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**PARISH OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY
WITH PENTRIDGE**

February 2002

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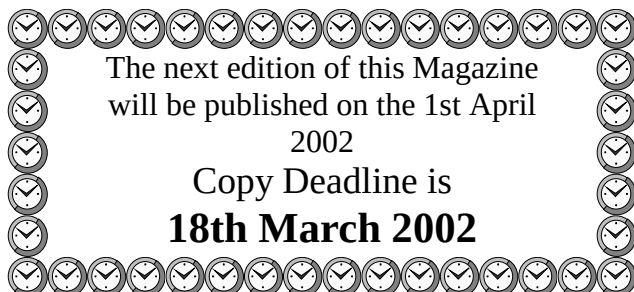
Welcome to the latest edition of *The Downsman*.

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Cover Picture
The Sitting "Laird"
December 2001

See article Page 28

CORRECTION

The **Sixpenny Handley Annual Flower Show** takes place on the **17th August 2002**
and not 11th August as shown in the last issue – update your diaries now before you
forget.

GOLDEN JUBILEE - PRESENTATION OF MUGS

It is the intention of the Parish Council to sponsor the presentation of Golden Jubilee Mugs to every child resident in the Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge who will be between the ages of 4 yrs and 13 yrs on the qualifying date of June 3rd 2002.

**In order to work out the number of mugs we require
we need parents to respond.**

If your Child attends the Handley First School they will be automatically allocated a mug. However if they attend Cranborne or any other school you will need to fill in the form below and return to the Parish Clerk or the Editor of the Downsman Magazine, Alan Vincent by 8th March 2002.

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Address.....

..... Telephone Number.....

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Childs name..... Age.....

Childs name..... Age.....

Childs name..... Age.....

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For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,

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- Issues related to Community Care



VILLAGE HALL Update from the (acting) Chairman Rob Jesse

After the articles in the last issue of the Downsman asking for help, I didn't receive one offer. How disappointing that country community life has disappeared.

We have the plans to add extra storage space and many other ideas to improve the hall; I ask myself "Why?" there was no reaction. Perhaps the community is not interested (better things to spend their time on) or maybe it was the wrong time of the year; too busy with Christmas, for example how many mince pies should we get in??

Some probably think of it as somebody else's problem, not theirs.

WELL, IT'S NOT TOO LATE to have second thoughts - many hands make light work.

What about our fund-raising efforts?

100 Club: Wow! I had two replies out of 700 copies . Thanks to those two - How about a few more?

Dinner: Four replies by the closing date but four more have booked since. I am still hopeful that we will be able to arrange a meal later in the year

Auction: Christmas has come and gone. Remember to put by those unwanted gifts and other items for the auction later in the year.

Gift-aid: The treasurer reports a nil response from individuals to the requests in the 'Downsman' for donations towards our funds. Any time will do, and the forms in the last issue are, of course still valid, and all money donated will be put to this good village cause. Thanks to those who have previously made donations.

Watch the pages of the 'Downsman' and local advertising for our fundraising events. Support of the village is needed to keep the hall going.

What are we doing in the meantime?

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have had some repairs and refurbishments carried out; lights, fascias etc., and the boiler has had a major service but needs new parts to keep it going for another year. The system does fail sometimes but it is coming to the end of its time so we must save for that 'fateful' day. We are sorry if anyone has found it cold in the hall.

Please give me a ring if you are interested in anything connected with the hall.

Hopefully 2002 will prove better for one and all.

Rob Jesse and the Hall Committee.

WHAT ABOUT A WATER FEATURE?

Are you thinking about having a pond in your garden?

Would you like to think about it?

If so, there is a small triangular pre-formed pond going spare.

If you are interested phone Pam Wood on 01725-552608.

The Bowerchalke & Area Fund for the Severely Disabled

Registered Charity No. 1089158

c/o Chestnut Cottage, Church Street, Bowerchalke, Salisbury SP5 5BE

A Special Local Appeal for Clive Frampton

We are a new local charitable fund set up to give support, as funds permit, to those who become severely disabled through accident. The Trustees of the Fund have agreed that their first project should be to raise money to help Clive & Jane Frampton have their home converted and to contribute towards the cost of essential equipment. Clive has unfortunately suffered a serious accident that has left him confined to a wheelchair.

Clive and Jane's families have lived in Bowerchalke for many generations and they wish to remain in the community where they and their children have grown up. Clive, a former skilled carpenter, rented a unit in Sixpenny Handley for many years and is well known and respected locally.

We have a target of at least £20,000 to help meet initial costs of alterations and equipment that will not be made available from anywhere else. An account has been opened and some money has already been raised – but we need your help!

If like myself and many others you have in your house examples of Clive's superb carpentry skills as a permanent reminder of his former ability then I hope that you will be moved to make a direct donation of any size.

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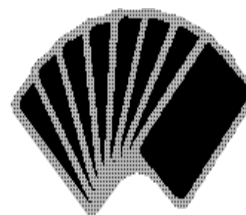
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There can be little doubt that the Christmas whist drive, held at the village hall on December 15th, ranked amongst the best of such events promoted by the local club. Seventy-one players participated and without exception it was agreed that the array of prizes was quite magnificent. Thirty were set aside for the best thirty scores returned, while an equal number were available for those lucky enough to have their ticket selected from the main draw. Meanwhile, a further sixteen, or more, were displayed on the table set aside for the mini-draw. Thus, at the close of a most enjoyable evening, Brian Trickey was warmly applauded after returning the highest score, carding 184, with "Marcia" second on 181 and Doug Haskell third with 177.



As has been reported in the past, the Christmas drive does not count towards the overall club championships and since my previous article, Dora Scannell has consolidated her lead in the first division where the top five places (as at the end of 2001) were held by:

1.	Dora Scannell	165	162	164	164	145	180	170	1150
2.	Marge Poolman	152	163	151	160	175	165	162	1128
3.	David Green	160	166	162	148	175	145	169	1125
4.	Sylv Day	161	182	163	150	154	159	137	1106
5.	Gladys Squibb	156	151	142	161	172	160	161	1103

Second Division:

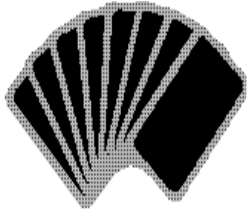
1.	Bill Chorley	168	166	160	157	170	164	985
2.	Doug Haskell	162	161	158	166	141	165	953
3.	Rita Austin	159	145	169	160	144	170	947
4.	Sylvia Tlaorne	149	173	164	161	141	157	945
5.	Evelyn Argell	164	162	160	148	152	158	944

Third Division:

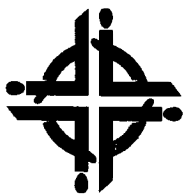
1.	Peter Braithwaite	145	192	161	181	155	834
2.	Mary Braithwaite	154	186	159	162	168	829
3.	Nora Davis	151	154	164	178	165	812
4.	Peter Sergeant	149	158	176	160	169	812
5.	John Davis	168	153	154	171	160	806

Within twenty-four hours of writing my last whist/bridge column, in which I mentioned cue bidding, an excellent example appeared in The Times on November 17th. Reported upon by their Bridge Correspondent, Andrew Robson, the deal was taken from the quarterfinal of the 2001 World Championships:

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a 10			
© A J 8 7 5			
" 9 7 5			
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« 8			
a Q 9 7 6	W	E	a 10 7 3
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" K Q J 8 6 3			" 10 5 2
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« A K 6 5 4			
a A K 8 4			
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SATURDAY

2nd Feb	Forest Inn FC	v	Handley Sports
	A		
9th Feb	Handley Sports	v	Allandale FC
	H		
16th Feb	Handley Sports	v	Stourpaine FC
	H		
23rd Feb	Bere Regis FC	v	Handley Sports
	A		

SUNDAY

Church Services - February & March

ST MARY'S**ST ANDREW'S****ST RUMBOLD'S**

Services in italics are from the Book of Common Prayer

February 3rd Second Sunday before Lent

9:30 Morning Prayer
6:00 Holy Communion

11:15 Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion

February 10th Sunday before Lent

10:30 Family Worship

9:30 Holy Communion

February 17th First Sunday of Lent

9:30 Holy Communion
6:00 Evensong

11:15 Morning Prayer

February 24th Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 Holy Communion

8:30 Holy Communion

11:15 Family Service

March 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 Morning Prayer
6:00 Holy Communion

11:15 Morning Prayer
& Holy Communion

March 10th Mothering Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 Family Worship

9:30 Holy Communion

March 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

9:30 Holy Communion
6:00 Evensong

11:15 Morning Prayer

March 24th Palm Sunday

9:30 Holy Communion

8:30 Holy Communion

11:15 Morning Prayer

March 31st Easter Sunday

9:30 Holy Communion
6:00 Sunday Night Live!

8:30 Holy Communion

11:15 Morning Prayer
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3.20 - 3.40 School

3.45 - 4.05 Garage

4.10 - 4.20 Dean Lane Letterbox

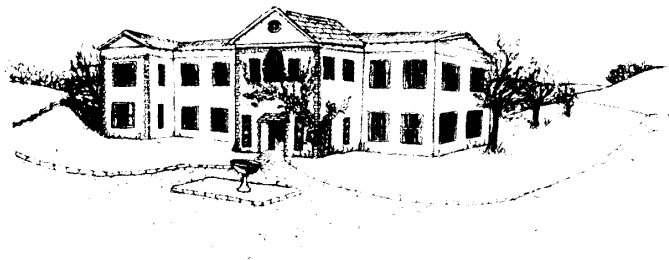
Feb 7th, 21st

Mar 7, 21st

2.30 - 2.45 Cobley Close

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When our friends from the Royal Signals Band came last year, they brought the Jazz Orchestra and gave us an amazing, if ear splitting, evening of music. When they come again this year -on the 15th March -they will be bringing the full military band for a slightly more traditional concert. But there are usually a few surprises too! See the advertisement for the concert and get your ticket now!

MOTHERS' UNION

On Friday, 12th April and Friday, 3rd May, the Mothers' Union will be holding two open meetings at 10 am at 2 St.Mary's Court. On the 12th April, the subject of the meeting will be a talk on the work of Beckingsale House, the Women's Refuge, in Salisbury. On the 3rd May, the subject will be Baptism. Invitations to both these meetings are being sent out to those who may be interested, but both meetings will be open for anyone to attend. If you would like further details, please phone Jean Mayne on 01725-552692.

SCHOOL PHOTO



Did you go to Sixpenny Handley School or do you know someone who did? The school would like to arrange a reunion photograph with as many ex-pupils as possible. The photo will be available to buy and you could even have a jigsaw puzzle made from it.

If you used to be a pupil (whatever your age now) contact Angela on 01725 552140 (evenings only) or email angela@artsnarg.co.uk giving your name and address, telephone number and the year you left the school.

We're aiming for the photo to be taken towards the end of May.

Extracts From the RHS Journal.

The Latest Sweet Corn is Tested

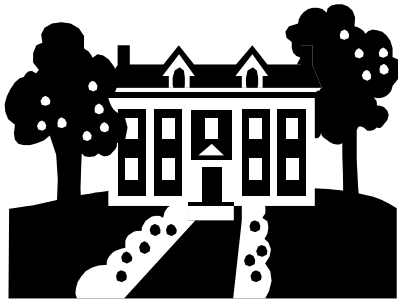
On trial at RHS Garden Harlow Carr last year was Multisweet sweet corn. Early sweet corn cultivars used to be of only moderate sweetness, and they rapidly became starchy after harvesting. Plant breeders then developed the Supersweet types. The new Multisweet cultivars, besides having high sugar levels, are also said to have improved eating qualities due to a thin core to the cob, which means a greater percentage of the cob is kernel or grain, as well as having a thinner pericarp or outer wall to the kernels. Well established in America, seed of these cultivars is expected to be available to British gardeners this year.

Golden Discovery

A rudbeckia bought as un-named seed in India has been registered, with Plant Breeder's Rights protection, under a new name, and will be available for sale this year. In 1989 Maureen Jay, a British gardener visiting botanic gardens in southern India, bought an un-named packet of seeds from a market stall. Local law permits people living in the area to gather seeds from the gardens and sell them in the market. She took them back to Shropshire and eventually twelve germinated. Two of the young plants overwintered successfully, and she identified them as *Rudbeckia*. Five years later she approached a local nursery, where the plants were trialled. In due course Plant Breeder's Rights were obtained for one of them (the species is still unknown to this day). Sadly, Maureen died in 1999. Her sons took the plant to Worcestershire growers, Webbs of Wychbold, who have built up stocks. It has now been named "*Rudbeckia* Golden Jubilee" to celebrate the 50 Anniversary of the Coronation of HM Queen.

M. G. CORDINA

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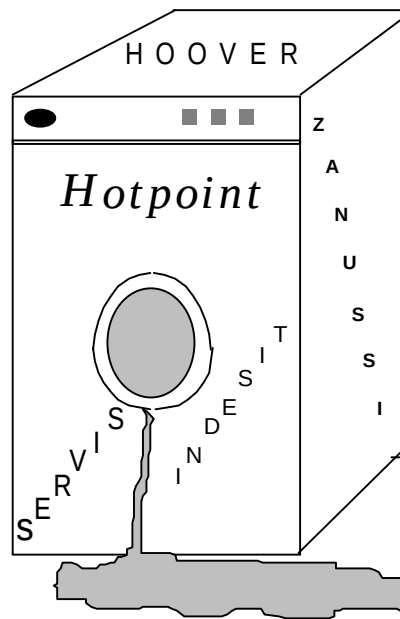
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December 2001

Handley's December meeting was also the Christmas party when members and their friends and members from several other institutes were welcomed by President Mrs Maggie Staplehurst and attended the most enjoyable meeting. They were entertained with songs and music by the Cranborne Chase Choir who were thanked by Nancie Raban-Williams.

They then joined everyone for a delicious buffet supper; there was also a Mystery Prizes raffle causing great anticipation among the guests.

Christine Napier has won the Skittles Trophy.

The competition for a Home-made Christmas card was won by Jean Maidment, Nancie Raban-Williams and Win Judd.

The next evening two members attended the Cranborne WI's Christmas party and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be on January 14th 2002 when Mrs Mary Pennell will speak about the ACWW and the competition is for a poster advertising the ACWW.

January 2002

Handley's first meeting of 2002 was well attended and President Mrs Maggie Staplehurst welcomed everyone with a New Year Greeting. After the usual business Mrs Mary Pennell was introduced and welcomed and she gave a most informative and interesting talk on the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) and its work among organisations in 71 other countries in the world. She was thanked by Heather Eynon.

The Spring Council meeting at Weymouth will be held on April 30th when Anne Swithinbank – one of the garden experts – will be the speaker.

There is to be a Group Quiz at Melbury in February. The Annual Jumble Sale will be held at the Village Hall on February 23rd.

On the afternoon before this meeting several members visited the Cranborne Garden Centre to meet members of the Lyndhurst WI which is now twinned with Handley and all enjoyed afternoon tea together at the 'Tearoom'.

Christmas gifts were sent to all housebound residents and those now living in homes and hospitals, and letters of thanks have been received.

Tea hostesses for the evening were Doreen Leverton and Christine Napier.

Flower of the month winners – Stella Symes, Doreen Leverton and Win Judd.

A Christmas gift of a commemorative plate has been received from the New Zealand link.

The next meeting will be on February 11th when Mrs Barbara Last will speak on 'Friends and Foes in the garden'. The competition to be An Old Garden Implement.

Win Judd



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



The December Quiz was another success and a few new faces were present. I hope they will become regulars like the other teams that we get. Dates for this year's quizzes have provisionally been agreed as 16th March and 30th November so book your place with Val Martin on 552607.

The Christmas Hamper Competition was played and won by Ivor Hunt, runner up Gordon Martin and third Ethel Crawford – we had a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Blackmore Vale League have at last come out with the first league tables for the season and this shows our A team top after 9 games with 42 points (the second being Camelot B with 34 points) and Tanners second after 9 games with 32 points (the leader being Camelot C with 36 points, so we are not too far behind). The Tanners have played one more match since the table, which unfortunately they lost by 8 shots and got no points, so we might have to work hard in our last 4 matches to hold our second place and improve if at all possible.

Three Legged Cross had a return friendly with us on 13th January and we again managed to beat them. More friendlies to come soon against Fordingbridge and Buckhorn Weston. With all the league matches going on it is difficult to find clubs that want to play friendly matches now.

I have been lucky enough to be off work recuperating this week and it actually coincided with the bowls on TV. They were as colourful as previously, but they had reverted to some of the original rules – I was glad to see. The professionals seem still to be a bit unsure of the new format though, so it will be interesting to see if some other rules revert as well.

Gill Martin

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Parish Precept 2002-3

Both the County Council and the District Council anticipate that the Council Tax will rise above inflation. The District Council's main excuse is that the Government consider that using the manner in which they calculate the Revenue Support Grant shows that East Dorset is too wealthy and no Support Grant is payable. We are not privileged to the actual formula of how this is calculated! We shall be writing to our MP (and every Parishioner can do the same) asking him to take the matter up with the Prime Minister.

It may be that some electors are wealthy but not those in Rural Areas of the District.

The Parish Council has therefore decided to keep the Precept at the same level as for the previous two years i.e. £17034. Despite many possible calls for money they have been frugal with their expenditure over the past few years and since providing improved recreational facilities have managed to part fund the new children's play area. They are looking to providing a Parish Office, continue with the Downsman magazine (free of charge). So all parishioners will benefit. They will be taking a look at helping the Village Hall if at all possible but the Hall Management Committee must continue with their fundraising in order that they can maximise the application for any grants that may become available from various sources. The way the £17034 has been allocated under the main

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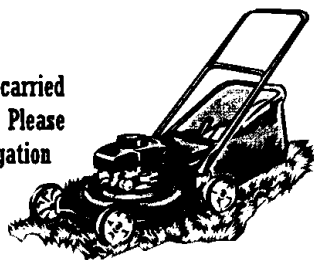
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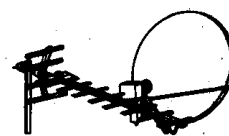
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Letters

I am writing to thank all the people in the village for their concern about Zac, my cat who was sprayed with WD40 on Halloween night last year. He is doing okay at the moment and the vets are very pleased and surprised at his continued progress. He has to have a renal support food from the vet to eat and no tinned cat food or biscuits at all, so needless to say he took a while to adjust to the new feed. Zac is a very crafty cat, he will only eat the food if a small portion of tinned tuna or chicken is added to it, if we try to give it to him without he soon lets us know about it. He is back to his favourite pastime which is hunting, rabbits, mice etc, that is weather permitting at the moment. As I said in my last letter Zac is a much loved cat and would be greatly missed if we'd had to have him put to sleep because of a few boys with nothing better to do. We all realise that he now has a shortened life expectancy as a result of the incident but we are all relieved to still have him with us for however long. Myself, my boys and my parents have all been asked about Zac's health by many people in the village. I didn't realise that a letter I wrote to make people aware of what could happen if they said no, would make so many people show so much concern for a little cat that they hadn't even met. Once again thank you to everybody who has enquired after Zac's well being. I hope that nothing like this will ever happen to mine or anybody else's pets in the village again as it causes so much heart ache and needless suffering.

Maureen Preedy

Dear Parish Clerk,

I write, having calmed myself, from the first read of the article related to the front cover of the Downsman. Not just to the state of the damaged new play area, but outraged at your comment "it will be the ratepayers who will have to foot the bill for the repairs unless volunteers come forward".

What exactly are we reproducing in Sixpenny Handley?! The culprits of this offensive act need to be punished NOT the ratepayers. If every household in this village, gave 10p towards a reward for the naming of the individuals concerned, this should result in punishment of community service where the culprits themselves repair damaged incurred, watched in turn by volunteers to see the matter completed to a high standard.

Miraculously, the playground fencing has all been repaired, I as one ratepayer, wish to query the cost, see the statement and clarify who actually met the bill.

These mindless individuals who roam this village intimidating their nearest prey need to be named and shamed, they let down the majority of young people who do have a sense of respect and responsibility. Would I be wrong to assume in some cases, there maybe a cover up re. Parenting responsibilities?

Being fairly new residents to this village, naming it "Hanging Handley" not the quaint and tidy sounding Sixpenny Handley, it's obvious, now is the time we rebuild the reputation of the village and make it a village to be proud of. If there are folk who do not want to live out in the country then swap with people who do.

Still in the field, by the gate to the recreation ground dumped months ago are dangerous ugly concrete and metal pillars for children to fall and injure themselves on, when ARE they going to be moved?

After all the amazing hard work that has gone into funding this project, the hurt that it has caused, the obvious lack of planning to create this playground where it is completely screened even from the police when they tried to have access a few weeks ago when screaming was heard waking local residents in the early hours, we wonder why there have been so many problems as a result.

Anonymous, for obvious reasons, - new and disappointed village resident.

Copy of letter sent to Mrs Quinn of East Woodyates by Naomi House – The Childrens

Hospice

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your cheque for £160.00 to Naomi House raised in part by the sale of your poetry and from donations given during the afternoon tea held in your garden last summer. Your support of our children's hospice is very much appreciated and I would be pleased if you would also pass on my sincere thanks to the members of your local W.I. group.

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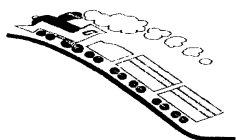
Yours sincerely, Shirley Kimber, Head of Hospice Services

Letters

It was with great disappointment that we learned that Dave Tucker has ceased his monthly report from Garston Wood. With many others we have really enjoyed his detailed updates on the comings and goings of the Flora and Fauna throughout the year. So thank you Dave, your efforts have been very much appreciated and perhaps you might be persuaded to let us have a yearly update should you find time. Thanks again and good luck in your new computer training / repair business. God bless.

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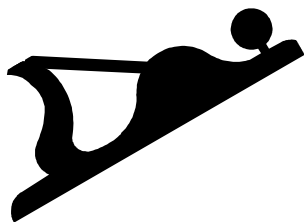
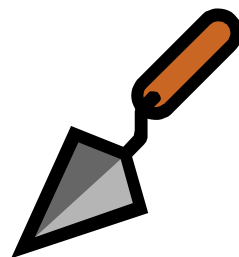
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FULL DETAILS WILL BE IN APRIL DOWNSMAN.

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Next edition will contain the Floral Art subjects.

HERBAL HELP FOR COLD HANDS AND FEET, CHILBLAINS, CHAPPED SKIN AND COLD SORES

In the winter many people suffer with cold hands and feet, which, despite warm gloves and socks, remain cold and painful. Chilblains may also result. This problem is caused by poor or sluggish circulation of the blood and can be treated very successfully by the use of stimulant herbs, taken both internally for poor circulation and also applied externally in the case of chilblains.

Cold weather causes the blood vessels near to the surface of the skin to contract, and in some cases, shut down altogether, causing the hands to turn completely white due to the lack of blood supply.

Cayenne pepper is very good in cases of poor or sluggish circulation, as it normalises blood pressure and regulates the flow of blood through the veins, arteries, capillaries and to the nerves. Cayenne should be taken internally for sluggish circulation and is best taken in capsule form up to three times a day. Contrary to common belief, Cayenne pepper will not produce any adverse effects as it passes through the body.

Cayenne pepper can also be sprinkled into your shoes to keep your feet warm in very cold weather -one of Grandma's favourite remedies!

Cayenne oil or ointment is very beneficial when applied to unbroken chilblains. If the chilblain is open, then it must be healed over before cayenne can be used externally, this is best achieved by applying comfrey oil or a comfrey poultice overnight -another of Grandma's favourite remedies! (Comfrey is a very impressive wound healer, containing allantoin, which is soothing and proliferates tissue production to quickly heal a wound. Be sure that there is no infection present before using comfrey!)

Always use cayenne pepper with care, and avoid getting it in your eyes or on your lips as it will give a severe burning sensation which may last for several hours.

If the chilblain is inflamed or infected it is best to use Calendula (Marigold) ointment or tincture externally to reduce the inflammation and reduce infection. Calendula is an effective anti-inflammatory remedy and antiseptic and should also be taken internally as a tincture to support and speed up the healing of a chilblain.

Chapped skin, which is sore from exposure to the elements can be very uncomfortable and one of the best remedies for this is St. John's Wort, applied externally as an oil or ointment. St. John's Wort is a wonderful healer for the skin. (Check with your G.P. before using St. John's Wort if you are taking prescribed drugs.) Calendula ointment again is very beneficial for healing cracked skin, and Comfrey ointment also, in fact the two can be combined to gain the benefits of both herbs, making a very useful remedy against sore, cracked skin. This combination can also be used on rough, dry hands caused by water immersion or rough work. Also beneficial for dry skin are Evening Primrose Oil or Vitamin E oil. Simply break open a capsule and rub onto the area at night, (if you are treating your hands cover them with cotton gloves to avoid getting oil on bedding and nightwear), the heat generated while you are in bed will help the oils to penetrate deep into the epidermis.

Cold sores are best treated with essential oil of myrrh, diluted in a suitable carrier oil (3 drops to 5ml of carrier oil) such as Almond oil or Calendula oil would be good as Calendula has anti-bacterial properties, (Culpeppers or Neil's Yard (both in Salisbury) should have both). Apply the diluted myrrh oil to the cold sore with a clean cotton bud or tissue or, alternatively, if the cold sore is weeping and cracked, try dusting with garlic powder (the contents of a deoderised garlic capsule will suffice and you will not smell too strongly of garlic).

Cold sores can also be treated from within, to either speed up their healing or as a preventative measure to help avoid it returning, and the best remedy for this is Echinacea in capsule or fluid extract. Take Echinacea daily for 9 months between August and April, the tincture can also be painted on to the cold sore with a clean cotton bud to aid healing. Echinacea boosts the immune system and fights virus and bacterial infection. A good preventative measure is to increase your intake of Vitamin C either by eating more Vitamin C rich foods or as a supplement (3-5 grams daily is recommended).

Lastly, take regular exercise, a brisk walk is the best form of exercise as it is not only weight bearing and so will help prevent osteoporosis, but also boosts the circulation of the blood by increasing the heartbeat slightly.

To obtain any of the above herbs please contact me and I shall be pleased to help.

A Happy and Healthy New Year *Shiela Ralph M.H. (BSYA (Irid), MA (C.M.A, Ad. C.M.A.)*



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.

A Vacancy at Woodcutts

Regular readers of the Downsman will remember, that to celebrate the millennium and honour its oldest inhabitant, Woodcutts had created its own seat in the House, (this does not mean the small one found at the end of old kitchen gardens). The person, who was to have the honour of this prestigious position, was to be granted the title of "The Laird of Woodcutts". The first incumbent of this unique post was of course Mr. Robert Meehan, known variously as Jock, Shep, Bob, Mr. Jock (by the little girls next door) and several others, which I am afraid I am not able to spell; well that is my excuse.

Unfortunately for all who knew him, Jock left this world in December last year, to take up an even higher office. All who really knew him, will miss him dearly. It is certain that he had no wish to inconvenience anybody, but it does leave the newly created title unoccupied. This means, that currently there is a diligent search continuing for a successor; unfortunately there do not seem to be many 90 year old Scotsmen in this part of the world at present. Is this another effect of global warming we ask?

Before any applications are made, it is only fair to point out what sort of person the applicant must be. Probably, the best way to do this is to write a few words about Jock and his lifestyle.

He was born in Scotland in 1911; he was never to know his parents or anything about them except that his mother had come from Northern Ireland, hence his surname of Meehan. Brought up initially in an orphanage, he was soon to see himself farmed out to various crofter families, who lived on the Islands scratching a living at farming, under extreme conditions. To supplement their income, these crofters would take in children from the orphanage, for the princely sum of seven shillings and sixpence a week. (For the younger reader that in today's money, ignoring inflation, is seventeen and halfpence per week.) These people were poor and Jock's early life was hard. Possibly not as hard as some of the developing nations of today, where the UN puts the poverty line, at an income per person, of one American dollar per day. (Currently worth sixty nine and a half pence, Sterling.) A comparison for instance, with Madagascar where 60% of the population lives below this level, or Nigeria where the figure is even higher at 70%, while India is at 44% and Uganda, Zimbabwe and Botswana all over 33%. We the people of the free, developed world today, don't know how lucky we are!

Sorry about the above, but we should take note in this materialistic world, of what we have, not what we have not got. Jock would surely have agreed, he knew what it was like to go without, yet he was not bitter or twisted. His only possessions, when he left the orphanage, were the clothes he was wearing, a complete change for Sundays and a trunk to carry it in, plus a second pair of boots.

He had many tales to tell of his early life, one particularly comes to mind, when he was a youngster just short of his teens. He was sent to school one winters morning, it was snowing and freezing hard, and he did not have an overcoat. Nearing the village, he was so cold he crept into a garden shed, where he hoped to find shelter. Imagine his delight, when not only finding shelter, he found an old coat hanging there. He pulled on the newly found clothing immediately, the benefit of which he soon appreciated. So much so, that he felt ready to venture out and continue his journey after a very short while.

The fact that his 'old' overcoat was far too large for him mattered not a jot, he was warm! His enjoyment was short lived however, when he had been told that he had stolen the minister's coat that had been hung in the shed to dry. When asked what punishment he had received, he was very non-committal, just saying, "They kept an eye on me for a long while." He told it as it was, simply a fact of life, in no way was he bitter about it.

Having been brought up on the crofts, it was only natural that he should turn to agriculture as a way of life. To begin with, he did everything, including horse ploughing, from which I believe he had received great satisfaction. Tractors he knew nothing about, he did not see his first car until he was fourteen. Eventually he turned to shepherding, where his was to make his name. In his late teens he realised that to be successful, he had to be good at his job and settled. In his early twenties he found his life long mate, married and found himself a worthwhile shepherds situation, in the Islands.

This life was good to them, until his eldest son was getting of age to leave school. What would the boy work at, jobs were scarce? Added to that, his second son would need a job in the not too distant future. The answer was to go to the mainland, even to travel south, This of course the family did, eventually arriving at Cranborne and then ending up on the Rushmore Estate, where Jock was to live out his life, having lost his wife several years previously.

His life had not been a bed of roses, suffering many setbacks, but he was not at all resentful, and of talking of his experiences again, he did so in a matter of fact way. He was very generous in his way,

especially in later life. It has been very interesting hearing from others, of the help he gave, especially financial. His popularity in the village of Handley, on his weekly visits was obvious on the very, few occasions I had the 'pleasure' of accompanying him.

There is just one other story that must be recorded here, before moving on. Many people will know it, but it has probably never been written down before. It concerns both his wife and himself. Apparently, on a Friday evening in winter, the couple would make their way to Pimperne, she to bingo in the village hall and he for a 'wee dram' in the pub. One very wet and cold evening, he came out at closing time, finding his wife not so patiently waiting for him. He jumped in, turned the key but nothing happened. They needed a push, it was late there was no one about, it was pouring with rain and Mrs. Jock couldn't drive. Guess who got out to push? Anyway, the car was started and he drove home in the pouring rain. Stopping at his garden gate, he turned to see why his wife was not getting out to open it, then he realised his mistake, she was still in Pimperne.

Not his only error, but he had many successes too. A man of simple needs, appreciative of what he had, as were others who took advantage of his good nature, but all in all, when it was his time to go, he was ready and looked forward to a well earned rest. To have known him as a younger man was a privilege I had missed; despite the fact that he described me to a neighbour, as the 'Old Man' over the road. (He was only thirty years my senior.) He was described to me as a likeable rogue, but in the nicest possible way. A proud man, proud of what he had achieved. A man of the countryside, with very good tastes, for example for lamb, trout, venison, pheasant ---I rest my case.

After careful consideration, perhaps the vacancy is not available; it would be better if Mr. Robert Meehan was the first and last Laird of Woodcutts.

Now back to the more mundane subjects of life. Firstly, the lane, known as Between Gates. This is the main thoroughfare for this part of Woodcutts, and as suits its status, is the responsibility of the county council. Beyond this, the roadway is the responsibility of the 'Estate', who with this in mind, sent a large load of rejected tarmac, which had been removed from a nearby section of roadway undergoing resurfacing, using one of those machines which gobbles up the old surface, transferring it to an accompanying lorry. Rather like a combine harvester does corn, but somewhat more robust.

This load was levelled out and rolled flat at the intersection of the main lane with the slip lane to the School House. With the repair material, came three sets of catseyes, this now adds to the five mobile sets already here. These new additions are of course much treasured by the residents; in fact it is believed they could become a major tourist attraction. Unlike those seen elsewhere, one set is upside down, presumably for the many moles in the area, the next ones are at right angles to the traffic flow, and thought to be for the assistance of larger mammals, such as deer who want to cross the lane, while the third set face in the right directions but are situated approximately one metre (please note metrication) from a huge boulder, protruding some two feet (sorry the metric equivalent is not known) out of the ground. As a general warning to drivers, those that keep to the left of the catseyes when travelling to the west will require a new sump.

The next topic is hardly mundane, but since the word was used previously, this subject must start; secondly, snowdrops. If the reader is not following, don't worry it won't become any clearer. As mentioned before, snowdrops, this year they have appeared some two weeks later than in the previous two winters. To make up for this, irises are blooming in Mrs. Win Kirby's garden and the rooks of the neighbourhood are extremely vocal and would appear to be pairing off. It is as well that nature is not predictable, how bored we would be.

Speaking of predictability, it may be advisable to start saving water now for the summer. Water drains from the village to the south, down the valley to Wimborne St. Giles and on into the river Allen. Last year the bourne, which is five feet deep in places passing Wyke Farm, was overflowing, flooding the land for weeks. This year on the 13th January the bourne was bone dry. With the water table down out of reach, gardens on the chalk could look mighty dry by August. Be warned and plan accordingly, palm trees, eucalyptus and cacti could be the plants of the future.

Talking of the future, may I wish all, daft enough to read this, a very belated but happy and successful New Year, and may God be with you all. *Ted Cox*

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I know that in many parishes it is difficult for people to get to their local college or course unless they can drive and have the use of a car. Yet at present the government is very keen that we should all get as well qualified as possible and that more and more young people should be enabled to go on to higher education. How can this be achieved unless the most obvious barrier, inability to even get to the course, is overcome?

So how can I help? I work on two fronts. In the first place I help with individuals. If you ring me I can give you advice about college buses, funding and grants. For example, if you live somewhere inaccessible by public transport, you want to go on a training scheme and you are under 25, you can apply for a grant from the DART small transport projects fund. Such grants can cover 75% of the costs, up to a maximum of £200, towards such things as the purchase of a scooter, driving lessons, car insurance or whatever else you may decide will solve your transport problem. Sometimes, although there is no public transport, there may be a taxi taking a disabled student to college from the same parish and I can arrange for you to travel in this at minimal cost.

Secondly I work to encourage parishes, colleges, other learning providers, bus companies, local authorities and so on, to remember the problems of would-be learners when making plans and taking decisions. Is your parish looking at ideas for applying for Parish Transport Grants? Have you consulted the young people in your village and found out how they would get to college if they needed to go there? Which college or colleges do the learners in your parish go to? How do they get there? There may be other people who need to get to work at the same time -have you thought about the possibility of a taxi link from your parish to the main bus corridor for these people? Or of a minibus picking up round several small parishes to a focal point? Or have you got a good idea of your own?

If you would like to discuss any of these ideas with me, if you have a problem you think I could help with, or if you have any ideas or suggestions please get in touch! My phone number is 01305 265068, my email address is rachelle@dormobile.fsnet.co.uk or you can write to me Rachelle Smith, c/o Dorset Community Action, The Barracks, Bridport Rd., Dorchester, DT1 1YG.

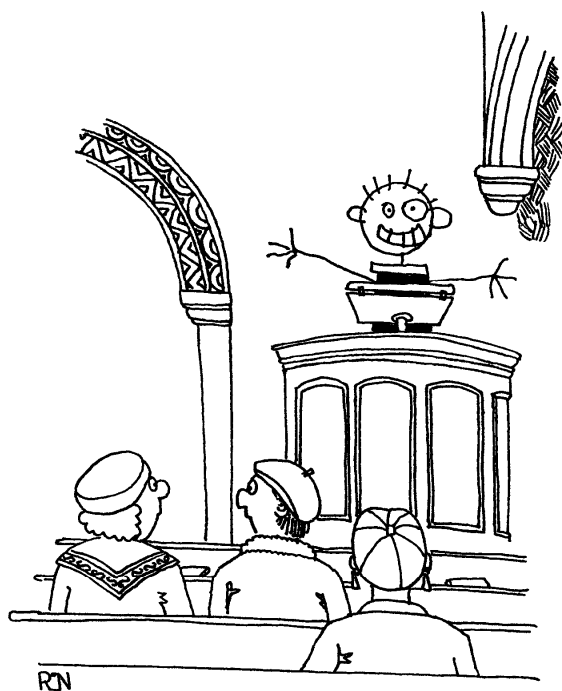
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on Monday 25th March
at 7:30pm

ST MARY'S NEWS LETTER

2002 is with us, the last time I wrote we were looking forward to Advent and the joy of Christmas, now we are into Epiphany "a time to re-examine our attitudes to gifts and newness" according to Bishop Tim. The gift of Christingles with a record Full House of 261 or 2 - the joy of the occasion evident and a very fitting start to the excitement of Santa's visit later on for the little ones. This wonderful attendance was on the minds of the PCC when it met to discuss the nuts and bolts of running your Church. Finance is one of those worries that appear to override all things - takes up more time than it should or should it? There being a legal requirement to maintain this listed building, which is surveyed every 5 years and a programme of repairs and renovations drawn up, to

insure it and provide the necessary cover under the current Health and Safety Regulations. Additionally there is the question of Share -this includes the stipend etc for Ron and the parish's contribution to the resources provided by the Dioceses. The thoughts expressed appear to point to re-examining the order of priorities and look at why the special services of worship attract greater numbers than the traditional ones. Attendance at Family, Sunday Night Live, Pet, All Souls etc., Services/Worship are greater - if this were translated to regular Sunday Worship then it is more that likely that our principal concern would drop down the list. The Church as a whole is faced with the same attendance problem as it appears that there is growth and decline dependent on tradition -the Evangelical and Charismatic are growing and the Anglo Catholic and Traditional declining. Events to come are detailed later for you to enter in your diaries - some will be advertised elsewhere in this issue. The cartoon by courtesy of Ron adds a bit of humour -we all need to laugh -it's really good for us.



AFTER SEVERAL SLEEPLESS NIGHTS,
THE VICAR LOOKED BADLY DRAWN

LENT

This penitential period of 40 days preparing for Easter starts on Ash Wednesday 13th

February with a Service of Penance here at 7.30 pm with an opportunity to be marked with the Ashes from the burnt Palm Crosses from last years Palm Sunday. This is a traditional sign of Penitence. Strict fasting was the rule in the past -with one meal a day which excluded meat, fish, eggs and butter. On Shrove Tuesday pancakes were made to use up the eggs and butter - this day is still celebrated in many homes. Lenten lunches are also held in the Parish and round about, again to raise money for the Sudan and other causes. Usually rather than fast one either gives something up and/or does something in addition (whatever one undertakes Sundays are excluded). During this time a course is to take place on Wednesday evenings (in place of the Fellowship) at the Vicarage -all are welcome so please come along.

GIFT AID

Following on from the mention of finance above the Chancellor Gordon Brown changed the rules

and made life a lot easier and more attractive for those who wished to make regular donations to charitable organisations which is our status. The advantage is that a very simple one-time statement is made and one may start, stop, give regularly or occasionally large or small amounts and as long as you are subject to Income Tax the receiving charity can reclaim the tax paid. For basic taxpayers 22pence can be claimed for every pound gifted/donated -for higher rate tax payers they are able to reclaim personally 18 pence. So charitable giving is encouraged. Details of how etc., can be obtained from Graham Smith my fellow Church Warden - you'll be able to speak to him on 552149. The generosity of the community in providing the means to keep our heads above water is greatly appreciated.

ACTION FOR THE SUDAN

Our brothers and sisters in the Sudan are having a very bad time. What can we do about it? Well, of course we pray and we give money. But as well as these you can use your power as a voter to press our government to help. Write to your MP, Mr. Robert Walters MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 1AA and remind him of the bonds between the churches in his area and the communities across Sudan; ask what Britain is doing to contribute to peace in the Sudan. Express your concern about the situation and above all pray for peace in Sudan.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lent Lunches - 1st & 22nd March -12 -2pm for venue see Church notice board or ring 552608.

Royal Signals Military Band Concert -15th March -this is a wow of an evening -not to be missed.

Church Spring Cleaning - 23rd March -many hands make light work and enables those awkward places to be got at, and the job done quicker in preparation for Easter.

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Harry Williams of Pentridge

There can be few amongst us that are not familiar with the war memorials that grace our towns and parishes across the land. Solid tributes to the fallen from the two world wars that blighted our history in the twentieth century, the names inscribed are frequently repeated inside the local church, either on panels or on plaques that, perhaps, recall in finer detail the place or circumstance in which a loved one fell. And, if one inspects the many wall mounted memorials that bless the interiors of so many of our churches, one frequently comes across a tribute to a serviceman who died in the centuries past, but whose circumstances of death have long since been forgotten in the mist of time.

Such a reminder of our past history can be found in the charming parish church of St. Rumbold's at Pentridge. In brass, it records the name of Harry Williams, Royal Marines, who lost his life when HMS Victoria sank on June 22nd, 1893. Intrigued as to how this young Pentridge man met his end, I resorted to the comparatively modern medium of the internet to discover if there was a website that would provide me with an answer. By entering the keyword "Victoria" and initiating a search, I was rewarded in seconds with a directory of 11,777 sites that contain the word "Victoria". To my surprise (and relief), the website at the head of the first page provided me with chapter and verse on the entire sad story.

It is now necessary to imagine that you are amongst the hundreds of spectators gathered at vantage points along the Syrian coast (an area now part of Lebanon) near the port of Tripoli witnessing the approach of ten battleships and a supply ship of the British Mediterranean Fleet under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon, who was flying his flag aboard HMS Victoria. Even though the might of the British navy was well known throughout the Middle East, an occasion such as that in the making was still an event worthy to behold.

All eyes were drawn to the sight of the two leading battleships; Victoria and Camperdown, the latter under the command of Rear Admiral Markham, Tryon's second in command. As the vessels manoeuvred, those watching were aware of a plethora of flag signals being run-up on the halyards of the two huge battleships. Some consulted their pocketwatches; the time being around 3 o'clock in the afternoon while others held their gaze as the Camperdown commenced turning to starboard with Tryon's flagship, Victoria, making to port. Even to the uninitiated, the distance between the two ships seemed remarkably slight (it was, in fact, at the commencement of the turn 1,200 yards), especially as the Camperdown appeared to be bearing down on the flagship. Surely, some miraculous manoeuvre would occur which would demonstrate the fleet handling for which Vice-Admiral Tryon was an acknowledged expert. But, to the horror of all, the distance between the two ships grew less and less until with a sickening crash the Camperdown sliced into Victoria's starboard side, opening up a massive gash below the waterline, which was quickly exacerbated as the two ships swung together, their propellers frantically thrashing in reverse. Already, tons of water were swirling unchecked through the lower decks (with a collision imminent the order to close watertight doors had been given, but only a handful had been slammed shut before the ominous sound of "Collision Stations" was being piped through the ship), flooding the coal bunker forward of the stokehold before rushing into the starboard battery spaces.

Aghast at what they had witnessed, the throng now watched utterly transfixed as the flagship began to list, her bows already much down in the water. Nonetheless, it was apparent that great efforts were being made to run her onto the shore but still some distance out, and within less than fifteen minutes of the collision occurring, Victoria's bows dipped steeply and with her stern clear of the surface the pride of Great Britain's Mediterranean Fleet sank beneath the waves. The end, when it came, was so swift that many of the ships' company were unable to get clear, though, remarkably, it is reported that 357 officers and men were saved, amongst them the flagship's Executive Officer, Commander John Jellicoe who, some twenty years later, would command the Grand Fleet and go

down in history (in the eyes of some) as our greatest Admiral since Lord Nelson of Trafalgar fame.

Amongst the deceased was Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon (some say his last word were, "It is all my fault", though many historians dispute this), and, of course, Marine Harry Williams.

A much fuller explanation than that given here, particularly in respect of the events that preceded the collision, can be found on the website, <http://www.compass.dircon.co.uk/Victoria.htm> along with an artist impression of HMS Victoria foundering. I also used the search engine Google.com and this, too, will lead you to further sites that feature the loss of HMS Victoria.

Of HMS Camperdown, a little can be learned from:
http://www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/hms_camperdown.htm

Briefly, she was a pre-Dreadnaught Battleship launched on November 24th, 1885 and in 1891 had been the flagship of the Channel Squadron. By 1908, Camperdown was being used, at Harwich, as a submarine depot ship. Sold in 1911 she was eventually broken up for scrap, with effect from June 11 of that same year. With a displacement of 10,600 tons, HMS Camperdown was slightly heavier than HMS Victoria (10,420 tons) but while her main armament was four 13.5-inch guns, each weighing 67 tons and mounted in twin turrets fore and aft, Victoria sported two massive Armstrong 16.25inch guns, each weighing 110 tons and capable of firing a 1,600lb shell. Both guns were encased in a single forward turret, the Board of the Admiralty grandly explaining "no British battleship would be called upon to fire astern".

In preparing this account, I fully acknowledge the work of John Marriott whose "Disaster at Sea, was published in 1987 by Ian Allan, the compilers of the various websites consulted and Andrew Chorley for his patience and kindness in allowing me use of his computer.

Bill Chorley

Postscript

While browsing through the myriad of websites concerned with naval matters, I came across one of several sponsored by the National Maritime Museum whose sub-title was "Frequently Asked Questions". The question posed was, "Did any ship's captain ever stand saluting on the bridge as his ship sank?". After some thoughts on the matter, the author concluded that it was likely that "many captains bade a last farewell in this way." He then continued by noting that this heroic image was lightly satirised in the classic Ealing comedy, *Kind Hearts and Coronets* in which the late Sir Alec Guinness played many parts, including the pompous Victorian naval officer, Admiral D'Ascoyne who, having brought into collision his ship (though his own stupidity) stands to attention, saluting on the bridge until his cap floats off amongst the swirl of flotsam from his doomed vessel. Apparently, this part of the film was based on the tragic collision between HMS Victoria and HMS Camperdown, and though it may be argued that Sir George Tryon did bring about his own death (and that of half his ships' company of over 700) he was far from being a vain and stupid officer, as depicted in the film. Nonetheless, it does give an added dimension to the memory of Marine Harry Williams in that the circumstances of his death should, in the next century, be remembered through the medium of the cinema, albeit somewhat lightheartedly.



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Thank You

Sue and Tony Nowell would like to thank all their friends and neighbours in the village for their kindness, cards and good wishes during Sue's illness. A special thank you to Dr Morgan for getting Sue to hospital in time. Sue is now making a slow but good recovery

Phil Burbeck and family would like to thank all neighbours and friends for their messages of sympathy and love following the sudden death of Caroline, wife, mother and grandmother.

My daughters ~~Shirley and Sandra~~ would

like to thank everyone who sent messages to me during my stay in hospital – and especially to thank the Chase Community Friends for all their good wishes on such a beautiful card. *Mrs Penny*

Mary, Steve, Janet and Amanda Pharo would like to thank the people of Sixpenny Handley for all their help, love and support that has been given to us all, during the last few difficult months. It has really helped us to come through it all. Steve is getting stronger everyday and hopefully in this coming year he will be able to return to work.

Parish Christmas Tree

Thanks to Gerald Corbin and Steve Judd we had a Christmas Tree erected at the entrance to the church. Both gave their efforts free of charge – Mr Corbin supplied the tree and Steve placed the lights in position – giving us much pleasure.

The Parishioners were very grateful.

However someone decided that it should be spoilt; albeit after Christmas but before 12th night. This person or persons unknown removed the transformer etc and the lights were no more. If you are the person please give the equipment back as in fact the electrics and lights were donated last year.

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Rob's Column**NEW YEAR'S DAYS**

by Celia Standish

The New Year's days are white with snow,	Each rushing stream is warmly dress'd,
The winds are laughing as they blow.	An icy coat upon its breast,
Across the ponds and lakes we glide,	And on each branch of every tree,
And o'er the drifting snow we ride,	Packed in as close as close may be,
And down the hills we gaily slide	The next year's leaflets we can see,
For it is winter weather.	All nestled close together.

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Items taken from a book called "To Very Special Friend"

By My Side

Don't walk in front of me
 I may not follow
 Don't walk behind me
 I may not lead
 Walk beside me
 And just be my friend.

My friend,

You never expect too much of me
 You are glad when I succeed
 My failure makes no difference to you
 You give me all the help you can
 But -more important
 You are simply there.

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Answers to the lateral problems:

1. You can use three identical digits in a simple addition so that the total is 12: i.e. 11+1 12

'This sentence contains two mistakes'

Answer: 4 i.e. 3 spelling and the mistaken claim that the sentence contains only two mistakes.

(Of course Rob's "mind-boggling" puzzle was somewhat spoilt by the fact that the spellchecker on my system had corrected one of the deliberate errors whilst I was not looking. For those of you who STILL got the correct answer of 4 the spellchecker is available for hire at a nominal rate. Editor)

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Questions for this time:

What is the next letter in the series – O T T F F S

In five years time I will be three times as old as I was three years ago. How old am I?,

That's it for now, they get worse!! More next time.

Rob Jesse.

Minutes of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council Meeting, held in the Sports Pavilion on 17th January 2002

1. Public Questions

Mr I Davis presented a list of questions

1. Could the Council ensure that notices of all public meetings are posted in good time?
2. Has there been any progress towards the construction of the Woodyates Bus Shelter?
3. Can the Council provide a new Homewatch sign to replace the one positioned close to the Cobley Close turning?
4. Could the Council ask the EDDC to look once again at the frequency of rubbish clearance at the Woodyates lay-by. A lot of rubbish still remains in the hedgerow.
5. On a particularly icy day before Christmas ID noticed that the A35 both sides of Dorchester had been well salted, but the A354 from Puddletown all the way to Woodyates was not salted at all. Could the Council remind the DCC that local parishioners also pay taxes and ask that A354 is also salted when necessary?
6. Pentridge Rights of Way
 - a. Could we ask the DCC to sort out the junction between Path No.1 and Earthpits Lane now that the bollards have been cleared?
 - b. In May last year ID asked the Council to purchase two new maps (OS Pathfinder 1262 & 1282); this request was taken under consideration. Is there any news now regarding the maps?
 - c. At the Annual Assembly last year ID asked if keys could be produced for the Rights of Way noticeboard in Pentridge. Has there been any progress?
7. ID reported that the contents of the Woodyates telephone box, which is constantly being vandalised, have now been removed. Could the Council ask BT whether it is worth continuing to provide this service?
8. In December 1999, the DCC provided an update report into the study of accidents on the A354, over a 3 year period, following the receipt of a local petition. The study recommended a number of improvements, many of which were not funded; however some low cost initiatives were undertaken. Could we now ask the DCC whether the improvements have made any difference to the accident rate on the A354?

The responses from the appropriate Councillors were as follows:-

1. The legal requirement is three days which the council very rarely fail to meet, but every effort will be made to give as much notice as possible. Notices for Planning Meetings are only promulgated on the main notice board, and the nearest notice board to any property an application is being considered for.
2. No progress in the short term due to a lack of funding, but it is hoped progress will be made early in the new financial year.
3. Although the Parish Council funded the initial signs, replacement is not their responsibility. An appeal for donations did bring some response, but this was used in areas where donations were made. The Chairman suggested an appeal for a donation be made in Woodyates.
4. An EDDC matter. Cllr. Humphries stated he would investigate.
5. A DCC matter. Cllr. Palmer stated that the A354 is on the list of main roads to be salted and is very rarely missed, but he would investigate.
6. Rights of Way items fall within the remit of the Pentridge Footpaths Officer, who is authorised to deal with the appropriate authority via the Parish Clerk.
7. The Chairman asked the Pentridge representatives if they required the phone repairing. They stated they did, and the Clerk was requested to write to BT asking them to repair it as soon as possible.
8. A DCC matter. Cllr. Palmer stated this would be covered as part of his report.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th November were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Dog Fouling:- Cllr. Miles asked if any progress had been made with this item. The Chairman stated that Cllr. Kellock had asked him to say that he had reported this to the appropriate authorities and that the Dog Warden had visited on a number of occasions, but that no offences had been recorded. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- b. Visit by PC Luckham:-The Chairman reported that PC Luckham had passed on the Councils' concerns to the appropriate departments of Dorset Police Authority. She had also visited the school as part of the campaign to reduce vandalism.
- c. Common Road Car Park:- Cllr. Humphries stated that lines had been painted in the car park, but that despite his best efforts he was so far unable to persuade the EDHA to number the parking spaces.
- d. Council Tax:- Cllr. Humphries gave Cllr. Bailey-Wright a letter in response to her queries about proposed increases in Council Tax. He outlined the extent of the increases and stated he would obtain a copy of the letter for all Councillors. Following a short discussion it was:- Proposed by Cllr. Waller; Seconded by Cllr. Miles; Unanimously agreed - That Cllr. Bailey-Wright and the Clerk should write to EDDC stating the extent of the Parish Councils' disappointment at the size of the proposed increase.

4. Vacancy on Parish Council

The Chairman announced that Mr AH Gibb was the only applicant for this post. It was Proposed by Cllr. Chick; Seconded by Cllr. Porte; Unanimously agreed - That Mr. Gibb be co-opted onto the Parish Council and asked to serve on the Planning Committee until the AGM in April

5. Reports

- a. Planning Committee:- Cllr. Porte highlighted items from the meetings held on 1st November and 17th January. These included:-
 - i) Details of Application 3/01/1074 -Cross, Paxholt, Dean and the concerns of the Planning Committee about this application. Cllr. Humphries stated he was aware of these concerns and would discuss with the Planning department.
 - ii) Amendments to applications being approved without any notification to the Parish Council. Cllr. Palmer stated his support for the Councils' intention to write to EDDC to request the Parish be informed of all amendments.
- b. Finance & General Purposes Committee:- The Chairman highlighted items from the meeting held on 13th December. These included:-
 - i) The current position on disputed invoices for the Play Area.
 - ii) Presentation of Jubilee mugs, the Deputy Clerk was asked to write to Cranborne Middle School requesting names of children from villages within the Parish Council area.
 - iii) The appointment of a village representative on the Governing Body of the school. Clarification was being sought on this.
 - iv) The theft of the Christmas lights transformer.
 - v) The Parish Office, application had been made for the appropriate building regulations. Cllr. Humphries was asked to check on progress.
- c. County Councillors Report:- Cllr. Palmer reported on the following:-
 - i) A354 -There has been a high number of serious accidents on the stretch between the county boundary and Handley Cross. Cllr. Palmer has requested a new survey of the white lines. He has also asked the police to review the number of visits by the traffic police, as these appear to have significantly reduced over the past year or so. Cllr. Palmer stated he would monitor the situation and report back to the Council.
 - ii) Village School -Cllr. Palmer stated his strong support of the proposed building programme for the school, and he was optimistic that it would be implemented.
 - iii) "Quality Parish Councils" -Cllr. Palmer expressed his concern about the usefulness of this initiative to small rural councils. He outlined his reasons and stated he would be voicing these in a forthcoming debate at the County Council.
 - iv) 20 mph Speed Limit -Cllr. Palmer announced that the report into a proposed 20 mph limit

through the village had been completed. Speed checks carried out indicated that the average speed of traffic was between 25 & 30 mph, which meant that calming measures would be needed alongside any reduced limit. A number of plans outlining a proposed scheme of road works were distributed along with a copy of the report. Following a short discussion it was decided that this item merited a more detailed examination, and it was decided to circulate the plans prior to the next Planning Committee where it would be discussed and proposals forwarded to the Parish Council. It was also felt that a public meeting on the subject may be necessary.

v) Cllr. Curtis stated there was a loose drain cover adjacent to The Hollow and asked Cllr. Palmer to pursue the matter with the Highways Dept. This he agreed to do.

vi) Cllr. Miles asked who was responsible for clearing mud off the road. Cllr. Palmer replied that this was the responsibility of the farmer, and consistent failure to do so should be reported to the police.

d. District Councillors Report:-Cllr. Humphries reported on the following:-

i) Dean Lane -Cllr. Humphries reported that he had informed EDDC of the damaged road sign for Dean Lane.

ii) Waste Management -Cllr. Humphries reported attending a recent meeting on waste management where the target figures for recycling were given. The figures for Dorset were significantly increased, to about 40%, which was probably an unobtainable level. Cllr. Palmer stated he agreed fully with this.

iii) Chalk & Cheese -Cllr. Humphries reported that Sixpenny Handley was one of five (out of 49) successful bids for funding under this initiative. Exact details were still to be identified, but would be forwarded when known. Applications would have to be made via the Parish Council.

iv) Cllr. Miles asked Cllr. Humphries if he could continue to pursue the numbering of spaces in the Common Road car park. She said that a number of residents would probably number spaces anyway, but that a lot of people were very disillusioned with the EDHA's negative response to almost every issue or problem. Cllr. Humphries agreed with this and expressed his disappointment with the Associations' approach to queries.

6. Parish Precept

The Chairman reported that when trying to set a Parish precept, the Finance & General Purposes Committee had felt that, despite a probable need for extra funding if the Parish Office came into being, they could not recommend any increase to the precept. This was primarily due to the significant increases planned by the County and District Councils. They felt it would be unfair to impose any further increase to the council tax. It was - Proposed by Cllr. Warner; Seconded by Cllr. Porte; Agreed unanimously that – the Parish Precept remain unchanged.

7. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9-30pm.

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**in association with England Federation of Disability Sport
Disability Sport England -south west
English Sports Association for People with Learning Disabilities**

**SATURDAY MAY 18th
at Cranborne County Middle School - thanks to the ongoing support of all there.**

**The event is for adults, 16 plus, with learning disabilities -
there is no other qualification and people in wheelchairs are welcome.**

Amenity Grasscutting

The Parish Council is asking for quotes for Grasscutting April 2002 to March 2003. The schedule is detailed below. Any person wishing to quote for this work must send in a tender in a sealed envelope (marked grasscutting) to the Parish Clerk by March 1st 2002. The Council reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any tender.

Location	Work required	Frequency
A War Memorial Area	Mow Grass, Strim edges and dispose of mowings.	Fortnightly
B Children's Play Area, Sixpenny Handley	Mow Grass, Strim edges and around equipment. dispose of mowings.	Fortnightly
C Pentridge Village Green	Mow Grass, Strim edges and rough areas. Tidy and remove if necessary.	When Required
D Sixpenny Handley Village Hall	Mow all areas around the hall. Strim banks and edges as far as boundary and green shed. Strim both sides of fence at top of bank. Remove mowings.	Fortnightly
E Village Hall & Recreation Ground Entrance Road	Clean R.H. Car Park area in entrance road. Reveal kerbing and tidy area. Remove silt and weed from roadway.	When Required

WEST MEETS EAST AND BACK AGAIN

Stepping off the plane at Muscat, Sultanate of Oman in August 1989, knowing not a soul at 4am and not being able to breath with the intense heat and humidity was nearly enough for me to cut a 6 month contract to a 1 day contract!! but instead it turned into an 11 year love affair with a culture so rich in tradition and spiritual belief

Taking my Western knowledge of Hair & Beauty to the East was very fulfilling, but never in my dreams did I think I would bring so much of the Eastern tradition back with me.

Working for 8 years at The Al Bustan Palace Hotel, which was voted the best hotel in the Middle East for 5 consecutive years and ranking in the top 5 best hotels in the world as their Hair & Beauty Manager was an honour; meeting members of the world Aristocracy, Political Leaders and International Actors to the humble hotel Coffee Man and Local Fishermen and their families was an education of the highest degree.

The latter years were spent at Samma Exclusive Health & Beauty Spa for Women, set up under the advice and guidance of Champneys, the Spa mainly catered for the Royal Family and Ministers Wives.

The Spa for me was the pinnacle of my career, managing the Beauty Spa with a team of 10 Therapists of all nationalities was an interesting experience in itself but getting to know so many cultures and their methods of healing and well-being was life changing for me, so much so I felt compelled to change the course of my career and in order to do this I left the Eastern world behind, ironically to return to England to study the Ancient Eastern Therapies such as Reiki (founded in Japan), Champissage (known in the West as Indian Head Massage) to name but a few.

Now with the knowledge behind me I am ready to help East meet West and share this with you.

Sarpenela Holistic Therapies has been a year and a half project for me, now set up in the relaxing and peaceful environment of Farnham Farm House, Luxury Bed & Breakfast I am ready to welcome Residential and Non Residential Guests to a host of Therapies available. So do give me a call for more information.

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MOTHERS' UNION

COFFEE MORNING

IN AID OF THE MU LITERACY PROJECT

FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2002

10 -12 AM

AT NO 4. COBLEY CLOSE, EAST WOODYATES

BY KIND INVITATION OF MRS. MARGARET QUINN

COFFEE – TEA - BRING AND BUY – RAFFLE - CAKES

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE -PHONE MRS. MAYNE 552692

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

There was a disturbing increase to 10 crimes reported in the Parish during November and December 2001. This was 8 more than in the same period the year before. 2 were dwelling burglaries, 2 non-dwelling burglaries, and 2 criminal damage. The rest were

thefts of or from motor vehicles.

Crime numbers do tend to ebb and flow in the villages around this part of Dorset. One particular area may get targeted for a time, while in another the policing gets a bit hotter and the crime rate drops. This shows the value of being vigilant, telling your Homewatch co-ordinator about suspicious activity and always reporting crimes to the police.

Some of the recent crimes in the village originate closer to home, however. To quote from the most recent Dorset Police newsletter: "The problem of unsupervised children is creating substantial damage in Sixpenny Handley". Make sure they are not yours.

On a brighter note, we were pleased to receive another generous donation as a result of our appeal in the last Downsman. Our appeal was for money to cover the cost of erecting more Homewatch signs (£19 each), and for a tool to tighten the metal straps that secure them (£50). We are still short of our target, however, so if you can assist, please pass any donations to our Chairman, John Curtis.

It is excellent news that our Detached Beat Officer, PC Luckham has made time in recent months to attend not only the School, but also the Parish Council and the Chase Community Friends to explain her work and assist crime prevention. We look forward to further visits from the Dorset Police Community Support Unit. If you see the caravan in the High Street, do call in for a chat.

Drinking and Driving Wrecks Lives

Please read the facts about Drinking and Driving opposite. Driving whilst under the influence is as much a crime as anything else. Whilst you might not get caught, you might well kill yourself or, worse, somebody else.

The only safe course is not to drink and drive.

Sixpenny Handley Youth Club

We had a very good run up to Xmas with exciting projects, including a visit to the pantomime at Bryanston Arts Centre to see the Borrowers, by a group of over 50 children and adults. This was a fantastic evening out. We finished off with a Xmas party.

We would like to thank our older members of the Youth Club for helping us and for helping Chase Community of Friends by lifting all their chairs and tables out of the lock up; we know Chase Community are very grateful.

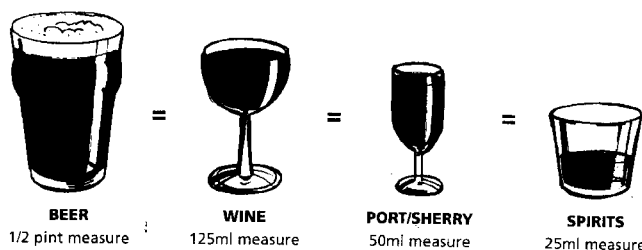
We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 12th March in the Village Hall at 8pm - everyone welcome.

Easter Bingo on 25th March in aid of Village Hall

FACT 1

YOU CAN'T CALCULATE YOUR ALCOHOL LIMIT

The legal limit for driving is 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood. There is no fail-safe guide as to how much you can drink to stay under this limit. The amount and type of alcoholic drink, and your height, weight and metabolism will all play their part.

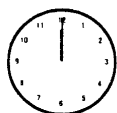


Each measure contains an equivalent amount of alcohol.

ALCOHOL TAKES EFFECT QUICKLY BUT WEARS OFF SLOWLY

FACT 2

Alcohol is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, affecting the brain and impairing driving ability. Getting rid of alcohol is a much slower process requiring hours rather than minutes.



MIDNIGHT

At midnight, after an evening's drinking, there may be 200 mg/ml of alcohol in the blood.



7.30 AM

On getting up, there is still 130 mg/ml. You are still unfit to drive.



8.00PM

All the alcohol is not eliminated until around 8.00pm, 20 hours after it was consumed. It is impossible to speed up alcohol elimination. Neither a shower, nor a cup of coffee, nor other ways of "sobering up" will help. It just takes time.

ANY AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL WILL AFFECT YOUR JUDGEMENT

FACT 3

Nearly one in five of all deaths on the road are caused by drivers who have been drinking. The risk of being involved in an accident increases in direct proportion to the amount consumed. Many motorists believe they are safe to drink if they are below the legal limit. They are wrong. Even one drink will have an effect on driving ability.

20 mg/ml – 50 mg/ml

You may not be able to judge distance and speed of on-coming vehicles clearly. You may also have a tendency to take greater risks, particularly in dangerous manoeuvres such as overtaking.

Do not drive

50 mg/ml – 79 mg/ml

Your ability to react may have been severely affected, so you may take longer to stop. You are also in danger of driving too fast and misjudging distances when approaching bends. Your reaction to red lights, braking and tail lights may be impaired.

Do not drive

80 mg/ml – 120 mg/ml

You are now over the legal limit. You are driving erratically. Your vision is so severely impaired that you will not notice pedestrians, cyclists and parked cars until it is too late. You are over-estimating your own ability to drive.

You are unfit to drive

**DRINKING AND DRIVING
WRECKS LIVES.**

The Downsman

DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
Feb-03	Football Club Home Match	11	Mar-20	Whist at The Village Hall	09
Feb-06	Whist at The Village Hall	09	Mar-20	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Feb-06	Bridge at The Roebuck	10	Mar-21	Chase Community Friends	04
Feb-07	Chase Community Friends	04	Mar-22	Lent Lunch	33
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Feb-11	W I Meeting	17	Mar-25	Allotment Association AGM	31
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Feb-14	Chase Community Friends	04	Mar-27	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Feb-16	Football Club Home Match	11	Mar-28	Chase Community Friends	04
Feb-20	Whist at The Village Hall	09	Mar-31	Easter Sunday	11
Feb-20	Bridge at The Roebuck	10	Apr-03	Whist at The Village Hall	09
Feb-21	Chase Community Friends	04	Apr-03	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Feb-22	Mothers Union Coffee Morning	44	Apr-04	Chase Community Friends	04
Feb-23	W I Jumble Sale	17	Apr-10	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Feb-27	Bridge at The Roebuck	10	Apr-11	Chase Community Friends	04
Feb-28	Chase Community Friends	04	Apr-12	Mothers Union	15
Mar-01	Womens World Day of Prayer	10	Apr-17	Whist at The Village Hall	09
Mar-01	Lent Lunch	33	Apr-17	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Mar-06	Whist at The Village Hall	09	Apr-18	Chase Community Friends	04
Mar-06	Bridge at The Roebuck	10	Apr-24	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Mar-07	Chase Community Friends	04	Apr-25	Chase Community Friends	04
Mar-08	Mug Request return date	03	Apr-30	W I Spring Council	17
Mar-08	School Quiz Night	24	May-01	Bridge at The Roebuck	10
Mar-09	Village Hall Jumble Sale	05	May-03	Mothers Union	15
Mar-12	Youth Club AGM	46	May-18	Sporting Chance CCC	42
Mar-13	Bridge at The Roebuck	10	Jun-01	Jubilee Fun Run & Hog Roast	25
Mar-14	Chase Community Friends	04	Jun-02	Jubilee Village Exhibition	25
Mar-15	Royal Corps of Signals	12	Jun-03	Jubilee Treasure Hunt & Quiz	25
Mar-16	Bowls Club Quiz	18	Jun-22	Village Hall Auction	05
Mar-18	Downsman Copy Deadline	03	Aug-17	Flower Show	25