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The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the 1st February
2002

Casual Vacancy on Parish Council

Owing to the resignation of Steve Judd from the Council there is a Casual Vacancy.

Any elector from within the Parish of Sixpenny Handley interested in taking it up,

please write to the Parish Clerk:-

44 Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5PN

You will see in this magazine that regrettably **Bronia Styles** has resigned from the Youth Club committee. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks on behalf of the people of the Parish for the considerable effort she has put in over the last few years on behalf of the local children, initially via "For The Kidz" and latterly through the Youth Club.

FRONT COVER - NEW PLAY AREA
ALREADY DAMAGED!!!

After the outcry by parents and children for a new play area in the village the Parish Council, East Dorset District Council and 'For the Kidz' raised and spent over £30,000 in order to give the children brand new play equipment of a good standard which it is hoped will last for some years.

In general the users have enjoyed the equipment but unfortunately the few have decided to try and wreck it. Albeit it is the fencing and gates which have been attacked by the mindless few – some one knows who they are. Why do they do it? Unfortunately it will be the ratepayers who will have to foot the bill for repairs unless volunteers come forward.

The fencing and gates are required in order to keep dogs out, which can foul the area and create a health problem.

It is hoped that in the near future an opening ceremony can be held with the appropriate sign board erected and unveiled by who knows – a celebrity which will bring to a conclusion this successful project and the hard work to make it so.

Please make sure it is maintained in good condition and a credit to the village.

Parish Clerk

Remembrance Day 2001

"From strength to strength", what a wonderful metaphor to be able to apply to the local community and church? Especially when shown in the context of the lives of those who died so many years ago, so that we could be in this position of "Strength" and solidarity today. "They" now know that they did not die in vain.

Many of the current villagers did not meet or hear of them before, but this does not matter as we thank them for our inheritance, a life of freedom and hope; a life of free speech and democratic government; a life with opportunities for all.

This "Strength" of the belief in the past, the present and the future, was shown by the size of the congregation, at church on Sunday, for the Remembrance Day Service. It did in fact number one hundred and fifty-five. The church was brimming with folk, young and old, including complete families; mum and dad plus the kids. The scouts numbered eighteen alone; a wonderful show, parading their banners up to the memorial at 10:50am, before leading the congregation into church ten minutes later. At the memorial, when choir and cleric joined the congregation for the reading of the names of the local men, who had died in the two World Wars, prayers and the laying of the wreath, it seemed at first odd to hear a female voice lead the prayers. It was of course our curate, the Rev. Wendy Griffiths, wearing her newly won hood, (congratulations Wendy). The Rev. Ron Wood of course was at Pentridge, officiating there. He can rest assured that in his absence things could not have gone better.

Once inside the church, the large congregation joined in the celebration, singing heartily and responding with conviction. Wendy's sermon was inspired, (Something that the congregation here has grown to expect) even if it was a little long, at least no one nodded off. Even the youngest present, remained quiet and attentive and are to be congratulated. Let us hope they become the regulars of the future, their church needs them and they need their church.

When the service ended, an almost cloudless sky and warm sunshine greeted the dispersing congregation, which meant that there was no rush back to warm firesides, instead a sedate, warm and comforting dismissal.

A feeling that the loss of so many lives had not been in vain.

It is a great pity that this was not felt throughout the village. The reason for mentioning this was because of the noise coming from the recreation ground, particularly during the two minutes, supposed silence. The sun had come out, only the birds sang; traffic had been stopped by the local police special, Sgt. Yogi Patel.

With only the churchyard between, children continued to shriek and shout but worst of all, it sounded as if a soccer coaching session was in progress, with the thump of balls being kicked and instructions shouted.

"Please whoever you were, remember it is only because of those people who died, that you can enjoy the freedom you do." Surely it is not much to ask, to spend 120 seconds a year saying thank-you?

To compensate for the above, it was great to have a serving officer, in the form of Col. Jock Inkster to lay the wreath, resplendent in full dress uniform and to have such a large choir turnout. The latter must now have an age range in excess of seventy years. Long may it last, as we all hope it will. May God bless us all.

Ted Cox 14.11.01

Thank You

Liz and Ben Coombs and family would like to thank all their customers and friends for all their thoughts, cards and good wishes during Hannah's illness.

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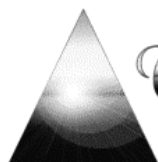
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Christmas Rush

*Shopping, Shopping,
Cards and wrapping.
Stamps and presseys;
Still more shopping,
Cake and candles,
Lists and planning
Turkey, sausages and stuffing,
Tree and lights and decorations;
On and on till nearly dropping.
Then, at last, the culmination,
(Don't forget the children's stockings)
Christmas comes, and all is gay!*

Oh the Bliss of Boxing Day!

N.C.R.'W.

Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice

Newsletter November 2001

Staff News

Many of you will be aware that Dr Hugh Pelly is taking a 3 month sabbatical from the practice commencing 12 November 2001.

We are delighted to confirm that Dr Minar Parsley is taking over his responsibilities within the practice during his absence.

Flu Clinics

This year the government recommended that as a priority:

- everybody aged over 65 and other at risk groups should be vaccinated against influenza;
- everybody aged over 75 and other at risk groups should receive pneumovax vaccination, unless previously vaccinated within the last 10 years.

We ran 5 open access clinics in October and a further clinic in November.

Christmas Opening Times

We shall soon be publicising our Christmas Opening Times. In brief, we shall be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

On Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, Broadchalke Surgery will close at 1pm and Sixpenny Handley Surgery will close at 5pm.

Access Statistics

As part of the National Collaborative initiative, which was outlined in the July newsletter, we have recently undertaken an audit on access

times. Here is a summary of the results for your information:

- The total weekly demand for appointments was 307;
- 100% of patients that requested an appointment with ANY doctor or nurse within 48 hrs were offered an appointment;
- 98% of patients that requested an appointment with a NAMED doctor within 48 hrs were offered an appointment;
- 100% of patients that requested a future appointment with ANY doctor were offered the appointment of their choice;
- 97% of patients that requested a future appointment with a NAMED doctor were offered the appointment of their choice;
- 95% of patients that requested a future appointment with the nurse were offered the appointment of their choice.

Overall 98% of patients were offered the appointment of their choice.

And now the bad news

- Due to vandalism at Sixpenny Handley it is no longer secure to use the black posting box for repeat prescription requests. Please take your repeat prescription request through to reception, or if the surgery is closed please put it in an envelope and post through the letterbox. We apologise for any inconvenience.
- Last month we had 2 patient cheques that were returned to our bank unpaid. This obviously causes the practice additional work. Therefore please do not be offended if we ask to see your cheque guarantee card. We thank you for your co-operation.

Patient Information Group

The Patient Information Group exists to represent 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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Your Village Hall

Over the past few years the hall has been partially upgraded internally, the floor being redone and some redecoration, the toilets refurbished, with a toilet for disabled people added.

New curtains have been fitted, and thanks must go to the Dance Club for funding them, what a transformation they have made.

The village hall is 23 years old now, and is in major need of repair both on the outside, for example fascia boards, new doors and windows, paint work and repairs to the porch, and on the inside, the heating and electrical systems. So, as you can see, a lot of extra money is needed.

In October we held an open meeting for the village and had a great attendance of about 100 people all showing concern. Among questions asked were 'why was money not put by for repairs?'; and 'was there a business plan?'

It was pointed out that the way the hall is funded is by the lettings, but if hire charges are put at a realistic level, enabling money to be put by, the hall is not let! If the charge is too low, we can't save enough. It's a vicious circle!

We have started to try to bring in extra cash by putting on different events.

We started by having a skittles competition at the Flower Show, but as everyone knows it rained and rained. Thanks to S Knowles and local youths for sticking it out and getting wet, managing to raise £43 at 50p a go. That was some feat and very well done.

The W.I. had a stall at Mrs Judd's, selling produce that they had grown or made, raising £240, which they donated to help the village hall. A BIG thanks to them for their effort.

Next, the Auction. This was a great success raising over £2000. I would like to say a big, big "thank you" to everyone who donated items, and to the people who bought the lots.

It was a fun evening with food, wine, bookstall and draw. Thanks also to the many people who helped both beforehand and on the night. I think every person went away with a bargain, or had a great evening even if they didn't go away with anything.

It has been decided to hold another auction in June 2002, so please hold on to those items suitable for auctioning, and donate them to the hall then.

With some money in the account it has been agreed that we should carry out some essential repairs, waterproofing the porch, and repairing other external items which won't make it through the winter. This is being done, and overseen by Mr Hanham. Many thanks to him.

The lights in the hall have been playing up lately and need upgrading with modern fittings. We are fortunate to have Mr B Strong, a committee member of the Youth Club who is a qualified electrician and he will renew all the light fittings at cost price. Brian lives 15 miles away, so we are lucky that he has an interest in the upkeep of the hall. Thanks, Brian.

The hall has always had a "100 Club" and new members are always welcome. It costs £1 per month - £12 per year. I can't promise you a million pounds, but the odds are better than

14 million to one! Your money will also help towards the upkeep of the village hall (half of proceeds are paid out in monthly prizes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd) So...if you are tempted, 'phone Rob Jesse on 01725 552340.

Other events for next year:

9th February. Music quiz evening with cheese and wine. Questions to suit all age groups. Table of 4 £16, 1st glass of wine free. Contact Mr D Hutchins on 01725 552159

9th March. Jumble Sale. Contact Mrs P Oxford or Mrs S Symes.

22nd June. Auction. 9 am to 12 noon receive lots. 2pm to 6pm viewing. 7pm Sale.

Dates to be arranged: Sale of ceramic pots; Sit Down meal and in 2003 if sufficient enthusiasm can be fired up, a Pantomime!

Watch the Downsman and local advertising for further information and contacts.

If anybody has any other fund-raising ideas or can help with skilled labour, use a paintbrush, make tea or hold a ladder, please contact a committee member. Remember, most of the expense of repairs and maintenance is taken up by labour costs, so the more help we get, the cheaper it can be.

Also, hopefully, our Chairman Steve Pharo will soon be back in full action.

Last but not least, don't forget to consider a donation. Our Treasurer has provided some information and a Gift Aid form elsewhere in this issue. We need your help; this is a way you can all support the continuation of your village hall.

Rob Jesse and the Committee.

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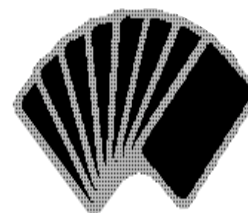
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Whist at The Village Hall

Readers of this column may recall that in the April and June editions, I remarked upon the 188 scored by Mary Braithwaite in the 2000-2001 series of whist contests. At the time I thought it would be some while before this score would be bettered, but in the third round of the present series of competitive drives, Peter Braithwaite returned a score of 192 (since then he has carded a 181, while Mary has come close to bettering her 188 with 186, also notched up in round three of the present contest) thus making him the favourite to pick up a "crisp fiver" when the prize monies are distributed on May 29th.



As has been reported, the present competition continues into 2002 and with six rounds completed, three clear divisions have been established. Dora Scannel presently heads the top division with an aggregate score of 980, followed by Sylv Day on 969 and Marge Poolman a mere three points adrift on 966. David Green lies fourth on 956, with Doug Haskell holding fifth with 953. As anyone who is familiar with whist will vouch, these positions can change in the course of a single drive, but provided those named compete in all the qualifying rounds, then I fully expect to find them all vying for the top honours come next May.

Meanwhile, the second division (players who have missed one drive), is led by Bill Chorley on 821, with Fred Denham (789) and Sylvia Thorne (788) second and third respectively, while division three (competitors who have missed out on two rounds) leaders are Peter Braithwaite (679), Mary Braithwaite (661) and Kathy Sargeant (650). Suzan Coombes has also posted 650 but is placed fourth as her opening round score of 162 was second best to

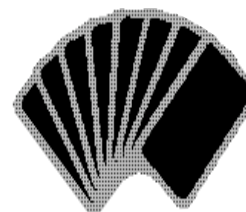
Kathy's 168.

It is, of course, still early days but all augurs well for some very close play in the New Year.

On Saturday, December 15th the club will be hosting its annual Christmas drive; this will not be a competitive round, but because of the nature of the Christmas event when the already generous prizes rise to an even higher standard (readers may not be aware that, on average, the whist club distributes around fifty pounds worth of prizes at each session in the form of goods), a "full house" is expected.

Bridge at The Roebuck

At The Roebuck the standard of play at the bridge table(s) has been no less exciting. Several slams have been successfully bid (and in most cases made) over the past two months, while on more than one occasion game bids of four (in majors) and five (in minors) have resulted in over tricks that suggest a slam had been in the offing. Although high card points are extremely useful in reaching a slam bid, more often than not success is gained by the declaring partnership holding cards that complement each other. For example, a suit void in either hand can be a tremendous bonus as this allows declarer to cross-ruff, thus denying their opponents to make tricks in a suit in which they might have a good holding. To reach a slam, however, requires a knowledge of how to elicit information from your partner, especially in respect of high card holdings (aces and kings). Several methods are available, one of the most common being a bid of 4 no trumps, which asks partner to reveal his or her holdings in aces. A response of 5 clubs signals no aces held (or all four); 5 diamonds indicates one, 5 hearts two and 5 spades three.



Normally, a bid for kings is then made by calling 5 no trumps. Thus, a response of 6 clubs indicates none, 6 diamonds one, etc, etc.

One of the drawbacks of this method, which is known in bridge circles as the Blackwood convention, is that if the responding partner has a weak high card holding, the contract reaches a minimum five level with the chances of success now much reduced. So, to keep the contract at the four level, while at the same time making the necessary enquiries for aces, use the 4/5 club method, this being particularly effective if the bidding has commenced with a strong two. The opening call is 4 clubs with the responses being; 4 diamonds showing none, 4 hearts one, 4 spades two and 4 no trumps three. This is followed by 5 clubs (asking for kings) and the responses, still at the five level, are similar. Provided you have discussed this convention with your partner (and your opponents) before the start of a rubber, the 4/5 club method is feasible, even if you open a hand on 2 clubs (indicating a minimum of 23 honour points). There are other methods, but the two explained here should suffice for the majority of players. I will mention cue bidding. On the face of it, cue bidding looks to be the simplest method of them all as you merely call, at the four level, the ace that you are holding or that you are void in that particular suit - 4 clubs signals, partner I have the ace, or partner I do not have a club in my hand. However, a really thorough understanding of the method is necessary to ensure success and it should only be attempted once the trump suit has been established. Again, it is imperative that you signal to the table that you are playing cuebids as it can lead to a deal of confusion. Indeed, all conventions should be declared at the start of play as this can have a bearing on the opening lead by the defending partnership.

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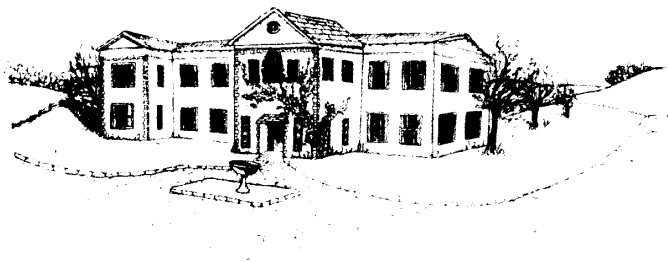
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Minutes of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council Meeting, held in the Sports Pavilion on 15th November 2001

1. Public Questions

- a) Mr I Davis asked if the Millennium Tree Planting Programme had been abandoned. The Chairman replied that it had not. The current spate of vandalism had resulted in a number of trees being destroyed, and that it seemed sensible to put new planting in abeyance until it was over. Damaged trees would be replaced.
- b) Mr I Davis stated that he understood funds were available for road repairs and asked if there was any possibility that the numerous potholes in Pentridge could be sorted out. Cllr. Humphries replied that repairs to Pentridge were in the pipeline, although he could not give a time scale.
- c) Mr I Davis asked if any progress had been made on the bus shelter for Woodyates. The chairman replied that this would be dealt with under agenda items.
- d) Cllr. Miles asked if action could be taken regarding dog fouling in the recreation ground. Cllr. Kellock stated that he would look into the matter and take any action he could to help solve the problem.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Para 4.a.i -South Farm – Cllr. Waller reported that this matter had not been resolved as reported, but was still ongoing, although she was not sure of the current state of affairs.
- b) Para 6 -Sports association – Cllr. Miles asked if any progress had been made with this matter. Cllr. Kellock responded that there were still some estimates to be obtained and the Council would be updated when there was anything firm to report.

4. Reports

- a) Planning Committee: - Minutes of the meetings on the 1st November were distributed. Cllr. Porte then highlighted the more important items from this meeting
- b) Finance & General Purposes Committee: - Minutes of the meetings on the 1st November were distributed. Cllr. Kellock then highlighted the more important items from this meeting. Other financial matters would be dealt with under agenda item 8.
- c) District Councillors Report -Cllr. Humphries reported on the following:-
 - i) Common Road Car Park -Cllr. Humphries reported that he had spoken to 13 out of the 14 residents of Common Road, and of these 11 were in favour of marking spaces. He had passed these findings to the Housing Association.
 - ii) Village Speed Management -Cllr. Humphries reported that Sixpenny Handley had received a very high cost/benefit rating, but could not say if this would improve the chances of speed management measures being implemented.
 - iii) Cllr. Humphries reported that new guidelines were being introduced for radio masts.
 - iv) Cllr. Bailey-Wright asked if reports that the District Council were having some financial problems, which may result in increases to council tax, were correct. Cllr. Humphries replied that he understood the cost of waste disposal was going to be higher than expected, but he did not know what effect, if any, this would have on the overall budget. He would look into the matter and report back.
- d) New Play Area:-
 - i) Cllr. Kellock reported that the current position regarding the play area was very much as detailed in the Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee. The Council was still not satisfied with Lapsett's response and the Clerk intended to write regarding the areas of dispute. This included ensuring the area was finished to ROSPA standards.
 - ii) The Clerk stated he had still not received a formal invoice from the fencing contractor. Cllr. Porte said he would investigate this.

- iii) The damage to the fence and gates would be repaired, by the contractors if possible, but if not by self-help.
- iv) Cllr. Miles asked about the cost of topsoil. Cllr. Kellock stated that this did seem excessive, and was one of the areas of dispute. He felt the Council should not have to pay the cost as stated on the invoice
- v) Cllr. Porte gave some prices for the purchase of stock fencing for use to improve and strengthen the standard of fencing already in place.
- e) Response to Terrorist Incident, in the USA:-A paper from the County Council was distributed, which councillors were urged to read.
- f) Quality Parish & Town Councils:-A paper would be circulated on these subjects and the item raised at the next full meeting of the Parish Council.

5. Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Dorset

A paper from Dorset County Council outlining the measures involved in decriminalised parking enforcement was distributed. Following a short discussion it was - Proposed by Cllr. Kellock, Seconded by Cllr. Miles, Unanimously supported that:-The Clerk write to Dorset County Council informing them of the Council's full support for this proposal.

6. Parish Office

Estimates for flooring and lighting were still awaited. Full costing for the conversion of part of Unit 5 in Town Farm Workshops to a Parish Office could not be given until these were received. Cllr. Miles asked that a check be made into any legal requirement to provide disabled toilet facilities. The Chairman said this would be done. It was -Proposed by Cllr. Porte, Seconded by Cllr. Bailey-Wright, Unanimously supported that:-The Clerk write to EDDC informing them of the Council's intention to proceed with the leasing of this unit, subject to final costings. He should forward the necessary fee for building regulations approval.

7. Comments on NHS Area Amendment Document

This document had been circulated for comment. The Clerk reported that the comments had all disagreed with the proposal to enlarge the local NHS area. Agreed that the Clerk write to the relevant authority informing them of the strength of feeling within the Parish Council over these proposals.

8. Provision of Commemorative Jubilee Mug for Children within the Parish

The Clerk reported that should the Council wish to do so, funds were available within the Amenities Fund for such a project. Following a short discussion it was - Proposed by Cllr. Chick, Seconded by Cllr. Kellock, Unanimously supported that:-A Commemorative Jubilee mug be purchased for all children within the Parish between the ages of 4 and 13.

9. Appointment of Representative on the Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr. Riddle volunteered to take on the post. The Chairman thanked him and it was -Proposed by Cllr. Porte, Seconded by Cllr. Kellock, Unanimously supported that:- Cllr. Riddle represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee.

10. Financial Matters

- a) The Clerk reported that he had received detailed estimates for the new bus shelter at Woodyates from Cllr. Warner. These had been forwarded to Dorset Highways Department.
- b) The following cheque was signed - EDDC (Building Regulations for new Parish Office) £147.50

11. Public Questions

The Clerk reported that the recording of public questions in the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings should be authorised. It was - Proposed by Cllr. Riddle, Seconded by Cllr. Waller, Unanimously agreed that:-Any public questions asked, and the answers given, be recorded in the minutes of Parish Council Meetings.

12. Resignation

The Chairman reported, with regret, that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. Judd, dated 15th November 2001. Several Councillors commented favourably on the effort and time given by Cllr. Judd to the Parish during his tenure in office. The Chairman stated that he felt Cllr. Judd had served the village very well indeed, and asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council. The Clerk was also asked to advertise the vacancy for a Councillor.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:45pm

Annex to Minutes of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council Meeting 15th Nov. 2001

Notes of a Meeting with WPC Luckham, Community Constable for the Parish

1) WPC Luckham was welcomed to the meeting, and after a short introduction the following issues were raised and discussed.

2) Speeding -On the village approaches, within the village, and on the A354, where particularly large numbers of motorbikes were sometimes a hazard. There was even an unconfirmed report of a motorcycle magazine advertising the A354 as a good bike road.

WPC Luckham replied that the police were aware of the problems on the A354, and that it was a road with a history of bad accidents. Speed checks were carried whenever resources allowed, and the road had been spot marked to allow the police helicopter to also carry out checks when in the area. She acknowledged that while motor bikes were a problem on this road, it was not a problem on the A354 alone. Traffic department did specifically target them. As and when information and resources allowed.

Speeding control within the village was a different problem as road layout made speeding checks difficult to carry out, although it may be possible on the approaches. She stated that at times the volume of traffic and the density of parking constituted a speed control.

She stated that she would forward the concerns raised and points discussed to the traffic department.

3) Response Time -When asked if there was a specific response time to rural calls WPC Luckham stated that she was not aware of any laid down requirement. She felt it would depend on the availability of units, and the location of the unit dispatched to answer the call. She would however make enquiries and let the council know if there was a required response time.

4) Vandalism and Burglaries -The spate of recent burglaries and vandalism was causing considerable concern, as well as distress to those involved. Some of the incidents had not been officially reported and WPC Luckham stressed the importance of letting the authorities know of each incident, to enable any pattern to be identified. However, she did also say that the high rate of crime in the village was known, and that measures had been taken to try and apprehend the culprits. It was felt those responsible were local youths, and that underage drinking was probably involved. While there was some indication towards the identity of the perpetrators, there was no evidence as yet. She outlined some of the steps already taken, and discussed the pros and cons of other measures such as security lighting, publishing details of damage, school visits (already done) and patrols by locals. The legal implications of printing photos of graffiti containing obscene language was also discussed.

5) The Chairman thanked WPC Luckham for her time, expertise and advice. He stated that the Council were well aware of the conscientious manner in which she carried out her community duties and were most appreciative. He suggested similar meetings once a year if they could be arranged, and this was considered to be a good idea.



News and Information

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October and November Report.

The Handley meeting was well attended when Mrs Maggie Staplehurst welcomed members and guests. The speaker – Mrs Sheila Ralph – gave a most interesting and helpful talk – with illustrations on Herbalism and other therapeutic methods of healing. She was thanked by Jean Haines.

Peggy Holland reported on Group News and the Group Meeting will be at Tarrant Gunville on 24th October. The competition will be an item of theatrical memorabilia. A group shopping trip to Winchester has been suggested and also a visit to a Pantomime. The Group Carol Service will be a Shroton on December 7th.

Several members will be taking part in the County Quiz on October 20th at 28 High Street.

There is also to be a cake and produce stall from 9 am onwards – in aid of the Village Hall funds. All contributions will be gratefully welcomed.

Nominations for new Committee were taken. Refreshments were served by Stella Symes and Margaret Summerell. The competition for a Decorated Bookmark was won by Win Judd and Nancie Raban Williams. Flower of the month winners: - Peggy Holland, Win Judd, Norah North and Jan Gibb.

The next meeting – the AGM will be on November 12th. The speaker to be Paul Turner on Primary Care Trust. The competition is for a photograph of 'A Village Activity'.

It was the Annual General Meeting at Handley and most members were present. In the absence of the President – Mrs Maggie Staplehurst owing to an accident and the following operation, Mrs Stella Symes took the chair. She welcomed members and visitors and Jerusalem was sung.

Mrs Avril Pettit from County Office had come with a selection of WI books, cards, gifts etc for members to purchase if they wished.

The Cake and Produce stall held recently at 28 High Street was very successful raising £240 for the Village Hall and a letter of thanks has been received from Mr Robert Jesse - and our very warm and grateful thanks to everyone who donated/helped in any way for that occasion.

A letter has been received from the Lyndhurst Link, suggesting that Handley members meet them for tea in Cranborne early in the new year.

Several members recently attended the Autumn Council meeting at Weymouth Pavilion and delegate Margaret Summerell gave her report.

The speaker Mr Paul Turner was welcomed and gave a very informative talk on the North Dorset Primary Care Trust. He was thanked by Margaret Quinn.

Nominations had been taken for a new committee, but no voting was necessary as all previous committee members were returned to office and Mrs Maggie Staplehurst has agreed to be President again. The Annual reports were given by Vice President – Mrs Stella Symes, Treasurer – Joyce Waker and Secretary – Heather Eynon. Anne Adams proposed a vote of thanks to everyone concerned. Tea hostesses were Sheila Smith and Jean Haines.

The Flower of the month annual competition Cup was won by Doreen Leverton and the evenings winners were Jean Maidment and Peggy Holland and Joint 3rd – Doreen Leverton, Stella Symes and Win Judd. The annual monthly competition cup was won by Win Judd.

The competition – Photo of a village activity was won by Heath Eynon.

The next meeting – the Christmas Party – will be on December 10th at 7.30 p.m. when members may bring a friend and members from other WI's are invited.

The competition is for a Home-made Christmas Card.

Win Judd (01725 552237)

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2001

Sixpenny Handley were awarded a **Highly Commended Certificate for Large Villages**.

The certificate is displayed in the foyer of the Village Hall.

Pentridge were awarded a **Highly Commended Certificate for Small Villages**.

The certificate is displayed in Pentridge Village Hall.

Judges comments were as follows:

Sixpenny Handley

A Highly Commended award in BKV Large Villages and a higher mark was not earned mainly by dropping points on 2. Halls where the judges felt that some maintenance was necessary on doors and windows. The rest of the area is now a credit to the village and we look forward to the Play Area being completed.

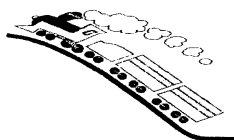
As with many other villages, some seats are now in need of maintenance, and unfortunately the pond had a variety of rubbish in it of the day we judged. Once again the private areas (small estates etc) were immaculate but there was some litter in the main street. The noticeboards were out of date under the tree and compared to the top village there was little in the way of notices of functions etc. Please accept these as constructive comments, because, all the judges felt your village had so many excellent features and we hope you will be among the main prizewinners in future.

Pentridge

Highly commended award in BKV which was an excellent achievement, and the Judges deducted some marks on 2. Halls – where, against the top village, it was felt some maintenance was now required and compared to previous years there were few notices on the boards, although this was accepted as a possible result of foot and mouth. Score 88.1%. We look forward to visiting in 2002.

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Dorset at War

In the wake of their amazing military successes in the late spring of 1940, which by mid-June found the Wehrmacht in control of every country from Norway in the north to the borders with Spain in the south, the German people might be forgiven for believing in their nation's invincibility. At this high point in their history, Hitler's boast of a Thousand Years of Reich domination over Europe seemed highly probable.

However, it was not long before the subjugated citizens of the occupied countries began the slow process of harassing their "new masters" at every opportunity. Acts of sabotage, mere pin pricks to begin with but increasing in both scale and audacity as the years advanced, became a constant problem for the occupying forces. The risks taken by those who defied the ruling authorities were immense, for not only was no quarter given to resistance fighters when captured, but hundreds of innocent bystanders were all too frequently caught up in the brutal reprisals that followed an assault on the occupying forces.

Quite naturally, this aggressive policy was much encouraged by the Allied governments, particularly by Churchill who, upon the establishment of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) called upon their operatives to "set Europe ablaze". In order to do so, those that were active on the ground needed to be supplied and though a range of methods was employed throughout the years of German occupation, by far the most effective was through the medium of air drops. It is beyond the remit of these articles to go into intricate depth on the structure of the SOE and how over the years this organisation worked with the many disparate units of varying political persuasions that was a consistent sore in the side of the Germans. Suffice to say that one of the key airfields that played a significant role in keeping the resistance fighters supplied was located a mere eight miles south-southwest of Sixpenny Handley at Tarrant Rushton.

On the outbreak of war, what was to become this important base was much as it is today, farmland, and it was not until May 1942 that work began to turn this natural plateau of land, east of the Tarrant, into an operational airfield. Progress was, by war standards, relatively slow and a year would pass before the contractors were able to hand over the station to the air force.

From the onset, Tarrant Rushton was earmarked for glider-towing operations but throughout the summer of 1943, progress in building up an effective force was painfully slow and it was not until early November that sufficient equipment was available to permit the formation of 298 Squadron with an initial establishment of seventeen four-engined Halifax Mk.V tug aircraft and seven troop-carrying Horsa gliders. Despite the inclement weather that prevailed throughout the winter of 1943-1944, 1,298" gradually increased its strength from two flights to three and by February 1944, the squadron boasted a complement of forty Halifaxes and crews. Thus, on the 23rd day of the month, 644 Squadron formed at Tarrant Rushton from a nucleus of crews provided by 1,29811. For the inhabitants of Sixpenny Handley, the sight of Halifaxes with either a Horsa or one of the tank-carrying Hamilcar gliders in tow must have been a common sight as the two units worked up towards operational proficiency. In my next article, I will report on some of the early supply dropping operations undertaken by these units as the build up towards D-Day drew ever closer.

Bill Chorley
(to be continued)

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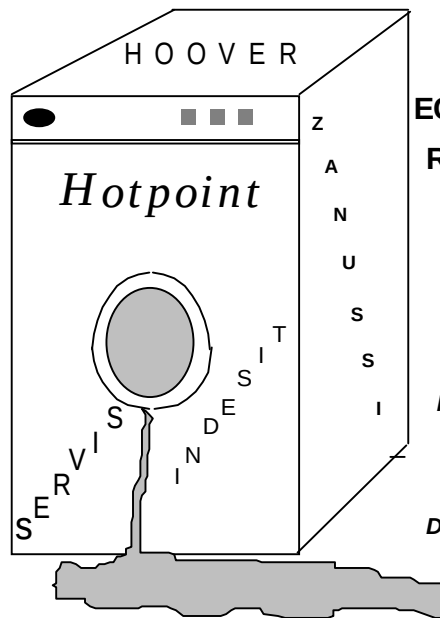
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It's that time of the year when you
 Draw the curtains
 Put on the lights
 Sit by the fire
 Get the books out
 Play the old board games.

Firstly, a poem by Robert Louis
 Stevenson

Winter Time

Late lies the wintry sun abed,
 A frosty, fiery sleepy head;
 Blinks but an hour or two; and then
 A blood-red orange, sets again.

Before the stars have left the skies
 At morning in the dark I rise;
 And shivering in my nakedness,
 By the cold candle, bathe and dress.

Close by the jolly fire I sit
 To warm my frozen bones a bit:
 Or with a reindeer sled explore
 The colder countries round the door.

When, to go out, my nurse doth wrap
 Me in my comforter and cap,
 The cold wind burns my face, and blows
 It's frosty pepper up my nose.

Black are my steps on silver sod;
 Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;
 And tree and house, and hill and lake,
 Are frosted like a wedding cake.

Next a 'mind-boggling' lateral thinking
 puzzle; an easy one to start with:-

THIS
 SENTENCE
 CONTAINS
 TWO
 MISSTAKES

How many mistakes are there in the
 sentence above?

Try this one: You can use three identical
 digits in a simple addition sum, so that the
 total is 12. You cannot use the digit 4, so
 what is the answer?

Answers next time. Plus harder ones!

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6D Handley has become a very busy
 place just remember
 BE SAFE
 BE SEEN

Hold that child's hand tight
 Light coloured clothing is better at night
 Be bright
 in mind
 in body
 in soul

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Submitted by Rob Jesse

Scientists Search For Solution To Disease.

A team at the University of Abertay, Dundee, led by Kevin Gartland, is working with the Forestry Commission to genetically modify English elm trees to confer resistance to Dutch elm disease. Genes have been transferred into the elm genome using minute DNA-coated ball bearings or naturally occurring soil bacteria. They have now produced 1.5m(5ft) genetically modified saplings, and laboratory tests on their resistance to the disease will start next year. Although no field trials are yet being carried out, such trees would be subject to rigorous risk assessments before they were planted in the open.

(Extract from 77ze Garden -Vol. 126 Part 11) Submitted by Ian Davies

Got a New Diary For Christmas? Make these your first entries!

SIXPENNY HANDLEY GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 1st -3rd JUNE 2002

Three days of fun and activity for **EVERYONE** in Sixpenny Handley

SATURDAY: FUN RUN

Children's Games

Skittles

Coconut shy

Hoopla

Tug of War

HOG ROAST

SUNDAY

50 YEARS OF FLOWERS - Display in St Mary's Church

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50 YEARS OF VILLAGE HISTORY IN PHOTOGRAPHS

also in the Church

CREAM TEAS

MONDAY

Village **TREASURE HUNT**

JUBILEE QUIZ NIGHT at the Village Hall

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If so, please will you identify yourself to Carole Wyatt on 552572.

There could be a surprise for you!

**KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON A FUN
WEEKEND OF GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.**

SIXPENNY HANDLEY ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW 2002 11th AUGUST 2002

No -it's not too early to be thinking about the next Annual Show.

There's always browsing through the seed and plant catalogues
what will be at it's best next August?

Try out the recipe for the Victoria Sponge or practise making Lemon Curd, jams or
chutneys. How is that Sloe Gin coming on, is it time to give it another stir?

Helpful hints on showing will again be in future editions of the Downsman and in
addition, there will be some useful tips from the Cookery Judge for those of you who
would like to improve on this year's results or want to exhibit for the first time.

Keep watching this space!

Sixpenny Handley
First School's

Christmas Bingo

will be held on

Tuesday 11th December 2001

at

7.30 pm

(Doors open at 7.00pm)

in

The Village hall
proceeds in aid of school funds

CHRISTMAS HERBAL SURVIVAL GUIDE

Christmas is fast approaching, everywhere there is hustle and bustle with preparations being made to be ready in time for the festivities -but have you thought about the effect Christmas can have on your diet and, ultimately, your health?

Of course Christmas is a time to enjoy, the eating and drinking of rich and unusual foods and alcoholic beverages is all part of the festivities but do give some thought to how this might affect your health and well-being; listed below are a few herbal remedies that might be useful to you.

Most people enjoy a Christmas tippie and there is no harm in this, but too much alcohol plays havoc with your health. The hangover symptoms you may experience -throbbing headache, nausea and vomiting, extreme thirst -are all the result of dehydration which is caused by the alcohol which, being diuretic speeds up the rate at which fluids are expelled from the body. Alcohol also contains the products of the fermentation process involved in making the alcohol and this can irritate the stomach lining, therefore the common-sense approach is never to drink on an empty stomach, as the alcohol is absorbed into the bloodstream much quicker - have a light snack, a glass of milk or a plain yoghurt or any food rich in protein is ideal as they take longer to digest - but avoid sugary foods which accelerate alcohol absorption. Drink slowly during the celebrations, alternating alcohol with soft drinks or water, to lower your alcohol consumption.

If you do overdo it drink one glass of water before going to bed to help prevent the effects of dehydration and to flush the kidneys; but drinking too much water after alcohol merely puts the kidneys under further stress by making them have to work overtime to deal with all the extra fluid as well as alcohol. Perhaps have a slice of dry toast too to help keep the blood sugar levels steady.

Hangover survival

Take 3000mg of evening primrose oil (in capsules) with your glass of water after the drinking session, or, if you forget, take them first thing the next day. Avoid black coffee for the hangover - coffee is also diuretic, and will only make things worse in the long run. Instead try a cup of tea made from camomile or lemon balm (obtainable from health food stores), especially if you feel sick. Bach Flower Rescue Remedy (available at most health food stores) will also help, just 4 drops in a glass of water sipped slowly several times a day is very beneficial.

Alcohol also depletes the body's vitamin and mineral supplies so take a good vitamin and mineral supplement for the duration of the festive period at least.

French onion soup as hot and strong as you can take it is a wonderful remedy for a hangover as both onions and garlic are effective at cleansing the system -you can always get someone else to make it if you can't bear the thought of food or cooking!

Not only alcohol over-indulgence, but over-indulgence of rich foods are also part of the Christmas festivities and these will also wreak havoc with your health!

Indigestion bloating, heartburn, nausea and bowel problems are all the result of overindulgence in rich or fatty foods. Those of you who normally eat healthily will probably suffer worse than others, as your system will not be used to all the rich foods.

Try to eat slowly and relax over meals and do chew the food well to give your digestive system a chance. If you have overdone it a glass of hot water with a few drops of peppermint essential oil* (make sure it is one suitable for internal consumption) or a strong peppermint sweet*, will rapidly ease wind, indigestion and nausea. Ginger* also helps reduce bloating and nausea; simply grate a small piece of ginger root (or 1/2 a teaspoon of ground ginger*) steeped in 1/2pint of boiling water for 10 minutes, strained and sipped as hot as possible will help the situation.

Camomile or lemon balm teas will settle an upset stomach and slippery elm powder (available at good health food stores) mixed with a tumbler-full of milk taken 3 times a day before food will soothe an irritated stomach and intestinal tract. Alternatively 2 grams of Propolis powder or in tablet form (available from health food stores) taken over several days works wonders for an upset stomach.

***Peppermint and ginger should be avoided if you are pregnant**

A brisk walk after a hearty meal can be very effective in reducing the effects of overindulging rather than flopping on to the sofa and falling asleep!

Have a detox day

After the festivities try to have a day off from eating rich foods and drinking alcohol and take a detox break -to give your liver a chance to recover and to clear the toxins from your body. Avoid caffeine-laden drinks and foods such as tea, coffee, cola or chocolate and instead have fresh fruit and fresh fruit and vegetable juices, herbal teas, plenty of mineral (not carbonated) or filtered water, natural live yoghurt in place of your usual meals. Spend the day at home, put your feet up -now is a good time to read that book you've been meaning to read for a while.

You may experience a severe headache or nausea during your detox day -don't take anything for relief such as paracetamol etc., just rest and persevere with the fruit juices and lots of water and ginger* or peppermint* tea. The headache and nausea are a sure indication that you are eliminating toxins from your body.

Have a relaxing bath with essential oils such as lavender, camomile or marjoram (no more than 10 drops in your bath-water) and ease away the stress that Christmas can bring.

Wishing you all an enjoyable, peaceful and healthy stress-free Christmas

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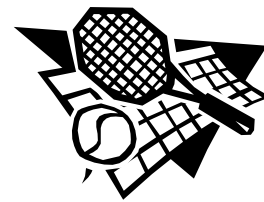
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Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club



Notwithstanding the inclement weather that prevented any hope of tennis, well over thirty adult and junior members were welcomed at the sports pavilion for the Tennis Club's Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 30th September. Presenting his second report as Club Chairman, Michael Catchpole announced that the past twelve months had been very successful. Membership totals and an overall healthy financial base had been maintained, while support for the various summer competitions had been most encouraging, particularly in the mixed doubles where Stephen Goodwin and Sally David (winners from the previous winter's mixed doubles) swept all opposition aside to become the inaugural winners of the Carlisle Trophy. Generously donated by Jon and Jill Carlisle, this new addition to the Club's trophy cabinet was, indeed, very well taken by Stephen and Sally who dropped a mere two sets on their way to victory.

Equally dominant had been the pairing of Jill and Ellie Carlisle in taking the ladies doubles, thus becoming recipients of the Gordon Clarke Trophy, while Charles Nodder and Peter Hornsby triumphed in the mens doubles to secure the Victor Fryer Trophy. Congratulations, too, to Stuart Allen who was judged to have been the most improved junior member and worthy winner of the Dr. Geddes Cup.

Unfortunately, due to lack of entries, the ladies singles cup (the Ashley-Cooper Trophy, given by the late Mrs Julian Ashley-Cooper) was not contested and Michael expressed his hope that entries for this trophy will be forthcoming in 2002. A second note of disappointment was the news that the Club had failed to retain its place in Division 2 of the Shaftesbury League and would be relegated for the 2002 season of matches. However, it was thought that there was sufficient playing strength to regain the higher division. Michael thanked all members who had participated in the matches and especially to Anne Noble for arranging the teams and co-ordinating the administration of these events. Similarly, Hilary Brown was also warmly thanked for her work in arranging the Club's summer competitions.

In presenting her coaching report, Roni Peck expressed her delight at the progress made by everyone who had taken part in the many classes given over the past twelve months. At one stage or the other, 68 junior members had been involved, while the two Wednesday morning sessions for adults continued to enjoy excellent support.

With all the reports presented, Michael paid generous tribute to his committee, especially to retiring members, Rosemary Dike and Helen Goodwin; in their place, he welcomed Laura Loncar and Adam MacMillan-Scott. With the business concluded, all present enjoyed a buffet lunch.

Since the Annual General Meeting, Hilary Brown has issued the winter tournament programme; presently, sufficient entries have been received for six mixed doubles pairings, three mens doubles, five ladies singles and four mens singles. Also in operation, throughout the winter, will be the ladder competition.

Bill Chorley

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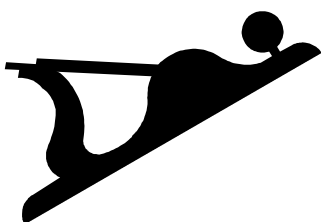
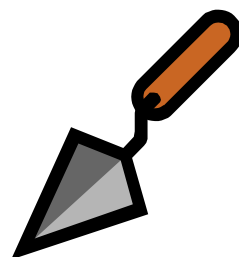
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ST MARY'S NEWS LETTER

Advent will be with us as you read this -the start of the Church's year -a time to look forward. The original idea was to try loosely to follow a theme of communication - in the last issue, although not mentioned, was 'visual' and instant at that, in our own front rooms. The hope is that the second part of the Prophet Isaiah's prophesy made about 750 BC will be fulfilled as a result of what we saw happen in New York (Isaiah Chapter 2 verses 1 -5) have a look. Remembrance Day was remembered by a large number of young and not so young at the memorial and in church. Saturday 20th October was a day with too many events -details below -followed by a dance in the evening when Mary and Angus McLeod were congratulated on their 50th wedding anniversary. The Bazaar was a resounding success on 17th November as was Sunday Night Live on 30th September -more later. The Mens Group met on 1st November but unfortunately Roland Beamont was unable to give his talk due to being in hospital -Bill Chorley stepped in and gave an interesting talk about Bomber Command - thanks Bill. Christmas is fast approaching and we look forward to all the children setting us off in the right spirit with the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. With no boys in the choir we don't experience the sort of rivalry shown in Ron's cartoon -a shame really.



SINGING THE FIRST VERSE OF "ONCE IN
ROYAL DAVID'S CITY" WAS A GREAT HONOUR

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Those months with a fifth Sunday in them is generally a time for a non-denominational evening worship on a theme. On 30th September we had a guest speaker from The Toybox Charity -Denise Peacock who illustrated her talk with slides showing the work of the charity among the street children of Latin America. The charity was set up in 1992 after watching the BBC TV documentary *They shoot children, don't they?* ---This was a very moving experience, which was well attended, as are most of these forms of worship.

SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER

A busy day with presentation of Bishop's Certificates by the Bishop of Ramsbury to 113 people with Edith Barrett, Gillian Wadge, Pam Wood and David Salmons from here, all of whom had completed the two years course in Christian Education. The Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicholas in Wilton was the venue -if you're in Wilton pop in and see the splendour of this unique building. Presentation of Theology and Pastoral Studies degree to Wendy Griffith in the Salisbury Methodist Church. Confirmation of George Maskell and

Chris Stokes along with many others in Salisbury Cathedral with no less than three Bishops -a wonderful occasion. I have from another source who was confirmed in Wimborne Minster 35 years ago that what he witnessed was truly wonderful; a lot different to his day all those years ago. Congratulations to all of them -your Church is alive and well.

THE WINTER BAZAAR

The planning, organising, work up and execution have occurred and produced a result. A great afternoon with a wonderful selection of home made goodies, so many books to choose from, fabulous bargains on the white elephant stall to name but a few of breath taking opportunities. The figure achieved from all this industry is about £1400 -a great thank you to the generosity of those who made, donated, worked, bought and came to buy.

David Salmons

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

You will all probably know by now of the current 'drive' to raise funds to help with essential maintenance and refurbishment of the Village Hall to allow it to continue as an important community amenity. One way is by asking for donations, which, as Treasurer, I do now, via the pages of the Downsman. All contributions are gratefully received, and special thanks to those who have already made a donation. You can also increase the value of your donation to the Sixpenny Handley Village Hall at no extra cost to yourself. As a charity the Sixpenny Handley Village Hall is able to claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax you have already paid on your donation, as long as you are paying Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax equal to the tax that can be reclaimed in the tax year (currently 22p for each £1 you give).

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NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

This edition marks my last contribution to the Downsman reporting on events in the woodland. My working and personal commitments no longer allow me time for so much voluntary work and no doubt many of you are also fed up with the same old boring drivel! However I have enjoyed the last three years of articles, even though Geraldine Vincent nearly always has to remind me that copy was due yesterday! Writing 500 hundred words in half an hour or so is my new-found skill.

The Dormouse monitoring season is over once again and I am afraid that the news is not very good. Numbers are significantly down for the third year running and more importantly there are half the numbers of nests being built. Young families were quite hard to find and none in October, the peak month. The warm spell through the autumn has clearly been of help, as the smallest dormouse weighed over 15 grams, which is around 4 grams over the winter survival weight. Some were nearly twice that. As usual, some boxes were occupied by wood mice and the dreaded yellow-necked (they bite hard!) while one nest found last Sunday had been sat upon and squashed by a bird. Perhaps breeding was starting extra early in view of the warmth.

The survival of dormice in the wood will have to be addressed if this decline continues, before the population is so small that it cannot recover.

Birds also seem to be in very short supply. The damage to the breeding tits, outlined in a previous Downsman has contributed to the problem, but there are many fewer birds than normal. This seems to be because of sudden climate change, or possibly a lack of food, due to either the wrong weather at the wrong time or the wood being too dark and cold. Butterflies have been almost absent from the wood this year, except for a few isolated weeks in high summer.



The very warm spell did not seem to make up for the cold Spring we had again this year. Changing weather patterns are clearly affecting the environment in all sorts of ways but we shall only be able to watch and see, being powerless to halt these variations, only react to them. The worry is that we will simply not react in enough time to reverse the damage. It only takes enough caring people to make sure that something is done. People power can make the difference!

I would like to thank all those from the village who have volunteered to help over the years; particularly Tim and Chris Reynolds for the invaluable help with dormouse surveys. Thank you also to the reader for not complaining about this particular TOG. Any queries, problems or damaged birds should be referred to the Warden at Arne, near Wareham, on 01929 553360.

I hope you all continue to enjoy a wonderful piece of ancient woodland.

David Tucker.

Thank you David, your articles have been a popular and enjoyable section of the magazine and will be missed. Ed.

Worship in December and January

ST MARY'S	ST ANDREW'S	ST RUMBOLD'S
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Services in italics are from the Book of Common Prayer

December 2nd First Sunday of Advent

9:30 Morning Prayer 6:00 Holy Communion	11:15 Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
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December 9th Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 Family Service	9:30 Holy Communion
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December 16th Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 Holy Communion 6:00 Evensong	6:00 Lessons & Carols
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December 22nd Saturday

4:00 Lessons & Carols

December 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 Holy Communion 11:00 Lessons & Carols	5:00 Christingle
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December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00 Christingle 11:30 Holy Communion
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December 25th Christmas Day

9:30 Holy Communion	8:30 Holy Communion	11:15 Holy Communion
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December 30th Sunday after Christmas

9:30 Holy Communion

January 6th The Epiphany

9:30 Morning Prayer 6:00 Holy Communion	11:15 Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
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January 13th Second Sunday of Epiphany

10:30 Family Service	9:30 Holy Communion
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January 20th Third Sunday of Epiphany

9:30 Morning Prayer 6:00 Evensong	11:15 Morning Prayer
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January 27th Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9:30 Holy Communion	8:30 Holy Communion	11:15 Family Service
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The Chase Nursery pre-school playgroup received a glowing report following it's OFSTED Inspection in January 2001. Here are some quotes from the report:-

Overall quality of learning "Children are making good progress in relation towards the early learning goals in all six areas of learning" "Especially good emphasis is placed on their personal, social and emotional development"

How well the children are taught "Teaching is of a good standard" "There is a high adult to children ratio at sessions" "Good teaching methods help all children to learn and make progress effectively" "Emphasis is given to providing an interesting range of first-hand experiences. These provide good support for children's development of skills in all areas of learning."

How well the setting works in partnership with parents and carers "There is a good partnership overall with parents which effectively contributes to the children's learning" "There are good opportunities for parents to take an active part in their children's learning."

Playgroup held in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.00 am - 12 noon (+ optional hour for lunch to 1pm), Thursday morning 9.00 am - 12 noon.

Chase Nursery "link group" sessions held twice a week in Sixpenny Handley First School allow children to experience a more formal structure of learning, in addition to familiarising them with the school and the teachers.

Please 'phone Jackie on 01735 552808 or Hazel on 01725 552980 for further information.

Woodcuts in Winter

The date is 8/11/01, and as I write, rays of sunshine stream in the sitting-room window, bouncing off the polished surface of the round table, which my grandmother gave me many moons ago after inheriting it from her grandmother long before that. There is no fire in the woodburner, nor is the central heating on, yet the room is cosily warm as I sit here writing and drinking a morning coffee. Outside though, it is somewhat different. A fairly blustery wind is blowing and according to the television news it has snowed as far south as London. Despite this, relatively few leaves have fallen from the trees immediately around us. Even the bigger heavier ones, such as those of the horsechestnut, sycamore and ash are staying put, although the elders have shed theirs. There is an excuse for this, as they are the first to show in spring.

Please excuse the delay, but I've been outside to confirm that what I am writing is correct. During my preamble in the garden, I confirmed my observations while also noticing that the chickens had made use of a stack of firewood, not burning it of course, simply sheltering from the wind, while sunning themselves. Also sunning themselves on the buddleia were two Red Admirals (butterflies not Russian Officers). It is now just after mid-day and the sun is still streaming in the window, and to justify the mention of its species, a Red Admiral has just tried to break a pane by flying full pelt into it. Its colours showing brilliantly, obviously in tip-top condition still. Perhaps there should be a calendar on an outside wall, as well as one in the kitchen, so that the wildlife knows what month it is, after all there does seem to be a lot of confusion nowadays. We may appreciate an increase in global temperatures, but the remaining species of our world appear to find it very difficult. The warm, wet summer and autumn have certainly paid dividends where plant growth has been concerned.

The corn harvest was reasonable, vegetable crops have been excellent, potatoes seem to have escaped the blight, despite the warm, humid conditions, apples and pears have given bumper yields (what a stupid time for the supermarkets to push foreign ones) and hedgerow plants have an abundance of fruit.

Blackberries (sorry, there was a delay there, I'd lost the 'k' again, I'm sure it moves around on this machine, it can't be me.), elderberries and rosehips have been so abundant that I have made wine from them. A word of warning though, the first two, no problem, but rosehips are a different proposition altogether. It is very easy to tread blackberries and elderberries but rosehips, they are something else, they do hurt the feet, particularly if a few thorns have found their way into the basket. To be serious, all berry bearing plants seem to have done well, including hawthorn, spindle (beautiful, pink four-lobed fruits), wayfaring trees, guelder rose, holly, cottoneaster, pyracantha, etc., etc.. Others, such as buddleia, the currants and lilac are either producing new shoots or buds that look as if they will burst at any moment, while roses almost universally, appear to be producing flower buds, although some don't actually open. Of the wild flowers, it is not at all difficult to find buttercups, daisies, herb Robert and white deadnettle in flower, while even soft weeds like fumitory and chickweed are flourishing.

14/11/01 Even after a considerable ground frost, Red Admirals are still visiting the buddleia, the latter incidentally still flowering and the surrounding trees have done little to divest themselves of their leaves, and it is these facts that bring me back to the title, "Woodcuts in Winter"...

The cleverer ones amongst you will be saying 'Whatever is he on about?' as winter does not start until the winter equinox, whatever that is, According to the first definition in my

dictionary of winter, it is the three months of December, January and February, then followed by spring, summer and autumn, all of three months duration. It then goes on to say that it is also the part of the year that isn't summer, i.e. the colder part. This makes life so much simpler, and since we have already done away with rush hour here in Woodcutts, it would seem sensible to rid ourselves of autumn and spring. As you will know, in the U.S.A autumn is known as the 'fall', presumably because it is the time that leaves fall from the trees; since this does not seem to be occurring now, it is only logical that autumn be abolished.

Since autumn goes, it is only sensible to disregard spring and go straight into summer, without having to sit around waiting for the world to wake up again, after all wakes can be such dismal affairs. Only recently have I been made aware of the origin of the wake, having lived in Ireland for several years I attended quite a few, had I known then what I now know, I would have not been so keen to take part. It all started many years ago, when drinking vessels were often made of metal, sometimes with a high lead content. Lead would be dissolved into the drink, imbibed, and the drinker would go into a deathlike coma. Because it was not clear if the person was dead or not, the body was put on the bed and family and friends sat around, to see if he would 'wake' up. If he did, all was well, if he didn't, hard luck, there was a funeral. Presumably if he awoke he would be offered a drink, while everyone sat around 'chewing the fat' or jawing, as country folk of the past tended to do.

Chewing the fat of course is an expression, describing the luxury of sitting in company and sharing in the lumps of fat bacon, produced from the pig reared in the sty down the garden. This would have been a major constituent of the countryman's diet, if he could afford meat at all. The pig would have been slaughtered in the garden, weighing anything up to twenty score, (a score being twenty pounds weight), in new money this would amount to approximately 180kgs. Today a porker is killed when it weighs in the region of 55kgs. so you can imagine how fat the original animal would have been. With it hanging from a hook in the kitchen ceiling, the host would have boastfully cut off lumps for the consumption by his guests, who would have chewed the fat between the odd word of conversation or jawing, i.e. opening his mouth to speak. I'm sorry but I must move on as I have just realised that I am well past slaughter weight.

What has all this to do with Woodcutts I hear you asking? The answer is of course come and see for yourself, especially if you like fat bacon, otherwise the answer is nothing, but I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I have enjoyed writing it.

May God bless us all.

Ted Cox 15.11.01

SIXPENNY HANDLEY GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND

We had a most successful weekend last July showing off all our gardens to a large number of visitors, and this is something that everyone felt should be repeated at some stage. After a lot of thought, and taking into account the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in June 2002 in which we all will be involved, we considered it best to plan for another Gardens Open Weekend in 2003. Only the most organised will have a diary going that far ahead, but could all gardeners tie a knot in their handkerchiefs for the end of June 2003, please!

Copy of letter sent to Sixpenny Handley Youth Club Committee Members

Letters

It is with the very deepest sadness and disappointment that I feel I have to resign from the Youth club committee and give my notice as Youth club committee chairperson. I am totally stunned by the decision made at a committee meeting in my absence to open the Youth Club tuckshop via the back door of the hall kitchen to the large number of young people (15 to 20) who now congregate around the village hall, sports complex and new play area every Thursday evening while youth club is running. I had raised my most serious objections regarding this irresponsible suggestion with almost all the committee members individually in the last week or so since this idea was first put forward and explained my main concerns as follows.

Rubbish being strewn around in the hall car park and sports areas creating an ever increasing mess. While drinks and snacks are being sold from the tuckshop the toilets would need to be opened for use by the group from outside, this would make it impossible to keep them apart from the Youth club members. Younger children possibly never even coming into the hall "saving" their money to buy more tuck and joining the Gang outside for two hours. Encouraging increasing numbers of young people to congregate on a Thursday evening, in the dark and totally unsupervised whilst we know that approx. £3000 of damage was done to the complex in total in the last week or so, much of this done to our knowledge by these youths last Thursday night.

We already know that some of these same individuals have been responsible for much of the other vandalism that has taken place in the village as a whole. The Youth club committee know that I have been working hard and enlisting the help of our County Councillor to try and get a paid leader from the Dorset Senior Youth Service to form a Senior Youth Club to get this group of young people into the hall to take part in structured supervised activities. Hopefully with support we would be able to begin to curb this run of destruction. We should all be working to discourage these young people from hanging around outside where the devil makes work for idle hands.

Myself and a small number of this committee have worked so very hard to raise money to help supply the new Play Area which is now being vandalised. How much damage has to be done before the Youth club committee realise that actively encouraging these youths to hang around in the dark is asking for trouble and will further harm the rest of the village community.

I have not even begun to list what could happen to these young people themselves, we know fights often break out, accidents can happen and any strangers could soon become aware of this congregation of young people, some as young as nine years old.

Finally I understand that during the most recent Youth club session when the new arrangement was started the back door of the hall was open and one of the older youths abused the privilege by coming in and stealing from the tuckshop. What more can I say I feel saddened that I have been put into such an impossible position, I have always enjoyed the company of the forty or more smashing children who attend Youth club each week and looked forward to my Thursday evenings, I do not want them to feel in anyway responsible for my decision but I have to make my position on this matter crystal clear.

Bronia Styles



As older members of Sixpenny Handley Youth Club, we would like to express our deepest concern due to the departure of two of the Youth Clubs valued helpers. We have read both Bronia Styles' and Julie Richardson's letters of resignation and believe that their reasons for departure are slightly unjustified. It appears that after the outcome of a recent committee meeting, in which Julie and Bronia were both unable to attend, they were unhappy with the decisions made about selling tuck shop through the back door to non-members. All committee members voted for this and if Julie and Bronia had been there, they would still have been outvoted. This is also slightly confusing, as it appears that it was Julie's idea originally.

As older members of the youth club, who do not necessarily always go in, we believe it is our duty to defend our positions after being referred to as 'a gang'. We feel that we have been poorly judged

by people that we believed were there to help us. Therefore we are now known of as 'a gang' which does not appear to single out any 15-18 year olds in the village. This is unfair to people that are not part of the so-called 'gang' and do not even go anywhere near the Village Hall on a Thursday night. Our parents signed a piece of paper in agreement to letting us go in and out of youth club as we please and as we understand it, this rule has not yet changed.

It is unfair for Bronia to blame all older children for the damage of the new play park and pavilion and now we feel that she has lost all respect that she gained from members of the youth club. Her resignation was a shock to us all as she has been on the youth club committee since it started and was always extremely keen to follow it through. She also seemed keen to be at the village hall on a Thursday night and helped many children to make things and play with the equipment provided.

Since the Youth Club started, Bronia was fundraising and inviting new members to come and spend a Thursday night with their friends. Then Julie came and started, the fact that they would give up on years of fundraising and organising is truly disturbing. We would like to wish both of them the best of luck and hope that one day they will return to the youth club to work out what went wrong and how much they're missing out on.

Thank you Julie and Bronia for your contribution to the youth club over the past few years, sorry it had to be cut so short.

The Older members of the youth club.

I would like to thank the young lads who came to my door on Halloween night doing their trick or treating. On my refusal to give them any treats they left my property and proceeded to take their trick out on my cat. They sprayed my cat with a substance called WD40, this is a releasing agent used in garages etc. On finding my cat with this on him I rang my vet who advised me to bath the cat in Fairy Liquid to remove as much as I could and to keep him warm, this I did. However, a few days later my cat became very ill and required intensive treatment for possible kidney failure. He was in the vets for two days on an intravenous drip to rehydrate him, various injections and blood tests. The vet let my cat home with strict instructions to feed him only white meats such as chicken or fish, but for two days after he refused to eat and the vet said that there was nothing that they could do for him and that we would probably have to put him to sleep. This was very a distressing thought for the whole family to come to terms with, however after much persuading my cat started to eat again. On informing my vet of his progress I was told that he could suddenly die anyway as his kidneys have been damaged by the WD40 that the boys had sprayed on him, as he had probably licked some of it off before we bathed him.

These boys and their trick has cost my cat considerable distress and cost me a total so far of £135 in vets fees. I hope the boys concerned read this and feel very guilty about the upset and distress that they have caused to an innocent animal and I hope they treat their own animals with more respect and consideration than they have mine, just because I dare say no to their demands for sweets over a thing that has roots in America. I am fortunate enough to be able to pay the vet but how would an old age pensioner manage this sort of bill if it happened to their cat and it was their only companion, I am sure they would be devastated at the thought of possibly having a much loved pet put to sleep. I hope you print this letter to let the village know what sort of youth we have, in a minority, I hope, in our rural community who will do anything if they get told no!!!!!!

Maureen Preedy

Since the last issue of The Downsman, two events have taken place in the village for which I wish to express my thanks to the organisers. First, the auction at the Village Hall in late October, most ably arranged by Julie Richardson and her helpers and overseen in the evening by a most admirable auctioneer, Robert Jesse. Over £2,000 pounds, I am told, was raised, so many thanks to all who were involved in this very worthy venture.

Second, a really superb fireworks display at The Roebuck in early November; again, a most enjoyable event with plenty of support, which was a delight to behold.

A Local Resident

SIXPENNY HANDLEY YOUTH CLUB

We would like to express our thanks to Bronia Styles and Julie Richardson for all their hard work and effort they have given Youth Club.

We wish to express that we are extremely shocked that they have both decided to pull out and leave Youth Club.

We would also like to say that the rumours about Youth Club closing are totally unfounded.



Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

The Homewatch Co-ordinators would first like to extend their thanks for two generous donations received since the last issue of The Downsman. These will be put towards replacement Homewatch signs around the village - something to everyone's advantage.

The signs cost £19 each and further donations would be welcome. As well as the signs, we want to buy the tool needed for fastening their metal strap fastenings. Previously we have had to hire, which makes no financial sense in the long run. The tool needed costs about £50.

Any help towards these forthcoming costs would be much appreciated and make a real contribution to the safety of our Parish. Donations can be given to John Curtis or your local Co-ordinator (see inside front cover) and cheques should be made out to "Sixpenny Handley Neighbourhood Watch."

Playground Vandalism

Everyone who raised or donated money for the new children's playground must be heartily sick of the vandalism that has occurred to the fencing and the equipment there. Indeed every parishioner has lost out because repairs will have to be funded from our tax bills.

To judge from the graffiti, with which the new equipment was covered, the culprits are local. Graffiti itself constitutes Criminal Damage and everyone is asked to keep watch and inform the Police immediately of any suspicious activity around these new facilities.

Special Constable

Our local 'Special', Yogi Patel, featured on the front cover of the Dorset Police Magazine last month, which was good to see.

Yogi is frustrated, however, that owing to new health and safety rules he is no longer allowed to patrol without another officer. This is hampering his ability to look after the village and Homewatch Co-ordinators are taking this up on Yogi's behalf with Dorset Police.

Christmas

If you are going away for the festive season, tell a reliable neighbour and/or your Homewatch Co-ordinator. Leave some lights on a time switch and have a happy and crime free Christmas!

Sixpenny Handley Flower Arranging Club

December 3rd

Rachel Phillips with her Christmas Ideas

The Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club Christmas Lunch is on **Wednesday, 12th December** when we hope to enjoy an excellent lunch at the Village Hall and be entertained by the Ad Hocsters.

This is the only occasion when you need to book ahead.

Tickets from the Treasurer.

After the 12th December, we have a break over the Christmas Holiday and start again with an afternoon of Fun and Games on **Wednesday, 23rd January.**

Contact Heather Eynon on 552308 for more information.



The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it, within the Cranborne Chase villages.

In the form of :-

- Transport to the Surgery, Dentist, etc, with an appropriate contribution from the user of 45p per mile, to cover petrol costs.
- Collection of prescriptions - local shopping for the house bound.
- Emergency garden care - child sitting - dog walking.
- We hold regular Social Day Centres, at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall.

And weekly Coffee Mornings at the back bar of the

Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley.

Thursday mornings 10:15am -11:45am.

So come along and make new friends.

**For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,
Please contact CCF co-ordinator, on 01725 552097.**

New volunteers always most welcome.



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

The mild weather is allowing our winter members to continue using the green outside, although I must admit I prefer to be in the warm playing.



If you watched the bowls on TV recently you may be interested in reading this article from The Times newspaper no less:-

If you missed them, well it was a real colourful spectacular – blue carpet, red and green

Last week's television featured a wild attempt to make bowls sexy. They have been playing on a blue carpet with red and green woods, and – crowning touch – the players wear garish shellsuits that match the bowls. Bowls is one of those agreeable wallpaper sports and has a somnolent drama of its own. But at its best, bowls is soothing rather than sexy. Its strongest selling point is the stately dance of white figures on a green background. The attempt to make bowls sexy seems to me a deliberate attempt to play to your weaknesses. And when was a shellsuit sexy?

bowls and red, green and blue track suits! It must have been too much for the players too because none of the favourites won. The style of play was changed too, and it will be interesting to see if next years remains the same. One day we might have more priority though because viewing was stopped with 2 bowls to be played in one match and we had to wait until the next day. Can you imagine this happening in a football match?

Anyway back to our Club. Short Mat Bowls have played only one friendly indoors to Three Legged Cross, which we won, both League teams have been busy:-

The A team have played 6 and won 4.

The Tanners have played 6 and won 3.

Promotion last year is certainly telling this year – the opposition is getting more competitive.

To make our Sunday afternoon sessions more interesting, we always have a knockout competition for a Christmas Hamper shortly before Christmas – this year we are holding it on 16th December.

Players of both men and women are needed to carry out the heavy programme of next season, which starts again in April, so why not join in early and get some practice in.

Gill Martin

The Bowls Club held their Annual Dinner and presentation evening for 2001 at the

Thank You

My daughter and I would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and condolences at the loss of my husband, Leo Mackle. Also to thank all the staff at the Surgery, The Rev Ron Wood for a lovely service and Mr. Richard Adlam for all his help.

Sylvia Mackle

An excellent evening was enjoyed by all and was one of the best since the club was founded in 1991.

Bouquets were presented to Mrs Keats, Eileen Burton and Norah North. The Club Presidents also presented a gift to the Club Hon Secretary, Gill Martin.

The prizes and awards for competitions in 2001 were as follows:

Men's Singles 2001	Champion	Paul Noble	Runner Up	Tony Groves
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Handley SPORTS CLUB 100 CLUB

Draw Number 8

£30	063	Chris. Haskell, Common Rd. Sixpenny Handley
£10	041	Zoe Hudson, Church Street, Bowerchalke Salisbury
£10	166	D.G. Jones, Sycamore Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	038	Mrs Gill Martin, Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley
£5	159	Mr B.D. Ridout, Humby's Farm, Sixpenny Handley

Draw Number 9

£30	110	R.M. Edwards, Town Farm Place, Sixpenny Handley
£10	185	Mr S. Wallworth, Town Farm Place, Sixpenny Handley.
£10	128	Mr S. Judd, Church Farm Bungalow, Sixpenny Handley.
£10	081	Chris. Wadge, Sycamore Close, Sixpenny Handley
£5	188	Mrs RJ. Prince, Cranborne, Dorset.

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TO EVERYONE IN SIXPENNY HANDLEY

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT A GOURMET EVENING???

***IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WE HOLD A DINNER EXTRAVAGANZA,
SECOND TO NONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE!!!
TO RAISE CASH TO HELP THE VILLAGE HALL FUND
THAT YOU ALL SUPPORTED SO MAGNIFICENTLY AT THE AUCTION***

READ THIS

***We would like to present a really first class, mouth-watering dinner party
and/or theme cuisine night and need your help in selecting the best for everyone.
To achieve this would you please indicate below your preference of menu,
or what you feel would make for the most entertaining evening,
one that you would support, possibly with a party of your favourite people***

***all the following to consist of 3 courses priced at approximately
£14.50 per head***

ENGLISH YES / NO

ITALIAN YES / NO

FRENCH YES / NO

***both of the following would be 2 courses costing approximately
£9.50 per head***

INDIAN YES / NO

CHINESE YES / NO

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

provided by

CHASE MANOR CATERING

HANDLEY 552934

please give your comments into

LIZ at POST OFFICE STORES

BY 10TH DECEMBER 2001

we are anxious to get this organised to brighten up

January 2002 for everyone

a selection of wines will be available on a donation basis

NAME.....

TEL NO.....

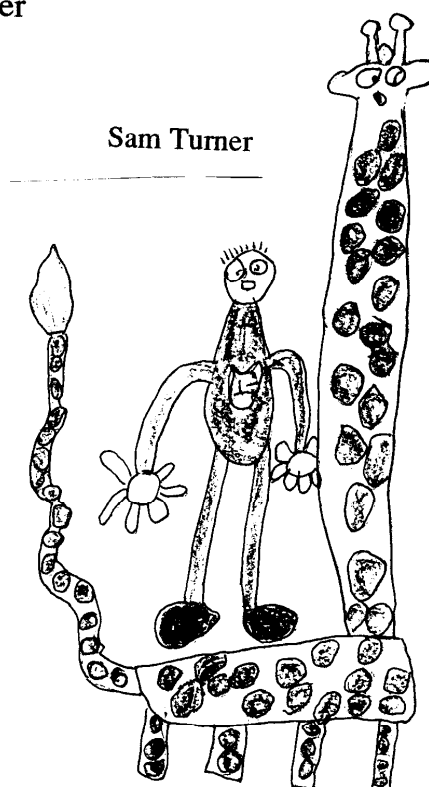
GIRAFFE SPOTTED IN HANDLEY!

Observant passers-by of Sixpenny Handley First School on Friday 12th October may have noticed a huge mobile classroom parked on the playground. Inside was subsequently revealed, to the children's delight, a variety of exciting audio-visual experiences. The mobile classroom is run by the Dorset branch of the 'Life Education Centre' organisation, which provides visiting lectures and learning activities for school children around the theme of Health Education in its widest sense.

Apparently defying the laws of space, within the van are hidden interactive models and displays of the human body (as a whole and in parts), video screens, disembodied voices, a canopy of stars and a singing giraffe called Harold. The latter was destined to become a firm friend of all the children, who were delighted to converse with him, and also a character known as The Brain. Attention was, however, also paid to his teacher friend Ruth Price, who skilfully guided the children, in their different age-groups, through activities designed to promote good lifestyle choices, to help with resisting peer pressure and to develop self-esteem and awareness of the feelings of others, as well as to extend knowledge of human biology and health. The children were eager to participate in activities ranging from song and dance to a video visit to the planet Nevergladonia, and keen to recognise and find out about the main body systems and organs. The thoughts and pictures below, taken from thank you letters to Harold, reveal the degree of enthusiasm felt by the children.

"Thank you for coming to Sixpenny Handley First School. I enjoyed it when the Brain appeared out of nowhere. The best bit was when Harold sang his song. It was very funny. I won't forget the fun I had in the van. It made me think about how the body works."

Luke Curtis



The mobile classroom visit is one in a programme of lessons devised by the Life Education Centre which are tailored to each age-group of children. While the excitement generated by the mobile classroom experience provided a learning stimulus, the programme in its entirety offers a very useful scheme of learning for areas of practical relevance to school-aged children, and fits well into the existing Health Education curriculum.

Elizabeth Moreland, Sixpenny Handley First School

Dear Hardd and Ruth,

Thank You for coming
to tell us about looking
after our bodies.

Love from
Georgina



Georgina Emerson



Kaye Haskins



*"Thank you for singing your
song for us. I think the body is
fascinating. I would love to see
you again."*

Samantha Scott

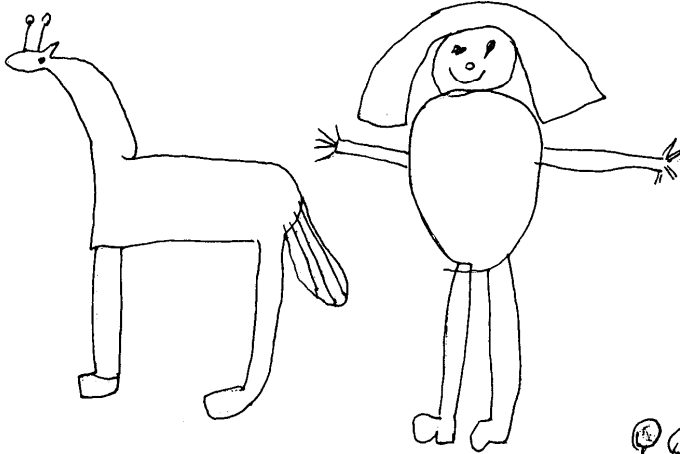
Dear Harold and Ruth,

Thank you for coming to tell
us about looking after our
bodies I enjoyed it.

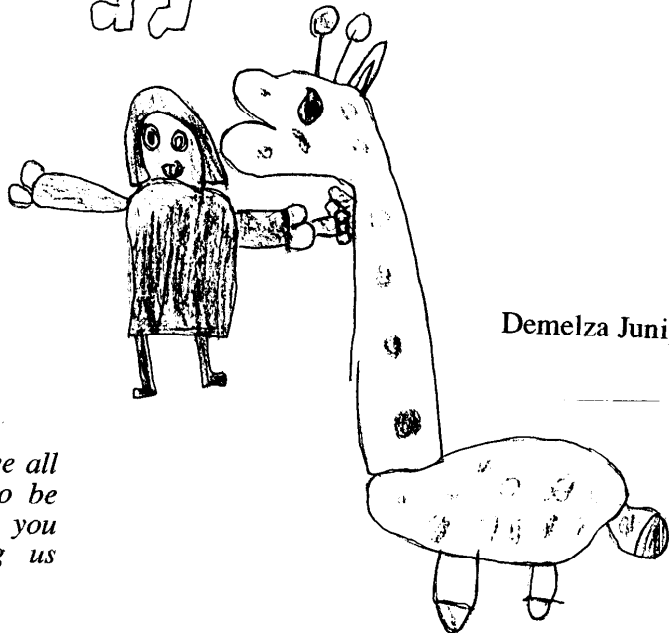
Love from
Rupert.

*"The best part was when the
Brain came on and the flashing
lights flashed!"*

Phoebe Purcell



Rupert Nodder



Demelza Juniper

*"I enjoyed the part when we all
stood up and pretended to be
nerves in the body. Thank you
for coming and teaching us
about our body."*

Kelly Petterssen

The Downsman

DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

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