

The Downsman

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MAGAZINE

Saturday August 16th

Summer Flower
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2:30pm



Live Music
7:00pm

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PARISH OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY
WITH PENTRIDGE

August 2003

Including: Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington
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Chairman / Secretary	Maggie Staplehurst.....	552795
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Chairman	Colin Chambers.....	552796
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Chairman	Brian Hansford.....	552468
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Welcome to the latest edition of The Downsman.**All your contributions to.....**

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The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the
1st October 2003

Copy Deadline is 20th September 2003**SIXPENNY HANDLEY SUMMER FLOWER SHOW 2003**

Show schedules are available from PO Stores & W S Clarke Butchers in Sixpenny Handley. Non-villagers may telephone their entries to Carole & Denis North 01725

**Fast Internet Access for Sixpenny Handley
Register Now!!**

The prospect of fast internet access via broadband being made available for the Sixpenny Handley exchange moved a step closer recently. BT have now set a “trigger” level for the exchange at 150. This means that when 150 people from the 01725 exchange have registered an interest in broadband then BT will begin the process to upgrade the exchange. With 40 people already registered we are more than 25% towards the target. So all you **computer users**, if you have not already registered do so now. Remember, just registering an interest does not commit you to anything.

Web address for registration is:-

http://www.bt.com/btbroadband/register/ns_register_intro.jsp

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SUMMER FLOWER SHOW 2003

**URGENTLY WANTED ~ VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON DAY OF SHOW,
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CAKES & BISCUITS ALSO NEEDED ~ PLEASE TELEPHONE CAROLE

To all owners of dogs in Sixpenny Handley.
Can I remind you that there is a heavy fine for letting your dog poo around the village.
You have been warned.

Please pick it up and take it home.

Dorset Needs More Magistrates

Dorset needs more people to act as Magistrates or Justices of the Peace (JPs) as they are also called. JPs are drawn from all walks of life and must be between 27 and 65 years of age. Qualities needed are personal integrity, good character, common sense and the ability to command the confidence of both the public and their colleagues. Legal qualifications and knowledge of the law are not needed; training is given in these areas before magistrates take up their duties.

If you are interested take a look at their website:

www.magistrates-dorset.com/index.htm

Or contact The Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Dorset, Law Courts, Park Road, Poole, Dorset BH21 3RH (Tel 01202 711808).

St Mary's Churchyard Wildlife Competition

We're holding a competition for children, with cash prizes, for children to observe and describe the wildlife they see in our churchyard. Trees and flowers, grasses and shrubs, birds, mammals and reptiles, our churchyard has them all. In 2002, St Mary's won the Bishop's prize in the Churchyards Conservation Competition, organised by the Dorset Wildlife Trust, and it's this prize we'd like to share with you.

If you are interested in the countryside, its wildlife and conservation, please obtain an entry form from the Vicarage (call 552608) or Ted Cox (552801). The competition will be judged by Tony Bates, of the Dorset Wildlife Trust, Ted Cox, and the Vicar.

Competitors might like to work in pairs, and will be judged in two age groups- under 11, and 11 - 16. Entries must be in by Sunday September 7th, and prizes will be awarded at the Harvest service on September 14th. There's a first prize of £15, and second prize of £10 in each age group.

Do get adults to help you, and use whatever reference books you need, but entries handed in must be the work of the entrants themselves. For more information, call the Vicar (552608).

100 Club Winners – May

1st Mrs D Gibson - 31 2nd Peggy Holland - 122 3rd Ms N Downton - 100

100 Club Winners – June

1st Mrs D Leverton - 71 2nd Mrs B Day - 89 3rd Mrs Hudson - 66

If anyone would like to join the Club or know more about it, please contact
Carole North on 07125 552955

★ **Marshals Western Line Dance Club** ★

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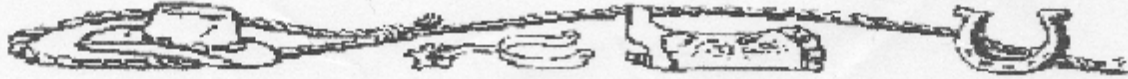
Friday 19th September

At 10.30 am

Village Hall

Sixpenny Handley

Details TEL: 01202 861020
BWDA Approved Instructor. Liz batchelor





News and Information

NATIONAL
FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES

With the intriguing title of 'My Life in Prison, our June meeting was as promising as the title of the talk. Mr B Ducker gave an Officer's view of prison life both for the officer and the prisoner. The members were astonished to hear how well fed the prisoners were, more so than the officers! He regaled us with numerous anecdotes and questions came fast and furious. In retirement, Mr Ducker has 'carved' a new career as a wood turner and guest speaker. He assured us that he could talk for months and not run out of topics related to his thirty-year prison service!

Doreen Levertton won the June flower of the month with a scented peony. Maggie Staplehurst's old key dug-up in her garden won the exhibition.

Our July meeting ~ 'Garden Meeting' was as popular as usual and was held in Margaret Quinn's stunning garden. The weather was perfect and the members took the opportunity to look round the garden before the meeting. It was a delight to welcome back Mandy Phillips who demonstrated some simple but effective flower arrangements in a modern style. The evening finished with refreshments 'al fresco'.

There will be no meeting in August and the members will meet again on 8th September for the Autumn programme which commences with Mrs J Potter giving a talk on 'How to be a House Detective'. Anyone with an older house will be particularly interested as she will be bringing items relating to Sixpenny Handley.

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

Sixpenny Handley Flower Show

The WI will be organising a stall at the Flower Show and selling produce, plants etc. All contributions welcome, especially home-made cakes, jams etc.

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A PUBLIC MEETING

Will be held in the

Village Hall

on

Thursday September 18th

at 7-00 pm

with

Inspector D Cregg of Blandford Police
In attendance

Have you any questions you wish to ask Inspector Cregg about policing within the village.

Or any questions you may wish to ask the Parish Council regarding any other matter within the village.

If so - this is your opportunity.

To ensure a proper and full answer, questions should be submitted in writing to the Clerk to the Council by Monday 8th September at the address below:

Tony Henderson

Clerk

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council

Unit 5B, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5PA



The Council has a new Chairman

Cllr. Mrs. Ann Warman was elected as Chairman of East Dorset District Council for the Civic Year 2003/04 at its annual meeting in May.

The District Councillor for St. Leonards and St. Ives East since 1991, a Parish Councillor for 24 years, a County Councillor and member on the Dorset Police Authority for six years, Cllr. Mrs. Warman hopes this background will help her to carry out this important role for the District Council. The District covers a wide area from Corfe Mullen and West Parley in the south to Sixpenny Handley in the north, Alderholt, Cranborne, Ferndown, Verwood as well as a large number of villages in between!!

Cllr. Mrs. Warman, aged 60, has lived in St. Leonards for 30 years, has been married to Bob for 36 years and has two sons, Gary and Ian, who are both married. She is also a grandmother to 4-year old twins, who are certainly the "apples of her eye". Both Ann and her husband enjoy playing golf, although Council duties mean that she does not play as often as she would like. At least Bob, who is a very keen golfer, will not be accused of "making her a golfing widow" as the role will no doubt keep her even busier.

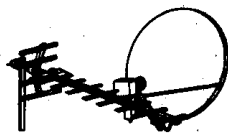
Ann will continue to work tirelessly for her local people, but hopes to visit all areas of the District during her year of office and will be pleased to attend events, if invited.

The Chairman's Charity for the year will be the MacMillan Cancer Unit at Christchurch Hospital.

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Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Parish Council

Parish Office Unit 5B	Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am – 12am	Phone – 552211/552279 Email –
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The following applications have recently been examined by the Council

Bennet, Bodenham Ctge The Hollow Demolish & erect 2 pairs of semi-	James, Kims Cottage Dean Conversion of Existing Garage &
Fox, 7 Town Farm Place Conservatory to rear	Wallworth, 31 Dean Lane Vehicular Access
Adams, 21 High St Entrance Porch & WC	Snape, 44 High Street Extensions to form porch & shower room

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

Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

The Parish Council are looking to employ an Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council. The job would entail opening the parish office, keeping minutes for some meetings, and responsibility for managing planning applications. The work should take two to three hours a week. Anyone interested in a more detailed job description, and rates of pay should contact Tony Henderson, Clerk to the Council.

www.sixpennyhandley.plus.com

While the Parish Council are not involved in any way with this web site, they would like to congratulate Nick Sherman on his initiative. They feel this is an excellent facility, enabling news and views to be expressed and published. They whole-heartedly support Nick and wish the site every success.

Parish Assembly

One of the responsibilities of the Parish Council is to hold a Parish Assembly in the spring of each year. This is an opportunity for the people of the parish to ask questions of the Parish Council. This year, because of elections and changes to the council an assembly was not held. However, the Parish Council are aware that there are a number of issues within the village that people may wish to talk about, and to this end they have arranged for the next full Parish Council Meeting, on the 18th of September, to be in the village hall. The meeting will start at 7-00 pm and the council have invited Inspector D Clegg of Blandford Police to attend and answer questions about any aspect of policing in the village.

While every attempt will be made to give full answers to questions asked on the night, a full answer can only be guaranteed if the question is submitted prior to the meeting. Therefore if you have any questions for Inspector Clegg or the Parish Council, could you please submit them in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council by September 8th.

While questions about policing may occupy the early part of the meeting, the Parish Council hope to have time to talk about problems associated with the recent flooding, and plans to improve traffic management in the village.

Extracts from The Garden.

Plant Fossil - Evolutionary Advance.

The chemical Lignin has been found in a 400-million-year-old Scottish fossil. The discovery was made by scientists at the Carnegie Institute, who believe that a single genetic mutation could have allowed plants to colonise land.

The team of researchers has used an advanced analytical technique to study an extinct species of plant called *Asteroxylon mackiei*, discovered at the start of the 20th century. The primitive plant was found in deposits of Early Devonian Rhynie chert, which is found near the village of Rhynie in Aberdeenshire. The plants lived on the edge of hot pools, similar to those found in Yellowstone National Park in the USA, and were preserved when they became covered and impregnated by a greyish-white deposit of silica, precipitated by the hot springs. Over millions of years the silica became more crystalline, eventually forming a hard, flint-like rock.

Lignin is a complex polymer, which imparts rigidity to plant stems and roots and allowed upright plants to evolve. Without Lignin there would probably have been no trees to grace our planet.

Rare Tigers Threatened.

Unregulated coffee prices are threatening the survival of lowland forests and critically endangered animals on the island of Sumatra. The plight of the forests has been highlighted in a report by two ecologists.

While Western consumers pay ever-increasing prices for their coffee, little reaches growers in the Third World countries. For example, of the \$70billion of coffee consumed by the USA, only \$5.5billion is returned to coffee-producing countries.

Most of Indonesia's coffee is produced on Sumatra, home to the critically endangered Sumatran tiger, but as coffee prices fall, growers are clearing additional areas of forest to increase crop production in order to maintain their income.

Acreage devoted to coffee production in Sumatra increased by 28% between 1996 and 2001, with most new plantations established close to the Bukit Barisan Selatan national Park, which is home to the largest population of Sumatran rhinos.

More than two-thirds of the park is made up of lowland rain-forest, while montane forests are home to parasitic *Rafflesia arnoldii*, which produces the largest flower in the world, and pungent-smelling *Amorphophallus titanum*, which has the largest inflorescence of any plant. The size of the park has shrunk by 28% since 1985, mainly because of the expanded coffee plantations.

Ian Davies

Sixpenny Handley Summer Flower Show on August 16th.

Attractions include Crazy Golf, Archery, Fun Dog Show and a variety of stalls and side shows. The show schedules are now available from PO Stores Handley or by telephoning Carole North ~ 01725 552955. No offer of help on show day will be

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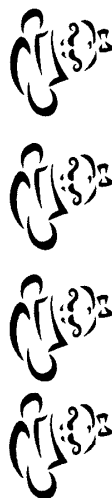
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Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Step by step...

"The production of the first Management Plan for the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a step closer thanks to the enthusiasm of people living and working in the area," says Linda Nunn, Management Plan Officer for the AONB. The Team recently organised a series of evening Action Forums which were held in eight Village Halls up and down the area. "Over 150 people gave up their evenings to generate ideas for action to go into the Plan, due to be completed next April," added Linda.

In tandem with the public meeting the FREEPOST Action Questionnaires which were sent out with the first edition of The Hart newspaper in April have been flooding into the AONB Office at The Larmer Tree Gardens. "We've had an amazing response," confirmed Shane Harris, Communications Officer for the AONB Partnership. "Almost 950 questionnaires have been returned and we are now analysing the results."

All the results from this effort to listen to the people who live and work within the AONB will be collated and presented to the four Working Groups who are charged with pulling the Management Plan together. The aim is to have a draft Plan ready to go out to public consultation at the beginning of August this year. A final version is due to be produced in early November for the 11 Local Authorities involved in the area to adopt, in time for the April 2004 deadline, which has been set by Central Government.

(Issued 11/6/03)

What do YOU think?

The draft Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan will start its formal consultation period in August.

There are over 100 Parish Councils in the AONB and each and every one of them will be receiving a copy of the draft Plan. Copies will also be placed in libraries and District Council Offices. The text of the Plan will also be available on the AONB web site (www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk).

"This is your opportunity to see the draft Management Plan and to make detailed comments on its contents," said Linda Nunn, Management Plan Development Officer for the AONB Partnership. "The consultation will last for six weeks. We will then revise the Plan in the light of comments received." The intention is to produce a final version in November for the 11 Local Authorities involved in the area to consider. The full Management Plan must be completed by the end of March next year.

"The draft Management Plan has been heavily informed by a massive push to involve the people who live and work in the area," added Shane Harris, Communications Officer for the AONB. "Over 450 people attended some 20 public meetings and we've received completed questionnaires from over 2,000 people". The draft plan itself has been put together by well over 30 organisations on four Working Groups - Environment, Community, Economy, and Planning & Development.

(Issued 14/7/03)

- for more information contact the AONB Team on 01725 516925 or send an email to: info@cranbornechase.org.uk or visit www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk

Working with you to keep this living landscape special





East Dorset Community Police Van



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

Aug 16th, Sep 13th, Oct 11th

Sixpenny Handley First School News

This has been a busy Summer term for us all. Highlights have included a very rewarding day with Christine Page from Voice Works which culminated in a concert for parents, an action-packed Sports Day followed by a family picnic on the school field and a hectic Open Day during which the children delighted in sharing their achievements with family and friends.

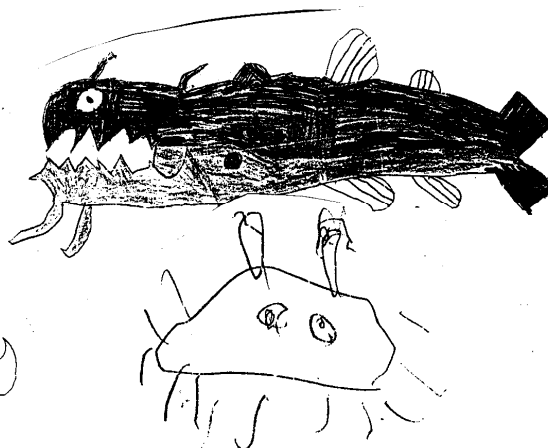


The new school building has been growing steadily before our very eyes - the children are frequently given a chance to view (from a safe distance!) such events as the roof struts being brought in by crane and other important milestones. Indeed, all pupils have contributed to the building work by trying out their skills in bricklaying, under the supervision of an experienced craftsman. Naturally, 'hard hats' were an essential requirement.



Austin
I Liked

watching
the
turtles



I liked
Seeing the
baby sharks
inside the
mermaids

Purse.

Emma

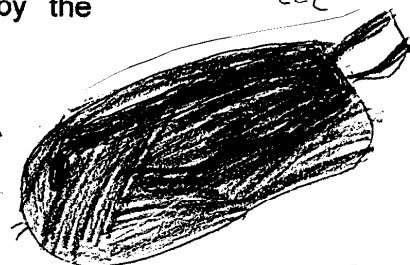
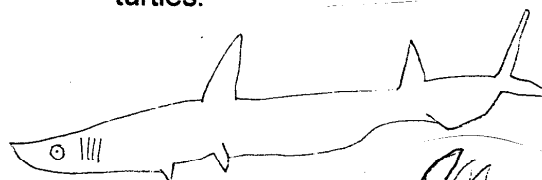
Josh

I liked
the sharks their
TEETH
were
sharp
Emma

On Wednesday, 2nd July the Reception class children from Sixpenny Handley First School visited the Oceanarium on Bournemouth seafront. The children enjoyed their simulated journey around the rivers and oceans of our planet discovering the variety of wonderful creatures that live beneath the waves. They were fascinated by black tipped sharks and their mermaid purse eggs sacks, enjoyed identifying the male and female stingrays by their different markings, were keen to search the waters for the tiniest of fish and sea horses, and were delighted by the turtles.

I liked
Seeing
Friday the
turtle

Mark
I liked
the black
tipped
SHARKS

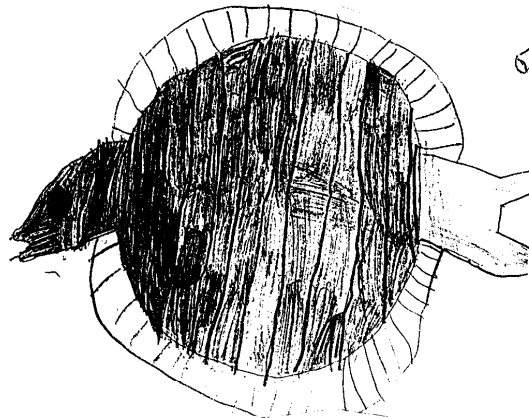


I liked
the purple
fishes.

James

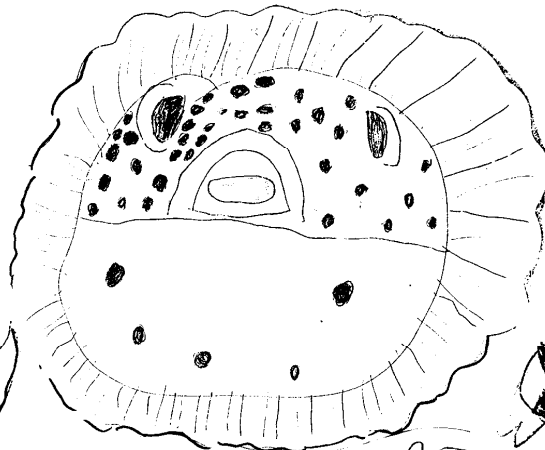


I liked
the
sharks swimming
in the
water.
George

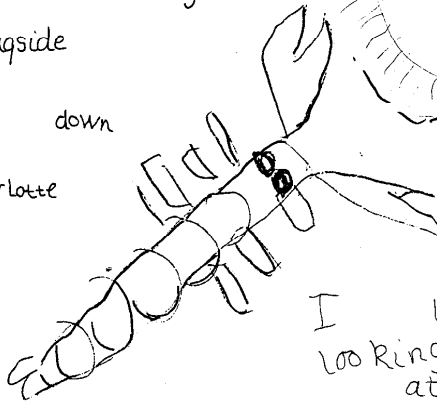


Ella
I liked
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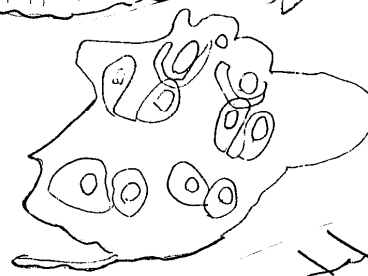
I thought the
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Charlotte



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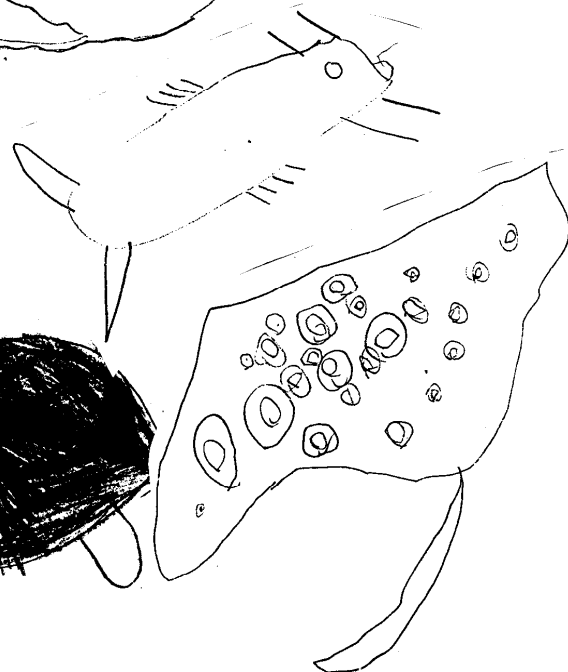


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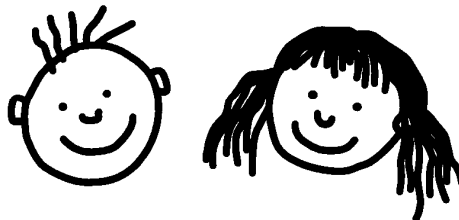
I liked
Friday
the daddy
turtle
Georgia



all the
fishes
Amy



The Chase Nursery



LINK GROUP — January 2004

(September 2004 school intake)

If you would like your child to attend the
Chase Nursery Link Group,
please fill in the reply slip below.

Please reply by 30th September 2003
as places are limited.

With the aim of introducing the school setting,
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I would like my child to attend Link Group from January 2004

Name of child: _____

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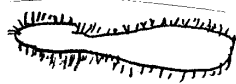
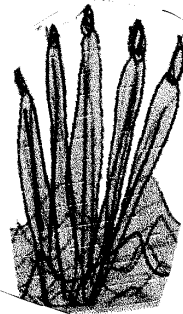
Class 2 visited the Hengistbury Head Field Study Centre for the day to learn about pond life and minibeasts of the woodlands. Despite the inclement weather conditions it was a wonderful experience during which we extended our classroom study of the animal world.

We had to find minibeasts,
we studied all creatures.

Matthew

Leeches can bite.
A Leech eats water
Measurers Screech
Beetles Damselfly
Nymph and Whirligig
Beetles

Burt



I really had a brilliant day. When I went pond dipping in the fresh water I caught... A Greater water boatman. He was green with a silver tummy that he stored air in. And when he needs air he gets some out of his tummy. He has six legs and he uses two to swim. And the two he uses to swim with are LONG!

Laura



We went to a fantastic place. We found
a newt, a caterpillar, centipede and a Beetle.
OH NO the beetle ate a caterpillar.

Jessica.

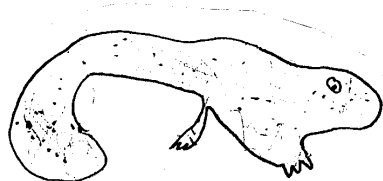
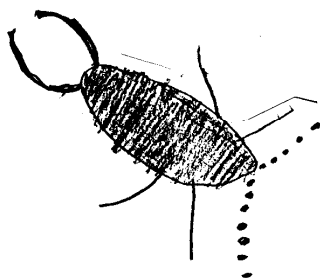


us pond dipping

A Smooth newt is spotty. It has a long tail. It has webbed feet. It is about at all times.

It eats worms and a heron eats it.

Jack

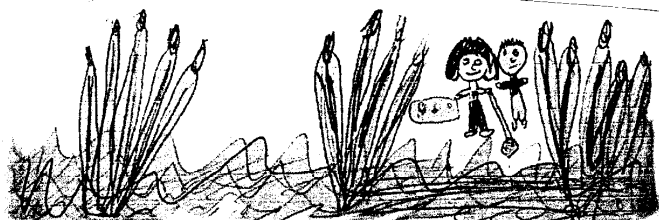


We went fishing in a pond. I caught lots of red midge larvae. They have no legs they just have hairy bits on the bottom. They move by doing a fast wriggle. They are herbivores. They are plant eaters. Newt poles can eat Midge larvae. Meat eaters are called carnivores.

Josh

We went to look for bugs in the wood land. We found caterpillars in a tree and a wood louse under a log. My group found a beetle and the beetle ate the caterpillar.

Demelza

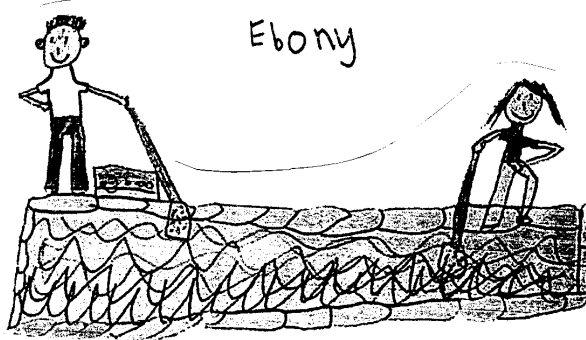


I went to Hengistbury Head with my class. I enjoyed pond dipping. First we fished in the pond with fresh water and I found a water boat man. Then we went to the salt water pond. I found 5 red water worms. We also found a diving beetle. I found out that a water boat man eats a water louse. A water louse has 6 legs. A water boat man has 3 legs on each side and the front legs help him swim. The front legs are a bit like flipper. I really enjoyed the visit.

Kaye

It was a fantastic day.
worms do not have legs.

Ebony



What a dump!

Who would have thought a visit to a landfill site could be so interesting! The huge site at Dimmer Dump, near Castle Cary in Somerset is, however, no ordinary rubbish tip. Located adjacent to it is the educational centre of the Carymoor Environmental Trust, the destination for the older children's visit. The Centre itself is an impressive example of a new building developed to illustrate sustainability in every feature, from its construction in renewable wood and recycled materials, to its use of renewable energy for its heating and electricity.



Graham Jennings tells us about the Carymoor Environmental Centre.

The Carymoor site, however, has a lot more to offer from the point of view of education. Graham Jennings, the Schools Officer at the Centre, was able to explain in terms appropriate to the age and interests of the children the technical intricacies of the presently operating landfill, the composting operation and the metal and glass recycling facility, and to lead them into discussion and reflection on how we produce and dispose of our waste. The electromagnet grabbing steel drinks cans made a lasting impression, as did the sight of 14,000 fridges awaiting disposal! A further (mathematical) highlight involved working out how much the whole class, plus accompanying adults, might weigh, and then collectively jumping on the weighbridge to test our prediction.

The children were fascinated throughout a two hour tour, of the site, which included the clay-capped former landfill, from which methane is piped off to power electricity generators and the liquid leachate is treated through various filtration systems including a reed bed, and where the landscape is in the process of being restored to natural habitats for wildlife again.

Learning about the process of recycling drink cans, and how a landfill site can be



restored to nature after use.



After a happy picnic lunch in the sunshine, the environmental message to re-use and re

-cycle our waste was underlined as we sorted the rubbish we had produced. The study visit was not purely listening and looking, however, for a practical renewable energy workshop gave us the chance to produce electricity ourselves, on a small scale, from hand-held wind vanes and solar cells. We all agreed that the Carymoor Environmental Centre was a superb facility which had provided us with an excellent experience of environmental education in a real-life context and had aroused a genuine interest in the important issues of waste management and environmental conservation.

Graham was really nice. He explained everything really well. It was interesting making electricity from those little wing propellers.'(Nicholas Masson).

I really enjoyed the day. It was a great trip. The house was stunning, made of beautiful wood. I thought the solar roof tiles were great!'(Charlie Buttifant).

The most astonishing part was how the methane from one landfill site could make enough electricity for a small town or 1000 houses!'(Jessy Meaden).

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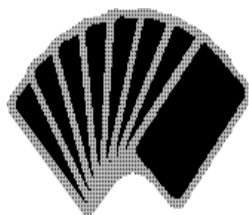
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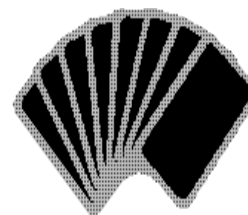
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Whist at The Village Hall
2003-2004 Whist Competition



Commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall on Wednesday, September 3rd, the opening round in the 2003-2004 whist competition will get under way. For the past two years, Marge Poolman has emerged as the top player in division one of this championship and, I have little doubt, Marge will be doing her best to try and make it three victories in a row. There will be a total of sixteen rounds, contested on September 3rd and September 17th; October 1st, October 15th and October 29th; November 12th and November 26th; January 14th and January 28th; February 11th and February 25th; March 10th and March 24th; April 7th and April 21st, with the final round being played on May 5th, followed by prize presentations on May 19th. The annual Christmas Drive, scheduled for Saturday, December 13th, will not count towards the competition.

Despite a falling off of attendance, prize money for the competition remains at a total of £61.75, broken down as follows:

For the player returning the highest aggregate score, playing sixteen rounds	£15
For the player returning the second best score, playing sixteen rounds	£10
For the player returning the third best score, playing sixteen rounds	£5
Missing one qualifying round; highest aggregate score	£10
Missing one qualifying round; second best score	£5
Missing one qualifying round; third best score	£2.50
Missing two qualifying rounds; highest aggregate score	£5
Missing two qualifying rounds; second best score	£2.50
Missing two qualifying rounds; third best score	£1.75
Highest individual score, returned during any of the qualifying rounds	£5

Should a tie in aggregate scores exist between players at the conclusion of the final competitive round (May 5th), the winner will be decided in favour of the contestant returning the best score in the first competitive round (September 3rd). Should a tie still exist, best scores from the second qualifying round (September 17th) - and if necessary scores from subsequent rounds in sequence - will be used to determine the final placings.

The customary wide selection of prizes awarded each fortnight will, of course, continue to be available, these being split evenly between the whist scores and draw winners. As mentioned in my opening line, play commences at 7.30p.m. and the twenty-four hands will be played through without a break. Entry fee will be £1 per player, draw tickets .50p for a strip of four tickets.

On behalf of Doug and Chris Haskell, plus Fred Denham, our congenial 'Master of Ceremonies', 'we' look forward to seeing you in September.

Bill Chorley

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HERBAL HELP FOR THE SUMMER

Summer is the time of year when we spend more time outdoors enjoying the warmth and sun but it can also be the worst time for being bitten or stung by insects, for getting sunburnt and for developing heat rashes most commonly known as prickly heat.

Whilst some of these situations may require the help of your G.P, and in more serious cases that result in anaphylactic shock (due to allergic reaction to a bite or sting) urgent hospital treatment may be required.

Below are some simple herbal remedies that you can use for mild conditions or to make someone comfortable whilst expert help is sought.

Insect stings or bites

Insects such as bees, wasps and hornets or jellyfish cause stings which are more painful and alarming than they are dangerous.

Some people however maybe allergic to the poison injected and will need expert help. If appropriate, try to remove the sting with tweezers taking care not to grasp the poison sac as this will force remaining poison into the skin or try brushing it away with a needle held parallel to the skin. Apply cold such as an ice pack (or if at home a packet of frozen peas or similar will do) to reduce swelling and pain and then apply lemon juice, vinegar or witch hazel or a slice of onion to the area. A compress made from a herbal infusion of chamomile (a chamomile teabag steeped in hot water and cooled will do fine), lavender essential oil can be used neat and is also antiseptic. Marigold (Calendula) cream or tincture will help reduce inflammation and take the stinging pain away. Drink plenty of Chamomile tea to help reduce inflammation.

You may also like to apply tea tree oil to the area after a while to ensure there is no infection (tea tree oil can also be applied neat to the skin). For jellyfish stings I have it on good authority that urinating on the stung area works very effectively although I appreciate this is not very herbal!

Sunburn

I am sure we are all familiar with the symptoms of sunburn which can vary from superficial burning to a more severe reaction in which the skin becomes lobster-red, blistered and painful and will feel hot to the touch. Don't get sunburnt but if you are unfortunate to get caught out ensure that you rest in a cool place in the shade and sponge the skin gently with cold water if possible, take sips of cold water frequently. If there is extensive blistering then you will need to seek medical help urgently.

The best treatment for sunburn is to apply the juice of the aloe vera plant to the affected areas (aloe vera gel can be bought in most pharmacies and even supermarkets and is very good for mild burns of any type): Take care not to burst any blisters that may be present to prevent infection and keep applying the aloe vera until pain and stinging reduces. Slices of fresh cucumber may help reduce pain and a cooled infusion of marigold flowers will help reduce inflammation as well as helping to heal and reducing the chance of infection from burst blisters. If there is no blistering make a strong infusion from 3-4 chamomile tea bags and add to cool bath water and gently immerse yourself and soak in this for a while to reduce inflammation and cool the skin. Gently pat yourself dry afterwards or 'air-dry' yourself naturally!

Drink lots of cool water or chamomile tea to replace lost fluids and rehydrate the body and skin.

If there is evidence of heat stroke and dehydration this can be very serious as drastic loss of water and salt from the body occurs during over exposure to heat affecting the major organs of the body and, again medical help should be sought urgently. Remove the casualty to the shade and lie them down in case they faint. If possible wrap them in a sheet that has been soaked in cold water. If you have Bach Flower Rescue Remedy to hand add 4 drops to a glass of water

and have the casualty sip this slowly.

Prickly Heat

Otherwise known as Heat Rash, Prickly Heat presents as an itchy rash of small raised red spots on the face, neck, back, chest, arms and thighs mostly and usually appears during hot, humid weather. Prickly heat is usually caused when the skin cannot effectively clear perspiration from its surface and the skin's pores become blocked. The best remedy for Prickly Heat is a cool shower or add a strong infusion of chamomile to cool bathwater (see above) and take a long soak to cool yourself down, reduce inflammation and itching and help remove some of the excess perspiration from the skin. Do this often if you have Prickly Heat but do not use soap, shower gels, bubble baths or other bath/shower preparations as these will aggravate the condition. Avoid the use of creams and talcum powder as these will further block the skin's pores and avoid perfumes and perfumed products until symptoms subside. You may find that an infusion of Marigold flowers will help reduce the redness and inflammation too.

Ensure that you do not get overheated by remaining in a cool environment whilst the symptoms prevail - stand in front of a cooling fan or in an air conditioned environment, wear clothing made from natural fibres to help the body to breathe and perspire naturally. .

Hopefully you won't be affected by any of the above this summer but, if you do I hope the above information will be of help.

Have a great summer!

Sheila Ralph M.H., BSY A(Irid.), BSY A(C.M.A., Ad. C.M.A), BSY A (N. Th.)

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for further information or to check Learning Centre opening times.



'The Summer Blast'

What's on Guide for Young People -Summer 2003

If you are under 16 and don't not want to be bored during the 6 weeks summer holiday then you need a copy of 'The Summer Blast' the ultimate guide to what is going on for young people throughout the East Dorset District between 23rd July and 4th September 2003. All leisure activities from Queen Elizabeth leisure Centre, Verwood Leisure Centre, Ferndown Leisure Centre, Walford Mill Craft Centre, Redcotts Tennis Club and Outreach Arts Development East Dorset can all be found in this bumper activity brochure.

For a free copy of '**The Summer Blast**' contact (01202) 639012.

WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME

September - December

17th September	Quiz and Games to start the season
1st October	Iceland - Land of Fire and Water - Miss Morris.
15th October	Bournemouth Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army.
29th October	My work in the Meteorological Office - Miss Frances Pouncy.
12th November	My Countryside - Mr. Ted Cox.
26th November	Dorset Landmarks - Mr .Alan Wilson of the Dorset Heritage Trust.
10th December	Christmas Lunch - David Barnes entertains

CHRISTMAS BREAK

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SINGLE FLIGHT

I watch the birds heading home,
 Black outlines against the darkening sky,
 Reproductions of the stencils on a window pane
 Set to guard against a foolish daylight flight.
 Now they go in the distant view, singly,
 One by one but all bound on the same flight,
 And I picture them meeting amongst the leaves,
 Sharing a perch for the night and speaking
 Of the daytime food and drink and sleep
 In the hot afternoon dirt-bathing rest.
 It must be good to head for home before the dark
 To find a company gathered there.
 I think that this flight home at the last
 Is mine to come, and how lovely it will be,
 So much to see and feel and greet,
 So many others there for company.
 I think of how I once went home
 And saw a smile of joy and saw delight
 On faces growing old, but very dear,
 And now my cat's soft rumbly purr
 Must serve, or a moist kiss on my cheek.
 There is nothing to head for anymore,
 No perch like the birds to share,
 But one day, soon perhaps, I'll wing my way
 As they do now, through the grey sky
 And the light of the setting sun will be there,
 And I'll be home.

Rural Post Offices

(Reproduced from Dorset WI Newsletter
 June 2003)

Several members have contacted us about the changes being made to Rural Postboxes. I am told this is to prepare for a 'once a day' collection and you will see it only has the last time of collection from that box and it could mean you will lose the ones for the more isolated places.

These changes are due to an E.U. Regulation so please address your complaints to your MEP with a copy to your local MP.

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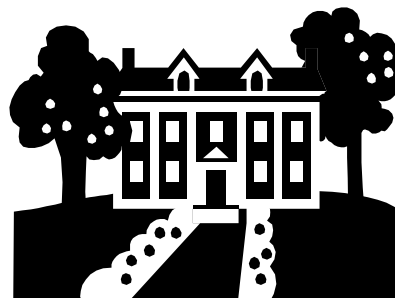
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This will be on Sunday, 14th September at
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All are welcome to both service and lunch,
but it would be much appreciated if you
could let Mrs. Jean Mayne know on
552692 if you intend to come - for
catering purposes.

The Sixpenny Handley Summer
Flower Show on August 16th
is supporting the Salisbury
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Thank You

Rita Perrott and family would like to say thankyou to everybody who sent cards and messages of sympathy to us at a very sad time, also to everybody who attended the funeral of 'Ginger' on May 14th. He was away from us for a long time but it makes the loss no easier to bear. A special thankyou to Ron Wood and Richard Adlem for all their help, guidance and support through a difficult time. A sum of £300 was donated to Tarrant ward at Blandford hospital as a thankyou for their terrific care of Ginger whilst he was with them.

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Can you help with sponsorship?

Local craftsman Dick Pettis is building a Shepherd's Hut to be raffled at The Great Dorset Steam Fair in August in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (Registered Charity 1078685).



Assisted in the organisation of the project by Nora Churchill, Dick is looking for sponsorship to cover the cost of materials, giving his time and skills free of charge.

All monies received in excess of that required for materials will be donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service.

If you are willing to help out then contact Liz Coombs at the Post Office shop who is managing the book of sponsors and donations for materials.

You can also support the project by buying raffle tickets at the Steam Fair – even if your garden is too small there is a cash alternative of £500, with additional prizes supplied by Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

SixpennyHandley.com

The Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge website proposed in the last edition of the Downsman was launched in May, and has been met with an encouraging response. So far, there have been more than 6,500 "hits" or visits to the website. This is a very crude measurement, because many people will have visited more than once, but even if we assume a dozen visits per person, it would suggest that about 500 people have been curious enough to have a look.

The topics which can already be found on the web pages include :

Parish Contacts	Parish Calendar	Email Directory	Village Hall News
Publicity	Parish News	Parish Photographs	People
Places	Clubs	Parish History	Previous editions of the Downsman
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However, for this website to be of real value, we do need more input from you, particularly from local clubs and organisations. Please let us have details of events and contacts, as well as any other news, so that we can include up to date information about what is going on in the village. The hope is that the website will become a reference point, rather like the notice board in the High Street.

We would also be interested to receive any photographs of interest to be added to the few which are already there. Of particular value would be some of the old photographs showing the thatched roofs of the houses in the High Street, or of the old house that used to be in St Mary's Court. But recent photographs would also be welcome to add to the collection. We have nothing so far from Pentridge or the other outlying villages like Woodcutts, Woodyates or Dean. If you have a scanner, then you can email copies. Alternatively, let us have the originals, and we can scan them for you and return them.

But it is not just about photographs. If you have something to sell, we can advertise it. We want the website to be a source of current, up to date information, so we would welcome any ideas or suggestions. A copy of the bus time table and details of the surgery opening hours have been suggested, and they will be added soon. And someone has asked for a directory of local businesses - so if you run a business of any sort from the village, whether from Town Farm workshops or any of the shops in the High Street or even from home, or a farm or you run a B&B, let us have some details which you would like to include - there is no charge. We will have a separate page for this.

The website is intended to supplement the Downsman, not to compete with it ! So topical articles are still more appropriate for the Downsman itself, although suitable material might subsequently be published on the website, if it is of a more enduring nature.

Finally, the response to the launch of the website has been enough to make it worthwhile registering a new URL called www.sixpennyhandley.com. The previous name of www.sixpennyhandley.plus.com will still work, if you have bookmarked it in your "Favourites" folder already, but the new one is a little easier to remember.

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Street Lighting at Woodcutts?

Are we to lose our peace and quietness? Are we to become just another urban conurbation? Will the council tax escalate? All these questions need answering before things get out of hand. It could also mean an influx of tourists, as at Hambledon Hill, where English Nature is inviting anyone who owns a torch, to go along at 9 p.m. on Thursday 17th July to hunt for glow worms. So you see, if it got out that we at Woodcutts had our own glow-worms we could be inundated with torch waving 'naturalist', and that could be dangerous, even fatal. So please keep our new street lighting secret.

Now to more trivial matters. Last week on leaving the churchyard, I drove out on to the top of the High Street, just after teatime, although I hadn't had mine, shame I hear you cry; I did, didn't I? Anyway a flight of small birds, which at first I took to be sparrows, even though their flight pattern was very rapid and dexterous, (I originally typed dextrose, but then realised that it needed no sweetening.) Then we noticed the red breasts, these birds were in fact linnets, but what on earth were they doing at the top of the busy, village high street? I did write 'we' noticed, because my wife was with me, and I can assure you they were linnets.

As every bird book will tell you, these birds are found on open ground, with shrubs and bushes, not at the top of village high streets. I suppose, just another anomaly that can be put down to global warming. (At this stage I must apologise that it is taking you even longer to read this than usual; it is because I am typing with both hands. You see, with using both hands I make many more mistakes, it is probably something to do with that old saying, "The right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing.") Anyway, despite all this I would like to know if anyone else has seen these linnets. Hopefully that will have cleared that up, so we progress to other events here at Woodcutts.

A diary extract:- Tuesday, 3rd. of June 2003

4.30 a.m. I am leaving the house with Bic, our cat, following; he in fact is the only other inhabitant up. It is a wonderful morning, clear sky, birds singing with the exception of the pigeons, which are cooing in hopes of drowning all other song. As I walk down the lane, mug of tea in hand, I am glad I decided on shoes rather than slippers this morning as there is a very heavy dew. It is a couple of weeks since I have walked this way and I am in the middle of what could be a farmer's nightmare. Field after field of oats are before me, all very reasonable crops, but how, you might ask is this a nightmare situation?

This answer is that it will need good combine strength and favourable weather conditions, if all these crops are to be successfully harvested. Oats, unlike wheat, barley and rye will not stand around waiting for the harvester. The flower heads are loose panicles of grain, with the individual grains attached to the parent plant by fragile threads. When the seed is ripe the crop has to be cut or the grain is shed onto the ground, at considerable loss to the farmer. The oat itself is much taller than wheat or barley, this means the straw is under a much greater likelihood of being laid, i.e. it is bent over and laid on the soil. This not only makes it difficult to pick up and cut, it is much more liable to shed in the process, while rain on it can cause it to sprout. The latter of course is not appreciated because it spoils the grain sample. Thunderstorms can create havoc

Enough about agriculture, back to the wildlife, e.g. the deer I can see moving in the tramlines. I wonder if there is a fawn at foot with mum, hidden by the tall oat straw.

My mug of tea is now finished and as I put the empty mug into my jacket pocket, in doing so I think of old Jock, (Shep) and turn to look at his cottage. A carrion crow objects to my presence by cawing loudly and taking to the air in its somewhat clumsy flight. I am quite convinced it is swearing at me. On down the lane, with high hedges on either side, the sycamores, ashes and

maples all showing wonderful crops of seeds. Likewise the elders have done us proud this year, with the flower harvesting over for cordial and champagne, there will be a plentiful supply of berries later, for that countryman's answer to port. At ground level Mother Nature has been busy too, here bedstew, scabious, red dead nettle, buttercups and several varieties of grass are all flowering. As I turn into the next field, a grazing hare is working towards me, he is so engaged in feeding he does not notice me and comes progressively nearer to me.

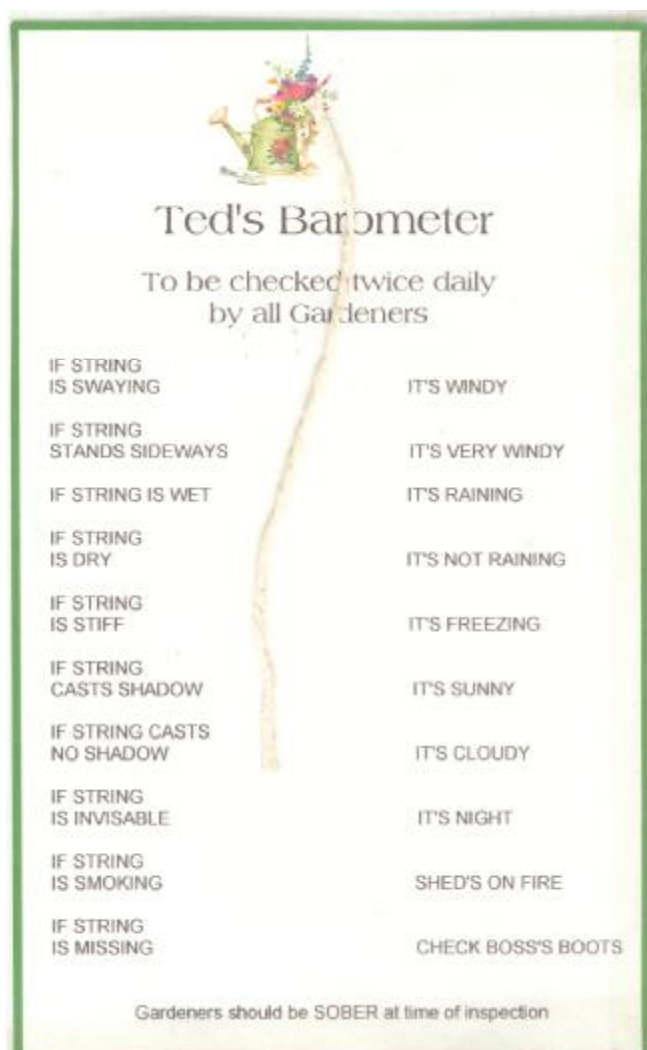
As I move forward he suddenly sits up on his haunches, ears erect, then turns at right angles and away into the long grass at top speed.

I too move into the long grass to look at the beech trees planted there, which, when I first saw them some four years ago, had just been planted, now they are well established and are a good deal taller than me. If I am to keep pace with this growth rate it is time to return to the kitchen and more tea. As I take my mug from my pocket I notice it is completely empty, perhaps the small flies contained therein had had the last few drops.

After the above there is little else to report, apart from the fact that on Wednesday last, together with the usual slow worms disturbed by the strimmer in the churchyard, I also saw a pair of grass snakes. The first we have recorded there.

Apart from this, I have little to add, except to show below how to make a fool proof garden barometer. So until I write again in October, may God be with you all.

Ted Cox (July 2003)



Homemade Garden Barometer

Directions for Manufacture.

You will need

- 1.) a clean piece of card (the top of an old shoe box will do.),
- 2.) a piece of good quality string about 9 inches long, (for E.E.C. members 23 cms.),
- 3.) a black marker pen,
- 4.) one stapler and two staples,
- 5.) somewhere to hang the finished article.

Copy words as shown on example (left), affix string with the two staples to the top of card and nail the whole thing, to the outside of shed or any other appropriate outhouse door.

Thank you for reading this and God bless you all.

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Mompesson House

This delightful eighteenth century townhouse, standing majestically in Salisbury's Cathedral Close and since 1952, under the careful husbandry of the 'National Trust' presently features a quite visually stunning exhibition of paintings by the late Paul Hogarth. The twenty or more pictures on display range from his interpretation of Sydney Harbour bridge, through warm Mediterranean scenes to various scenes of 'Trust' properties including St. Michael's Mount (near Penzance), Cone Castle and Stourhead. Each picture is 'alive' with bright colours, while in addition to the pictures, a cabinet display holds a selection of book covers that feature his prolific work as an illustrator. As is customary, the exhibition is housed in the small drawing room, alleged to have been Barbara Townsend's favourite room. No mean artist in her own right, Barbara, who passed away at the age of 97 in July

1939, is reputed to have sat each day on one of the two window seats in the room, occupying herself for many happy hours sketching life, as she saw it, around the nearby choristers green. In addition to the six fine rooms open to the visitor, 'Mompesson' has a quite charming garden, with a small tea room serving sandwiches, cakes and a selection of non-alcoholic beverages. All in all, very well worth a visit, should you be in Salisbury at a weekend, or twixt Monday and the Wednesday, the house opening its doors at 11 0' clock.

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£10	No. 136	Mr M.O. Phibbs, 2 St. Mary's Court, Sixpenny Handley

Draw Number Eight

£20	No. 120	John White, Fairwinds , Oakley View, Farnham, Blandford
£10	No. 64	D.G. Haskell, 7 Common Road, Sixpenny Handley
£10	No. 80	Mr Snape, The White House, High Street, Sixpenny Handley
£10	No. 206	Iain Laing, 18a High Street, Sixpenny Handley.

Dear Editor

What a shame that this once tranquil little village will become a playground for the local lads (men) to enjoy their hobby of full throttle moto x. The roads will become busier, noisier and as for the pollution from those exhausts Sundays will never be the same again.

WHY????? Why indeed. Because rather than let them get on with their pastime of off-roading on the Ox Drovers, Handley's "**upstanding pillars of the community**" are making them the target of their quite wrong accusations. None of them have abused walkers, destroyed the countryside or go out intending to upset local people.

The culprits you should point the finger at are a group of riders from Poole, who come to the countryside for some riding sport, none of them having tax or insurance and are of a nuisance to other moto x riders.

What a shame not **ONE** person has been up front enough to question the local lads about where they ride, their knowledge of country codes and where the pathways are, each having grown up in the country makes them all too aware of how to look after their surroundings.

So what does this mean? Well "Mr Hide Behind Anonymous Phone calls To the Police" and "Mrs Pass on the Wrong Names to Anyone That Will Listen" it simply means this. NO off road means more ON road and who's road? Yes, you guessed it YOURS!!

All the lads have road tax and insurance so they can legally ride past your gate all day and night if they choose. Just think two minutes each end of Sunday when they leave and return

to the village OR a four stroke with serious grunt ringing in your ears while you eat Sunday lunch, or even a high voltage race tuned two stroke to make your relaxing garden time just heavenly.

These lads are all hard working and like anyone should be allowed to relax. They use engines for that purpose just like others might use a racquet on court or a trowel in the garden.

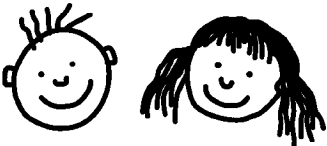
How about LIVE AND LET LIVE!!!!

Maybe a phrase beyond people who need to be so self important that they have to have something to dictate about. Then again they are probably never wrong, ARE THEY?????? '

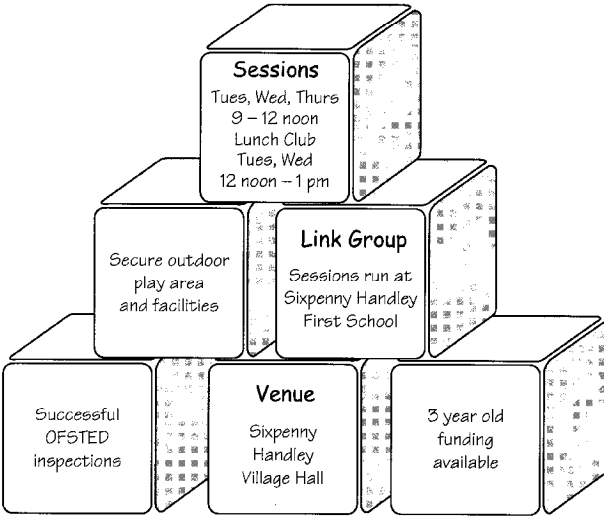
Yours Michele Randall
on behalf of

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Roland.

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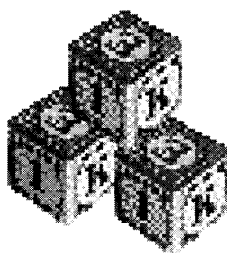


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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Our real success at the moment is with the Mixed Triples League – up to last week we had played our first seven matches and won the seven. However, last week we lost our eighth match. The only problem is that of the seven we won,

six were at home, and we have now got lots of away matches on grass, so we have really got to keep it together. This week we have two matches, so watch this space.

The Mixed Triples Gala Day that we hosted on 21 June went very well. The weather was perfect and the winners and runner-ups were two of our teams.

Friendly matches still not being so successful, we played four matches of which we won two and lost two, but at least by playing on the grass for these it gives us practice for the Mixed Triples League.

Our winners of the Dorset Short Mat President's Cup attended a presentation dance on Friday, when they had their trophies presented to them. Not only that, but Colin Chambers won their National Singles Trophy. Pretty good results for a small club! If we could get a bit bigger, just think what we could manage!

The dates for the Blackmore Vale League matches for the 2003/2004 season have now been fixed - they start in September, so keep an eye on the Blackmore Vale Magazine for our results.

On 11 July, we had a lovely afternoon when members of Chase Community Friends lunch club came up to the bowling green. Some of them plucked up the courage to have a go, while the others watched while sitting supping tea and eating biscuits. Even the weather was lovely. What a summer, isn't it nice to be able to plan something and actually hold it without getting rained off.

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Going back to the Blackmore Vale League, we have now been asked to put forward a team of four players to represent them against the Yeovil League and another match later against one of the other Dorset Leagues (again getting recognised).

It's not too late for you to join us this Season, please contact me if you are interested- 01725-552297.

On Sunday afternoons when we haven't arranged matches, we have now started an afternoon competition amongst ourselves - a spoondrive. It makes the afternoon a bit more interesting and there are prizes for the winning team.

Gill Martin





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

Village Hall News

Good news! During the two weeks starting 25th August, the new **central heating boiler** will be installed. The Management Committee would like to express appreciation for the donation, and for the contributions from all the participating groups, which have in effect made this possible, and they hope that with the installation of the new boiler the heating system at the Hall through next winter will be much more efficient. After the boiler, the next priority will be resealing **the roof and the replacement of the two back doors**, but again these are expensive items so we need to keep the fund raising going.

The kitchen **water heater** has been replaced thanks to funding by Chase Community Friends. The toilets have been overhauled, and the drain covers outside have been secured.

The Management Committee is also actively considering the provision of a fixed **disabled entrance** to the Hall, as well as all ongoing repairs.

Help required! During the two weeks from 25th August, we hope to get some painting and other small repairs done while the Hall is not otherwise being used. Will you come along and lend your skills for an hour or two, please?

Fund raising events: On 16th August at the **Flower Show**, there will be stalls - Teddy bears-Bric-a-brac and Games. And in the evening a **Fun Run (entry form overleaf)** at 5.30 followed by a **Barbecue** and a free **Folk Dance** with the Charity Folk Band until 10 pm. On September 20th, teams are wanted for the **MUSIC QUIZ**. £4 per person includes glass of wine and food.

Plans for the Winter. We have joined the **ARTSREACH for Dorset** scheme, which brings professional entertainments to village halls. Our first entertainment is on Thursday, 23rd October and will be **THE OLD ROPE STRING BAND** - music from all over the world on banjo, accordion, fiddle, etc., with acrobatics, comedy routines, clog dancing, juggling, and what not. What else do you want! And then on Saturday, 28th February, we will welcome the **UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN** - music from Bach to Britney Spears and Duke Ellington to the Buzzcocks - all singing, all strumming, everything except George Formby. And not forgetting Christmas, we have booked the **FOREST FORGE PANTOMIME** for Wednesday, 7th January.

Tickets will be available soon from the Post Office & Stores, and we suggest you book early as all these are going to be very popular shows for all ages.

CHRISTMAS DRAW! We are going to be running a Christmas Draw again this year, and we have persuaded Rob Jesse to do another of his famous **Auctions** on the evening of Saturday, 6th December, when the Draw will also be held.

Book all these dates in your diary NOW!

Rob Jesse

ROB'S COLUMN

A Country Lane

I wander along a country lane
In search of peace, and not in vain.
The yellow of blossoms and green of bush.
The song of linnet, of finch, and thrush

The gentle song of the little stream,
A grassy bank, to sit, and dream.
What more could one want?
What more could one need?
To escape, for a while, from the world of greed.

Answer to the puzzles in the June edition.

1. What are twice two thirds of three quarters of ten? **Answer** 10
(Two thirds of three quarters is two quarters (a half and twice a half is a whole $1 \times 10 = 10$)
2. In what sport do all the players except one move backwards? **Answer** Rowing
3. Is there anything from which you can take away the whole and still have some left?

Answer The word wholesome!!

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ROB'S COLUMN (cont.)*So Many Things*

There are so many lovely things
 The peace and joy that nature brings,
 The rosy dawn that is so sweet,
 The wild flowers all about our feet.
 The deep blue sky, the summer breezes
 The birds that sing among the trees
 The little lambs that frisk all day,
 The lovely scent of new-mown hay,
 The wild roses we love so well,
 The rabbits in the primrose dell,
 These blessings come to us each day,
 Then let us pause awhile and pray.

The following was given to me a while ago and I'm still troubled by some answers.

Human Body

The answers to the following clues can all be found in the Human Body

1. A Fish
2. Carpenters use them
3. Treasure is kept there
4. An arm of the forces
5. Rubbish
6. A Cad
7. A noisy part of a band
8. A school Boss
9. A scholar
10. A young Cow
11. A part of a tree
12. Rude
13. Tom
14. Trendy
15. Liverpool Birds
16. A knitted section
17. A flower
18. A prayer house
19. For chewing
20. A card set
21. Pouring edge
22. Very funny
23. Cutting tools
24. Sea Fish
25. Musical instruments
26. Provide with fighting equipment
27. Get rid of
28. Me myself
29. Is no use splitting them
30. A type of china

Have fun. At your tea break see how many you can get. *Rob*

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SURGERY WILL BE CLOSED
for two days in August

On Wednesday 20th August and Thursday 21st August, the surgery will be closed while the car park is being resurfaced. There will be no access to the surgery during this time. Normal service will resume on Friday 22nd August. During the closure, patients will be seen at Broadchalke. In an emergency, ring the Broadchalke Surgery 01722780282

Patients requiring repeat medication due at that time should put the request in **early**, in person or by phone (using the dispensing line open 12-3) and collect by 6 p.m. on Tuesday 19th August. Please see notices at the surgeries and in local shops for further details. The Partners thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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Sixpenny Handley in 1855

The following is reproduced from Kelly's Directory for 1855.
Submitted by Julian Forder

HANDLEY or SIXPENNY HANDLEY, a town and parish in the Hundred of its name and Union of Wimborne, situated on the border of Wiltshire, 5 miles north-west from Cranbourne, and 10 north-east from Blandford. The living is a perpetual curacy, in the diocese of Salisbury, the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor. The Rev. Arthur Anstey, M.A., is the present incumbent. The church is an ancient edifice of Gothic architecture. There are two small chapels for Wesleyans, and a school on the National system. This parish comprises the chapelry of Gussage St. Andrew and the hamlet of Minchington. Lord Rivers is lord of the

manor. The population, in 1851, was 1,229, and the area is 5,928 acres. It once had a market. Here is brick-earth.

The chapelry of GUSSAGE ST. ANDREW is 2½ miles south-west; Minchington hamlet, 3 miles south-west; Dean Lane tithing, Updean and Lowdean, 2 miles south-west; Woodcutts tithing and Gainsend, 2 miles west; Denland and Upwood, 1 mile north; Cashmore, 3 miles south; Denham, 1½ miles north-west; Newton is a village. On Workly Down are Worbarrow and other barrows, and some pits. On Thorny Down are likewise many barrows.

GENTRY

Ansty Rev. Arthur
Lill Mr. Thomas
Markland Mrs

TRADERS

Adams John, carpenter & wheelwright
Bartlett Samuel, farmer, Chapel farm
Bennett Adam, farmer, Woodcutts
Burt Charles, farmer, Minchington
Button John, shopkeeper & confectioner
Carpenter John, tailor
Coles William, 'Thorney Down,' & farmer
Cookman Joseph, tailor
Day John, brickmaker
Dibben Ann, farmer
Dutch James, carrier & shopkeeper
Elderton Nathaniel, shopkeeper
Fanner Joshua, shopkeeper
Fry Henry, shopkeeper
Harrington Miss Jane, mistress of National school

Hibbard Aaron, farmer
Hibbard Charles, butcher
Hicks Benjamin, farmer
Hiscock John, tailor & shopkeeper
Humby Joseph, farmer, Minchington
Jeffery William, 'Roebuck,' & cattle dealer
Kendall Ambrose, carpenter & wheel-wright
Keates John, blacksmith
Kendall John, 'Cashmoor,' & wheel-wright.
Kingsbury Wm. Lake, farmer, Upwood
Lill Thomas, jun. shopkeeper
Porks William, farmer, Woodcutts
Rymand Joseph, carpenter & shopkeeper
Simpson William, shopkeeper
Sims James, beer retailer & blacksmith
Stainer Lot, shoemaker
Warren James, grocer
Wells Frederick, farmer
White John, draper & postmaster
White William, carrier, Cashmoor
Young William, shopkeeper

POST OFFICE. - John White, receiver. Letters are received from Cranborne at 10 a.m.; dispatched 3 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cranborne
National School (for boys & girls), Miss Jane Harrington, mistress

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To & From Blandford - William Wyatt & William White, every Saturday

The Downsman

DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

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