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Brian Hansford is presented with a recognition of his 23 years as Parish Clerk by the Parish Council Chairman, John Curtis.



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A Quiet Time at Woodcutts

Already two months have passed of 2003, and the third, March is half way through. It is only a rumour that I have been in hibernation, but at times it does seem as if I have. The past few days have been warm and bright, starting with mild ground frosts but later becoming wonderful, sunny and warm. A fairly high pressure system is situated over us, and according to the forecasters it is likely to stay put until the weekend. This will mean a whole week of sunshine, with clear skies at night, which of course will account for the very cold ground temperatures early in the morning, which account for the ground frosts.

Nevertheless, Sunday, 16th March will be the day that Spring started for me this year. After a cold start, the sun quickly took command of the situation and the temperature rose steadily, until by 9.30 am it was pleasantly warm. Whether it was because the Bishop of Salisbury presided over the communion service at St. Mary's on this particular Sunday, I know not, but what I do know is that after the service I was fortunate enough to see my first Peacock butterfly of the year, looking extremely glamorous and resting on a primrose. There is "Beauty in the eyes of the beholder", according to the old saying, but who would not or could not see the beauty there. When I saw this herald of the Spring, I was talking to a lady who I did not know from Adam. (In this case perhaps it should be Eve.) I was afterwards told it was the Bishop's wife, so you see it could have been his presence that was responsible for this being "My first day of spring". Later on that Sunday, Ron Wood told me he had seen a Brimstone near the church.

At first I felt rather put out that he had seen one when I had not, did his position mean that he had preference over me? So I decided that, that evening I would ask the "Boss". The reply came a few hours later, at 10.55 am on Monday morning, when I had my first sighting of the first of four Brimstones that morning.

Monday morning started for me at 6.15 am when I let the chicken out. I was greeted by the dawn chorus, clear blue skies and a ground frost. Later at 9.20 am I was seated at my desk, in the garden, (There just isn't room for all my junk in the house.), quietly minding my own business, and thinking how hard done by I was, when it occurred to me that it was too cold to be sitting outside at that time of the morning; I am not a complete fool you see.

Anyway, I decided to go for a perambulation along the lane, westward towards Champ's Farm. As I passed the last house on the right, there was nothing but open fields each side of me. The winter corn now well established, showed a very verdant green, with the sky a brilliant blue above, and a sun providing copious amounts of glorious, solar power. Even the tall lime, oak and ash hedge line with its mature trees was unable to keep out the sunshine coming from the south-east. Then I noticed deer grazing away to the east, enjoying the sunshine and the protection afforded by the trees. Even out in the field, they were only a few metres from safety. My first idea was to stand and watch to see what they would do, but I soon realised that my vision was not good enough, I was not even sure how many there were. So I hastened back home, to collect my binoculars.

On my return, I discovered that there were five animals in total, all male. The one standing on guard duty was an older animal, possibly three to four years old. He was not the senior member though, there was in fact one considerably older, but he had been in the wars and presumably superseded by a more virile, stronger and younger buck in his own herd. The reason for this, being that somehow in the past he had lost one antler.

From what I could see of the remaining three, two were two year olds with the third a yearling. They were to remain in the same spot all day long, and I last saw them there at 5.20 pm. In the meantime my attention was drawn to the presence of a family of three

buzzards. They were soaring in circles immediately above the deer, shrieking away so that their proximity was in no doubt. This of course meant that every rook and pigeon for miles had taken to the air, all creating noisily. I remained watching the buzzards' graceful, aeronautical display; their graceful gliding followed by the powerful, slow wing movements, to regain height while showing off the under-side of their bodies to perfection. Now it was time to return to my desk, the deadline for copy was approaching. Immediately on sitting down the noise of bumble bees could be heard, but capping this was the arrival of my first Brimstone. Obviously there was to be no favouritism after all.

Shortly after sitting down, Phil arrived with the milk and also with the news that he had just heard on the radio, that the weapons' inspectors had been withdrawn from Iraq.

How on earth can we reconcile the advent of war with the deer, the buzzards, the rooks and pigeons, the celandines, the primroses and white violets and the butterflies around us?

What can we do to help? Pray? Write? One thing we can all do is appreciate what we have.

In the afternoon my day was completed by seeing a Comma butterfly in the churchyard.

Thank God for this wonderful world, and may all thoughts of war be quickly behind us.

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Ted Cox 19th. March 2003

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District Swimming Gala

Nine scouts competed in the recent district Swimming Gala held at the 2 Rivers Leisure Centre, Christchurch. The gala was a mixture of serious races and fun events. The competition was hard going, but one team from 1st Woodcutts came fourth in the mixed relay event and the other did exceptionally well in the inflatable raft race. The two teams came second and third in the duck race. This involved 150 plus rubber ducks being let loose in the swimming pool and the Scouts having to swim and collect as many of the ducks as possible. In the individual swim Jamie came joint second in the front crawl, this being a great achievement as he was up against some very strong swimmers. The Scouts are now organising some practice sessions in a local pool in order to better their chances in the next competition.



Night Hike

The Scouts completed a night hike on Friday 21st February. We left the hut at 9.30 in the evening and walked a total of 13 miles. The scouts got back to the hut at 3.30 on Saturday morning. The walking conditions were excellent but the temperature did drop to below – 4⁰C during the night. The Scouts were awake by 8.00 am (less than four hours sleep!!) and then cooked a full fry-up breakfast. Thank you to all the parents who completed the paper rounds on the Saturday morning, I don't think that any of the Scouts were willing or able to walk a metre further.

Thoughts are now concentrated on the forthcoming Easter Camp. We will be staying at Osmington Bay near Weymouth and we are planning a number of activities including: low-ropes course, high-ropes course, mountain boarding, aeroball and many, many others.

Rob Easton, Scout Leader, 1st Woodcutts

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The February meeting was again delighted to welcome Mrs B Last, who gave an illustrated talk on the Wiltshire Chalk Streams. We saw how the chalk streams have suffered in recent years from bad management and what can be done to reverse the trend. Mrs Last's talks never fail to enthral the members and as always the talk was accompanied by excellent slides which showed us the flora and fauna that rely on these streams. Mr Last acted as projector operator and general factotum!

The flower of the month was an iris grown by Jean Maidment and Stella Symes won the most interesting exhibit of a piece of flint.

Denise Ewbank from ECO Composting managed to make her talk at the March meeting extremely interesting on the subject of Enhancing the Landscape, Sustaining the Earth. She outlined the processes that turn our garden waste into useable compost and mulches and extended an invitation to visit the site near Hum Airport to see for ourselves. This compost is now available at garden centres and Household Waste sites in the area.

The flower of the month was again won by Jean Maidment exhibiting a multi-headed narcissus.

The Speaker at the April meeting will be Mr K Eldred - the talk is entitled The American Hospital at Kingston Lacy, visitors welcome. The exhibit will be Memorabilia of America.

The WI meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd Monday of every month except August at 7.30pm.

Carole North

LIFE WITH LUCY

Lucy is half-blue Persian, which gives her a certain cachet when I first introduce her to visitors. The other half of her is unknown, consisting of apricot streaks almost hidden in the blue. Her coat is very thick as befits her ancestry, but her less refined genes have given it a layer of a cotton wool quality. This makes grooming very difficult and she, quite rightly, objects to any prolonged ministrations. She is the sixth in line of cats "taken in" as the result of a trying compassionate love for all living creatures, which leads me to rescue worms from the drying hardness of asphalt. She is more fortunate than the previous five because she wasn't abandoned or unwanted. Because of this she is the gentlest, quietest cat of all. Her owner was elderly and had to go into a Home. She was more distraught about Lucy than about herself. My own Sam had just been put down and I had vowed he was my last, but Lucy was known to me and on one visit had shown remarkable prescience by suddenly climbing on my lap, dribbling over my skirt, and paying court a few weeks before her future became a matter of crisis. It was a one-off action, but in my now five years of having her I have discovered that she is a remarkably astute lady.

Eventually she came to me complete- with toys, brushes and combs. She was ten but she still liked to play, even though her frail owner had not been able to do so for a while. I discovered that my close co-operation, in this play was required, even though I wanted to watch television. There were balls to be thrown, strange creatures to be dropped on her widely-exposed tummy, and later on (my own fault) a cloth mouse to drag around the room. Five years later she can't be so active and likes the mouse to be moved around above her prone body as she lies on the carpet, gently patting it and occasionally clawing it down for a chew. I take great care not to make this too easy for it would meet with clear contempt. She has no room for any kind of deception.

She had things to learn when she came to me. Being allowed on the bed convinced her that she had made a good choice. She had never used a litter box, but she consented to use this in bad weather after I explained that this was the only alternative to a stormy wind or a severe frost. Explaining that I would get up at night in the summer to let her out at 4am in the morning, but no way was it on when autumn came she showed great gallantry and delicately entered in when I wasn't there to look. Occasionally she forgets routine and uses it when returning from her last outdoor visit and then goes out again. This she finds is impossible to explain.

She had also never used a cat flap, and still finds it too frightening. If I tie it up open then she jumps through with great aplomb, and seems quite unaware that this method means I suffer from a considerable draught. Should I forget to fasten it open a small indignant face peers through the transparent flap and a tiny mouth opens and closes with no sound coming out.

She is an indoor cat inasmuch as she likes to go out only for a few minutes at a time. She is rather afraid of the unknown, unlike my cat Sam who was once seen chasing a fox across the garden in the dark. When she decides, to come in, she sometimes likes to do it with a wildly waving tail and the speed of a bullet from a gun, and then races around the house and hides away, inviting me to play "chase me behind the furniture". This complete change of character is always so surprising that it brings a chuckle. She loves my lap no matter how inconvenient it is for me not to be free to get on with my life. However, she has learnt to get off when the phone or door bell rings.

Like all cats she constantly changes her place of sleeping. Shop-beds bought at great expense can be suddenly rejected, and strong words from me on the cost of living are met by a rapidly disappearing body and apparent deafness for several hours. The most inconvenient (pardon the pun) place she has chosen has been the warm cover on top of the loo seat.

I have explained that this is my throne and not hers, but even so she remains curled up in a tight ball confident of my soft heart. At first I found myself wondering which of my neighbours would accommodate me until I realised that this was bordering on the ridiculous. She was removed manually for many a day until she surrendered. She now has a very luxurious igloo which looks like being permanent-or will it? I have a tiny suspicion that she knew Christmas was coming.

She is not only a female but is a lady. She eats in small amounts with great delicacy, is very particular about which flavour it is, and stalks away with moving indignation if it's not to her present taste.

Unfortunately for her, I have discovered her creeping back to eat it later when she thinks I'm preoccupied and hunger proves too strong. When I become over anxious about her poor appetite and consult the vet, I am told with a twinkle and firm voice that Lucy is winding me up round her dew claw.

Because she is a lady of gentle ways she disdains martial arts and sits watching baby birds with what can only be described as a benevolent air. Parents may agitate their wings at her and shriek to protect their young, but she half closes her eyes in that superior way in which cats show you that there is absolutely no one quite so perfectly made as a cat.

We have been so close in our now five years together that we can anticipate each others thoughts, and we understand each others tone of voice.

Now she is 15 years old, has cataracts growing, and is becoming a little confused. She has a night light which the vet recommended to stop her waking up at night, forgetting where she is and calling out for me in piercing meows. I know that it will be very hard when a furry body no longer slumbers on my lap whilst I wait to do my chores, when an upright body on the window sill no longer lifts a soft mouth to give me a kiss as I bend over to stroke her, when I greet her early morning jump on the bed with a touch of my hand and loud purrs come, when she walks towards me in the sunlight and the silver blue coat gleams with such beauty; after five of her much longer years left in my care by someone else who laughed and loved her.

Marie Sanders

100 Club Winners – January

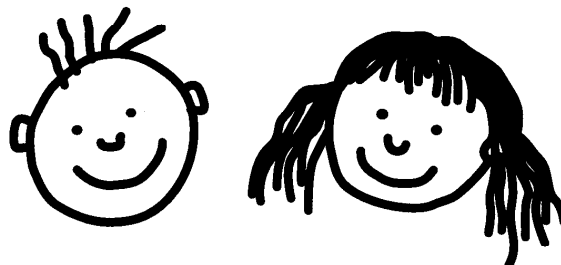
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100 Club Winners – February

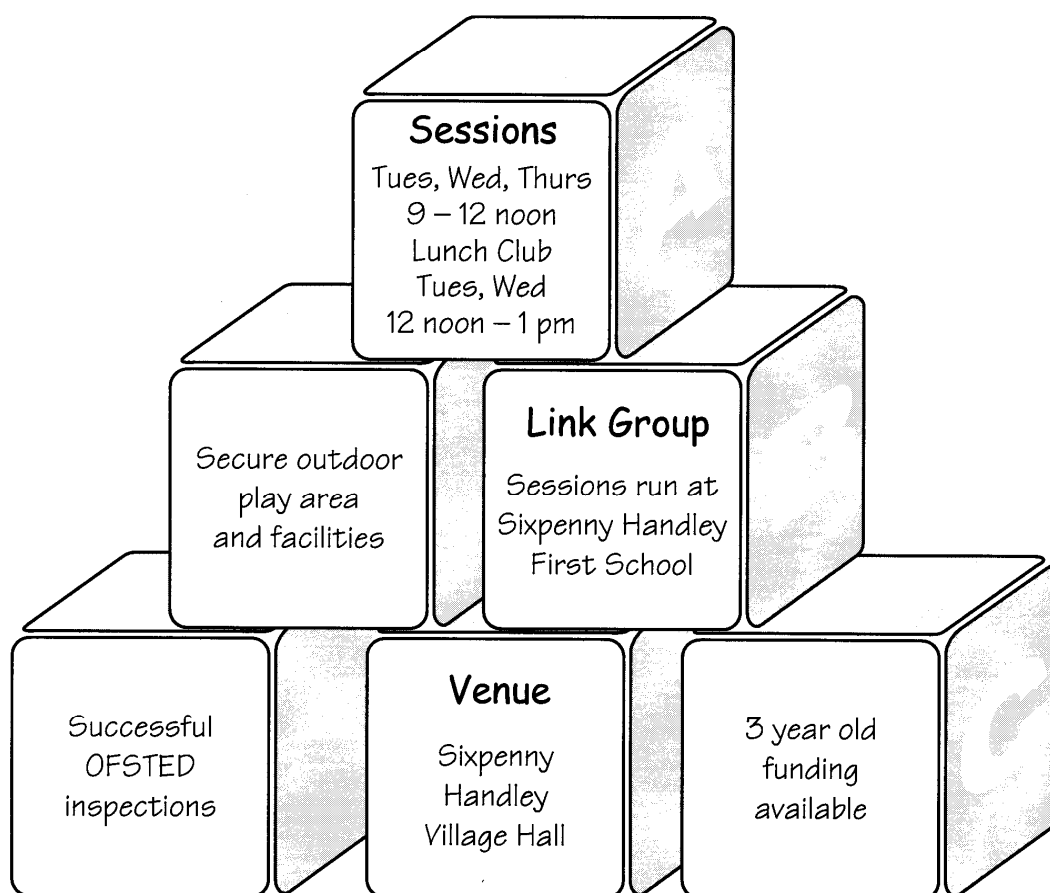
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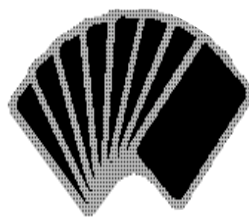
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In the top division (players who, so far, have participated in every drive) Marge Poolman holds what seems to be an unassailable lead of sixty points over her nearest rival, namely Sam Poolman, while Bill Chorley is a further twenty-five points adrift in third place. However, it is in the second and third divisions where the excitement still lies and Doug Haskell's present lead of eighteen points over Dora Scammel can in no way be assumed to be assured of victory, while in turn Dora is closely tracked by David Green, nine points away in third place.

Division three is even more narrowly contended. Doris Day, who, un-fortunately, was unable to attend the drive on 19 March and thereby drops from division two to three, finds herself in the lead by three points over Ruby Jacobs with Daisy Noble, our "senior" competitor, in third place and thirty-two points in arrears to Ruby.

Thus, the leader boards for the top four places in each division reads, as at 20 March (scores since round eight):

Division One

Marge Poolman	158	169	170	158	158	162	2090
Sam Poolman	138	152	149	150	144	156	2030
Bill Chorley	152	156	172	152	152	149	2005
Sylvia Day	138	135	167	140	150	154	1954

Division Two

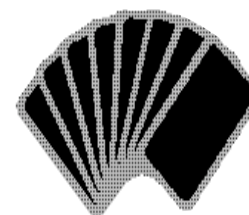
Doug Haskell	171	158	156	156	165	162	1952
Dora Scammel	182	160	174	147	164	150	1934
David Green	162	173	157	151	161	170	1925
Chris Haskell	166	151	155	169	174	153	1913

Division Three

Doris Day	156	161	155	167	171	...	1766
Ruby Jacobs	...	163	156	158	172	159	1763
Daisy Noble	...	153	151	154	166	164	1731
Arthur Austin	...	165	175	158	144	152	1727

With her eighth round score of 182, Dora Scammel remains in line to "scoop the fiver" for the highest score of the competition and all will be revealed in the next issue of "The Downsman" as to whether this held good to the end, plus, of course, the victors in each of the three divisions.

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Juniors (up to 12) 10am-12, Seniors 2-4pm

Free tennis; racquets and balls provided



Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club is an informal club which gives you the opportunity to play social or competitive tennis (or both) as you wish. We have weekly club sessions, as well as regular social/fun tournaments (for both juniors and adults) throughout the year. League tennis is available for the more competitive. Or simply use the courts to have a gentle knock with your family and friends. The club provides high class coaching for all ages and abilities but there is particular emphasis on supporting junior players. There is junior coaching in the summer and adult sessions run all year.

Membership of the tennis club is open to all in Sixpenny Handley and neighbouring villages. We are located at the sports complex on the outskirts of the village (towards Tollard Royal) by the Village Hall.

You are very welcome to attend the Open Day without any obligation at all (please bring suitable footwear). Alternatively there is a membership application form below. For further information, please call your nearest contact below:

Michael Catchpole (Handley) 01725 552679

Paul Noble (Cranborne) 01725 517596

John Fayers (Farnham) 01725 516921

Maureen Swan (Pentridge) 01725 552561

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club Application Form

Membership runs from April 1st. Please return this form with your payment to :
Toby Mills, 8 The Orchard, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5QL

Name _____
Address _____
Postcode _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

I wish to apply for membership of Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club and agree to abide by the rules of the Club and the Club's constitution.

Membership Category	Annual Sub	Amount
Family (see below)	£35	£ _____
Adult	£20	£ _____
Junior/Student (under 21)	£7.50	£ _____
Key Deposit (refundable)	£5	£ _____
Total payment enclosed		£ _____

Please make cheques payable to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club
Family members, please give partner's name and names & ages of children

Signature _____ Date _____



HAPPY NAPPY

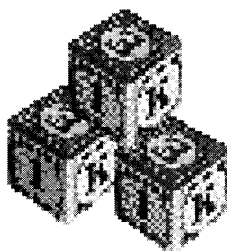


Happy Nappy meets every Monday at
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

With winter behind us and spring just around the corner – the boiler lasted another winter – Hurrah! Hopefully it won't have to work so hard now and we can try to sort out other problems.

Problems ahead – The soak away is blocked - Urinal needs replacing - Outside roof needs repainting – so a lot of work needs to be done. If any persons can offer help please contact a Committee Member. That's the bad news, now the better news. The feedback on the storage units was good. The chair trolley has been a god send saving a lot of back braking lifting and the table trolley a help, so money well spent.

Still no good news about the youth club starting up because of lack of helpers – again if you are interested contact me. Everything is there but the helpers. The badminton is starting to make headway with quite a few members enjoying their evening – again if you want to get fit or exercise a bit more contact Ron Wood.

The Committee members helped Adam and Chris with their Blue Peter Sale at the Village Hall and a good profit was raised. Well done lads.

I'm sorry to say the Fashion Show has been postponed.

The Jumble sale was on March 29th so hopefully well supported and a good profit was made. Figures in next issue of Downsman.

Date for the future – AGM April 29th – come along and air your views – make a suggestion on its future, help raise funds. Your support is needed. Contact Rob to have your ideas entered in the Agenda.

Lastly my thanks to whoever nominated myself for a Community Service Award in respect of the excellent community work that has been carried out within the East Dorset District.

I have to attend a Presentation Ceremony on Thursday 20th March at the Council Offices at Furzehill, Wimborne. I will report back in the next issue of the Downsman.

Rob Jesse

A “BLUE PETER WATER WORKS APPEAL” – THANK YOU

Those of you who do not watch Blue Peter will not have heard the wonderful news that the Water Works Appeal has raised over £1,000,000 – Double their target! And it made me feel really good, on behalf of Adam and Christopher to bank £550 from us in Sixpenny Handley.

This super amount of money is due to the hard work and support of many people who I can only 'Thank' from the bottom of my heart, being as I could not be in Handley for the sale to do my share.

So **THANK YOU** to all of you who gave us things to sell, who helped set up and run the stalls, who gave cash donations, to the Village Hall Committee for all of the support that they gave, and most of all to Julie and Rob who, as you all you know, are **STARS**.

In Memoriam

Charles Sims, who died after a short illness on 24th February 2003.

Charles, who had been associated with Sixpenny Handley all his life, will be remembered as a keen supporter of many aspects of the village life. Involved in the Wednesday Club from the very beginning, contributing to its success in many ways, For many years its 'Transport Officer' he made a difficult job look easy. He was also part of the 'Community Friends', the organisation that became 'Chase Community Friends', now doing such valuable work in the local area. He served two terms as a councillor on the Parish Council, and was the Parish Footpaths Officer for many years. Many people will fondly remember Charles, and the village will miss him.

FLOWER ARRANGING AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

We have mentioned before that new flower arrangers are always welcome to come and help keep the Church looking good. At the moment, there are no flowers in church because it is the season of Lent; but on **Saturday, 19th April at 10 am**, we shall be making a start with the Easter decorations. This is an excellent time for anyone to come along and join in; there is lots for everyone to do!

We look forward to seeing you!

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Maureen Penrose on 552022 or Win Judd on 552237.

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It often is grey and it sometimes is red,
Perhaps it is golden and ringleted, but
It needs to be combed and it has to be cut,
And even at best it is nothing to boast of
Because it's what barbarous men have most of;
Then challenge you mirror, defiant and careless
For lots of our handsomest people are hairless.

OVER 40'S JOKE

They say life begins at forty, but so do lumbago, bad eyesight, arthritis and the habit of telling the same story three times to the same person.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

A good wedding cake

Ingredients:

1 lb of butter of youth
4 lbs of love
1 lb of good looks
1 lb of sweet temper
3 lbs of self forgetfulness
1 lb of pounded wit
1 lb of blindness of faults
1 lb of good humour
1 tbl of sweet argument
1 pint of rippling laughter
1 wineglass of common sense
1 oz of modesty

Put the love, good looks and sweet temper in a well furnished house
Beat the butter of youth to a cream
And mix well together with the blindness of faults.

Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet argument then add the rippling laughter and common sense.

Work the whole together until everything is well mixed, and bake gently for ever.



Robert Jesse Wins EDDC Community Service Award

At a ceremony at Furze Hill on 20 March, Robert Jesse was presented with a well deserved Community Service Award by the TV Presenter Lars Tharp from the BBC's Antiques Roadshow. On the right of the photograph is Cllr Philip Gaussen, Chairman EDDC.

Robert Jesse has given a tremendous amount to the community of Sixpenny Handley for more than 15 years. He not only re-established the village Cub Pack with great success due to his personal leadership, he has also, tirelessly, raised funds to support the Village Hall during a period of major upheaval. Through his personal leadership and involvement, he has turned the fortunes of this vital part of community life round so that now it is well supported and healthy. All this has been done during Robert's spare time from his job as a postman, where he serves the community in so many other ways.

Robert was also singled out for one of the Special Awards presented by the Dorset

Brian Hansford Retires As Parish Clerk

Mr Brian Hansford, Clerk to the Parish Council since December 1980, retired from this particular job at the end of March. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian, on behalf of themselves and the village, and to express their appreciation for his expertise, advice and guidance given so freely over the past 23 years. He has been instrumental in many of the changes in the village, with the new recreation ground foremost amongst them. Brian will certainly continue to be involved in many other areas of village life – bowls, football, the flower show and the allotments to name a but a few, and the council wish him many happy years with these activities.

At a ceremony after the Parish Council Meeting on 20 March, the Chairman, John Curtis, paid tribute to Brian and presented him with a pair of plates produced by local artist Jan King.





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- Emergency garden care - child sitting - dog walking.
- We hold regular Social Day Centres, at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall.

And weekly Coffee Mornings at the back bar of the

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

We are always looking for new volunteer drivers in all areas
that the CCF covers - please phone to find out more.

Will people who want to use the volunteer car drivers
please give as much notice as possible

THANK YOU

Hilda Coombes' family would like to thank Reverend Ron Wood and all who attended her funeral for their kind words and donations to *Chase Community Friends*. The messages of sympathy and the flowers were of great comfort at this very sad time.

Sincere thanks to all of her friends and neighbours for their friendship and support over the years.

Thank you all; Paula, Tim and their families



Sheila and Graham Smith would like to thank everyone for all the kind words and support received following the sad loss of Sheila's father.

It was much appreciated.



I would like to thank everyone for all their kind wishes, flowers and cards that I received during my recent stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you Chris Napier

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Tiddalik

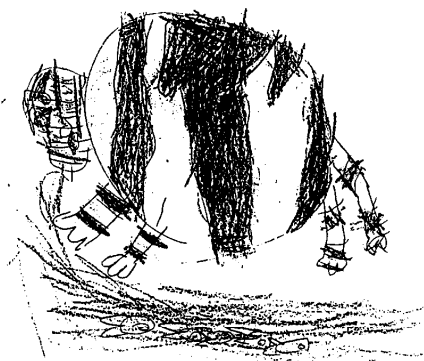
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Walter calms out on his mouth

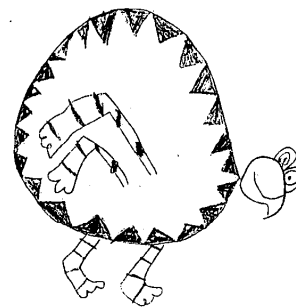
Sixpenny Handley First School

Recently a visiting storyteller, Adrian Beckingham, enthralled the whole school with tales from aboriginal Australia. The reception children continued his dreamtime theme with shared reading of the story of Tiddalik, a giant frog, who drank all the lakes, rivers and billabongs dry. The other animals were desperately devising schemes to make Tiddalik laugh in an attempt to release all the water from his swollen stomach. Afterwards the children enjoyed painting their own frogs, aboriginal style, and other animals for a colourful wall display as well as drawing and writing about aspects of the story.

Younger children at Sixpenny Handley (4-5 year olds) are encouraged to "have a go at writing" using their knowledge of the letter sounds they have learnt to spell unknown words. The use of emergent writing is to encourage children's freedom of expression at an early age, more accurate spellings and grammar will follow as they mature.



tiddalik lies wart and
the ahmmms lies wart
so the ahmmms. Ried



Tiddalik drank the wort
and he likes drink the
wort. So he drunk all
of the wort up.



tiddalik went to do
Tiddalik drink all of
the wort and then
got a Big tummy
and Hiy drink all and
Hiy drink and drink and drink.

Class 2 learn about global awareness.



The class display of artefacts, cherry blossom and prints of Mount Fuji greeted our Japanese visitor, student Aki Yonezawa, when Class 2 welcomed her. The children eagerly tried their hands at writing, using Japanese characters.



The 5 to 7 year olds had been learning about Japan and jumped at the chance to try writing the well-known name of Pokémon in Japanese. They also enjoyed making penguins using the traditional Japanese art of origami, finding that it was not as simple as it looked. Aki brought along some amazing paper sculptures which she had made, including a very complicated crab complete with eight legs and two pincers!



Aki showed us photographs of her home and talked about her life in one of the rural, northerly islands of Japan. The children asked her searching questions about playtimes and growing up generally, discovering many similarities with their own lives. Aki taught them a few phrases in Japanese which they experimented with for the rest of the day. What an enjoyable way to learn about global citizenship at such an early age.

LEARNING TRADITIONAL SKILLS AT THE ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

"Brilliant!" "That was hard work, but it was great!" "I really enjoyed that!" "Can we come again?" It was not only the the older children at Sixpenny Handley First School who were moved to such enthusiasm after a recent day of Outdoor Education with the Ancient Technology Centre; their parents, too, some on their first visit, others already old hands, agreed that the day had been a very special educational experience, with challenges quite different from those encountered in the classroom.

It was a bright, windy and very cold Valentine's Day morning when the 29 excited children, with a large number of very welcome parents and helpers in support, arrived in Garston Wood for coppicing activities, and were met by Jake Keen and Luke Winter from the ATC at Cranborne. The group were then led to the coppicing area through the quiet winter woodland. Although familiar to many, new insights into the unique nature of this local resource were given, as deer tracks and unusual fungi were sought, bat boxes pointed out, and different tree species identified. Despite our best efforts to keep a respectful silence, the excitement was too much, and any moving wildlife had retired to a safe distance by the time we arrived at the coupe!

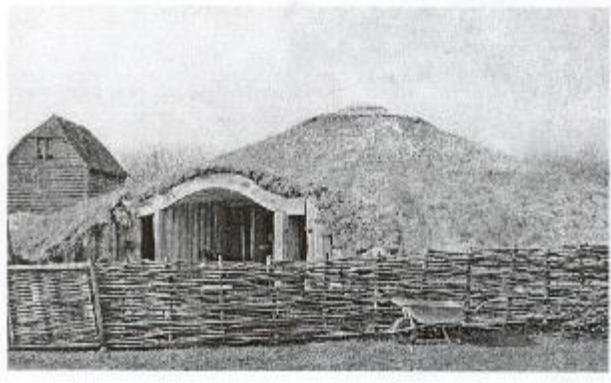


Jake Keen explains the importance of coppicing as a system of woodland management.

Mr Keen helped us to understand the economics of traditional woodland management and the value of the hazel coppice since ancient times as a source of raw material for a great variety of uses. Luke then ably demonstrated, with an impressive flint axe he had knapped himself, the limitations of such axes for cutting down the hazel shoots, and the improvements in technology achieved by the use of metal. Today, coppicing at Garston Wood has another purpose and is carried out for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which explained the aim of our imminent labours, namely to produce clearings to improve the woodland habitats of particular bird species and thus encourage their conservation.

For the children, the chance to use 'proper' tools and carry out purposeful practical work was an exciting and, for many, an unusual experience. Safety points and demonstrations on the use of two-man saws and powerful loppers were given hushed attention, and adults were aware that this was also an activity requiring very close supervision! Work then began in earnest, and frozen toes and fingers soon warmed up in the drive to cut more and more hazel poles. By lunchtime, the group had produced a huge wood pile and appetites to match!

Busy coppicing in Garston Wood

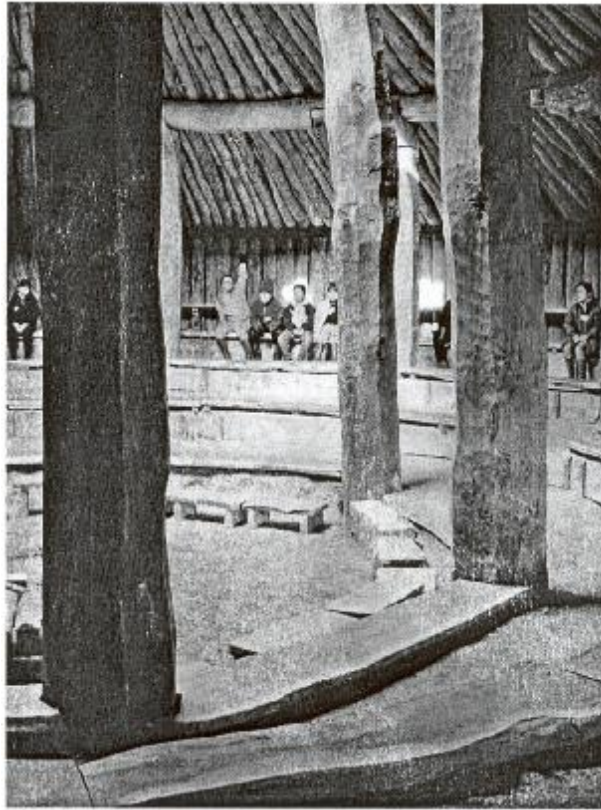


The entrance to the partly subterranean roundhouse at the Ancient Technology Centre (granary from Sixpenny Handley in background).

After lunch in the woods, practical activities continued at the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne, after a tour of the site. The fascinating and beautiful buildings at the Centre have been built over many years, under the direction of Mr Keen and with the help of thousands of Dorset school-children and volunteers, using only traditional techniques. They include a reconstructed granary once located in Sixpenny Handley, and now preserved from destruction. Behind a modest entrance, the hidden secrets of the partly

hidden secrets of the partly subterranean roundhouse produced gasps of amazement and admiration for the skill of its construction. The roundhouse is now regularly used for storytelling and other creative gatherings.

The impressive interior of the new roundhouse, where twenty-one oak trees support the weight of the building.



Happy faces for a job well done.

The tasks for the children were explained: to work in teams, using the poles cut that morning, to make a fence and also to weave hurdles for roofing a hut currently being built on the site. It looked so easy, but proved to be quite a challenge, success being measured by how far up from the ground the weaving had progressed, and how few nipped fingers had been reported in the process! Thanks are due to the parents and helpers for their speed in acquiring new skills. Toil done, it was a weary but satisfied group of labourers who gathered in the 'Iron Age' roundhouse to enjoy a warming fire, providing a very special end to an unforgettable day.

Elizabeth Moreland, Sixpenny Handley First School

Hope and Homes for Children

I'd like to bring to readers' attention a very worthwhile charity - Hope and Homes for Children (www.hopeandhomes.org) which is working in countries devastated by war to provide just that, for children orphaned or washed up alone on the shores of life by war. Started by an ex-Army officer who witnessed the plight of children in Romanian and other orphanages in the Balkans first hand, while serving with the UN peacekeeping force, Hope and Homes has a radical approach. Instead of helping rebuild, refurbish and re-equip the orphanages, the charity's mission is to close them down by finding loving homes for all their occupants - in their own countries - no matter how damaged or hopeless the children may seem. So successful have they been to date, that they have already widened their work to other war-torn places like Sierra Leone.

As with all charity work, it needs money - and lots of it - to carry out this very worthwhile mission. Hope and Homes for Children is based at East Clyffe, Salisbury SP3 4LZ - 01722 790111 - and of course they can be visited via their website. The usual donation options are all available - credit card and cheque payments, standing orders to give a little money each month and taxpayers' covenants to allow the charity to recover the tax you've paid on the money you donate.

I know Hope and Homes for Children will very much appreciate any help readers can give them to continue and widen their work.

Thank you. *Peter Gallon*

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Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Time for Action!

The Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Team is organising a series of 8 **Action Forums** up and down the AONB starting on Monday 28th of April.

“Last time when we came round to Village Halls, in December last year, with the Local Ideas Forums, it was all about gathering issues that were affecting the lives of people living and working in the AONB,” says Linda Nunn, Management Plan Officer. “Those meetings were very valuable and all the results fed into the making of the new Management Plan which is due to be completed by April next year,” added Linda.

“Over the summer we are moving on to the action planning stage and this is where people in the AONB can have a second input into the strategy,” says Linda. People who come along to the evening Action Forums can expect to find out what has happened since the Local Ideas Forums in the winter. The AONB Team is very keen to get people's thoughts on future actions to help conserve and enhance the special landscapes found in the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs.

The Action Forums (taking place in the Village Halls) will start at 7pm and finish promptly at 9:30pm Refreshments will be provided.

Bowerchalke	Monday 28 April
Chilmark	Wednesday 7 May
Damerham	Thursday 15 May
Pen Selwood	Monday 19 May
Tarrant Gunville	Tuesday 20 May
Donhead St Mary	Wednesday 28th May.
Sixpenny Handley	Monday 2 June
Longbridge Deverill	Thursday 5 June

20th Birthday Spring Clean

Over 100 Parish Councils in the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) have been invited to take part in a 'Birthday Spring Clean' to spruce up the area in time for its 20th birthday. The Spring Clean is due to take place over the weekend of 26th and 27th April.

Linda Nunn, Management Plan Officer, said: “The AONB was confirmed in 1983; hence it celebrates its 20th birthday this year. April is a great month to clear up the litter, helping the area to look its best in time for a (hopefully) glorious summer!”

The Birthday Spring Clean will be a fantastic opportunity to promote the importance of not littering this fantastic area and the joint efforts of many parishes and communities in caring for their own special areas.

**Contact the AONB Team on 01725 516925 (info@cranbornechase.org.uk)
for more details on both these initiatives.**

Bumper Stickers (Allegedly)
Reproduced from "The Humor Centre" web site

- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- I love cats ... they taste just like chicken.
- Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- Cover me while I change lanes.
- Laugh alone and the world thinks you're an idiot.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.
- Where there's a will, I want to be in it!
- Okay, who stopped the payment on my reality check?
- If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat?
- Time is the best teacher; unfortunately it kills all its students!
- It's lonely at the top, but you eat better.
- Warning: Dates in calendar are closer than they appear.
- Give me ambiguity or give me something else.
- Make it idiot-proof, and someone will make a better idiot.
- Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at maths.
- Very funny, Scotty. Now beam down my clothes.
- Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
- We are Microsoft. Resistance Is Futile. You Will Be Assimilated.
- Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.
- 3 kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't.
- Ever stop to think--and forget to start again?
- Your kid may be an honours student, but you're still an idiot.
- Learn from your parents' mistakes--use birth control.
- We have enough youth, how about a Fountain of Smart?
- It IS as bad as you think, and they ARE out to get you.
- Time is what keeps everything from happening at once.
- The more people I meet, the more I like my dog.
- I get enough exercise just pushing my luck.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.
- Work is for people who don't know how to fish.
- Montana -- At least our cows are sane!
- Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.
- Reality is a crutch for people who can't handle drugs.
- Real women don't have hot flashes, they have power surges.
- I don't suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it.
- Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off NOW.
- IRS -- We've got what it takes to take what you've got.
- According to my calculations, the problem doesn't exist.
- A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.
- We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get worse.
- Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.
- How can I miss you if you won't go away?

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Wednesday Club meets at the Village Hall every other Wednesday
for a talk or entertainment followed by tea - all at a cost of £1.

There is no joining formality,
and anyone is free to come along at 2.30 pm on a Wednesday afternoon.

You will be made welcome!

Here is the programme for April, May, June and July.

2nd April	A talk on Wessex Water - with slides.
16th April	Thomas Hardy (part 2) - with slides; Miss Stock and Miss Chapman
EASTER BREAK	
30th April	Mr Phil Burbeck - "The Organist Entertains".
14th May	Mr L. Parkin - "The Far East".
28th May	Mr B. Harding - "A History of Hardings of Shaftesbury" - reminiscences.
11th June	Thorngrove Garden Centre - Container Gardening.
25th June	Mrs Mary Tuck - "Project in India with Slum Children".
9th July	Mr Bill Chorley - "Round the World Cruise - Part II".
23rd July	"David Barnes entertains".
SUMMER BREAK	

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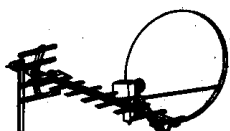
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Alan Humphries

Wednesday April 30th will be my last day as your District Councillor, this after ten years in this particular 'hot seat' (1991 - 1995) and (1997- 2003).

It has been both a pleasure and honour to serve Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge in this way, and I know I shall miss the contacts with you, through 'case work', and attendance at your Parish Council meetings.

I would like to thank all of you for your support, not only on election days, but also during the times when the going has been difficult, as we have struggled to ensure that our rural area has received due recognition and its fair slice of the 'funding' cake etc.

In addition to the above, my years as your County Councillor gave me an opportunity to work closely with my predecessors John Curtis and Pauline Bailey-Wright, and during the past six years it has been a pleasure to enjoy the same relationship with our present County Councillor Tim Palmer. Thank you all.

Alan Humphries.

Alan Humphries was County Councillor for the Cranborne Chase Division for twelve years, serving on the Education, Planning & Transportation, and Public Protection Committees. He has been a member of the Knowlton Parish Council since its inception in 1974, and of Wimborne-St-Giles Parish Council prior to that.

At District he has been a member of The Planning & Licensing, Trees Sub, and Overview & Scrutiny committees.

He has been EDDC's representative on The Greenlink Members Forum and The County Archaeological Committee, one of the highlights of the latter, was when presented to the Prince of Wales recently. Editor.

Join the Push for Broadband

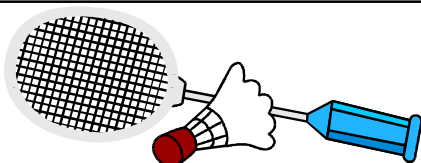
Anyone connecting to the Internet in our area, apart from one of the PCs that are part of the special online learning project running at The Roebuck in Sixpenny Handley, is familiar with the frustrations of using either a modem, at worst, or ISDN, at best, to get online and download email, video, pictures, music and other files from websites.

The issue of providing high-speed Internet access - or Broadband - in rural and other areas deemed economically unfeasible for Broadband provision by BT, has been attracting a lot of publicity lately. And we've all seen BT's clever but frustrating ads with Rhinos landing on cars etc. It is now possible to register an interest in Broadband with your existing Internet Service Provider (ISP), but this means that individual interest is scattered across numerous ISPs - Freeserve, BT, AOL and others.

To provide a united voice for those keen to get Broadband delivered early this century, a campaign called Broadband4britain has been started. It works by providing local micro-sites where people from a particular area can register their interest on their own site. You can sign a general petition and pledge to sign up for Broadband as an individual or business as soon as it becomes available - without any legally binding commitment, as far as I can tell. Our local micro-site is <http://www.broadband4britain.co.uk/heroes/cranbornechase>

Could I urge all readers with an interest in the future of really useable Internet access to visit the site and at least sign the petition and preferably the pledge to sign up for Broadband? Remember: this is a numbers game. The more of us out here 'in the sticks' who stand up to be counted, the sooner BT and others will wake up and Broadband-enable our telephone exchanges.

Peter Gallon

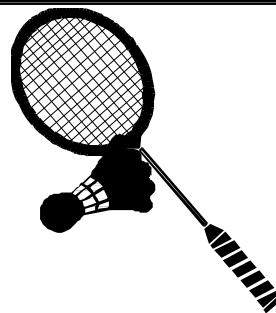


BADMINTON AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We are now up and running
on a regular basis on either

Thursday or Friday evenings between 7 and 9 pm.

The dates between now and the middle of July are as follows:-



Thursday 3rd April; Thursday 17th April; Thursday 24th April; Thursday 1st May;

Thursday 8th May; Thursday 15th May; Thursday 22nd May; Friday 30th May;

Thursday 5th June; Friday 13th June; Thursday 19th June; Friday 27th June;

Thursday 3rd July; Friday 11th July; Thursday 17th July;

Everyone who comes will get several games, mostly doubles, but some singles too. So do come along - everyone from beginners, through rusty, to excellent, is welcome. The cost at the moment is £2 for an evening session.

For more information phone Ron Wood on 552608 or Ann Tulloch on 552520.

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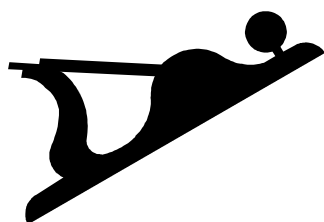
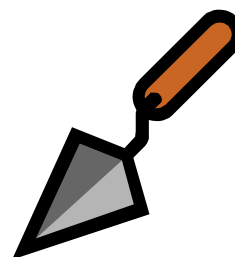
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 Just two bars nailed across,
 For a public shaming,
 For a wretch full of sin;
 But under the carpenter's hands
 The wood seemed quite alive
 As though for a tree
 Grown special from the start,

Meant to be finely crafted,
 A fine grain, a delight
 To work, so sweetly smooth,
 The job so simple
 At last a perfect piece.
 It quivered to the touch;
 It sang to the honing.
 It seemed a shame
 Meant only for a sinful man,
 But it stood so proud
 And bore its burden
 Rather triumphantly,
 As though it knew
 It could stand for ever.

Marie Sanders

Handley Sports Club 100 Club Draws.

Draw Number Three - February

£20	101	S.N. Tough, Paddock Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	231	Miss M. Hall, St. Mary's Court, Sixpenny Handley
£10	119	Pete Godden, High St. Sixpenny Handley
£10	185	S. Wallworth, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley

Draw Number Four – March

£20	167	Mr & Mrs Bone, High Street, Sixpenny Handley
£10	186	Mrs M. Bradbeer, Littlefield Lane, Sixpenny Handley
£10	227	Sylvia Mackie, St. Mary's Close, Sixpenny Handley.
£10	228	S. Judd The Bungalow, Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley

CRANBORNE CHASE COMMUNITIES

We are planning another COFFEE MORNING at Unit 8, Town Farm Workshops, on MONDAY MAY 5th, 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon, to coincide with a NATIONAL WEEK OF HANDSPINNING AND WEAVING which runs from May 5th to 11th.

Everyone is warmly invited once again to come and see what we are up to in our expanded weavery, where over twenty adults with a learning disability are creating amazing things on different types of looms. You are welcome to come and have a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake with us. Entry is free, and there will be handwoven items on sale. For more details, please

GARDENING CLUB

We are now in our second year and have another programme of talks by professional speakers. For example, Plant Associations, Flowers for Every Month, The Garden at Welcome Thatch, and Pruning Trees and Shrubs (a practical demonstration).

We meet at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of the month (not December) in a member's home so the atmosphere is relaxed, friendly and informal. As well as the talks, we chat about gardening, discuss gardening problems, swap or buy each other's plants, and visit gardens in the summer.

If you are interested in coming along or would like to know more, please telephone

SIXPENNY HANDLEY GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND OF JUNE 28/29TH 2003



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

We have now finished playing our Blackmore Vale League matches for this season.

Our 'A' team has finished 2nd in Division one – Templecombe Bees suddenly made a late burst to finish with

71 points with us at 47 points. However I am sure you will agree with me that they had brilliant results since entering this league – their first year they won Division 4; the second they won Division 3; the third they won Division 2, and this year (their fourth year) they came second in Division 1! Let's see if they can top this next season.

We are not sure where the Tanners will end up yet. They have finished with 41 points and are currently third. Other teams have still got matches to play, so it looks likely that we will end up either third or fourth of Division 4. We will therefore be staying in Division 4 for another season.

The lovely weather at the moment is enabling a lot of our hardier members to play outside and our winter members are certainly able to make the most of their membership to play. Let's hope Saturday 27th April is kind to us weather-wise – don't forget this is our Open Day – please come along, we would love to see you. You might even get a cup of tea and something to eat!

Another date to remember is our next Quiz – April 12th. Regulars will be able to tell you how good these are and we can always squeeze in another table.

**DON'T FORGET
– SUNDAY 27TH APRIL FROM 2 PM –
BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY.**

Gill Martin

From a Concerned Resident

We have recently felt anger and sadness at the behaviour of some youths in our village. (It is tempting to say 'louts' rather than 'youths') A group is finding it great fun to wreck gardens and to ring or knock at doors late at night. This is annoying enough if you are fit and middle-aged homeowners, but if you are elderly and not well it becomes both frightening and dangerous, and could well result in an elderly person's death.

Many disturbances have occurred throughout the village and I want to bring to the notice of parents and active villagers the most distressing one, hoping that parents will make their children read it, and active villagers will take physical action when they spot these louts.

An elderly woman living alone, aged 96 years, has within 2 days had her window smashed, been visited at 10 pm by giggling louts whom she heard and looked out at to see a lovely pot being broken and a statue dragged across the lawn, which presumably would have disappeared had people not seen it happening. A driver searched the village and the next day the police came, but so far no one has been identified. You can imagine this elderly woman's fear. She also is constantly having her doorbell rung day and night. To answer it she must struggle off a reclining chair and push a walking frame along a long passage. She goes in delight at the thought of a visitor, but half afraid. There is no one there and so she struggles back. She is not the only one to have her bell rung or door knocked. These youths only seem to choose a house without a man in it and one especially with someone elderly. Such courage!! They have been seen running away but not identified. By her bedroom window on the morning after the night's disturbance is a large piece of wood. One dreads to think how it might have been used. Groups of youths in the same area stand near people's garages smoking and we do not think it is cigarette smoking.

This elderly generation spent their teen years in wartime conditions and had little money or freedom to enjoy themselves. They are also a generation who were brought up to believe that to help the elderly was to be a strong and complete person. They have had to work hard to buy their homes and they love their gardens. Parents – think on this. Do you know what your youths do at night? Are you sure that they would never behave so unkindly?

Some parent does know, that's sure. Do you care enough to make your children sit down and read this letter? If you know who these louts are, will you tell the police? They do not deserve protection and one day they may cause a death from fear.



Larmer Tree Festival Volunteers needed!



The Larmer Tree Festival, which takes place between 17th-20th July at the Larmer Tree Gardens, Tollard Royal needs more volunteers.

It's on your doorstep, so would you like to get involved?!

A free ticket for the festival is on offer in return for a few hours work each day.

People are needed to help with set-up and breakdown of the festival, stewarding, workshops, information desk, and backstage all roles which are vital to the safe and successful running of the event.

If you are over 18 and have skills you would like to offer the festival are keen to hear from you.

Please call Julia Safe on 01725 552300 or contact her by email on julia@larmertree.co.uk

SPRING CLEANING

Are your energy levels low? Do you feel sluggish and dull-headed and need excessive amounts of sleep? Do you suffer from joint pains and stiffness?

Spring is the traditional time to embark on a body cleanse to improve your health and get rid of the toxins and extra weight gain built up over the winter months and to perk up your energy.

The body is constantly working to expel toxins through the liver, lungs, kidneys, skin, intestines, bowel, lymphatic and immune systems in an attempt to maintain good health and to balance itself. After winter, these systems can become overloaded and more toxins absorbed than can be removed, leading to toxic build up in the body's tissues. This build up leads to fat storage in the adipose tissues under the skin, in the heart and toxic build up in the liver and kidneys and joints causing pain and stiffness. Energy levels drop dramatically as toxic build up increases.

A good way to start a Spring Clean is to go on to a diet of fresh, organic fruits, salads and vegetables making your selection as multi-coloured as you can for maximum benefit. These foods are rich in beta carotene which cleanses the body and boosts and builds the immune system.

Avoid toxin building foods such as dairy produce and eggs, wheat products, meat, fish and fatty foods replacing them with pulses, seeds and small amounts of nuts and soya products so that adequate protein is available to the body and introducing essential fatty acids such as flaxseed oil and evening primrose oil into your diet. Tea, coffee and alcohol should be avoided (if you can't do without them completely then keep to an absolute minimum and try to phase them out gradually) and replace them with organic fresh fruit and vegetable juices, filtered or bottled water (a minimum of 8 glasses a day) and herbal teas.

After 2 days on this revitalising and cleansing diet introduce a good herbal cleansing formula that concentrates on cleansing the bowel and keep this going for 2-3 months, trying to keep to your new healthy diet for at least 2-3 weeks, reintroducing meat, fish, dairy produce and eggs, and wheat products sparingly and keep them to a minimum from now on if you want to feel vital and energetic. Exercise such as swimming or a brisk walk will help and saunas, skin brushing and deep breathing will boost energy levels and remove toxins.

The liver also needs to be 'Spring Cleaned' so once your 'colon cleanse' is completed start taking a herbal liver cleansing formula for 2-3 month, keeping to your new healthy diet and making sure as much of your diet as possible is organic.

In a few months you will feel brighter, flexible and more energetic, your joint pains will have gone or will have significantly reduced, your weight will be reduced and you will be sleeping well. The boost to your health and immune system will be very noticeable.

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Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE-SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.

And remember that time waits for no one.

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Submitted by Julie Adams

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Discover Dorset with the Dorset Countryside Guide

The Dorset Countryside Guide 2003/04 is out now!

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John Hayes, Chesil and Ridgeway Ranger and editor of the Guide said:

"Within the Guide we have tried to provide ideas, information and inspiration that will enable people to make the most of this beautiful county. This year, for example, we have included more guided walks than ever before. Covering everything from Dorset's wonderful wildlife, to the World Heritage Site, to archaeology and history, the walks provide an informal and we hope an extremely enjoyable way to discover Dorset."

The aim of the publication is to add to people's enjoyment and understanding of Dorset's coast and countryside with all the financial benefits that brings to the rural economy.

The Guide will be available from tourist information centres, libraries, doctors' surgeries and heritage centres across Dorset from 21 March 2003. It can also be ordered by telephoning (01305) 224258 or through the County Council's on-line order form.

Further information:

Dorset County Council's Countryside Promotions Officer Kirstie McConnell on (01305) 225037

A black and white poster for 'The Chase Nursery Easter Open Day'. At the top, there is a silhouette of a deer and three children playing on a hill. Below this, the text 'The Chase Nursery' is written in a small font. The main title 'Easter Open Day' is in a large, bold, serif font. Underneath the title, the date 'Thursday 10th April 2003' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Two stylized Easter eggs are positioned on either side of the time '10am-12pm'. Below the time, the text 'Come and Join the Fun!!!' is written in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a cartoon illustration of a rabbit wearing a bow tie and holding a basket of eggs. To the left of the rabbit, the words 'Face Painting' are written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right, 'Easter Egg Hunt' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Children's Easter Bonnet Competition' is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council

The following planning applications have recently been examined by the Council

Parish Office
Unit 5B

Opening Hours: Phone - 01725 552211
Tuesday 10am – 12noon Email - office@sixpennyhandley.org

Moonacre Deanland Side extension	9 Littlefield Lane Demolish and rebuild existing building
5 Littlefield Lane	49-53 High St

If you would like to know more about any of these applications call into the parish office.

The Council raised, through Tim Palmer, County Councillor, the issue of the abrupt closure of the B3081. The following response was received from Richard Bastow of Dorset County Council

".....I accept that we were late in putting up the warning signs as they only went up last Wednesday (*i.e. only 5 days before closure. Ed.*). They should have gone up at least a week and preferably, for a well used route like this, two weeks in advance. I have spoken to colleagues about this and clearly this is something we need to get right in the future. As you say people rarely see or read the statutory notices. Please accept and pass on our apologies.

I am checking as to whether we have given information relating to this closure to the local radio stations as these are a good source of information to the traveling public and we do use them.

Access for emergency services will be maintained at all times and part of the consultation process ensures that they are consulted on all road closures well in advance.

It has been necessary to close the road because although we are working on the edges, the available width will be reduced to such an extent that it would not be possible to allow vehicles, especially large ones, to pass through safely whilst work is in progress. The decision to close the road was therefore made on safety grounds but it means that both sides can be worked on at once with a consequential reduction in the duration of the job. We do appreciate the inconvenience that is caused to the public by such measures and do not use them lightly.

I am advised that some additional signage to deter large vehicles using the narrow road through Monkton Up Wimborne and Wimborne St Giles has been requested and will be put in



East Dorset Community Police Van



The Community Police Van will visit Sixpenny Handley on the following Saturdays:-

April 26th, May 24th, June 21st, July 19th, Aug 16th, Sep 13th, Oct 11th

The Downsman

DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

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