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& FAMILY FUN DAY  
Saturday August 17th**



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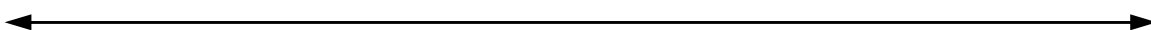
**FLOWER SHOW - Can you help, please?**

The Flower Show is on Saturday, 17th August this year.

We need the loan of garden gazebo for the day - one of the small, square kind with sides.

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If so, please could you ring Carole North on 552955.



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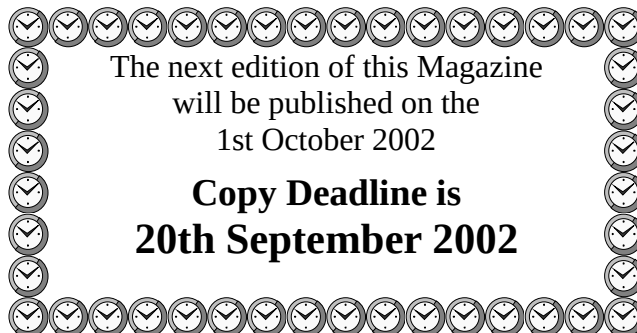
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## Pentridge Hill glows magically on Jubilee Night

I have walked this delightful hill often over the past four years, and have seen and experienced its many moods. Dreary occasionally, windy often, sun-kissed on special days, and with an ever changing wide expanse of sky to enjoy, for Pentridge Hill is rarely seen without a fringe of white cumulus cloud. It is special in other ways too, for on every walk it throws up surprises; buzzards wheeling overhead; an abundance of wild flowers; recently a wonderful display of May blossom; a new orchid to discover; shy deer always, and the tiny goldcrests flittering amongst the trees on the knoll, are but a few of them.

It seemed for me that a quiet day was indicated for 3rd June. This perhaps in deference to my age, as I planned to walk up the hill for bonfire and firework festivities - our special Jubilee celebration! However, I received an invitation to join my daughter and family at Winchester, which of course, I couldn't and wouldn't want to refuse. Bank holiday driving always troubles me a little, so I spent a restless night worrying about it, but the journey to Winchester proved easy and uneventful both ways. I left Woodyates in bright sunshine and, at times had the road entirely to myself, so was able to enjoy the views and signs of Summer. Hedgerows bursting with life and trees in bright new leaf. However, at Stockbridge the sky clouded and a light rain was falling.

I was welcomed by my three grandsons - now all with 'dark-brown' voices, and had a 'mind stirring' few hours being both entertained and teased by them all. The day had turned very wet, and when I found an odd moment to collect my thoughts, they were mostly of regrets about the possibility of the bonfire evening being rained off.

It was not to be - I had worried needlessly, for having been waved off at Winchester with darkening skies and light rain still falling, I found on approaching Salisbury and my first glimpse of the Cathedral spire, that the clouds were breaking. By the time I reached home a perfect evening was developing.

My neighbours collected me at eight o'clock. We drove to Pentridge and parked on the village green, festive with buntings and flags. 8:30 saw the five of us making our way up the hill. The walk was pleasant and companionable, with country evening smells to tease our senses; not too much mud by the gate, and time for several rest stops to admire and 'drink-in' the increasing loveliness of a near night time walk. We reached the top and bonfire area as daylight was beginning to fade. There is I think, always something special about being high - incomparably above everything and everyone.

A cool wind was blowing, but the sky was clear and the views extensive. The sun was sinking in a blaze of glory as people gathered, and the odd glass of warming wine was handed round and picnics consumed.

The sunset was particularly wonderful for me and evoked memories of those we used to watch very regularly from our house and garden on the Malvern Hills. There, we would see the sun sink most beautifully behind the Welsh mountains.

As darkness gathered, we could see other beacons, flickering in the distance, together with spurts of colour and patterns from various firework displays in the valley around us. Our fire was lit and caught immediately and magnificently - a masterpiece of organisation - and we were soon drawn to its light and warmth. The time flew; there were many friends to talk to; our own fireworks to enjoy, and a glowing bonfire that spread its warmth far and wide.

I loved being there in the dark. Again at Malvern, we often left our home on the side of the hill to enjoy a night time walk, particularly if the moon was high to guide us. So, Monday, June 3rd brought back many happy memories for me - like the fire - I glowed with them!

Pentridge Hill was magical on Jubilee night. We were all happy. The bonfire was still 'glowing' madly and spreading its warmth in all directions when we made our way down at mid-night, tired but content.

I wish to thank Mary, Richard and all those who made it such a memorable occasion for me personally.

*Margaret Quinn.*

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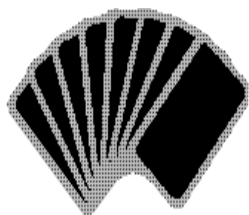
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## Whist at The Village Hall

At the Village Hall on 29 May, twelve tables were in play for the final drive of the 2001 - 2002 season of whist evenings, thus rounding off a very successful nine months of competition. On the second deal of what would prove to be a high scoring evening, Ted and Doris Gibson gathered in all thirteen tricks (clubs being the trump suit) on a deal which Doris described as not looking particularly exceptional, but which had sufficient shape to defeat their luckless opponents (no mean players in their own rights), namely Mary Penny and Ruth Hustings. So, for the second drive in succession, a top had been achieved for only the second time during the season. However, despite a maximum boost to their score cards, neither Doris or Ted were to emerge with the highest points of the evening (though both were to feature in the prizes), this honour going to Fred Denham and Sam Poolman, both carding 180 but with Fred gaining first place by dint of a plus eleven score on the twelfth hand as opposed to Sam's plus eight. Third place was taken by Rita Austin with 175.

Before distributing the evenings' awards, the winners of the three divisions were asked to come forward to receive their envelopes from Chris Haskell who, along with her husband, Doug, has been a stalwart in the promotion of the drives in Sixpenny Handley, not only for the season past, but for a decade at least. First to come forward was Peter Braithwaite, winner of the highest individual score (192), followed by Fred Denham, Master of Ceremonies both for the village and at Blandford, winner of Division 3 (players who missed two events). Runner up to Fred was Rita Austin, while third place was taken by Ruby Jacobs.

Division 2, (players who missed one game) was convincingly taken by Dora Scammell; David Green and Chris Haskell securing second and third spots respectively. Then, to continuing applause, Marge Poolman was announced the victor of the top division having attended every drive of the season as had Sylvia Day, second and Len Diggins, third. A breakdown of the final scores returned by the various divisions reads as follows:

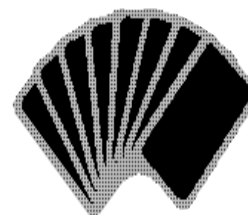
| Division 1          | Division 2         | Division 3         |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Marge Poolman 2738  | Dora Scammell 2584 | Fred Denham 2394   |
| Sylvia Day 2675     | David Green 2546   | Rita Austin 2386   |
| Len Diggins 2641    | Chris Haskell 2519 | Ruby Jacobs 2370   |
| Stuart Coombes 2609 | Doug Haskell 2511  | Geoff Peach 2347   |
| Gladys Squibb 2604  | Wilf Jacobs 2497   | Edie Langley 2329  |
| Sam Poolman 2565    | Ted Meaden 2449    | Arthur Austin 2326 |
|                     | Mary Meaden 2448   | Doris Gibson 2297  |

Highest Individual: Peter Braithwaite 192

The 2002 - 2003 season is scheduled to commence on Wednesday 4 September by which time the format for the new season will have been agreed; a report will appear in the October issue of The Downsman.

## Bridge with Bill

Calling in at The Roebuck, following the whist evening reported above, I was in time to witness two valiant efforts at slam bidding by Helen Goodwin (south) and Robin Radcliffe (north), opposing Chris Snape (west) and Silvia Marskell (east). The first attempt was a small slam in six hearts, doubled by Chris for penalties, in which Helen went two off while a few deals later, Helen found herself in seven diamonds following Robin's two club opening bid. Although rather short on trumps (seven held between them), it was Chris's singleton spade lead which proved to be her downfall. Earlier, Silvia (partnering on this occasion Angie Snape) had pulled off a five diamonds, doubled, contract; excellent.



Good defending is always a joy to witness and several perfect examples were pulled off by Robin Radcliffe (north) and Anne Reed (south). Opposing Roger Watkins (west) and Bill Chorley (east), they put down three straight contracts before Bill managed to bring home three no trumps. But the best was to come with Roger in three diamonds. At trick ten, Roger, with seven

tricks secured, and with queen and jack of spades in dummy, plus the ten of diamonds, led a spade out of hand. Robin held king and two of diamonds, plus two of clubs and, thus could rough the spade lead with his two of diamonds. However, if he did so, Roger would take any continuation as he held a master club. Sensing this, Robin very cleverly discarded his two of clubs and Anne was able to secure the trick with her last diamond, the seven, leading back a club which Robin was able to rough with his two of diamonds, allowing Roger to win his king but go one off. Meanwhile, at the other table, Chris Snape (south) and George Marskell (north) fought some close contests against Silvia Marskell (east) and Angie Snape (west), the ladies scoring an early success by doubling five clubs from Chris and putting the men off by two tricks; brilliant.

In my next column, I will discuss some of the basic principals of bidding and play, but before signing off, it was nice to see Doug and Christopher Haskell back at the bridge table after an absence of nearly two years. It did not take long for either to get back into the "swing of things" as both are expert in keeping a count of the cards played.

The ability to do this throughout the play of thirteen tricks can often tip the balance in favour of declarer/defender when the contract has been pushed to the limit.

*Bill Chorley*

### Whist Drive programme 2002-2003

All Wednesday's apart from the Christmas Drive which, by tradition, is held on a Saturday:

|           |      |      |                 |             |                        |      |
|-----------|------|------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|------|
| September | 4th  | 18th | October         | 2nd         | 16th                   | 30th |
| November  | 13th | 27th | <b>December</b> | <b>14th</b> | <b>Christmas Drive</b> |      |
| January   | 8th  | 22nd | February        | 5th         | 19th                   |      |
| March     | 5th  | 19th | April           | 2nd         | 16th                   | 30th |
| May       | 14th | 28th |                 |             |                        |      |

### Summer activities for children 4 - 16 years

If you love to dance, sing, paint, draw, tell tall tales, act, animation, theatre or just enjoy creating works of art out of junk then make sure you have a copy of the East Dorset District Council '**Schools Out for Summer**' brochure with a packed programme of arts events for children throughout the summer holidays. Whatever your creative interest there is something for all ages. For those who prefer to be more sporting in their spare time the programme offers a wide selection of sports programmes taking place at The Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre and Wimborne Minster Tennis Club throughout the six weeks summer holidays including sports camps, tennis weeks, climbing, basketball, toddlers play time, swimming and much more.



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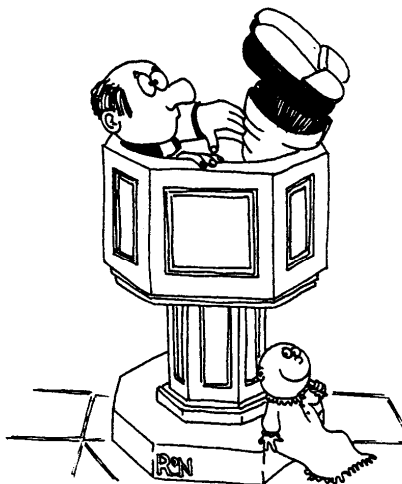
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## ST MARY'S NEWS LETTER

Another two months have gone by during which Worship and Praise has continued, the grass and wild flowers have continued to grow, meetings have continued to take place and we all continue to grow older; so what's new, we've all heard it before.

Well! Looking at the inevitable it's not all bad news for we now have two ordained Priest in our small benefice of St Mary's, St Rumbold's and St Andrew's; quite some resource when you consider that the Chase Benefice next door has 10 Parishes with the same number of Clergy. Currently the whole Church is now trying to address the reduction in the clergy numbers - at the last Deanery Synod a paper was introduced suggesting the way forward. This really is a follow on from the Beechridge Report (which raises the question) which now having prayed about and discussed its implications, the answers we come to may be the solution to the way forward. Currently a series of six social evenings and talks on the subject **EVERYONE'S A MINISTER** are taking place on a Wednesday evening at which guest speakers have put different views and challenges. The talks and discussions so far have included; the Priesthood, Leadership (does the church leader have to be a priest?) and Lay Readership. To come are, our own Lay Pastoral Assistants their ministry, and are the organist and flower ladies ministers? The PCCs of both churches asked in the light of Beechridge where our own churches are, how we might progress and finally summing up, try and answer some of the questions raised and perhaps make plans for the future.

### St Gargoyl's



Leonard was having one of those days

With two Priests and who knows how many Ministers it is a challenging time especially from the point of view of Worship - which can be on the spectrum from contemplative (One to One with God) to vast crowds like that at Reading recently. Our Worship provides a choice of Old (traditional - Book of Common Prayer) through Common Worship to our Family Service of Praise on the second Sunday of the month. The last couple of Baptisms have taken place at this service which for many makes it more comfortable for those who get lost in the Word of other forms of Worship.

Holy Communion is celebrated on Wednesday mornings and is ideal for those whose Sunday schedule is too hectic but can possibly take a half hour break mid week. Details of these services are shown elsewhere in this issue. In the future it is planned to provide other forms of Worship - Songs of Praise, Taize style or whatever. Additional

family worship without the Eucharist but later in the morning has been shown as a need in the last questionnaire - if you have any suggestions or ideas please let Ron, Wendy or any church member know so that your needs can be addressed. The bottom line really is; how to drastically reduce the average age of our congregation?

Forthcoming events. The Harvest Festival Service in St Mary's on 8th September is to be followed by lunch in the Village Hall, same as last year. A wonderful occasion and a great opportunity to meet and have a chat. Tickets are £3.50 and £1.50 children obtainable from Vicarage or Church (or through your Church Member neighbour) - you are welcome whether you make the Service or not. Another date to note in your diaries is the forthcoming Church Bazaar on Saturday 16th November - a very popular village event.

*David Salmons*

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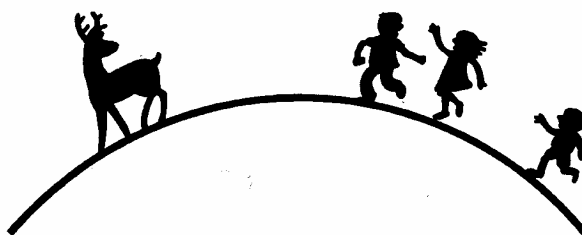
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Thank you to those who donated outdoor toys to the Nursery, following the break-in at the Village Hall. We received a see-saw, some ride-on toys and a doll's buggy. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

## **Treasure Hunt**

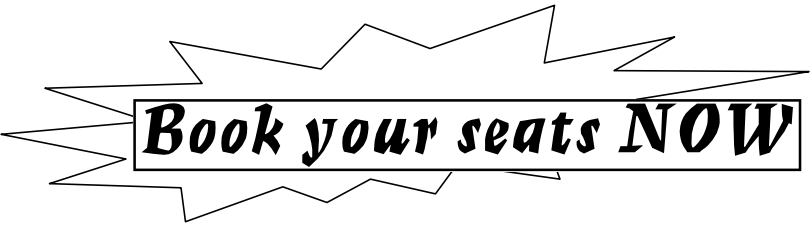
Thank you to all those who supported our Treasure Hunt by buying "squares." We raised £301.03. Below is a list of the winners.

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## The Countryside March on London

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2002

In light of the Government's pledge to introduce a Bill to ban hunting this Autumn, the Countryside Alliance is re-organising its massive countryside march on London for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2002. This will be an orderly and peaceful demonstration about freedom of choice and the rural way of life. Hundreds of thousands will attend and it is expected to be the biggest mass protest ever seen in the UK.

Although I do not hunt, I feel strongly that people should be allowed to make up their own minds on this issue and not be dictated to by politicians, who these days are largely out of touch with the countryside. In order that Sixpenny Handley can be well-represented on the march, I have booked a 75-seater coach from Victory Tours for anyone from our area who would like to join in. **A few seats are still available.**

The cost per head works out at £11.50, which includes the coach, parking, and the necessary underground fares to get to and from central London.

To book your seats, please contact me **NOW**. Everyone will be most welcome. It should be a unique Parish outing as well as a very important day for democracy.

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## Village Hall News

Where has the year gone? Six months on, we seem to have slowed down. Over the last couple of months the repair work has been curtailed - windows painting not completed as the weather has not been kind to us, always wet when we have a few hours to spare.

**Future plans:** To build three storage cupboards on the stage, making use of the space currently taken up by the stacks of tables and chairs etc.. The chairs and tables will then be stored in the cupboard, level with the hall floor, making it much more easy for people to get access to them, and not having so much strain getting them off the stage, also less damage to the floor and the tables.

The stage will need strengthening, and only a third will be needed for the cupboards, leaving plenty of room for usage and looking tidy rather than an 'eye-sore'.

We have been fortunate in having some timber for studding donated by a man from Tollard Royal, so we are making progress.

Estimates are coming in for the electrical work, still not completed although the new lights have already been purchased. Also the hall floor has lost its sparkle, so we are in contact with a lady at Sandroyd School, who is advising us regarding remedial work. It is also proposed to mark the hall out for Badminton. If anyone is interested in helping to form, or who would be interested in joining, a Badminton Club, please contact Ron Wood (552608).

A letter was sent to the Parish Council about the state of the gravel track leading to the field. We are not sure who is responsible for the replacement, but no reply has been received yet, and we will keep you informed. We hope it won't be an extra expense for us! The problem with the roof has been looked at by M Hannam, and will need several days of special painting in fine weather (if it can be fitted in when the conditions are right and the necessary labour is available.)

The executive committee meets once a month, to try and keep on top of any problems.

S.Pharo and I Davies - in charge of Maintenance.

J Richardson and R Jesse (jt. chairman) - Fund-raising.

R Watkins (treas.) and P Wood (jt. chairman) - Administration/Grants.

A (Tony) Henderson - Secretarial.

### **Fund-raising:**

Firstly, the Queen's Jubilee. What a well organised event, over three days. How Pam Wood and her helpers arranged the weather (brilliant). On Saturday the Fun Run (excellent) was enjoyed by more than forty people. There was food including Hog Roast (delicious) ice cream and drinks (just what was needed) and stalls and games (interesting and challenging). On Sunday the church service and decorations/displays (lovely) cream teas (super), stalls, cakes etc., and plants (a bargain). Monday brought us a treasure hunt (the weather changed) but 14 teams went out and enjoyed the tour round the village. many thanks to them. Three teams drew on points, so we gave them a prize each. To finish off the celebrations, there was a Quiz evening (brilliant) at the village hall.

A great time was had by many people, and to top it off, it had been agreed that all profits

(nearly £1000) would be donated to Village Hall funds. Many thanks again to Pam Wood, the Jubilee Committee and all those who helped towards the success of the weekend.

**The Auction:** What can I say! A terrific turnout; over 100 lots and better than we could have expected. All down to many helpers working tirelessly from morning to night. Over £1000 raised. Many thanks for your support.

**Future events:**

- August - Stalls at the Flower Show: Please look out for us and give us your support and have some fun at the same time.
- October - Music Quiz arranged by ??.
- November - Horse racing night, by Chase Community Friends.
- December - Grand Christmas Draw and Auction of 200 lots. For the villagers, we will sell your items and take 20p/£1 for selling. We hope to produce a catalogue before the event, so please sort out the items you want to sell, and get some money for Christmas. Please contact Rob Jesse or Julie Richardson for an application form (or via any of the executive committee).

**Village Hall 100+:** Winners for May and June

|             |     |           |     |
|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Mrs Mullens | 36  | D Bone    | 117 |
| 4 Court     | 100 | D North   | 76  |
| Mrs Witt    | 116 | B Hornsby | 108 |

My thanks to Mr and Mrs North of 9 The Orchard for offering to take over the 100 plus Club.  
*Rob Jesse.*

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- Add 5.
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- Now subtract the four digit year you were born. You should have a three digit number...
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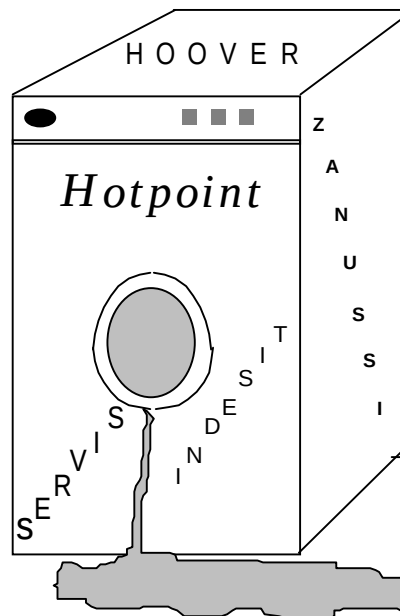
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**SIXPENNY HANDLEY**  
**ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW 2002**  
**17th AUGUST 2002**

**Hints on showing Vegetables**

It is important to read the schedule carefully and abide exactly by the regulations, particularly with regard to the number of specimens in each exhibit. With root vegetables, biggest is not always best and, in most cases, medium sized is preferable. Root vegetables should be washed carefully without damaging the skin.

**Carrots, parsnips & beetroots** -cut off tops leaving 2 to 3 inches of stem which can be tied neatly with raffia.

**Onions** should be ripe & firm with, if possible, whole skins. Do not skin them. Turn down the tops & bind them with raffia. **Shallots** are treated in the same way and staged on a plate of sand.

**Peas & beans** - leave stalks intact. The withered flower should be left on **Peas** and **Cucumbers**

**Tomatoes** -should be ripe & firm with calyx intact.

**Lettuces** -Outside leaves and roots must be left on. **Cabbages** must have 2 to 3 inches of root left on. Damaged leaves on both can be removed.

**Rhubarb** (natural) should have the leaf blades removed. Leave no more than 3 inches of

**SIXPENNY HANDLEY YOUTH CLUB**  
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Thursday 12th September  
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To start you can help us to make some new rules then

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[we don't bite].

If you would like to help out on a regular basis you will have  
to be police checked, but please don't let this put you off.

Come and share your talents with the children.

## IRIDOLOGY

**By Sheila Ralph M.B., BSY A(Irid)., BSY A(C.M.A., Ad. C.M.A)**

This time I thought I would write about one of my therapies - Iridology - as it seems that there are a lot of people who do not know what Iridology is!

Iridology is one of the most amazing of the natural medical sciences. It allows the trained individual to almost literally 'see into the body' - it is an accurate means of diagnosis.

The iris has been studied by healers since the early civilisations - the Chaldeans left clay tablets of inscriptions about the irises of the eyes; the Ancient Egyptians painted iris markings on ceramic models of eyes, these can be seen today in the Cairo Museum. The classical Greeks also understood that some signs in the eyes could tell about the state of the internal body and this is indicated in the writings of Hippocrates.

In 1881 the works of a physician - von Peczeley - were published 'Discoveries in the Field of Natural Science and Medicine: Instruction in the Study and Diagnosis from the Eye' and this included the first comprehensive iris maps.

Since von Peczeley there have been other healers who have added to our knowledge about iris diagnosis and these include Pastor Felke, Drs. Lindlahr, Jenson, Christopher, Kriege, Kritzer, Beck, Vannier, Kronenberger and others.

Probably the best way to understand Iridology is to investigate ECIWO biology, a Chinese theory that stands for 'Embryo Containing Information on the Whole Organism' best described as 'the parts mirror the whole' which also explains other therapies such as Reflexology, Acupuncture, Auriculotherapy etc. The changes in the iris indicating ill health are inevitable consequences of body changes which distort the bioplasma (which is generated at conception from energy in the DNA molecule) to produce iris change.

Iridology involves examining the iris of both eyes for signs that indicate changes in the body, whether a condition is acute or chronic, or simply just manifesting but possibly not apparent to the individual.

People fall into constitutional types according to the structure of their irises and there are 10 different constitutional types. Depending on your constitutional type you will have a tendency to certain illnesses even though you may not actually get those illnesses. Iridology forewarns the individual so that preventative action can be taken.

Iridology can detect genetic inheritance so that you can be aware of likely problems that may arise due to the genetic makeup of your blood relatives.

Iridology can monitor recovery from illness as the signs of illness in the iris will fade and eventually disappear as recovery takes place hence, by checking the signs and colour markings, Iridology can be used to assess health levels.

Iridology complements orthodox medicine, is a safe and painless method of diagnosis that uses a non-invasive, holistic approach that can pinpoint the cause of illness accurately so that not only symptoms can be treated but the cause of illness as well.

*Sheila Ralph is a Master Herbalist, Iridologist, Acupressure and Chinese Massage Practitioner and works from her home at 6 Keats Meadow, Sixpenny Handley (Tel: 01725 552265), at The Centre for Complementary Health Care in Blandford Forum (Tel: 01258 458120) and at Salisbury Homoeopathy Centre in Salisbury (Tel: 01725 552265)*

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

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

Everyone is welcome - from babies and toddlers to children up to school age, with their mums, dads, nannies and minders! £1.40 per morning, refreshments inclusive.



If you have any queries please contact any of the Volunteer mums:-  
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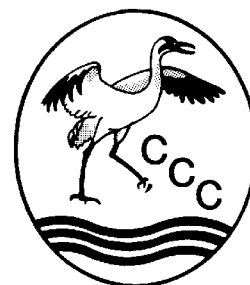
## Cranborne Chase Communities

### DORSET ART WEEKS 2002

We had a very busy fortnight at our weavery in Unit 8, Town Farm Workshops when we were open to the public for eleven days out of 16 between May 25th and June 9th. We had lots of interesting and interested visitors and some very kind comments in our visitors book.

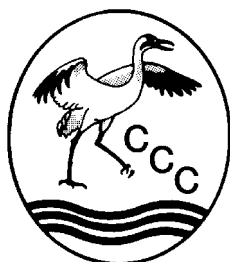
It was especially nice to see so many people from Sixpenny Handley. Please look out for our stall at the Flower Show on August 17th and feel free to pop in to the weavery any time during our normal working week (except Wednesdays).

However, it's probably best to phone first (552992) to make sure we're there.



Also we're exhibiting some of our work again this year at the *Dorset Arts & Crafts Association Show* at Bovington from August 2nd to the 6th. This Show is well worth a visit to see the huge amount of creative talent there is throughout our county.

*Helen English*



At the same time Cranborne Chase Communities were also involved in The Salisbury Festival 'In Praise of Trees'

We have all been working hard to produce forty pages to go into our Book of Trees. Our wall hanging has presented us with many challenges as we wanted to involve everyone at some level and it is an extremely ambitious design involving many different crafts.

Both book and hanging are wonderful examples of the wide range of skills and abilities which came together to create very beautiful results.

They are exhibited together at 'The Arts Centre' in Salisbury and will be returning to the workshop at the end of the festival. We would love to

see any interested people, particularly from Sixpenny Handley.

A group of us were lucky enough to attend the two day conference in Salisbury 'In Praise of Trees' here we met, not only other book makers and artists but also listened to some amazing speakers. We visited some fascinating woodlands, made lovely new friends and ate yummy food.

Our thanks to the committed volunteers and staff who with great patience and huge talent enabled our folk to succeed.

Most of all, our thanks to the people who actually created the art, the residents and day service users of 'Cranborne Chase communities.'

As always we look forward to welcoming you at Unit 8 our workshop.

*Maureen Lockyer*

# Tintern Abbey ..... Tis!

### A Woodcutts Drama

Everywhere this year, the dominant colour is green. Earlier in the spring, I was convinced that by this time of year we would be crying out for water, and that the whole place would be a burnt sienna. (I think that's a colour isn't it?) How wrong I was! Instead trees, hedgerows, grassland, cereal crops, oil seed rape, peas and beans have all excelled themselves in their vegetative growth and hopefully their seed crops as well, all top and no grain, nuts or tubers is not good for anyone. In the garden my main crop potatoes already have haulm four feet six inches high. If it grows much more, I'll have to get a tree surgeon in to cut it down before I can dig the tubers. Its amazing what a good dressing of chicken manure washed in by copious amounts of rain can do.

The point of all this is to emphasise, (That is the correct spelling; I have just looked it up in the dictionary. I know there is a spell check in this machine somewhere, but goodness knows where, probably hiding somewhere with the letter "K" I shouldn't be surprised.) Back to the prolific greenery. That wasted more time, the 'k' for back had moved again. I might consider sticking it up with blue tack. We must stop going off at tangents, it takes me long enough as it is. If your gardens aren't as good as you think they should be, it's because flowers are only produced, when times are difficult, for example when short of water or nutrients. This triggers off a mechanism in the plant, which wants to ensure the survival of its species and reproduce itself, in many cases it produces flowers to attract insects so that its seeds are fertilised as the insects fly from flower to flower. This year the wet and windy summer has meant that not only have we not had a bumper crop of flowers, but butterflies and other flying pollinating insects, have not been seen. Birds too have been affected, some still trying to rear their first hatching, others building their second or third nest. Possibly heavy rains in the past month or so have destroyed previous ones, and washed out fledglings not old enough to survive.

Now, on to less gloomy topics, birds generally have appeared much more colourful this year, hopefully making up for the flowers. On Thursday, 18th of July my wife and I were sitting in our kitchen, when I, on looking out of the window, saw a bird slightly smaller than a blackbird sitting on the fence. Nothing unusual there I hear you say, but this one was a bright pink colour. We both saw it and we had not been drinking.

The disappointing thing was it did not stay around long enough for us to obtain any more information. Since I believe that it was in fact a rose coloured starling, a native of Asia which usually gets no further than west of the Danube, we would not have understood what it had to say anyway. An occasional visitor to this country, it rarely comes this far west.

A rare bird was not the only interesting find of this month. In the church yard at St. Mary's we have a substantial number of knapweed broomrapes, a plant I have never seen in such profusion before. We certainly live in a world of surprises.

The biggest surprise of the month however, was man made and colourful. Some three weeks ago I was sitting writing at home, when I heard a vehicle approaching rather rapidly down the lane. "Strange" I thought. It wasn't rush hour, or a school day, nor yet time for anyone to come home from work. In fact it was a white car with a flashing green light on its roof, followed immediately by an ambulance with its blue light flashing. "What could this mean?" I asked myself, there aren't many houses here as anyone who knows Woodcutts will tell you, and the residents of at least three of them were out. This meant that there must be a problem in one of the remaining two properties. So off I went to investigate, to see if there was anything I could do. I put my obviously good tracking skills to use, following the flashing lights; I waddled off in hot pursuit. On my arrival I was assured that the doctor and paramedics had it all in hand. To digress slightly I would like to say thank you to these people and many more like them. They roar off into the countryside at a moments notice

with no idea of what they will find at their destination. They are doing a wonderful job, for which on all our behalf's I will say Thank You. Now back to the matter in hand, who had the doctor and ambulance personnel come to see? Well it was young Martin, who has recently passed his 11+ exam. Well done Martin! Mind you his visitors were not there as a result of his obvious, academic ability. Unfortunately, he is a diabetic and had fainted and was comatose. The medical team soon had things under control and Martin was carted off to hospital, where after treatment he soon recovered, to his family's relief.

His younger brother, Jonathan, not to be outdone, decided he needed time off school too, and proceeded to find an obliging wasp or bee to sting him. He was so successful that his Mum had to cart him off to the surgery for treatment. He recovered very quickly and went back to school. (Sorry Jonathan I was only joking.)

So you see we do have dramas at Woodcuts, it isn't all wild flowers, buzzards overhead and rain, we live in the real world too. We also travel out to foreign parts as well. As I intended to show, when explaining about the visit down to the village school, for its wonderful displays on the evening of the 5th of July. Unfortunately I am running out of time and space, and as usual the deadline is already passed, I hope the editor will accept this. Until the next edition, when I write about the school, May God be with us all.

*Ted Cox (20.07.02)*



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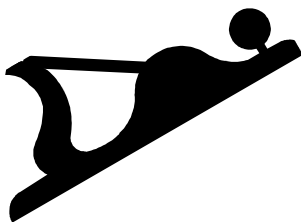
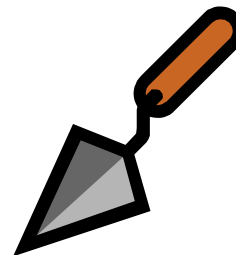
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**Rob's Column**

A poem for Pam's help over the past few months.

**The Rectory Garden**

by Edna Jaques

The flowers have a restive air,  
Like people going to a fair,  
They nod and wave and kisses blow,  
Like Punch and Judy at a show.  
Flirting quite shamelessly I fear  
With all the people passing near.

Love-in-the-mist was very shy,  
Far too demure to catch your eye,  
While zinnias came out bold as bold,  
To show their shining hearts of gold;  
Michaelmas daisies gave an air,  
To all the flowers growing there.

A clump of crimson hollyhocks  
Made passes at the four o' clocks,  
While poppies shook their silken heads  
Above the quiet pansy beds,  
As if to flaunt their richer hue,  
Like human people often do.

Tall spikes of lavender gave room  
To a tall lily's stately bloom,  
Delphiniums with bright pretence  
Stood guard along the garden fence,  
While plain old-fashioned pinks just grew  
Along the rosemary and rue.

But once I heard them.....plain as plain,  
Thanking the Lord for sun and rain.

**Wonderful Time**

I'm seeing friends today,  
We'll eat and we'll chat  
of this and that,  
And we'll have a wonderful time.

We are meeting for lunch,  
Good friends will be there  
With laughter to spare,  
And we'll have a wonderful time.

Yes, I'm seeing friends today,  
We'll enjoy all the things  
Which true friendship brings,  
And we'll have a wonderful time.

Lateral thinking: Mr Robinson wanted a house where the windows in all the rooms faced South. What did he do? Answer: He built a house on the North Pole so that all sides faced South.

Two hitch-hikers were waiting for a lift, watching for passing cars. One was looking East towards the mountains, and the other West towards the sea. "You're looking a bit rough this morning" said one of them to the other. How could he tell?

And lastly, just a few amusing sayings:

Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind it doesn't matter!

Middle-aged spread: Unconquered 'puppy fat'.

The first half of our life is ruined by our parents, and the second half by our children!

Wrinkles are hereditary. Parents get them from their children.

It's better to wear out than to rust out!

*That's all for now folks. Rob Jesse.*

## WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME

### SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2002.

|                |                                                                    |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 18th September | Highlights of a World Cruise - Bill Chorley                        |
| 2nd October    | John and Elizabeth Gradwell entertain.                             |
| 16th October   | The Bournemouth Salvation Army Fellowship Band.                    |
| 30th October   | The Wonders of Egypt - Miss E.A.Morris (slides)                    |
| 13th November  | Digging the Dirt - Martin Green                                    |
| 27th November  | Something in the Garden - Mrs.R.Robbins                            |
| 11th December  | Christmas Lunch<br>Entertainment by Mr.T.Trickett and accompanist. |

There's no need to pay a fee to join this "Club" - anyone is welcome to come along to the Village Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesdays as shown above. Just £1 for an entertaining talk and tea afterwards. For transport or any other queries, phone 552308. See you on the 18th September!

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| Tuesday | 9:00 - 5:00 | 8:30 - 1:00         |

### Thank You

**Shirley and Sandra** would like to thank everyone for cards, messages of sympathy plus donations to the British Heart Foundation following the loss of  
**Mum (Evelyn Penny)** on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

### **Poppy Appeal 2002**

Since 1998, Brigadier David Birch (Retd.) has coordinated, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, the annual Poppy Appeal for Sixpenny Handley and the surrounding district. Responsibility has now passed to Bill Chorley and in this very brief introduction, ahead of a fuller article in October, I first of all pay tribute to David for his magnificent work over the past four years and at the same time acknowledging the unstinting work of his many volunteers who visit the community, knocking on doors and promoting the cause of this timeless Poppy Appeal.

May I assure you all, your labours are most appreciated and during September/ October, I will be contacting everyone on David's "list" in the hope that you will be able to continue your support for the 2002 Appeal.

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## June 2002

Members and several visitors were welcomed at Handleys' meeting, when they were given a most interesting and inspiring talk by Miss S Bowser entitled –'Time for Hugs' – a little Sudanese refugee girls interpretation of 'Offering one another a Sign of Peace'. She and five other Sudanese refugee children had stayed at Miss Bowsers house at Hale in the New Forest for a holiday and thoroughly enjoyed the Forest and Salisbury areas – a new experience for them. A visit to the seaside was 'Magic', other refugee children followed – staying in Salisbury –and were allowed to visit the Bishop in his bedroom one day, when he was unwell. There were many photographs of the children and their activities and the work that Miss Bowser is involved with in helping Sudanese children and refugees. She was thanked by Bobby Carter.

Several members took part in the Jubilee Quiz recently. There is a Festival in St Mary's Church at Maiden Newton on 25 -26<sup>th</sup> June. Several members visited. There is to be a Group Walk around Blandford on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with supper afterwards.

A walk around Salisbury on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and supper after.

On a very wet Sunday afternoon members visited Throop WI Open Day and Garden Party at Throop Mill House.

Carole North has agreed to become new Group Treasurer.

Flower of the month winners – Jan Gibb, Carole North and Doreen Leverton.

Refreshments were served by Jean Haines and Shirley Rhodes.

## July 2002

Members and three visitors were welcomed at Handleys' meeting; when a most interesting talk was given by Mr Mark Ching – a Master Thatcher – on Weather in Dorset over a long period. Dorset holds some unusual records e.g. most amount of rain to fall in one period.

Several members visited Lyndhurst to meet their members and join them for a visit to the New Forest Museum and enjoy tea with them afterwards.

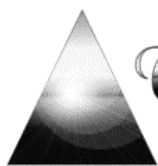
Names were taken for the visit to Martin Greens' Museum on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, when Lyndhurst members will be joining us. There will be tea afterwards.

At the Village Flower Show and Fete on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> WI members are manning the Cake, Produce and Plant stall and any contributions or donation will be gratefully welcomed.

Flower of the month – Doreen Leverton, Jean Maidment and Joan Clarke.

Next meeting: September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## **A WILD GOOSE CHASE**

(Continued from last issue)

..... they set on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1817, led by Jeremiah Brandreth ('The Nottingham Captain') to march on nearby Nottingham.

But it was with them as it had been earlier, when men from Salisbury and Blandford and around about had plotted the Penruddock Rising against Cromwell's government – there was no general rising and they were betrayed by a fellow conspirator who was anxious to save his own skin. The small band of Derbyshire men was no match for the Militia. They were housed in gaols at Derby and Nottingham and subsequently brought to trial at Nottingham Assizes. Three men were condemned to be actually hanged and beheaded, and the rest had their sentences commuted to transportation. Which is how the 'Pentridge Rising' came to be mentioned in a book about the early days of the penal settlement in

Australia.

This, however, was not quite the end of the matter for me, still, way back somewhere in the recesses of the clapped-out computer that serves me as a brain, there was a memory of a prison in Australia known as Pentridge Gaol. It is in Melbourne, and has a certain notoriety, having the remains of Ned Kelly buried there for instance, and being thought of as some rough equivalent of our Dartmoor. When I'd first heard of it, a good few years ago now, through a cousin in Australia I had made some rather half-hearted enquiries about how this prison had come by its name. The best guess going at that time being that perhaps the first Governor had married a girl who had originated from Pentridge! I thought this a bit improbable myself.

Had we now stumbled over the answer to this question then? Had Pentridge Gaol taken its name from the men transported for their part in the 'Pentridge Revolution'? This didn't seem to be likely either, since the early convicts in Australia weren't shut away in prisons: they had to buckle-to to wrest a living from the inhospitable soil. Had one of them made good eventually and perhaps himself joined the Prison Service out there?

The Derbyshire County Archivist had thoughtfully provided me with the address of the Public Record Office for the State of Victoria, which is where Melbourne is, so I wrote to them to ask if anything were known about how Pentridge Gaol came by its name. The reply was quite a long while coming, and in the meanwhile my next door neighbour had downloaded from the internet some information that was of interest. It seemed that part at least of Pentridge Gaol had been closed down, and that there was now a Pentridge Village built on the site, with residences for sale which estate agents were recommending as highly desirable!

The reply from the Record Office, when it eventually came confirmed this: and contrary to my original assumption, it was the other way round. There had always been a place called Pentridge and when the gaol was built there it just took its name from the village. I say 'always' – but they quoted 'Place Names of Victoria' by a Les Blake, which records that the village dated from 1840, the gaol being built there later. It was said that the village took its name from its developer, or a local land-owner or big-wig, an Irishman whose name was Joseph Pentridge.

Well, since that name is built up from those two Celtic elements, this sounded plausible enough, especially if that name was known in Ireland. A gazetteer of Ireland in Salisbury City Library showed, however, that there is no place of that name in Ireland, none of my Irish friends at St Osmund's Church had ever come across the name; and I was disappointed to find that the Irish telephone directories, impressively to be found in Salisbury Reference Library contained no trace of any such name. So a curious chap like me can't help wondering, 'However did that Irishman, in Australia in 1840, come by the name of Pentridge? I guess we shall never know. But then a Wild Goose Chase has to end somewhere!

*Anthony J Lane*

## Sixpenny Handley First School News

It has been a busy Summer Term at school. We have enjoyed many exciting events despite the unseasonably 'damp' weather.

The younger children celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee in style - wearing patriotic red, white and blue, naturally! They had an action-packed day making themselves crowns, orienteering in the school grounds and baking jewelled crown biscuits for later consumption. Story-telling involved kings, queens, princes and princesses, of course! A picnic lunch was eaten in glorious sunshine on our field beneath a Union flag which flew languidly from our maypole. Meanwhile, the older children attended the Bath and West Show - returning full of their experiences and bearing Jubilee souvenirs.

Fortunately our Sports Day turned out to be dry and everyone enjoyed the return of the traditional team races again this year. The novelty race involved the whole school dressing up their team Jubilee queen. Each crowned monarch looked very regal as she paraded in her finery carrying an orb and sceptre. It was quite a spectacle! Family picnics followed on the school field and everyone left for home in high spirits.

Our Open Day was very well attended. The children delighted in showing relatives around classrooms, revelling in well-earned praise for their hard work to be found in books and on various displays. The visit usually ended in the Book Fair, browsing for new material to read.

The Fun Evening somehow remained dry, despite some worrying black clouds and definite drops of moisture which were apparent during the children's entertainment. Parents and friends were taken for a trip down memory lane by some well-known songs and country dances performed by our pupils. 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside' and 'You are my sunshine' seemed somewhat optimistic at the time but later the clouds departed and the beautifully sunlit evening was a great success. Tired children with fantastically painted faces (could they really have been the children we had taught all day?!) were encouraged homewards to be put sleepily in to bed.

In addition, the children have been out of school on visits to enhance their education and put their knowledge and understanding of the world into a practical context as well. You may have spotted the younger children learning about their local environment during walks around the village itself. Some visits involved travelling further afield. These were carefully chosen by staff to ensure a range of different experiences occur during a pupil's five years with us.

**Kingston Lacy** was the destination of the oldest children's visit this term. On 4th July, the 8 and 9 year-olds of Class 3 enjoyed a very memorable visit to this famous mansion outside Wimborne. Once owned by the Bankes family, and now a National Trust property, the house has been preserved not only for its beautiful architecture, lavish internal decoration and valuable art treasures which of course made a deep and lasting impression on the children, but also for all the details of domestic life, both upstairs and downstairs, which are meticulously preserved within the estate.

It was "Kingston Lacy in Victorian times" that was the particular focus of our visit. Thus the children, whose recent history work has included studying employment and working conditions in Victorian times, gained an insight into the daily routines of domestic servants at a large country mansion. The lonely, simple life of a shepherd on the estate became very real when the children stood inside the reconstructed shepherd's hut, the complex system of bells and hidden staircases in the house revealed the endless effort involved by the servants in fulfilling the needs and wishes of a wealthy family, and the hugely time-consuming and continuous cycle of laundry work became clear. It was the hands-on 'labour' in the laundry which aroused the most excitement in the children, greatly enhanced by the wearing of Victorian-style work clothes. Thanks to the excellent provision by the National Trust staff, the day also included happy times spent playing with Victorian toys and games, handling artefacts from the house, and exploring the delights of the garden, with the estate's wonderful herd of Red Devon cattle in the parkland beyond.

Each of the children took home a different special memory from the feast of visual experiences they had enjoyed. For one it was a stuffed bird, for another a mummified crocodile, a special painting, a leather wallpaper, a baby's cradle or a fleur-de-lys motif recurring throughout the house. All were in agreement, however, that they had had a wonderful day. Thanks to a kind gesture of the National Trust, who provided each child with free tickets for a return visit with an adult, it would seem unlikely to be their final visit to this very special local attraction.

**Class 2 visited Streetwise Safety Centre in Poole where different environments have been set up to realistically illustrate the many dangers in everyday life.**

**From dealing with strangers to responsibly disposing of dangerous litter, the areas such as a farmyard, the beach, a park,**

When we visited Streetwise it was fun! I liked the park but then something strange happened: we heard footsteps then we saw a face pop out of the door he didn't have a yellow jumper. But Tyler Reece and I listened to him. Alice said: That was a stranger!

I have learnt not to speak to strangers.

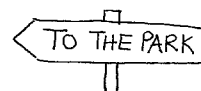
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**SAY NO, NEVER GO!**

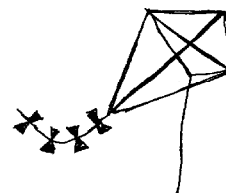
I saw a kite stuck in the electricity cables. You will be electrocuted and die. I enjoyed my visit to Streetwise. You should not fly a kite near cables.

by Chelsea



It was very interesting to visit Streetwise because it made you learn so much about being safe. I enjoyed visiting the beach. A little boy was lost on the beach. He looked for a blue label and eventually he found his mum. As he went home he might have stepped on a bit of glass that was left behind.

by Alice



**roads and a house equipped with "real" smoke are**

**show the children how to behave in various situations and how to call the emergency services.**

**It was a fun, practical way to reinforce important lessons.**

When we visited a Safety Centre called Streetwise we went into a house. We saw a pair of scissors on the table. A baby was in the house. Pills were on the table. If the baby ate the pills the baby would be poisoned and might die.  
Luke

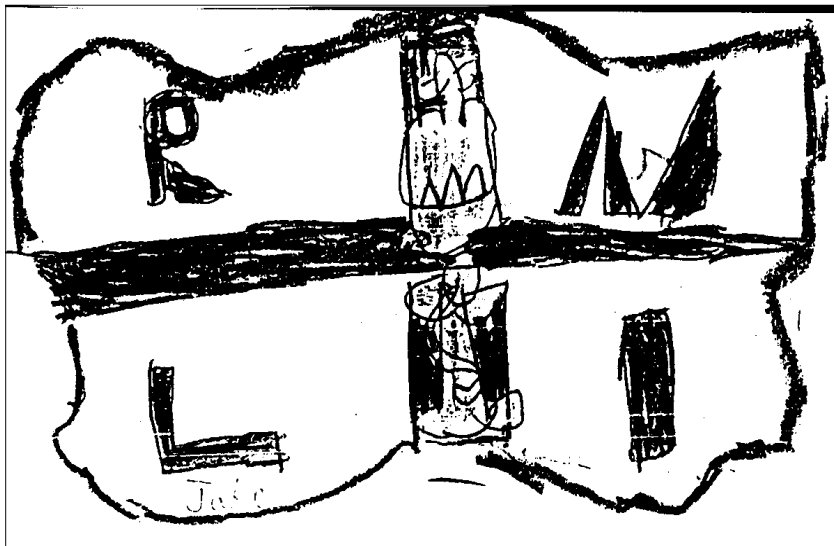
At Streetwise I learnt a lot about safety in the alley way. The alley way was spooky when we walked through. There was rubbish on the floor. Some of the girls held their dresses up so they wouldn't touch anything especially my friend Cailin. We had to clap, shout and stamp so anybody on the other side would think there was a whole group of children coming. Now I know what to do when I go through a dark alley way: go with an adult or a good friend.

By Rachel



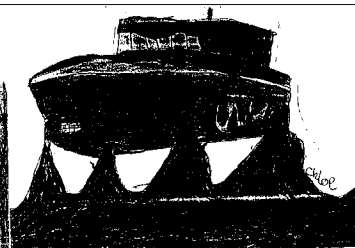
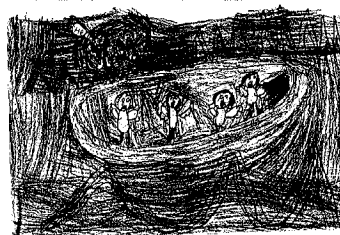
On Monday we visited Streetwise. We learned about safety. We went in a house, it had lots of dangerous things. There were candles on the television and on the window sill. It could burn the curtains and set the whole house on fire. We went in the hall and there was smoke, it was a fire! We had to get out of the nearest door. Ellie had to dial 999 for the fire brigade.  
By Alysha





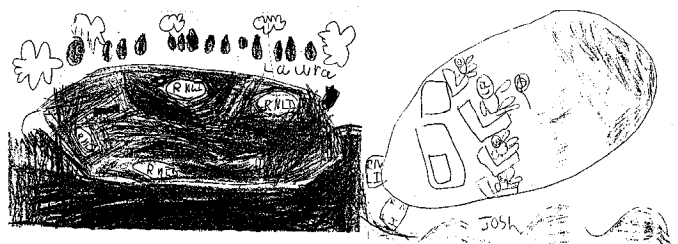
Following in the steps of Barnaby Bear, and as part of our local area studies, Reception and Year 1 children visited the RNLI headquarters in Poole. Despite the

threatening skies the children enjoyed an informative tour around the RNLI site looking at the various lifeboats and hearing about the



We went to Poole. We went on the bus. It was sun on the bus. Maureen told us lots of information about the RNLI. It was sun we had an icecream. It was GREAT. We had a picnic on the Beach. It was Windy.

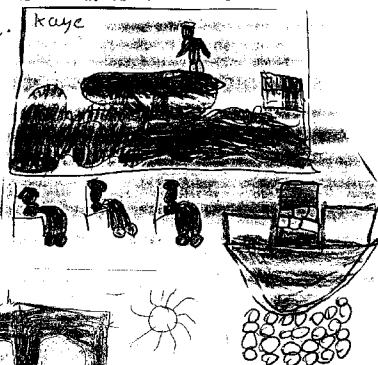
Maureen



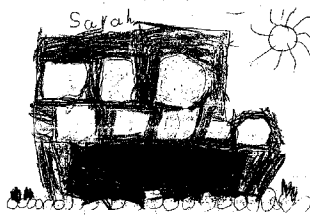
Wednesday 3rd July

We went to Poole and we saw lots of different lifeboats. We had a photo taken with a life guard in it. The life guard dragged Deanna along. Mrs Wall and Diane got us an ice cream and a lolly if we didn't want an ice cream we had a lolly instead. We saw two lifeguards running to a life boat we thought they were practising. We went in the water and Terri found some seaweed. I made a sand castle with the sand. We had to go home.

Kaye



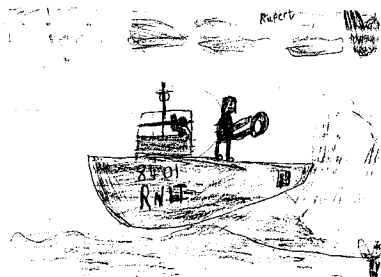
Sarah



activities of the lifeboat charity. A windswept picnic at Sandbanks gave the children the opportunity to let off steam and observe the distinctive red and yellow warning flags and working lifeguards.

On the second of July we went to Poole and saw the RNLI. We went on a bus. There were lots of lifeboats we didn't go on one. We watched a video my favourite bit was when a boy dialled 999 which was right. After that we went to the beach we went in the water for a paddle I got soaked. Mrs Wall and Diane and Cassie got some lollies and icecreams. Luckily it wasn't raining. Mrs Wall took a picture of us with our icecreams and lollies.

Lacey



Wednesday 3rd July

We went to Poole to the RNLI. I liked the video because it had big boats in it. We saw some people in the video the people were getting ready for saving some people.

We had an icecream it was nice. All of us went in the water for a paddle. Lacey found a shell it was beautiful. I dressed up as a lifeguard it was very heavy. A boy phoned 999 because someone was in trouble. I saw some medals one of them was like James. We sat on a beach some lifeguards came to show us about saving people. Deanna was dragged along she laughed. Everyone finished their icecream and we went on the bus. I giggled all the way to school.



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**August 4th** Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Morning Prayer<br>6:00 Holy Communion | 11:15 Morning Prayer<br>& Holy Communion |
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**August 11th** Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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| 10:30 Family Worship | 9:30 Holy Communion |
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**August 18th** Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion<br>6:00 Evensong | 11:15 Morning Prayer |
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**August 25th** Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion | 9:30 Holy Communion | 11:15 Family Service |
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**September 1st** Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Morning Prayer<br>6:00 Holy Communion | 11:15 Morning Prayer<br>& Holy Communion |
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**September 8th** Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 11:00 Harvest Festival | 6:00 Festival Evensong |
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**September 15th** Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion<br>6:00 Evensong | 11:15 Morning Prayer |
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**September 22nd** Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion | 9:30 Holy Communion |
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**September 29th** Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion<br>6:00 Sunday Night Live | 11:15 Morning Prayer<br>for Harvest Festival |
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**October 6th** Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Morning Prayer<br>6:00 Holy Communion | 11:15 Morning Prayer<br>& Holy Communion |
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## Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



The Club is in real need of new members. We have had to cancel matches due to not being able to raise sufficient players. It is such a shame when we have the lovely facilities that we have.

After such a lot of rain we are having a lovely spell at the moment which is giving us such enjoyment playing on a Sunday afternoon or early evening. The club competitions are all going well.

We had the results so far of the mixed Triples League which we are in, which showed we are top at the moment, but we have played more matches than anyone else, so it is a bit misleading.

Our results on grass are definitely improving, which shows practice makes perfect.

Unfortunately our men had to leave the Dorset League due to struggling to get sufficient players but they said they would be pleased to have us back when things improve.

The Quiz that we held for the Jubilee Fund went really well and our next Club one is planned for 30<sup>th</sup> November – please put this in your diary.

*Gill Martin*

## THE JUBILEE WEEKEND - A THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

When we started planning the events for the Jubilee Weekend - back in October - we really had no idea whether we would get any support - or none! In the event, all the people involved and all the organisations worked with enormous energy and enthusiasm to make this a happy and successful event. Of course, we were blessed with wonderful weather, which when you consider what the rest of June and July were like was in itself a minor miracle. All the events were splendidly supported, and so our very warm thanks to all those of you who came and celebrated, as well as those who organised.

On behalf of the Jubilee Committee, I would like to give especial thanks to Alison Latchem and the staff and children at the School, Maggie Staplehurst and the members of the Women's Institute, all the members of the Flower Arranging Club and the Church who gave floral displays, Jean Mayne and the members of the Mothers' Union, and Ron Wood, Norman Mansfield and all those who lent photographs and did scanning. The Bowls Club and friends deserve a special mention as not only did they organise an excellent Quiz Night, but Tony Groves masterminded the roasting of that amazing and delicious pig. The shops put on splendid decorations; we all loved your 1952 haberdashery store, Liz! And whatever you do, don't forget the heroic souls who put up the bunting - and then took it down again.

The Parish Council organised the gift of mugs to all the school children which was much appreciated. A special thank you to Alan Vincent who successfully married up mugs and children. When we started out, we only expected that at best we would break even financially. As it turned out, we were able to donate profits and donations of £900 to the Village Hall for their repairs fund. You can read about this elsewhere in the Downsman.

And while we are on the subject of "thank yous", our thanks also to Her Majesty the Queen for giving us the excuse for a splendid party. Long may she reign!

*Pam Wood*

*Chairman, Jubilee Committee*



# Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Extracts from PC Luckham's Report

## **THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE**

Almost every village and community celebrated in some form or another. I am pleased to report that in the main celebrations went off with out any problems. Every one seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. However we did receive a few reports throughout the whole of the Blandford patch of flags being stolen.

## **FIRES**

The Blandford arsonist struck again in the latter part of June. A man was arrested by police and has since been released on Police Bail whilst enquiries continue.

## **VERGES**

As all hay fever sufferers are well aware, the grass is extremely long at present. It is from a driver's point of view that I mention this. The verges are so long and bulky that the apparent width of roads has decreased. Obviously it doesn't physically narrow but the effect is that drivers tend to use a central line rather than keep well in to the left. On country lanes this means that we all need to take extra care as we travel around the comers. Care is also needed at junctions as visibility is vastly reduced. The council and farmers are cutting the verges but not all get done and some are in conservation areas that stay longer. Take care.

## **GOOD NEWS**

Two of Dorset's prolific criminals have been jailed. Both males travelled across the border causing havoc in several counties. The main offender was sentenced to ten years imprisonment: the other receiving a slightly shorter term of imprisonment. These offenders were part of a team that Dorset Police have been looking at for burglary, theft and ram raids.

## **SPEEDING**

The speed camera has been out in several of the villages. Stourpaine behaved themselves quite well through the main road during the duration of our monitoring. Pimperne however was a different matter. The highest recorded speed through the 30mph limit was 72mph!! Offenders that were recorded as exceeding the limit were issued with fixed penalty tickets to the value of £60.00 and will have points put on their licence. Certain drivers whose speed was excessive were reported to attend court.

## **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

We are about to enter into six weeks or so of school holidays. What are your children going to be doing? Are you organising ways to entertain them? Have you organised a rota for parental supervision? What do you think they want to do? Can you facilitate this? All sorts of activities are available to the kids with a bit of forethought and planning. This will ensure their energy is channeled into worthwhile and enjoyable entertainment rather than hanging around bored looking for the next annoying or illegal act.

## **TELEPHONE CALLS**

We have been informed of the following frauds, the first of which is targeting women in particular.

Individuals receive a telephone call claiming to be from the Post Office asking them to confirm their postcode. When this is given, they are told that they have become eligible for some gift vouchers for their co-operation and are asked to provide their home address and postcode in order to receive the vouchers. So far a high proportion of those who have provided this information have been burgled, as it is assumed that their homes are empty during working hours. The Post Office have confirmed that they are not conducting any postcode surveys.

You receive a telephone call from an individual who claims to be a service Technician conducting a test on that line and asks you to complete the test by pressing nine, zero (90) then the hash key, and then hang up. This will give them full access to your phone line, which allows them to place long distance, international or chat-line calls. These are then billed to your account. Do not press 90#.

## FOOTBALL CLUB

Training has started and will continue on Monday evenings at 7 pm until the season starts in September when it will be Wednesday's at the same time.

The Club has retained its position in Dorset League Division 3 on Saturdays and Division 3 of the Sunday League.

Any new players will be welcome.

The 100 club reminders will be sent out soon and new members to this will also be welcome.

The Club would like to thank all who have supported our Fund Raising in the past and hope that they will continue. The Club are hoping for a better season than last.

Last season's teams were recently presented with the awards for last seasons efforts.

Winners were:

|                  | Saturday        | Sunday       |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Top Goal scorers | S. Wallworth    | Stuart Neave |
| Man of the Match | Lee Etherington |              |
| Players Player   | Roger Bennett   | Steve Green  |

**Spectators always welcome at home matches.**

**Cheering from time to time is allowed!!**

## £100 TAX RISE FOR EVERY HOME???

This headline appeared in the Sunday Express on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2002. This stealth tax could increase our council tax to over 10% this year.

Recycling targets could cost an extra £5 per year over the next six years, an increase of 3.9%. This is before budgets have been set. We are all aware of how important recycling is, more education is required, this facility should not be for the chosen few but should be made available to everyone, before any extra costs are considered.

Last year East Dorset increased council Tax by 21%.

County Council budget proposals for 2003/2004 to increase by at least 6% above inflation and 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 to increase at least 5% above inflation.

Charge for refuse collection considered, as much as £1 per sack or £5 per month. This has now been strongly denied by Gordon Brown, who is now backpeddling on matters of refuse charges.

We must call a halt to inflated costs being put on us by Government and Local Authorities every year, we do not have bottomless pockets. Wages in the rural areas are very low and this ever increasing expense is putting a great burden on the rate payer. Councils should work within their budgets and as much as inflation allows. It should not be acceptable that large increases are made above the rate of inflation.

*Cllr. Pauline Bailey-Wright, On Behalf of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council.*

# *Bed and* *Breakfast*

**Traditional thatched cottage  
in centre of Sixpenny Handley**

**£29.95 single per night**

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This Giant Panda walks into a Pub with his girlfriend. He approaches the bar and when asked what he wanted says to the barman:

"A pint of Bitter and ..... a Gin & Tonic."

About 30 minutes later he comes back to the bar and orders:

"A pint of Bitter and .....a Gin & Tonic."

Again about 30 minutes later he returns and asks for:

"A pint of Bitter and.....a Gin & Tonic."

This time the barman says to him – "each time you come to the bar you order a pint of Bitter and a Gin & Tonic, but why the pause."

"Because I'm a Panda", he replies!!!

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank the Parish Council and the people of Sixpenny Handley for my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday gift. I was one of those lucky enough to be born a few weeks before the then Princess Elizabeth became Queen, and therefore a recipient of a mystery gift. The engraved glass goblet was a lovely surprise, although I was on holiday when those that became 50 received their gift, the Rev Ron Wood brought mine round in person. Thank you again, a lovely reminder of this Jubilee year.

*Sue Nowell*



Arfur Bin says....



We can all **“WAKE UP TO WASTE”** at home, by following Arfur Bin’s simple hints below:-

## REDUCE

Choose goods with less packaging. Buy long-life products like rechargeable batteries and energy saving lightbulbs.

## REUSE

Old clothes, china, furniture and bric-a-brac can all find new homes through local charity shops and voluntary schemes.

## RECYCLE

Please use your local recycling facilities for papers, glass, cans & tins and plastic bottles - for further information about what and where you can recycle, contact your local council's recycling officer. Compost kitchen scraps and garden waste.

By following Arfur Bin's hints we could all end up with 'half a bin' of rubbish, and only half the waste problem for the future!

## TO FIND OUT MORE

For more information about waste issues:

please call **01305 225193** during office hours

# Letters

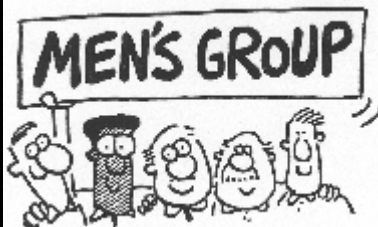
I refer to the letter in the last edition of the Downsman in which Ian Davies made reference to the composition of the Council and the way planning decisions are made.

Since the Council was grouped with Pentridge it has been the practice for the Chairman to come from Sixpenny Handley and the Vice Chairman to come from Pentridge. However this has now been discontinued and the Chairman may be elected from either Ward, and this year because of there being only one member from the Pentridge Ward both Officers were elected from Sixpenny Handley, but now with a full Council again this could change especially after next year when there will be an election.

Some Parish Councils are clued up on the Planning law, but the purpose of this consultation with Parishes is for the District Council to get the layman's and maybe residents view of any planning application as all these matters are taken into consideration when a planning application is determined. The Council Case Officers and the Chief Planning Officers are very highly trained, both in the law and Local Council Planning Policy.

This Policy is determined by the results of the Local Plan which has just been completed at considerable cost for an enquiry by the Secretary of State's Enquiry Officer and those local conditions will carry on until at least 2006 and some until 2010. So it is not necessary for Parish Councillors to be experts in planning now as this aspect is looked after by the District Council although some planning matters are an opinion of a University trained Planning Officer and is either supported by the Committee at their meeting or not.

*Brian Hansford, Parish Clerk*



## THE MEN'S GROUP

This is an informal group that gets together on the fourth Thursday evening of each month to talk and have a drink. Generally, we have someone to come and lead the discussion on a particular topic. Although the group meets at the Vicarage, it is a non-church group open to anyone to come

along; and we are perfectly happy to talk about sex, politics, religion or money - in fact all the things you aren't supposed to bring up! Come and join in at 7.30 pm.

**What do you call a flock of birds who fly in formation ?**

**The red sparrows !**

**What do you call a bee that is always complaining ?**

**A grumble bee !**

**What do you call a fish on a motorcycle ?**

**A motor pike !**

**What do you call an elephant that has had too much to drink ?**

**Trunk !**

**What do you call a film about mallards ?**

**A duckumentary !**

**What do you call a cow that cuts grass ?**

**A lawn mooooooer !**

# The Downsman

## DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

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| Aug-01        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Sep-12        | Youth Club Opens              | 17        |
| Aug-07        | Bridge Evening                   | 07        | Sep-14        | Police Community Vehicle      | 03        |
| Aug-08        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Sep-15        | Scouts Car Boot Sale          | 25        |
| Aug-14        | Bridge Evening                   | 07        | Sep-18        | Bridge Evening                | 07        |
| Aug-15        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Sep-18        | Whist at The Village Hall     | 07        |
| <b>Aug-17</b> | <b>Flower Show &amp; Fun Day</b> | <b>24</b> | Sep-18        | Wednesday Club                | 28        |
| Aug-17        | Dog Show                         | 11        | Sep-19        | Chase Community Friends       | 04        |
| Aug-17        | Police Community Vehicle         | 03        | <b>Sep-20</b> | <b>Downsman Copy Deadline</b> | <b>03</b> |
| Aug-21        | Bridge Evening                   | 07        | Sep-22        | Countryside March             | 13        |
| Aug-22        | Mens Group                       | 46        | Sep-25        | Bridge Evening                | 07        |
| Aug-22        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Sep-26        | Chase Community Friends       | 04        |
| Aug-28        | Bridge Evening                   | 07        | Sep-26        | Mens Group                    | 46        |
| Aug-29        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Oct-02        | Whist at The Village Hall     | 07        |
| Sep-04        | Bridge Evening                   | 07        | Oct-02        | Bridge Evening                | 07        |
| Sep-04        | Whist at The Village Hall        | 07        | Oct-02        | Wednesday Club                | 28        |
| Sep-05        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Oct-03        | Chase Community Friends       | 04        |
| Sep-08        | Harvest Festival                 | 40        | Oct-09        | Bridge Evening                | 07        |
| Sep-09        | W I Meeting                      | 30        | Oct-10        | Chase Community Friends       | 04        |
| Sep-11        | Bridge Evening                   | 07        | Oct-12        | Police Community Vehicle      | 03        |
| Sep-12        | Chase Community Friends          | 04        | Oct-16        | Whist at The Village Hall     | 07        |

**TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL SIXPENNY HANDLEY**

# **FLOWER SHOW**

**AND FAMILY FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**SHOW OPENS 2.30 PM**

**SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL AND  
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**3 COUNTIES  
CLASSIC CARS**

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CONTINUOUS RAFFLE**

**VARIETY OF STALLS**

**TEAS**

**GAMES**

**COMPETITIONS FOR  
FRUIT VEGETABLES COOKERY PHOTOGRAPHY  
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**FOR INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS**

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