provided. Stay for a morning or all day if you can, but remember to bring lunch.

Dates are Wednesdays: Oct. 4th, Oct. 18th, Nov. 8th, Nov. 29th, Jan. 10th, Jan. 31st, Feb. 21, and March. 14th.

Sundays: Oct. 8th, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 12th, Dec. 3rd, Friday Dec 29th, Jan. 14th, Feb. 4th, Feb. 25th, and March 18th when there is a barbecue for the volunteers.

If you can give any time at all, please telephone Tony Goddard on 01725 510309 who will give you all the details and the arrangements. Thanks to anyone that can help in any small way.

David Tucker

Pentridge Millennium Map Party

Don't miss this once in a millennium event! It will be another 1000 years until the next one!

Come and celebrate (Free drinks and fireworks)

There will be a party in Pentridge Village Hall on Saturday November 4th at 6.00pm courtesy of Millennium Festivals Awards for all. The Pentridge Millennium Map will be on display and also on show will be an exhibition of paintings of Pentridge scenes by Jane King, children's art and photographs.

Poster size copies of the map will be for sale at the party at £5 per copy.

Please bring a contribution of food, Iris David is co-ordinating the food (Tel: 552285). It would be helpful to know numbers in advance, so please contact Iris David or Pru Barnes

MARTIN GREEN presents an illustrated talk on THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS Friday 3rd November

Those of you who joined us on the archaeological walk at Down Farm in July, will know what an interesting time we had; and what a lovely sunny afternoon it was!

Martin Green has offered to take us farther afield this time, and share with us his experiences on the Galapagos Islands.

The Galapagos Islands were declared a World Heritage Site in 1979 by the member states of UNESCO. This designation recognises the Galapagos as one of the world's most significant natural areas. These remote, volcanic islands have such rare animal species as the Giant Tortoise, the Marine Iguana and the Great Frigate Bird. The flora and scenery are of rare and outstanding beauty.

This event will be at **Sixpenny Handley Village Hall at 7.30 pm**, and light refreshments will be available.

The proceeds are in aid of a reforestation project in the Gambia, which is being sponsored by Salisbury Methodist Church. Mango and Mahogany trees will be strategically planted to provide reforestation, helping to prevent further encroachment of the Sahara Desert. These trees grow well and will also provide a cash crop for the local community in the shorter and longer term. Our target is £10,000.00.

We are hoping you will join us for an interesting and enjoyable evening and to help increase our funds.

The cost is £5.00 for an adult (half price for under 16s); payable at the door, or in advance from Roger and Gwen Watkins, 11 St Mary's Court. Tel 01725 552422.

We look forward to seeing you.

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The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide Anglican organisation whose purpose is to be concerned with all aspects of Christian family life. The Mothers' Union was founded in 1876 by an Englishwoman, Mary Sumner. When Mary Sumner's first child was born she was overwhelmed by what she saw as the awesome responsibility of parents not only for their children's physical wellbeing, but also for their spiritual care.

Mary Sumner started the Mothers' Union to support mothers who wanted to bring up their children in a Christian way. Today, the M.U. still offers support to all parents through prayer, through projects involving children, and through support for those whose family life has run into problems.

The Sixpenny Handley Branch of the M.U. meets officially once a month and less officially it supports any and all of the work of the Church. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with either:

Pam Wood on 552608 or Sheila Smith on 552149

Our next meeting is on 12th October at 2.45 pm in St. Mary's Church when we look forward to a talk on "Dogs for the Disabled" by Jill Brown

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Travel Clinic

Foreign travel is now so easy that there are few places in the world left unexplored. The tourist trade is welcome in most countries but sadly the standards of public health and personal hygiene vary enormously. Travel south of the high water mark at Dover exposes even the most careful traveller to a wide spectrum of diseases, some are mild and self-limiting but some can have debilitating or even fatal results!

Travel health is no longer a simple subject involving a quick injection with the Practice Nurse. We are pleased to offer an up-graded travel service in the form of a telephone clinic. After your first contact with the receptionist to express a need for travel health advice a telephone appointment will be allocated. At this stage the relevant information is gathered and passed to the travel clinic doctor for recommendations about vaccination and personal well being.

The NHS covers some of this service and fees for some travel health vaccinations e.g. typhoid and Hepatitis A. However certain services including documentation and other more complicated vaccines (e.g. Rabies and Yellow Fever) are not covered by the NHS. A private fee is payable for these (prices are available at the surgery).

Please try to book your initial travel clinic appointment at least 8 weeks before your intended departure. We need 4 weeks notice as a minimum or we cannot guarantee to process requests for travel information. Some vaccines take time to obtain and to administer.

Currently there is a national shortage of Yellow Fever vaccine. If you think you need protection for this on your travels please let us know as soon as possible.

North Dorset Primary Care Trust

Following approval by the Secretary Of State for Health to establish further Primary Care Trusts, the Chairman and non-executive members of North Dorset Primary Care Trust have been announced. Mrs Mary Penfold has been appointed Chairman and Mr Ian Fowler, independent

defence consultant and retired Brigadier from Broadchalke, has been appointed as a non-executive member. Mr Ian Fowler is also a member of the Practice Patient Information Group and we are delighted that he has been elected to the North Dorset PCT. We wish him congratulations.

Flu Vaccination Campaign 2000

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Quality Practice Award and Fellowship By Assessment

Following a written submission, on 5 June 2000 Dr Hugh Pelly, Dr Elizabeth Nodder and Dr Mark Morgan were visited by representatives of the Royal College Of General Practitioners. We are pleased to announce that they have all subsequently been nominated to become Fellows of The Royal College Of General Practitioners. I believe we will be one of the few practices in England where all the Doctors in the partnership are Fellows. It is a great honour and recognition of the high quality of care that our doctors offer our patients.

We still await a farther visit from the Royal College when the practice as a whole will be assessed for the Quality Practice Award.

Staff Training

For the purpose of staff training the surgeries will be closed from **1.45pm -5.00pm** on Tuesday 3 October. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Patient Information Group

The Patient Information Group exists to represent

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your views to us. Please do not hesitate to make contact if there is an issue you would like to raise:

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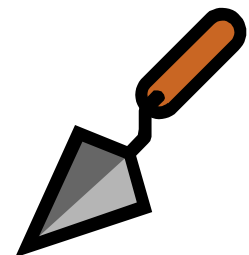
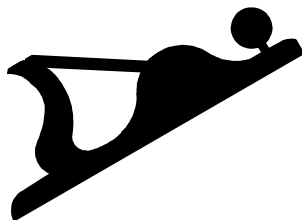
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DIRECTOR

Sixpenny Handley Flower Show 2000

The Sixpenny Handley Flower Show was held on September 16th in the Village Hall. Almost 200 entries were staged. Entrants enjoyed displaying their prowess at vegetables, fruit and flower growing and also floral arts, cookery and photography.

The main prizewinners were:

Section A **Open and Parish Vegetables and Fruit**

Open:	Show Challenge Cup	Miss M Penny
Parish:	Harry Tucker Memorial Cup	Robin Parsons
Best Exhibit:		Mr E Cutler

Section B **Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and Autumn Flowers**

The Jill Coates Memorial Challenge Cup	Brian Hansford
Show Challenge Cup and Medal	Mr E Cutler
Challenge Trophy for Chrysanthemums	Mr E Cutler
Best Exhibit	Mr E Cutler

Section C **Floral Art - Open**

The G S Clarke Challenge Cup	Mrs Elizabeth Scrivens
Best Exhibit - Flower container donated by Gordon Clarke	Mrs Elizabeth Scrivens
Children's Class	Jack Leonard

Section D **Cookery**

Show Challenge Cup	Miss M Penny
Second Prize - Voucher	Mrs J Waker
Best Exhibit	Mrs W Judd

Section E **Photography**

Show Challenge Trophy	Mrs Heather Eynon
Best Exhibit	Mrs P Birch
Special Prize - Children	Holly Rowe

Financially the event will show a small loss. Patrons at the show were very appreciative of the efforts of the committee in organising the 2000 show. Although the numbers taking part were small it gives encouragement. Several new people came forward and offered help in the future. We did put a notice in the Schedule for anyone who would like to see a Horticultural Society formed - several were interested - but not enough. Are there anymore out there???- Contact the Chairman, Brian Hansford.

Finally a big thank you to all those who helped with the staging, the Judging, the raffle and tombola and especially the entrants. To help them next year we must get the Schedules out earlier - Jan-February 2001.

Brian Hansford

GRANDAD, what did you do in the great petrol crisis? In years to come, everybody will have their very own tense and exciting tale to tell of the time they almost ran out of petrol but not quite. Here, in this selection from the forthcoming Faber Book of Great Fuel Crisis Anecdotes, hand-picked celebrities let us in on their own harrowing experiences of the crisis that rocked a nation:

Lord Archer: Senior lorry drivers came to me last Tuesday, that's the day after Sunday. "Jeffrey," they said, "Jeff, we know three great things about you.

"First, you won a gold medal for your country at the International Trucking Contest in the U. S. of A.

"Second, as a leading minister, you managed to keep petrol prices at rock bottom for 20 years.

"And third, as Mayor of London, you have already brought about an unprecedented sense of freedom and happiness for all lorry drivers."

They then begged me to mediate "behind the scenes".

My exact role in the ending of this dispute must remain a closely guarded secret between me and my friends in MI5. But if it's a crime to single-handedly get the traffic running smoothly across this great nation of ours, then I'm sorry, but I have to plead guilty. Cheers!

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead: I have long

held the belief that, in matters of petrol, it is advisable to err on the side of caution. So upon hearing the news of an impending "crisis" -not a term I care to use -I placed my foot on the accelerator, nipped down to my local Q8 garage and queue-barged my way to the relevant pump. Regrettably, this resulted in what I believe is termed a "dust-up" with a number of my more sluggardly fellow motorists. In the long term, of course, my black eye will subside; and that is as it should be. But I emerged with a tank wholly replenished. It's too early for a wholly accurate assessment, but future historians may judge it one of the most successful post-war petrol-gathering operations ever undertaken by a distinguished ex-Chancellor. Realistically, one would be obliged to award it a Beta double plus - or perhaps even an A minus.

Tony Blair: I visited a petrol station myself over the past few days. Look, I'm not saying it was entirely empty. That's not what I'm saying at all. That's not the kind of guy I am. And that's not the kind of country this is. But nor am I saying there was any petrol in it. So this is what I say to those who believe it was empty: look, I'm like you, I believe in a Britain that isn't afraid of the future. And to those who believe it was full, I say this: let's continue to seize every opportunity with both hands.

The petrol station was either full.
Or it was empty.

And that is an achievement we can be proud of.

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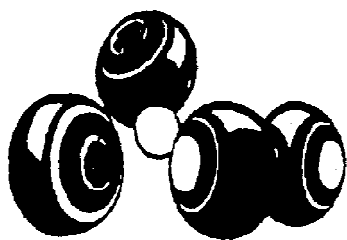


Old Play Area

The old Play Area on the recreation ground is 'Out of Bounds' for children's play.

Owing to the delay in rebuilding a quality new area, due to a lack of funds, the Parish Council will be removing the old fence and old equipment. Parents are asked to instruct their children that this area is out of bounds until the old fence etc has been removed.

Notices have been erected to this effect but as soon as they are put up someone removes them.



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

The last of our outdoor matches finished on a lovely sunny afternoon. We didn't win which would have been a good way to end the season, but we enjoyed ourselves, which is the main thing.

Our two short mat league teams in the Blackmore Vale have started well though - the original team has played 3 and won 3 and the Tanners also won their first match. They play their second one this week and are hoping to keep up with the other team. The two Dorset County players had their first short mat match against Somerset at home - which they won.

Our Jumble Sale was very successful this year - we made just over £400. Thank you to everyone for their donations and support.

Gill Martin

Fixtures

Blackmore Vale Short Mat Bowls League

DIVISION 3

Oct 18th	Stalbridge Eagles	A
Oct 31st	Sturnewts	H
Nov 14th	Pimperne	H
Nov 21st	Shaftesbury 'A'	A
Nov 26th	Tarrant Keyneston	H
2001		
Jan 10th	Tarrant Keyneston	A
Jan 24th	Pimperne	A
Jan 30th	Shaftesbury 'A'	H
Feb 27th	Stalbridge Eagles	H
Mar 6th	Oke Trees	A
Mar 26th	Sherborne Westonians	
Abbas	A	

Blackmore Vale Short Mat Bowls League

DIVISION 5

Oct 10th	Hazelwoods	H
Oct 24th	Wincanton 'B'	A
Nov 14th	Buckhorn Weston	A
Nov 22nd	Camelot 'C'	H
Dec 5th	Shaftesbury 'B'	A
2001		
Jan 2nd	Shaftesbury 'B'	H
Jan 16th	Buckhorn Weston	H
Feb 1st	Camelot 'C'	A
Feb 13th	Wincanton 'B'	H
Feb 23rd	Hazelwoods	A
A	Mar 6th	Cerne

Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

October 16 th	AGM - Followed by 'Autumn flowers and foliage in an unusual container' Practice evening.
November 20 th	'Bell, Book and Candle' Practice evening
December 4 th	'A Sixpenny Handley Christmas' followed by a buffet supper Competition: 'Decorated Candlestick' (any medium)

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So come along and make new friends, or play cards.

For any information concerning
Chase Community Friends,
Please contact CCF co-ordinator,
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“Beyond Woodcuts”

Even in Woodcuts, we know that technology is changing the world. Electronic communications, e-mails, fax, mobile phones with facilities for goodness knows what, the media with its use of satellites for international news and in the home multi-channel televisions, video players and recorders, computerised cookers, washing machines, dish washers, micro wave ovens all programmable to allow us to take advantage of every available minute. Maybe many of us can't use them, hopefully we will have children or grandchildren who can. We are very lucky in this respect, by we I mean my wife and I, having been blessed with three new grandchildren in the past three months, to add to the five we had already. In future there will be no problem in this house in setting the video, to record Emmerdale or even the odd international rugby match.

I am wandering again, I must get back to the reality of the changing world, the more 'natural' world, the world of plants and animals, flora and fauna; call it what you will. Here, if we are to believe the meteorologists, we have enjoyed a warm, dry, sunny summer. It has certainly been a wonderful time for growth; it was a green start, an even greener middle and a green end, with leaves outdoing flowers and fruit throughout. The gardeners amongst you, will all have different stories to tell, some had carrot failures while others had bumper crops; still more had wonderful broad beans while in some cases they were disasters and the same applies to runners. Weeds, lawn grass, hedge cuttings there were a plenty together with slugs, caterpillars and pigeons.

As time goes on we are to see more change, less variety in the seasons, fewer colour changes throughout the year, higher humidity and constant growth.

Gardening and farming patterns are set for more change, it won't only be Ireland that can be called The Emerald Island. We are a relatively fertile island, temperate with varying rainfall, from just enough to far too much, rarely have we had droughts, never to compare with Ethiopia, parts of India and the Sahel or floods to compare with Mozambique. We are indeed lucky, living in an area of 'enough' of most things for most people, but do we appreciate this and look after what we have?

For example, if you, as the people of Sixpenny Handley, were asked where the nearest conservation site was, what would you say? Possibly Martin Down would be the answer, but why go so far. What about the village sites, the gardens, roadsides, hedgerows, surrounding fields and woodland? Well, you will say, we don't have direct access to all these places and besides we have all our electronic gadgets at home to play with. We have far more interesting and rewarding things to do.

“Balderdash” say I, get interested in the important things of life. Forget about petrol shortages, Big Brother and Chelsea's new manager; one project springs to mind immediately. A very special project, a matter of life and death, the very essence of hope and reality, concerning the past, the present and the future.

"He's daft" I hear you saying, "Where on earth is there anything like that in this village?" There is of course a simple answer, there has to be in my case. THE CHURCHYARD. No don't stop reading now, for once I'm serious. Churchyards are often described as the dead centre of a village, in this case it is slightly to the north, but who cares? It's great to be different. At the top of the hill, it is well drained, in a beautiful sunny spot with little competition from surrounding trees or arable land, in fact it is a very fertile spot, where everything grows prolifically. (I have been told this is because there is a lot of body in the soil. Ref. Old Bob. See last edition of The Downsman.) For some time now it has been

intended that this quiet and peaceful haven should have an additional function, that of a nature reserve, where villagers young and old, visitors from near and far could all quietly and reverently enjoy the very rich flora and fauna found there. Unfortunately the live species found there, don't help with the maintenance, or assist in keeping this wonderful reserve, on your doorsteps in a suitable state, either for its primary or secondary purposes. It is a beautiful place, quiet, peaceful and tranquil. In an odd way I find it homely, I feel I belong there and I'm only an infiltrator.

Despite the lack of help, everybody, whether regular church-goers or not, expect it to be there, manicured and waiting whenever needed. This is a large garden and needs much attention, "COULD YOU HELP" the faithful few who do their own family graves and the faithful ONE who regularly mows the pathways and adjacent areas and has done so for years, deserve your help! It's all done voluntarily.

It had occurred to me, that a standing committee of residents should be formed, but it was pointed out that they had all done their bit; so can you do yours? Maybe one day you could join them, why not make it soon? On a temporary basis of course, preferably armed with gardening tools. Apart from tidying the churchyard, we have this year attempted a plant survey, which it is hoped will be an ongoing affair. So far, over sixty species of flowering plants, fourteen trees and shrubs, several climbers and twelve grasses have been recorded; with I'm sure many more to come. Help is also required in doing this recording, so any amateur ornithologists, lepidopterists and zoologists who would like to identify resident and visiting members of the animal kingdom should come along and join in. There are birds a plenty, butterflies and moths of many species and numerous slowworms, hedgehogs, bats, bees, ants and God knows what else. (I'm sure I can safely use that phrase here.) The results of this survey will be published by the end of the year, and be available at the church. Come along, read them, tell us if we have made a mistake, inform us if there is something missing, we want your participation. Hope to see you there soon.

We can't use the old slogan

Dig for Victory.

So I've created another one,

Cut and rake for GOD'S sake.

The above has been written without reference to the vicar or the churchwardens.

Ted Cox September 2000



Mobile Library Service

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Pentridge	2.05 - 2.20	The Old Post Office
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Oct 5th, 19th

Nov 2nd, 16th, 30th

Dec 14th, 28th

The Monmouth Rebellion

When Charles II died suddenly in the early part of 1685, his brother James II assumed the English throne and proceeded to improve the position of Catholics in England, much to the annoyance of the Protestant majority. James, Duke of Monmouth, who was the illegitimate son of Charles II, saw an opportunity to make a claim for the throne. And so, according to Wigfield, on the 11th of June that year, the Duke landed at Lyme, where he was met by a group of sympathisers. Over the next three days he enlisted many supporters, sufficient to march on Taunton, where he hoped to recruit many more men for his army. After an abortive sortie to Bridport, in order to release more would-be recruits from the local constabulary, he began the journey to Taunton on the 15th of June. As he approached Axminster, he discovered that the Devon militia from the west, and the Somerset militia from the east, were converging on the town to cut off his push northwards. By quickening his pace, he was able to reach the town first and defend the various entry points, in sufficient force to repel the militiamen. The remainder of the journey to Taunton was uneventful, and he entered the town on the 18th of June to a “great welcome”. From the town and outlying areas, he was able to recruit another “regiment” of troops, and on the 20th of June he took the controversial decision of proclaiming himself King. The proclamation stated that he was “now in arms for the defence and vindication of the Protestant religion” and would be “delivering the kingdom from the usurpation and tyranny of James, Duke of York”. Recruitment of men-at-arms was always the first priority, and, with the Devon militia positioned at Wellington, Monmouth decided it would be prudent to move on to Bridgwater, where he managed to raise more voluntary contributions to his cause than anywhere else. Hoping for more support in Bristol, and he now proceeded to march towards the city, via Glastonbury and Shepton Mallet. At Keynsham, just over the hills from Bristol, Monmouth discovered that a sizeable detachment of his uncle’s troops was close by. After a council of war, he took the decision to move towards Wiltshire, where he was promised “a considerable body of horse”. In a half-hearted attempt, he tried, but failed, to obtain the surrender of Bath, and travelled south to set up quarters at Norton St. Philip. His intention now was to aim for Warminster and London, but the news of his passage through the area quickly reached other units of the royal army. Although he successfully repelled attacks at Norton, his promised support did not materialise, and he continued his journey towards Warminster. However, he was forced eventually to turn westwards to Bridgwater, in the vain hope of finding more troops.

By this time, the royal army commanders were keeping a watching brief on this band of rebels. With Monmouth in Bridgwater, they decided to position the main body of royal troops on Sedgemoor, sending detachments out to cut off any retreat north and south of Bridgwater. On the afternoon of the 5th of July, Monmouth decided that his best course of action was now to march at night to Axbridge and then go north to Gloucester, via Keynsham bridge. But word came that the royal troops on Sedgemoor were not dug in, and the opportunity for a surprise night attack materialised.

At 11pm the rebels marched out on to the moor, to prepare for a frontal assault. Incredibly, they managed to march to within a mile of the royal camp without being detected. But, once the alarm was raised, the rebels were committed to the attack, and the subsequent cavalry and infantry actions were fiercely fought. Unfortunately for Monmouth, the well prepared, professional royal militia stood firm against the amateur rebels, and as daylight broke the royal horse regiments were able to move in on both rebel flanks. By mid morning the battle was over, and the rebels were in full retreat.

As history now recalls, Monmouth’s circuitous route, through Dorset, Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire, had failed to produce the size of army he needed for a successful campaign. At Sedgemoor, he made the fatal mistake of taking on a better-trained, better-disciplined royal army with insufficient troops. The battle in this flat area of Somerset was in fact the last to be fought on English soil.

Tired and disheartened, Monmouth fled the field with a small group of friends and found shelter at Downside, north of Shepton Mallet. Their new objective was to make for Poole or Lymington on the south coast. On the morning of the 7th of July, they crossed into Dorset near Gillingham, and made their way to the Hampshire county boundary at Woodyates. The downland folds of northern Dorset provided useful cover for the fugitives, helping them to avoid the searching parties of royal militia.

According to the “History of the County of Dorset”, the Duke of Monmouth was eventually captured “at Woodyates, close to the county boundary”. Wigfield’s account of his capture reveals much more.

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Monmouth changed clothes with a shepherd near the Woodyates Inn, and the group continued their journey (presumably through Pentridge) to Wimborne St. Giles. Here they unsaddled the horses they had ridden for many miles that day, hid the saddles and bridles, and turned the horses loose. They now continued on foot towards Poole. Not able to keep up with the pace, Monmouth was soon separated from his companions, and as night fell the Duke found shelter alone in a ditch under an ash tree near Horton. Having been spotted by an old cottager, the Duke was captured by Sussex militiamen on the morning of the 8th of July, cold and starving. In his pockets the would-be king had only a handful of raw peas and the badge of the Order of the Garter, given to him by his father.

The Duke of Monmouth was taken to London and subsequently executed for high treason. But his actions were not without significance, and his endeavours on behalf of the Protestants were almost a prelude to what was to happen, only three years later. In 1688, after the birth of James II's son (later known as the Old Pretender), a group of Protestant peers, fearing a succession of Catholic kings, invited William, Prince of Orange, to become joint sovereign with Mary, James II's daughter. On Prince William's arrival, the unpopular king was forced to flee the throne and mercifully end an unhappy reign, which was predicated on the Bloody Assizes following the rebellion.

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Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

The Hall is now looking much improved after the refurbishment of the toilets, some painting in the main hall and floor cleaned and re-polished (Small amount left to do), and the new curtains.

A big thank you to the Dance Club and their helpers who raised funds and also made the curtains.

Further items to finish - new pole and stage curtains to be erected and painting around the stage area. The work has been done to keep the hall looking good whilst the committee raise the money to put into operation major work to extend the kitchen area, improve the small committee room, make further extension to accommodate storage area for Youth Club equipment, Short Mat bowls equipment, Flower Arrangement Group access and improvement to the heating. Provide a skittle alley. These are the main items.

Thank you to all organisations whose members came and helped and any that did not belong to an organisation. We would not have done it any other way.

At a recent Committee meeting it was decided to attempt to organise to finish these jobs on 21st - 22nd October.

Fund Raising : A Slave Auction, a Jumble Sale in March 2000 and a Buy a Brick campaign.

The Village Hall is again without a Secretary - Tony Gibb being forced to resign owing to pressure of other commitments. Thank you Tony for your tenure of the Secretary's job and specially with being the driving force behind the voluntary painting etc.

So if there is anyone who has some time to spare to be a Village Hall Secretary please get

THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

After the summer break, Wednesday Club started again with a bang - if John and Elizabeth will forgive the expression! But then John and Elizabeth Gradwell do put on a splendid show of Victorian Songs and

Words.

In October and November the programme is:

4th October "Regrettable Quotations" with David Milstead

18th October "The Salvation Army" Bournemouth Fellowship Band

1st November "Cranborne Garden" with Mrs Martin

15th November "An Entertainment" with Tarrant Gunville W.I.

29th November "Normandy in Pictures" with Angus Macleod.

What do you need to do to join in the fun?

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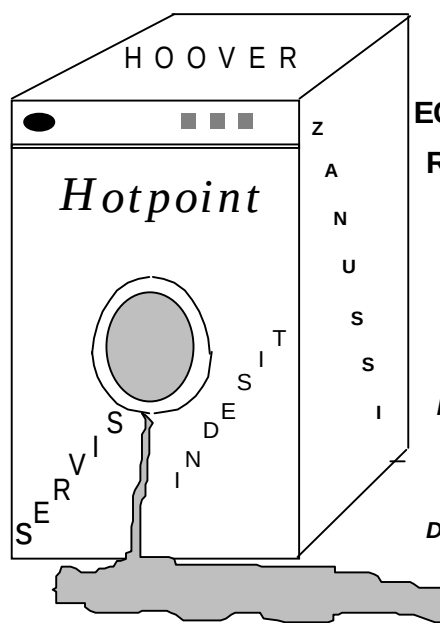
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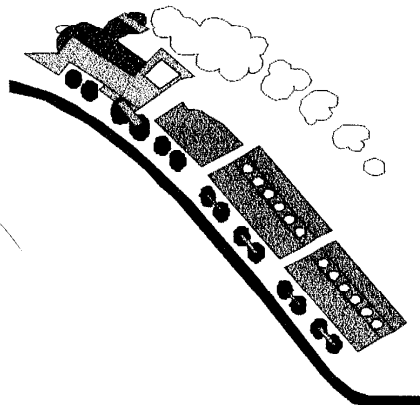
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£10	156	Mr R Jesse, Manor Farm, West Woodyates, Salisbury
£5	080	Mr John Bennett, Sycamore Close, Sixpenny Handley

Draw No 12

£40	032	Mr R. Pettis, Littlefield Lane, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury
£10	008	Ruth Collins, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley. Salisbury
£10	192	Jeremy Haskell, Railway Terrace, Gillingham Dorset.
£5	233	Mrs C. Berry, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley.

This is the last Draw before subscriptions are due for renewal. Renewal Letters will be sent out shortly. If you wish to take part please renew them promptly. The Sports Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the Club in this way during the past 12 months. It is only by running the '100 Club' that has helped to keep the club with their head financially above water for the past 12 months. Our Accounts show that the Expenses came to £2560 with an Income of £2966. £770 of this was profit from the 100 Club and the remainder of the income was provided by the players. The overall profit for the season came to £406. Which is not sufficient to go into the "transfer market"

Brian Hansford

FOOTBALL FIXTURES OCTOBER 2000

Sun 1st October	Handley Sports H	v	Wimborne RBL FC
Sat.7th October	Linthorpe FC A	v	Handley Sports
	(Junior Cup Kick Off 2.30 p.m. -Extra Time if necessary)		
Sun 8th October	Sandford FC A	v	Handley Sports
Sat 14th October	Shaftesbury FC A	v	Handley Sports
Sun 15th October	Merv. Hannam Spts A	v	Handley Sports
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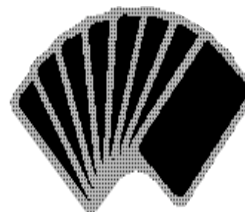


Whist at The Village Hall

Following the customary summer break, whist has resumed at the Village Hall and at the close of the first drive of the new season, held on 8 September, Wilf Jacobs emerged triumphant with a score of 174, two points ahead of Joan Gocher and six better than Eddie Stevens. In total, 38 players took part with seventeen returning scores of 160 and over, amongst them being Ray Parsons, winner of the second half of last year's competition.

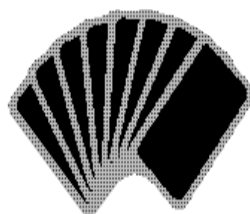
Round One: leading scores:-

Wilf Jacobs	174	Sylvia Thorne	165
Joan Gocher	172	Doris Gibson	164
Eddie Stevens	168	Zoe Haskell	163
Peter Lane	167	Myrtle Fox	163
Mrs R Jacobs	165	Ray Parsons	162



Dates for the next two months are: 4th October, 18th October, 1st November, 15th November and 29th November.

Bridge at The Roebuck



At The Roebuck, bridge has continued on a weekly basis throughout the summer and will continue to do so. Attendance has ensured an average of two tables in play and the overall standard of bridge has been high but, more importantly, the sessions have been extremely enjoyable. Anne

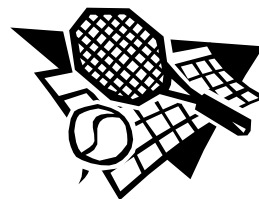
Reed can feel well pleased with her performance of late, landing game calls of 5 diamonds (doubled) on 2 August and a similar contract, but without being doubled for penalties, on 13 September. Contracts in the minor suits (clubs and diamonds) are, in my opinion, always more difficult to achieve than games bid in the majors (hearts and spades), principally because declarer can only afford to lose two tricks in the minors as opposed to three in the majors. Slams, both small and grand, if bid properly are usually achieved, though your scribe hangs his head in shame after placing his partner, Helen Goodwin (North) in a totally unachievable six no trumps at a recent session. Responding to Helen's opening bid and following several rounds of exploratory bidding, I viewed my four kings holding to be much stronger than actually was the case. Not surprisingly, Sally David (West) doubled and the contract went three off. Disregard, on my part, of the essential rule when seeking a slam to establish what aces are held by partner cost us 500 points.

Several non-card playing readers have commented that bridge must be a difficult game to master. Not so. Any competent whist player can pick up the rudiments of bridge in a single session, as some aspects of the card play are similar to both games. For example, the old adage of second player playing a low card and third player inserting a high card stands good, as is the favoured practice of drawing trumps. Furthermore, in bridge, once the contract has been established and following the opening lead, declarer's partner places his/her hand on the table, face up, thus immediately giving the opposition some insight as how best to conduct their defence. Whist pairs do not enjoy such an advantage and thus a much higher degree of concentration is necessary to remember which cards in a suit have been played.

So in the weeks ahead, why not come along on a Wednesday evening to The Roebuck and sit in as an observer for a few games. You will, I am certain, be surprised how quickly you will pick up on the way hands are bid and how enjoyable the game can be.

Bill Chorley

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club



Readers may recall that in 1999, Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club finished runners up in Division Three of the Shaftesbury District tennis league and were considered for promotion to the next division. However, an influx of new teams wishing to play in the league led to a restructuring of the divisions, the outcome being that the teams that formed Division Three in 1999 were retained at this level for this summer's matches. Now congratulations are in order for the local Club ended the season equal on points with Shillingstone, but will gain promotion to Division Two by reason of a count back on games from which Sixpenny Handley emerged with 320 games won to Shillingstone's 311.

Final table points read:-

Sixpenny Handley	51 points	320 games won
Shillingstone	51 points	311 games won
Wincanton B	43 points	
Motcombe Park B	37 points	
Templecombe D	18 points	

In reaching the top, the Club's fortunes were a mixture of peaks and lows, as the following table will show:

· Shillingstone	lost 9-1	return match won 10-0
· Wincanton B	won 7-3	return match won 10-0
· Motcombe Park B	lost 10-0	return match won 10-0
· Templecombe D	lost 6-4	return match won 9-1

As for 1999, players were drawn from a voluntary pool and representing the Club in 2000 have been Hillary Brown, Julia McRoberts, Karen Linton, Jill Carlisle, Elizabeth Nodder, Rosemary Dike, Annie Noble, James Reed, Phil Sutherland, Adam Shand-Crick, Jon Carlisle, Ollie Carlisle, Stewart Tough, James Hepburn and Charles Nodder. For the second year, Annie Noble kindly undertook the duties of organising the Club players, while Mrs Jo Bradford deserves the appreciation of all for her work in collating the results from all four divisions in the league.

On 16 September, the Club were joined by several members of the Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club for an end of summer barbecue and doubles tournament. Both courts were in play and with five doubles pairings for each court, a busy afternoon was ensured. Each match had to be completed in twelve minutes (two minutes for a knock up, followed by ten minutes of competitive play). Sam Leiber-Young was put in charge of the stop watch, while Roni Peck kept the end of match scores. Final results were:

Court 1	Court 2
Elizabeth Nodder & Paul Noble 15 pts	Bridget Homsby & Annie Noble 12 pts
Jason Harvell & Clive Spendly 12 pts	Stephen Goodwin & Andy Wright 10 pts
Andrew Tough & Sally David 12 pts	Juli Spendly & Bill Chorley 9 pts

Paul Noble, ably assisted by Club Chairman (and assistant chef) Michael Catchpole attended to the barbecue, thus ensuring a constant supply of burgers and sausages to keep players and children alike in a happy frame of mind!

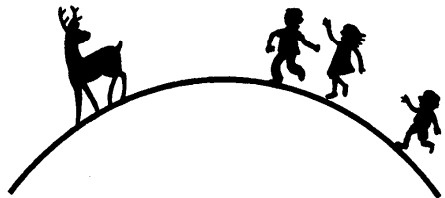
The results of the Club's summer tournaments should be available for the next issue of The Downsman.

Club coaching will be available throughout the winter (the Wednesday morning sessions being particularly well attended) and for further details, please telephone Roni Peck on (01725) 516350.

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Oct-22	Football Club Home Match	33	Nov-22	Bridge at The Roebuck	36
Oct-25	WI Autumn Group Meeting	12	Nov-23	Chase Community Friends	25
Oct-25	Bridge at The Roebuck	36	Nov-26	Bowls Club Home Match	24
Oct-26	Chase Community Friends	25	Nov-29	RSPB Working Party	13
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Oct-31	Bowls Club Home Match	24	Nov-30	Chase Community Friends	25

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