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

Copy Deadline is 20th November 2003**RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREA.**

There has been considerable vandalism to the play area during the summer months causing danger to other children who wish to use the facilities. The area is often left covered in cans and papers of various sorts. The cost of the repairs and cleaning has to be borne by the Parish and ultimately comes out of the precept.

The Play Area is designed for children aged 6 – 14 years; younger children should always be accompanied when using the equipment. If the children of the village cannot look after it, the Parish Council may be left with little option but to close it in the interests of Health and Safety.

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. 01725 552279**

**64
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**Fast Internet Access for Sixpenny Handley
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We are getting closer to the prospect of fast internet access via broadband being made available for the Sixpenny Handley exchange moved a step closer recently. BT set a “trigger” level for the exchange at 150. This means that when 150 people from the Handley exchange have registered an interest in broadband then BT will begin the process to upgrade the exchange.

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You can now register via Sixpenny Handley’s own local web site;
www.sixpennyhandley.com; follow the **Register for ADSL** link.

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

Judd, Church Farm Bungalow Change of Use Agricultural to Industrial	Judd, Church Farm Bungalow Erect four Dwellings Amended Plans
Parker, West View, Woodcutts Erect Barn & Stables	Cobley Farm West Woodyates Continued use of Telecommunications Mast

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

DOG MESS

The number of people allowing their dogs to mess around the village, and on the recreation ground in particular is increasing. When you do not clear up after your dog, not only are you breaking the law, but are being as anti-social, and uncaring about your neighbours, as you can be. Children play in the recreation ground, the football team, and other sports teams play in these public areas. A lot of people do care about these spaces, and they want these areas clean and healthy - so they have to clear up after your dog.

Please be warned

**If you are caught not clearing up after your dog
You will be prosecuted**

Public Meeting

About 35 people turned up at the village hall on Thursday 18th September to hear Inspector Dave Clegg of Blandford Police answer questions on a number of subjects that included vandalism, speeding and local crime statistics. Full answers to some of the questions will require him to do some research. For this reason a full summary of the questions and answers will appear in the next issue of the Downsman, and on the village web site.

Inspector Clegg emphasised that all incidents should be reported, and that callers can be assured of full confidentiality. To reduce the amount of minor crime etc the police need to know as much detail as possible about who, where and when.

The Parish Council would like to thank the people who took the time to come and listen. They hope you felt it was worthwhile.

Refresh Your Driving Skill

The Parish Council has been offered the chance to run a classroom based course about updating and refreshing your driving skill. We need a minimum of 10 people to run it. If you are interested, contact the Parish Clerk.



Sixpenny Handley Fireworks Spectacular

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Display Start 7.30pm



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News and Information

NATIONAL
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INSTITUTES

The committee would like to thank everyone who made cakes etc and provided plants for their stall at the Sixpenny Handley Summer Show.

ANNUAL WALK

The Sixpenny Handley WI Annual Walk was on 11th August and we were guided round the Northern Chequers of Salisbury. The walk which took 1 ½ hours started at the Brown Street Car Park and included the Methodist Church, Salisbury Arts Centre, the Salisbury District Council Buildings and other buildings of note in that area. Husbands, partners etc were also invited so the party was large ~ but no one was lost.

We all then repaired to the Fox & Goose at Coombe Bissett for a super meal and a well-earned rest.

Thank you to Bobbie Carter for organising what could be a logistical nightmare!

MONTHLY MEETING

The Autumn programme started with Mrs J Potter giving a talk entitled 'How to be a House Detective'. This was a fascinating subject and Mrs Potter illustrated her talk with slides of architectural features to look out for when trying to establish the history of a building. Her work involves searching parish and county records for plans of buildings and areas and she showed how it was possible to trace a building back through its life, with all the changes that the various owners had made over the centuries. The amount of work that she has to do varies with each property but she assured us that it was possible for anyone with an older building to create a history for it and many would be surprised at the number of changes they can log.

The October meeting is on 13th October and Mrs J Williams will be giving a talk on 'Your Family History in Photographs'. The exhibition will be ~ my favourite cup & saucer.

The Sixpenny Handley Summer Skittles Team won the Beacon Group Summer Skittles Competition Trophy by 1 point, after a nail biting finish. This means that they retain the trophy won last year. Congratulations go to the team who beat five other local WI institutes.

100 Club Winners – July

1st Mrs Jan Gibb 2nd Mrs A Cullen 3rd Graham Burke

100 Club Winners – August

1st Steve Judd 2nd Mrs Rivers 3rd Mrs W Judd

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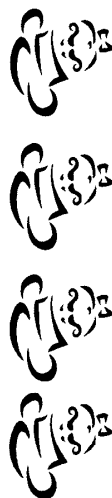
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Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Draft AONB Management Plan... Sees light of day!!

The draft Management Plan for the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is set to begin its public consultation period in mid September. Comments are being invited on this draft document by Monday 27th October 2003. It had been hoped to release the draft in August but unavoidable delays made that impossible.

“The draft Plan has been produced by a broad partnership of the AONB's residents, visitors and supporters,” said Linda Nunn, Management Plan Officer. “It is critical that the Management Plan is a 'shared document'. For this reason we are extremely keen to receive comments and suggestions (both positive and negative) on the content of this draft Plan.”

Where can I find a copy?

- Each **Parish Council** in the area will be sent two copies of the Plan
- Local **libraries will** also have a copy: Frome, Warminster, Blandford, Mere, Salisbury, Fordingbridge, Shaftesbury, Wincanton, Wimborne, Gillingham, Wilton and Tisbury.
- **Tourist Information Centres** at Mere, Shaftesbury, Wimborne, Warminster, Blandford, Salisbury, Frome and Fordingbridge will also be sent a copy.
- The draft Plan and Response Form will also be available on the AONB's website- www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk

How do I comment on it?

Response Forms and FREEPOST address labels have been included with the copies of the draft Plan sent to the above places.

- Please use the Response Forms as they will make collating people's comments easier.
- Please make sure that your Response Form arrives no later than **Monday 27th October 2003.**
- Once you have completed the form please place it in an envelope and use the FREEPOST label.
- If you do not have a label please send it to this address: Linda Nunn, Environmental Services, FREEPOST (SWB20290), DORCHESTER DT1 1ZZ.

If you would like to receive more copies of the Response Form or if you have a specific query please contact the AONB Team on 01725 516925 or send an email to info@cranbornechase.org.uk

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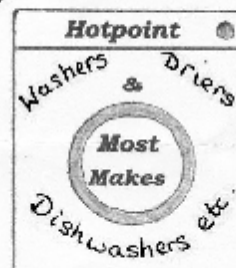
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The Art of Lace Making at Woodcutts

At a time when so many country crafts are in decline, it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm, the industry, the expertise and injection of countless hours of work that have been all so freely given to the Art of Lace Making here at Woodcutts. Indeed this elegant and ancient art has really blossomed here, this summer. For those of you who know Woodcutts and its inhabitants, the question you will be asking yourselves, is who on earth can it be, that is practising this noble pastime? It is appreciated, that in this multifaceted, thriving, international, jet-setting community, there are many possible choices that can be made as to the probable participant(s). Is it Mrs. So and So, who has lived here forever, or is it young Xxxxx, who is a recent import?

Well I have to tell you, the answer is neither. The artistes are extremely young and their work output enormous, despite their immaturity. Their designs are by no means traditional, nor do they work in the usual silks and cottons. The truth is that they work in a very modern way, using genuine, organic materials. They can be said to be truly green and also black, yellow and hairy. They have multi-segmented bodies, protruding eyes and hairs everywhere.

Yes you have guessed it, they are the caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly; the materials that they have been working on are my Brassica plants. Unlike those of the silk moths, the finished product of their "fine work" is not so much sought after. Although anyone who would like to purchase a lacy, cabbage leaf, may do so at a very reasonable price. (No canvassers please.) Whatever that means, I am not at all sure, but I have seen it in other adverts. Orders may be placed on the internet, that is if you can find out the e-mail address. I'm afraid I can't be of help there, I know I've got one but I'm not sure what it is.

Even if we can't harvest cabbages, we can harvest the fruits of the hedgerows. They are wonderful this year, aren't they? Firstly back in May, the elder flowers produced some of the best cordial ever, and then this month we have a bumper crop of lush elder berries, some eight pounds of them finding their way into demi-johns in the kitchen, at the beginning of this year's wine making. They were closely followed by some of this year's, bumper crop of blackberries. Meg (Madge) and I picked nine pounds during a two-hour, leisurely walk, last Sunday afternoon. They have already displayed great potential by frothing over the top of their containers, in the initial wine making process. Now there are hips and haws to be harvested, before the dry weather comes to an end, and there is no shortage of those either. Other berries, which appear to be present in prolific numbers are spindle (these are still to turn from green grey to pink as yet), and ivy, which are still at the flowering stage and providing great amounts of nectar and pollen, for numerous insects. These include all sorts of bees and butterflies, which are still on the wing at the middle of September. Of the butterflies, the good old cabbage white is the most numerous, followed by the red admiral. Also seen in the last few days are one brimstone, one painted lady, one comma and a very lonely looking humming bird hawk moth. I must not forget to mention the large green and blue, Wellington Bomber type, dragon flies, which are still with us and have been in considerable numbers all summer.

Of all the insects this year, the cabbage white has been the most dominant, with it's caterpillars having three pairs of arms, it is no wonder it has had such a wonderful lace making year. I have used computer technology to keep birds off the cabbages, (hanging the CDs, supplied by all the internet companies, from canes has been very effective); however butterflies don't seem at least worried by them.

Even if the cabbage crop has had problems, the potatoes haven't. It is the first year without blight for some time; this has been due to the hot, dry weather; blight requires hot weather with a high humidity. They have cropped extremely well, at least all the varieties that I have grown did. As a first early, I grew a new organic variety called Junior, which were ready about the 10th of June, yielding well, cooking easily and with a particularly good flavour. I would recommend these to any grower on chalk soils. Also grown as a back up early, was Maris Bard, a safe bet. Of the main crops I have grown Romano, Pink Fir Apple, (these are low yielding but taste like earlies the whole year round) and Golden Wonder, a variety that fetches a premium of up to 33% on the market price in Ireland, because of their superior taste and texture.

Although the potatoes have not suffered from disease, they have suffered from the attention of the slugs. Using beer traps has been the obvious answer, as I have tried not to use chemical deterrents. If I told people, whom I knew in my twenties, that I had emptied a six-pack, without drinking any, they would have looked at me in disbelief. So much for age. I must admit it was only the supermarket's own economy brand, but even so it was quite a wrench.

The thought of drinking has reminded me of the humming bird hawk moths which many of us have seen imbibing nectar from the glorious show of flowers this year. To see them hovering while drinking, then flying in reverse to move away is a wonderful sight. Hopefully they will become a regular feature of our future summers. This is just another benefit of global warming.

With drinking still on my mind and to let the computer cool down, I have just taken a brief, coffee-break, hopefully it hasn't delayed you.

So back to where we left off, global warming! I don't see or hear many people complaining about the temperatures. 6 to 8 degrees Celsius above the norm. It has been a wonderful year for most people, but the one big exception must be the stock farmers relying on grass to feed their animals. They are already feeding what should be winter rations, with no likelihood of any late hay or silage. A great blow, especially for the dairy farmers, already up against it because of very low milk prices. (Mainly due to the all powerful supermarkets.) The failure of a large dairy processing plant owned by farmers here in the South, has emphasised the problem even more. So as you enjoy the back end of a wonderful summer, please say a prayer for those less fortunate.

This world is here for all of us to delight in; not just the fortunate few. Why can't we all forget materialism and take pleasure in all God's gifts around us. Is it too much to ask? Just look at the roadside plants as you travel about, slow down especially in places of speed limits, enjoy the wonderfully coloured, bright yellow, toadflax, which is more abundant this year than ever before. You say you haven't noticed it! Shame on you, open your eyes to the real world, the natural, God given world. May God bless you all, thank for reading to the end.

Ted Cox (17.09.03)

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, flowers and other goodies, while I was in hospital.

I am pleased to say I am now home.

Thank you ALL

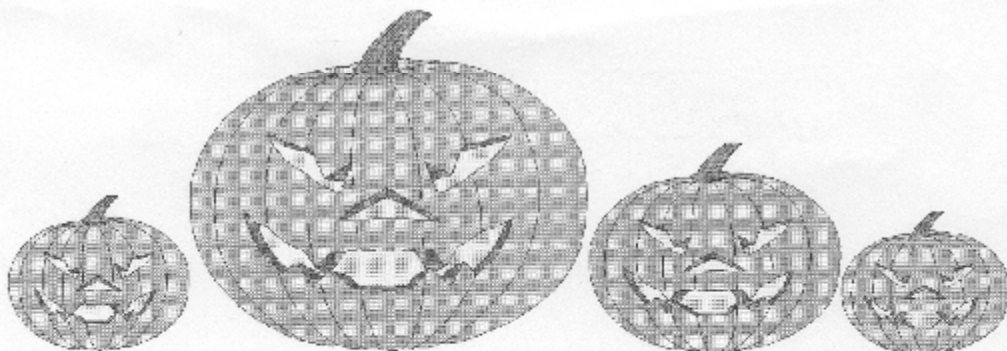
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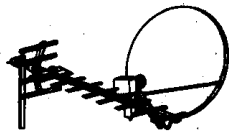
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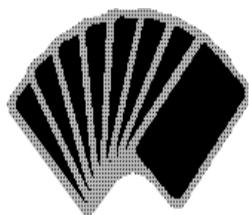
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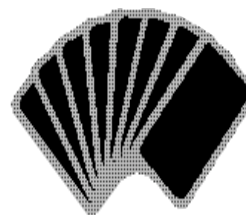
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Whist at The Village Hall



With two rounds completed in the 2003-2004 Whist Competition, Mary Braithwaite has edged into a fourteen point lead over Sandra Wright, with Doug Haskell in third place, five points adrift to Sandra.

Attendance at this year's games have been very encouraging with over ten tables in play for the opening match, where Doug Haskell and Mary Braithwaite returned identical scores of 174, Doug '*stealing*' the top spot by dint of a better score (by one point) on the twelfth hand, which closed the first half of the twenty-four deal match.

However, the recent eight table game saw Mary pick up another '*top*', carding 176, a point clear of Sandra Wright, who had returned a respectable 161 in the first round. Doug, meanwhile, fell away with a 157, though this was still good enough to remain in touch with the leaders. Rita Austin and Ruby Jacobs are also very much in contention with equal scores of 328, while Wilf Jacobs and Ruth Hustings, equal 327, Ted Meaden (326), Len Diggins (323) and Doris Day (321) are all challenging hard and holding fourth to tenth places, inclusive.

Twice champion, Marge Poolman presently cards 304, in total, and twenty-third place, but with fourteen rounds to go there is ample time for Marge to make inroads into the scores of those above her.

As readers are well aware, I no longer report on bridge but two recent events really do deserve mention. The first was a remarkable forty-two point score from three rubbers played between the father and son combination of Doug and Chris Haskell (the victors) and Helen Goodwin and Bill Chorley (the vanquished), and an outstanding demonstration of brave bidding, equalled by top quality card play, by Chris, again partnered by Doug, when he not only landed a four heart contract but made six tricks with a combined honour count of just seventeen points. My partner, Terry, had opened with a no trump (signalling a balanced hand with twelve to fourteen honour points); Chris passed and with a well shaped hand with good honours support, I raised Terry to game by bidding three no trumps. At this stage Doug '*doubled*' for penalties and after some thought Terry passed. Fully expecting a pass from Chris, I was astounded when he said, '*I'll put you out of your misery (Terry); four hearts*'.

As it turned out, he held seven hearts to the king/jack, while dummy (Doug) went down with three aces and the jack of spades. From my lead of a spade, Chris ruffed in hand and played a heart, which Terry covered with his ace. I forget the next lead, but Chris won in dummy and finessed the jack of hearts. From that point on it was one way traffic with the tricks piling up in front of Chris as he ruffed out our high cards until he was left with established cards in hand.

Bill Chorley

East Dorset Community Partnership

The East Dorset Community Strategy Officer is holding a public meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 27th October to discuss the East Dorset Community Plan. A draft of this plan will be sent to each household during October, and this is your chance to comment on it. See notice boards and village web site for more details nearer the date.

THE AMAZING HEALTH BENEFITS OF CAYENNE PEPPER

Cayenne Pepper can be likened to fire and ice. It can burn the sensitive tissues of the body such as the eyes and mouth and yet it can cool the inflamed tissues of the body.

It is an anti-inflammatory herb that helps reduce the pain and swelling of arthritis while it promotes and supports the blood circulation and cardiovascular system by dilating the blood capillaries and yet it can stop haemorrhages by accelerating blood clotting as well as lowering cholesterol levels keeping the heart and cardiovascular system healthy. An extraordinary herb that has been used by healers for thousands of years, Cayenne Pepper can strengthen your immunity to a multitude of ills whilst helping fight off viruses and bacterial infection.

Cayenne Pepper originates from the city of Cayenne in French Guiana where it has been used therapeutically since ancient times by civilisations including the Aztecs, the Mayans, Jesuits, Conquistadors, and the oriental cultures of China and South East Asia.

Cayenne pepper is made by powdering the dried whole chilli pepper, (seeds as well) and contains Vitamins A, C and E giving it excellent anti-oxidant properties, 16 amino acids and it's mineral content includes calcium, phosphorous, potassium and cobalt. Chillies contain capsaicinoid compounds which give chillies their pungency and heat which react on the pain receptors in the brain.

Cayenne Pepper is a truly amazing, holistic herb that strengthens and tones, heals and stimulates the body's various tissues and systems. Whilst I wouldn't advocate abandoning your prescriptive medication from your G.P, Cayenne Pepper can be beneficial in the following conditions but it is advisable to consult your G.P first to ensure that Cayenne will not interfere with your current medication.

Heart Attacks/ Heart Arrhythmias/ Heart Disease/ Congestive Heart Failure/ Atherosclerosis/ Angina/ Blood clots.

Take a capsule containing cayenne pepper three times a day with food to keep the heart and cardiovascular system working well. Cayenne pepper can normalise high or low blood pressure if taken with a capsule of garlic as, together, they work directly on the systolic and diastolic rates. To prevent Angina and Heart Attacks take 6 drops of Cayenne tincture (available from a reputable herbalist) three times daily under the tongue or diluted in the same amount of water or fruit juice on an empty stomach. Also use 6 drops of Cayenne tincture under the tongue at the onset of an attack.

Arthritis/ Muscle aches and spasms/ Lumbago/ Neuralgia

Take a capsule of Cayenne Pepper three times a day with food to help reduce the pain and inflammation of arthritis, muscular pain, lumbago and neuralgia, apply Cayenne oil (available from a reputable herbalist) gently to the painful or inflamed area. Cayenne Pepper works directly on the pain receptors of the brain stimulating the release of endorphins to ease pain and stimulating the neurons to release Substance P to reduce inflammation. When applied to the affected area Cayenne Pepper brings the blood to the surface of the skin to dilate the blood capillaries and reduce inflammation.

Asthma

Just a pinch of Cayenne Pepper in warm water will help halt an asthma attack quickly.

Influenza, Common Cold, Viruses and Bacterial infections of the Upper Respiratory Tract

Add a pinch of Cayenne Pepper to the juice of ½ a lemon and add ¼ pint of warm water - use this as a gargle and drink a little if you can - it doesn't taste too good but if used as soon as symptoms appear will often prevent the problem developing. For Sinusitis just a minute amount of Cayenne Pepper inhaled through each nostril as a snuff can clear sinus congestion rapidly. (**Please take care not to get it in your eyes!**). For sore throats and tonsillitis gargle hourly with ½ teaspoon of Cayenne Pepper added to ½ teaspoon of honey and a cup of grapefruit juice but don't swallow it.

Sprains

Make a liniment from slowly simmering 1 tablespoon of Cayenne Pepper in 1 pint of apple cider vinegar and bottle while warm. When needed soak an elastic bandage in a warmed quantity of the liniment and wrap it around the sprained limb to reduce swelling and pain. (If soreness or blistering occurs discontinue use and apply Aloe Vera Gel to the inflamed area).

Cuts/ Grazes

Apply a small amount of Cayenne Pepper to the clean cut or graze to stop bleeding and promote healing.

Abscesses/ Boils

Apply a small amount of Cayenne Pepper tincture to the affected area to speed up formation of a head and to dry up the infection promoting speedy healing.

Irregular Menstruation

Take two Cayenne Pepper capsules daily with food to reduce cramping and excessive bleeding and regulate menstruation.

I think the above information should encourage us all to keep Cayenne Pepper in the house!

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A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

At a recent Parish Council meeting, I was asked the question: "What is Agenda 21?". At the time I could only explain where it originated from but could not give any substantial detail about it. With the help of the Internet I now have a detailed document on Agenda 21, and I thought it would be useful to remind readers how it arose and what it is trying to achieve.

It all started when the General Assembly called for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. This meeting finally took place in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 where leaders of the world's nations came together to agree on an action plan to cover environment and development issues for the 21st century. The final conclusions of what became known as the "Rio Earth Summit" were drawn up in a 40-chapter document called "Agenda 21", which incorporated all the principles contained in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development. The first chapter of the document defines the basis on how the action plan was constructed and included the following paragraphs:-

"Humanity stands at a defining moment in history. We are confronted with a perpetuation of disparities between and within nations, a worsening of poverty, hunger, ill health and illiteracy, and the continuing deterioration of the ecosystems on which we depend for our well-being. However, integration of environment and development concerns and greater attention to them will lead to the fulfilment of basic needs, improved living standards for all, better protected and managed ecosystems and a safer, more prosperous future. No nation can achieve this on its own; but together we can - in a global partnership for sustainable development.

"Agenda 21 addresses the pressing problems of today and also aims at preparing the world for the challenges of the next century. It reflects a global consensus and political commitment at the highest level on development and environment co-operation. Its successful implementation is first and foremost the responsibility of Governments. National strategies, plans, policies and processes are crucial in achieving this. International co-operation should support and supplement such national efforts. In this context, the United Nations system has a key role to play. Other international, regional and subregional organisations are also called upon to contribute to this effort. The broadest public participation and the active involvement of the non-governmental organisations and other groups should also be encouraged.

"The developmental and environmental objectives of Agenda 21 will require a substantial flow of new and additional financial resources to developing countries, in order to cover the incremental costs for the actions they have to undertake to deal with global environmental problems and to accelerate sustainable development. Financial resources are also required for strengthening the capacity of international institutions for the implementation of Agenda 21.....

"In the implementation of the relevant programme areas identified in Agenda 21, special attention should be given to the particular circumstances facing the economies in transition. It must also be recognised that these countries are facing unprecedented challenges in transforming their economies, in some cases in the midst of considerable social and political tension.

"The programme areas that constitute Agenda 21 are described in terms of the basis for

action, objectives, activities and means of implementation. Agenda 21 is a dynamic programme. It will be carried out by the various actors according to the different situations, capacities and priorities of countries..... It could evolve over time in the light of changing needs and circumstances. This process marks the beginning of a new global partnership for sustainable development."

So, what in simple terms is "sustainable development"? Well, the standard of living for future generations is being threatened by our present unsustainable lifestyles. The global environmental problems are now well known: our ever-increasing consumption of rapidly-diminishing fossil fuels, the effects of climate change, relentless deforestation, continuing damage to the ozone layer, pollution of the oceans are all causing great concern. The UK Government's strategy refers to sustainable development as the idea of "ensuring a better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come".

The need for development is as great as ever, but future development cannot follow the model of the past. This is true for the world as a whole, and for every community in this country. In days gone by, economic activity tended to mean more pollution and a wasteful use of resources. We therefore have to find a new way forward, a way to achieve the economic, social and environmental objectives at the same time and consider the long term implications of the decisions we make. At both the global and local level we need thriving cities, towns and villages based on strong economies, good access to services and attractive and safe surroundings.

These aims, set out at the Rio Summit, are still the ultimate challenge for the countries of the world. Some have already accepted the concept of sustainable development and many positive initiatives have been pursued. But 11 years on, as division amongst nations fills the news each day, I wonder whether the rest have the wisdom to accept the stark realities and fully embrace the ideals of Agenda 21 before time runs out.

Handley Sports Club 100 Club Draws.

Draw Number Nine

£20	No. 53	Mr S. Neave, 6 Old Farm Gardens, Blandford Forum
£10	No. 101	Mr S. Tough, 12 Paddock Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	No. 37	Mrs M Day, 4 New Buildings, Spetisbury, Blandford
£10	No. 113	Mr N. Bainbridge, 29 Dogwood Road, Broadstone

Draw Number Ten

£20	No. 50	Mr J. E. Edwards, 8 Cashmoor, Gussage St. Michael
£10	No. 160	Mr S. J. Green, 2 South Fields, Gussage St. Michael
£10	No. 24	Mr N. Leonard, Verwood
£10	No. 21	Mrs D. Harvil, 18 Town Farm Place, Sixpenny Handley

Just a quick note of **thanks to Rob Jesse and all those involved** in organising the folk night and barbecue after the summer flower show. We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and really appreciate the time and effort that was given to make it happen.

Rob and Claire Easton, Alistair and Dee Broadway.

Dear Editor

We write to thank the local residents who supported our recent planning application, by offering support, interest and general help. It does seem such a shame that members of your parish council did not feel the same way and actually went out of their way to make sure this very exciting and potentially important asset for rural development and recovery did not succeed.

As a local farmer who was born and brought up in Minchington, I realise farming incomes cannot be sustained on small mixed farms. We have had to look for a farm diversification project that would support our self and our young family. We realised we had a very important archaeological site upon our farm we looked into the economics of setting up an archaeological study centre to encourage education and research in our local area. The building was designed in conjunction with EDDC conservation officer bearing in mind it was being sited in an AONB.

Is this the type of parish council Sixpenny Handley needs, one that does not see an opportunity for development and understand present government policy to encourage farmers to diversify using assets that they have, perhaps a wind farm or compost plant would be more appropriate!

Yours Faithfully

Mr S. E. Meaden

Myncen Farm, Minchington

It was with interest that I attended the site meeting for the proposed Myncen Farm Archaeological and Field Studies Centre. However, I was soon filled with dismay as I listened to the Parish Councils' negative and short-sighted response to this valuable initiative. The potential importance of this Centre has been recognised by many organisations and individuals including Cambridge University, our University at Bournemouth and our very own First School at Sixpenny Handley. Here within our own community this Centre would offer opportunities, not only for visiting groups but for everyone. We are indeed privileged to live in this rich and internationally renowned area.

General Pitt Rivers realised the enormous potential Cranborne Chase has to offer and he actively encouraged people to understand their own heritage. It's such a shame the Parish Council does not support this philosophy and encourage those who share this vision today.

Yours sincerely

Martin Green

Down Farm, Sixpenny Handley

Response From Parish Council:

The Planning Committee of Sixpenny Handley Parish Council, when considering any planning application, are bound in their decisions by planning law, and must base their observations in accordance with Government Planning Policy guidelines and the Local Plan.

They have the added responsibility of being a Planning Committee in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where the regulations are even more stringent than in other areas.

The Parish Council does not make the final decision on planning applications. This is taken by

the East Dorset District Council, who must also base their decisions upon planning law.

From: East Dorset District Council:

Planning Application: 3/03/0353

Erection of Archaeological Study Centre, incorporating 2 associated residential holiday units plus cart shed for storage.

As amended by plans received 4th July 2003. Myncen Farm, Minchington

‘The Committee did not accept the recommendation of the District Planning Officer. Following a site visit it was considered that the proposal had an adverse impact on the AONB, nearby residential properties and highway safety. It had no archaeological investigation and was considered a precedent for unacceptable new development in the open countryside.

Refuse:

1. The Local Planning Authority is of the opinion that the form of the building proposed is inappropriate in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by reason of its size, scale, massing and siting. It is therefore contrary to policies CSIDE1 (para 6.65), LSCON1 (para 6.83) and DES8 (para 6.300) of the East Dorset Local Plan. It is also considered that the use of the building as an Archaeological Study centre will result in an unneighbourly relationship to the adjoining residential property by reason of noise and general disturbance, contrary to the provision of policy DES8 (para 6.300) of the Local Plan.
2. The Local Planning Authority considers that the applicants have failed to substantiate a need for a new building in this sensitive location within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and that it considers that to allow such a building without a justification would set a precedent for other similar developments, which could be harmful to the visual amenities of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Council are concerned that if the project ceases to be viable in the near future then it will result in a new building in the AONB for which an alternative use will need to be established. The scheme is therefore considered contrary to the policies CSIDE1 (para 6.56) and LSCON1 (para 6.83) of the East Dorset local Plan.
3. The applicants have failed to carry out an archaeological assessment of the site, as required by PPG16 Archaeology and is therefore contrary to policy ARCON1 (para 6.48) of the east Dorset Local Plan.
4. The proposed Archaeological Study Centre will generate a material increase in traffic movements onto the public highway from an access which lacks adequate visibility and would therefore be likely to cause additional danger to road users. Furthermore, the site is served by a series of narrow, sub-standard access roads which are unsuitable to cater for the increased traffic which will be generated by the proposed development, contrary to policy DES12 (para 6.316) of the East Dorset Local Plan

Poppy Appeal 2003

As the poppy has become to be regarded as a visual symbol of the terrible sacrifice in human lives twixt those tempestuous years 1914 to 1918, so some of the most enduring words describing the insufferable conditions imposed on the soldiers of both sides of the dividing wire have been provided by the poets of that era.

Indeed, the solemn words intoned each Memorial Sunday (for now we tend to hold our Service of Remembrance on the Sunday that is nearest to Armistice Day, November 11th);

*'At the going down of the sun,.
and in the morning,
We will remember them'*

came from the pen of Laurence Binyon, a man already senior in years before he left his post at the British Museum to serve his country.

Poets of Binyon's ilk have inspired countless writers in the years that have since followed, and my simple theme that heralds this year's appeal is to record extracts from some of the poems written in 2003, by pupils of Downton School during the course of their studies into the causes, and outcome, of the First World War. The first is the third stanza from the work of Natalie Parker, which she titled '*Alfred*'; perhaps a relative from her family's distant past?

*'Alfred died in a field
Near to Ypres,
In a town called Gheluvelt,
This is his last resting place,
But in the stars he'll be,
Forever and eternally.'*

Glancing at my map of Belgium, I see that Gheluvelt (or Geluveld) lies astride the road from Ypres to Menin, and is only a few kilometres north of the border with France.

In the second verse of an untitled piece by Laurie Sammons, his words capture the silent emotions that surely flooded the minds of thousands of soldiers as they waited in their trenches, praying, no doubt, that they would survive their stint close to the front;

*'Silent we lie in fear and dread,
Waiting to see which men are dead
Someday it'll be my turn to fight,
That thought makes me shiver each day and night.'*

In similar vein, I was much taken by the second verse of Jonathan Church's three-verse poem, '*Waiting*;'~

*'We stare across the land of no-on,
We wait for them to make their move
We listen to their conversations so close
We stare across the land of no-one'*

Peter Harvey penned a particularly poignant three-verse poem, which he titled, '*I am Here*'. Having set the scene in his first verse, Peter's anonymous soldier remembers his home and the beauty of the countryside of England in summer, before concluding;

*'But I am here
No green hills
No dew, nor breeze
And not the faintest twitter
Of a black bird song'*

And in keeping with the terrible horror that it all was along the hundreds of miles of front line,

Jo Frampton wrote a very powerful piece, from which I now quote from the third stanza of, *'The Soldier'*;

*'Then they pulled the pin on the grenade,
His life flashed before him, his vision to fade,
He now is forgotten, buried under a heap,
He died very quickly, as he now is to sleep.'*

Laurence Binyon would, I am sure, have been proud of the achievements of these young poets, but prouder still (and rightly so) would have been the *'pals'* and families of those who fell in the twinkling of eye in some Flanders field, or in a distant land far from their home country.

Since those awful times of nearly a full century ago, the servicemen of our nation have been called upon to fight in another World War, as well as participate in several major emergencies; Korea, Malaysia, Aden and within the last decade and a bit, two conflicts in Iraq. These conflicts, along with the sapping emergency situation in Northern Ireland and the many *'brush fires'* that has been our lot to cope with, the work of the The Royal British Legion continues unabated. And so, as we wear with pride the poppy for the 11th of November, let us not forget the unstinting care provided by the Legion to those servicemen and their dependents who have fallen on difficult times. May I assure you that your contribution, no matter how small, is not only welcome but received with grateful acknowledgement from the *'volunteers'* who collect on behalf of the Legion in the run up to Remembrance Sunday.

I am forever indebted to the pupils of Downton School for being allowed to quote from their work, to their Head of History, Elizabeth Cutter and to their Head Teacher, Jenny Lawrie.

Bill Chorley

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser.

As a rider to this year's appeal, I have looked at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and identified the burial places for four of the better known poets of the First World War.

Sub-Lt Rupert Chawner Brooke of Hood Battalion Royal Navy, is buried on the Greek island of Skyros in an isolated grave on the east side of Tris Boukes Bay which, in turn, is on the south side of Skyros and approximately one and-a-half hours walking from Kalamitsa. Brooke died from acute blood-poisoning on Friday 23rd April 1915, aged 27.

Lt-Col John McCrae of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, died of pneumonia on Monday 28th January 1918, aged 45. Penned the immortal poem, *'In Flanders Fields'*. Now rests in France at Wimereux Communal Cemetery in the Pas-de-Calais.

Pte Isaac Rosenberg, died on Monday 1st April 1918, while serving with the 1st Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment). Aged 27, he lies in Bailleul Road East Cemetery, St-Laurent-Blangy in the Pas-de-Calais. Thought by many to be the best of the poets, after Wilfred Owen.

Lt Wilfred Edward Salter Owen MC, killed in action with the 5th Battalion Manchester Regiment on the 4th of November 1918, a mere seven days before the signing of the Armistice (it is said that his parents, who lived in Shrewsbury, received the news of his death as the bells of the town rang out the joyous peals of peace). He is buried in France in Ors Communal Cemetery, in the Department of Nord.

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A successful Coffee Morning was held at Sheasby Close on the 10th September.

After a damp start and no electricity the sum of **£194.05** was raised for the

Ace of Hearts Appeal.

Molly, Vic, Rita and Ted would like to thank all the helpers
and those that attended and gave donations.

Thank You.



**The Brook Hospital for Animals Open Garden;
Tanner Cottage, 24th August.**



After a tense morning, when we had some rain, the afternoon became fine and sunny and 'the event' proved an outstanding success. In total we took **£520** which was duly passed onto the Salisbury Supporters Group of 'The Brooke'



The event would not have been possible without all the help from friends: - Liz Coombs, who organised the raffle and tombola; all the villagers who so kindly donated the prizes; Carole Wyatt, who helped with preparations and with Chris Fielden sold drinks and cakes all afternoon; Peggy Holland who manned the plant stand; the cake makers – Yvonne Orchard, Carol Harrison, Chris Fielden and Peggy Holland; the Chick family who kindly allowed us to use their field for car parking; Yvonne Mitchell who kindly donated a bicycle for a 'closed bid' sale; the plant donators.

A big thank you to everyone.

The Salisbury Supporters Group holds a number of fund raising events throughout the year and if anyone is interested in having more information please contact Mrs Barbara Westenburg on 01672 562417. The next event will be a 'Skittles Evening' at 7.30pm on 22nd November at the White Horse, Quidhampton, against supporters of the Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital. A good fun evening – Book with Barbara.

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Arable Weeds Bloom Again

Farmers are being encouraged to allow more wild flowers to grow on their land, following a recent agreement by the European Union to reform the Common Agricultural Policy.

Farmers will no longer receive subsidies according to the quantity of crops produced, but a single subsidy based upon the size of their farm and will have to take the environment into account.

As arable weeds are easily controlled by selective herbicides, some species, such as *Glaucium violaceum* (violet-horned poppy), are now extinct.

New Herb Garden Created

The Herb Society has created a new National Herb Garden at Sulgrave Manor in Oxfordshire.

The new garden was designed by the society's chairman, Roger Tabor, and features a raised central bed symbolising the globe. It is planted with herbs that would have been grown in England in the early 17th century and taken to the new world by the Pilgrim Fathers.

Many plants in the new garden had originally been used in the society's courtyard garden and the lifelong learning exhibit at the 2003 Chelsea Flower Show.

Saving Sparrows

House occupiers who provide food for wild birds are likely to attract nearly twice as many house sparrows into their garden compared with those who do not. These were the findings of a new RSPB house sparrow survey, in which more than 250,000 people participated.

In the UK, the number of house sparrows has halved in the last 25 years. Richard Bashford, the survey co-ordinator, said, 'Once you've lost house sparrows it's not easy to encourage them back as they stay within a mile or so of where they hatched. However, they are thought to have three basic requirements to keep the population healthy: nesting sites, adult food (year-round supply of seeds) and chick food (small insects).'

Ian Davies

WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME

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

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8 th January	A. G. M.
12 th February	'Dorset Historic Churches' R D Allen
11 th March	'Miscellany of Motherhood' Brenda Smith
1 st April	'Lent – Words and Music' Graham Martin
13 th May	'Mombasa' Mary Fisher
10 th June	Quiet Day – Grove Farm
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 If you need a lift please contact either Jean Mayne on 552692 or Mary Macleod on 552041.
 All are welcome to come to any of these meetings – visitors are always welcome.



East Dorset Community Police Van

The Community Police Van will make its final visit of the year on October 11th

Custody Visiting Team

Dorset Police are looking for volunteers (expenses are paid) to become members of their custody visiting team. If you are interested or want more details contact Linda Wise on telephone 01202 223966 or email: linda.wise@dorsetpolice.pnn.police.uk

BEWARE !!!

HEATING WATER IN A MICROWAVE COOKER

I heard the other day of a young man who decided to make himself a quick cup of instant coffee. He took a cup of water and put it into the microwave to bring the water to a boil - something he had done on numerous occasions before. When the timer “pinged” he removed the cup from the oven, and as he looked down into it he noticed that the water was not boiling. But almost at once the water blew out from the cup and scalded his face. He received first and second degree burns and may be scarred for life. He may also have lost partial sight in one eye. While at hospital, the doctor treating him said that this incident was a fairly common occurrence and that water alone should NEVER be heated in a microwave oven. If it is necessary to heat water in this manner, something like a small wooden spatula should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy.

Apparently, this phenomenon is known as “super heating”. It can occur in any situation where water is heated, particularly if the vessel containing the water is NEW. In a microwave oven, as the microwaves pass through the vessel, the water temperature rises so fast that the vapour bubbles don’t have time to form properly. This is further compounded if the vessel is new because there are no surface scratches on which the bubbles would normally cling. If no bubbles are formed then the water does not “boil” but continues to heat up well passed its boiling point. If the vessel is then bumped or jarred, this creates enough of a shock to cause the bubbles to rapidly form and expel the water in an explosive manner.

This rapid formation of bubbles is also why a new bottle of carbonated beverage that has recently been shaken will spew out its contents on being opened.

Ian Davies

Wishful Thinking

In an article on Pentridge in ‘The Downsman’, a couple of years back, some space was given to St Rumbold, patron saint of Pentridge Church. The Oxford Dictionary of Saints was quoted at length about a St Rumbold (Rumwold, Rumbauld, or whatever), issue of a liaison between the royal families of Northumberland and Mercia, a baby who died at three days old. According to what ever this book describes as ‘this quite incredible legend’, having been born at Sutton in Northamptonshire, this infant prodigy was able to ask for Baptism and Holy Communion, then preached a sermon on the Holy Trinity, citing Scripture and the Athanasian Creed, after which he gave instructions regarding his burial and finally died.

The Oxford Dictionary goes on to record that churches dedicated to him are to be found in Northamptonshire (not so surprisingly); but also in Kent, Essex, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Dorset, so on this evidence the ‘Downsman’ article concludes that it is likely that the church at Pentridge was one of these. However this is to ignore the fact that the Oxford Dictionary, having given the information about dedications, in what for a supposedly scholarly work turns out to be a rather casual fashion, finally has to concede, ‘Some of these may be to Rumbold of Mecklin’!

I would certainly prefer to think that St Rumbold’s Church, Pentridge is dedicated to and under the patronage of St Rumbold of Mecklin (or Malines) in Belgium, who indeed is remembered and revered as the ‘Apostle of Belgium’. St Rumbold of Northamptonshire seems a rather useless saint to have as your patron since the extraordinary feats for which he is reputed to have been responsible aren’t exactly the kind of thing from which any ordinary Christian could take inspiration. St Rumbold of Mecklin is a different matter. He is believed to have been a monk, probably Anglo Saxon, so a missionary among the wild tribes of the Low Countries, working there with St Willibrand; being made a bishop and becoming a martyr circa 775, when he was murdered at Mecklin (near Brussels) where, keen to share his faith even at risk of his life, he is honoured as patron of the cathedral.

You can perhaps understand St Rumbold of Northamptonshire being remembered in the Midlands, though those who venerated him would have to be rather credulous, not to say superstitious. (There’s a theory that the whole fable regarding him was invented to try to impress those who queried the practice of infant baptism. As with some politicians today so then, if you believed something fervently enough

yourself, you were perhaps not too fussy about the 'evidence' you brought forward when trying to convince others.) There seems no obvious reason, though, why the infant saint's cult should have spread to Dorset. It's certainly not impossible that it should have done, since it's amazing how knowledge and ideas could spread from country to country across Europe, let alone from one part of a country to another. But it is much more likely that St Rumbold of Mecklin should have been revered in Dorset through having connections locally, or even originating hereabouts.

I say this since the only other St Rumbold's church in Dorset is as near as Shaftesbury; and St Boniface (Bishop and Martyr) was another fellow worker in the same part of Europe, being known to have recruited missionary helpers like St Walburga from Wimborne Minster. Since we are all called to be missionaries in the age in which we live I plump heavily, then, for St Rumbold of Mecklin as the saint for Pentridge Parish. Is this wishful thinking? I hope not, feeling that of the two possibilities he just looks the more probable.

Anthony Lane



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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

The summer months have seen a fairly typical spread of reported crimes in the area. Sixteen incidents in sixteen weeks - even I can work out the average. This is a comparatively low level of crime for rural Dorset and about the same as we experienced last year. It is still sixteen crimes too many, however, and those who have suffered know how distressing and time-consuming even minor crimes can be for the victims.



Shed break-ins and attempted break-ins dominated the list as usual, with a few thefts from cars and one theft of a caravan. There was more vandalism up at the Recreation Ground and the usual slight increase in incidents around the time of the Steam Fair. Happily, no house breaks were reported.

The vandalism, underage drinking and some inconsiderate (and illegal) bike-riding on footpaths are of particular concern as they involve young people, some of them from the village.

The Homewatch was pleased to learn that the Parish Council hopes to meet with our youngsters to find out what they want to see in the way of facilities and activities. Hopefully if these can be set up we will see less antisocial behaviour in the future. In the meantime, please can parents take it upon themselves to ensure their children are not frightening or inconveniencing others.

The Homewatch Co-ordinators were contacted by several people asking for an eye to be kept on their homes during an absence due to holidays. We are always happy to do this but bear in mind that a near-neighbour may be in a better position to keep a regular look out.

Dorset Police have told us that we are at last to get a replacement for PC Fen Luckham, our much missed Detached Beat Officer, who has been promoted to other duties. PC Graham Collins is our new man and we look forward to meeting him and seeing lots of him about the parish. We understand his duties will include a continuing programme of education involving our school.

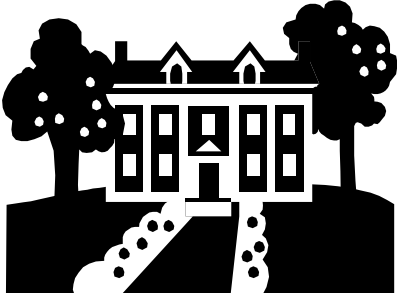
Inspector Clegg from Blandford attended a recent Open Meeting organised by the Parish Council to answer questions. This is reported elsewhere in the Downsman. It was good to hear that there may be a relaxation of the rules to allow Yogi Patel, our Special Constable, to patrol with a civilian (perhaps from the Homewatch) to provide the 'safety cover' now deemed necessary, rather than a Police Officer, a condition that has severely hampered Yogi's ability to operate in recent months.

Please remember that our aim of further reducing crimes of all types in this area can only be met if everyone in our community plays a part. Be vigilant, report suspicious activities and raise any concerns you may have with your local Homewatch Co-ordinator. It is working. Crime in this area has remained pretty level in the ten years that Homewatch has existed and that is in marked contrast to the substantial increases seen nationally.

Thank you. Lets all keep it up.

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Village Hall News

Well I've been on about it for a long time and it has at last happened (The Boilers Are In) and in a week or two they should be up and running, just in time for the Autumn spell.

Also good news – the hall roof outside is going to be painted in October and two new back doors have been ordered - so you should be snug as a bug in a rug by winter time.

Over the last few weeks the Committee and some helpers from the village have been painting the inside – hopefully giving a fresh look.

The container outside has had a coat of paint as well. So we are well on our way with our plans.

An update on the fund raising; at the Flower Show the Teddy Bear stall made a healthy profit, the Bric a Brac stall and games did exceptionally well. The BBQ got off to a poor start with me forgetting the charcoal but we over came the slip up with a gas fired one and away we went – not too many people attended but we managed to sell all the food and again things worked out in our favour.

Charity Folk the group for the evening entertained the few people that came and we finished the evening with a good old sing song.

Charity Folk raise money for charity and I received a 'Thank you' from Longside School for the sum of £81 raised on the evening.

Last but not least the Fun Run – Due to the hot spell we had to reduce the run to 3 miles and about 18 people took part. There were cups and rosettes and a certificate for the winners and all entries.

The men's winner was N Armitage who finished in just over 18 minutes, second back was M Taylor and third man in the Men's race was Ben Cullen who was only a few minutes behind (Very well done Ben)

The ladies race was won by Bev Masson and second was Sarah Jesse again they received trophies etc.

In the under 16's Tom and Chris went around the 3 miles in a very fast time. They also received trophies etc. Well done to everyone who took part.

Two groups went on the walker's course and this was won by Ted and Trish – who could actually walk faster than I could run.

I had 5 young children who enjoyed a short race and each child received a rosette, certificate and toy for taking part.

I would like to thank the Scouts for being Marshals on the course and anybody who helped on the events. Sum raised over the day was **£244** plus the **£81** for the school.

So a great great fund raising day.

Future Events

October 18th – Music Quiz – Still room for more teams – contact Louise Wolstenholme (01725 552388)

October 23rd – The Old Rope String Band – looking at the posters it should be a fun night (Tickets going fast so buy early, so you don't miss out)

December 6th - Auction and Christmas Draw. Same format as usual, 10am -1pm items accepted at Hall. 1pm – 6pm viewing. 6pm start of sale.

If you would like to donate any item – big or small and you would like it collected contact a Committee Member. (Tickets for draw on sale soon)

7th January – Forest Edge Pantomime – CINDERELLA – A good old favourite with everybody so buy your tickets early as we are limited for space and they will go fast.

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On Tuesday 14th October, the computer centre within the Roebuck pub, will be hosting another special mini taster day, when you can book a *free* taster session to find out how to access the internet or set up an Email account. The sessions will last about an hour and can be tailored to your interests.

There are six places still left, so if you are interested, please contact the Facilitator Lorraine Smith on 07989-246548.

Normal Internet taster sessions can be booked with Lorraine for a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime or other times by appointment.

The facilities are also available during pub opening hours, for anyone wishing to access the Internet/ emails on an Internet café style basis.

Nominal charges are made to cover paper & ink replacement.

Internet £1 per hour; Printing 10p – 25p.

Forthcoming Year at 1st Woodcutts Scout Group

Firstly, welcome back to all the Scouts after a long break of the summer holidays. Our reason for writing this letter is to make quite a bold statement: The next twelve months is going to be the best ever experienced at 1st Woodcutts Scout Group. Looking forward to the next year, there a number of major events planned that will make this a very exciting time for all concerned;



- Visit to Yeovilton Airday. For those scouts that did not make it last year or if they would like to go again.
- Trip to Thorpe Park, early to mid October. We are currently negotiating favourable rates with the theme park to ensure that this trip is not too expensive.
- Fireworks display 1st November – a great fund raiser for the group and superb evenings entertainment.
- Easter Camp, either Osmington Mills, Weymouth or Little Canada, Isle of White
- Summer Camp 2004, Guernsey.

We now have a solid leadership team, with Ray joining the Scout Group as Quartermaster. Ray is a very experienced Scouter who is going to bring a great deal of skills to our Monday evenings. Matt is also looking to further his Scout Training and attend formal courses in outdoor activities, all which will add to the value of the group.

Of course all activities do have a price, but one of our drivers has always been to make all activities affordable to all members of the group. This has been achieved through continual

negotiation with businesses providing the activity and seeking grants from private and public sector organisations. The ongoing challenge of fund raising still exists and we still need to maintain the basics such as hut repair and utility bills before we can support activities for the group.

Here's looking forward to making the best 12 months in the history of 1st Woodcutts Scout group and the continual support of the villages in helping to achieve this target.

Yours in Scouting
Rob, Ray and Matt

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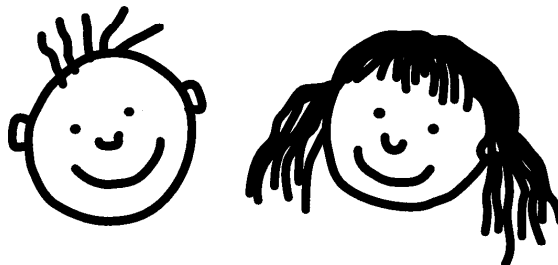
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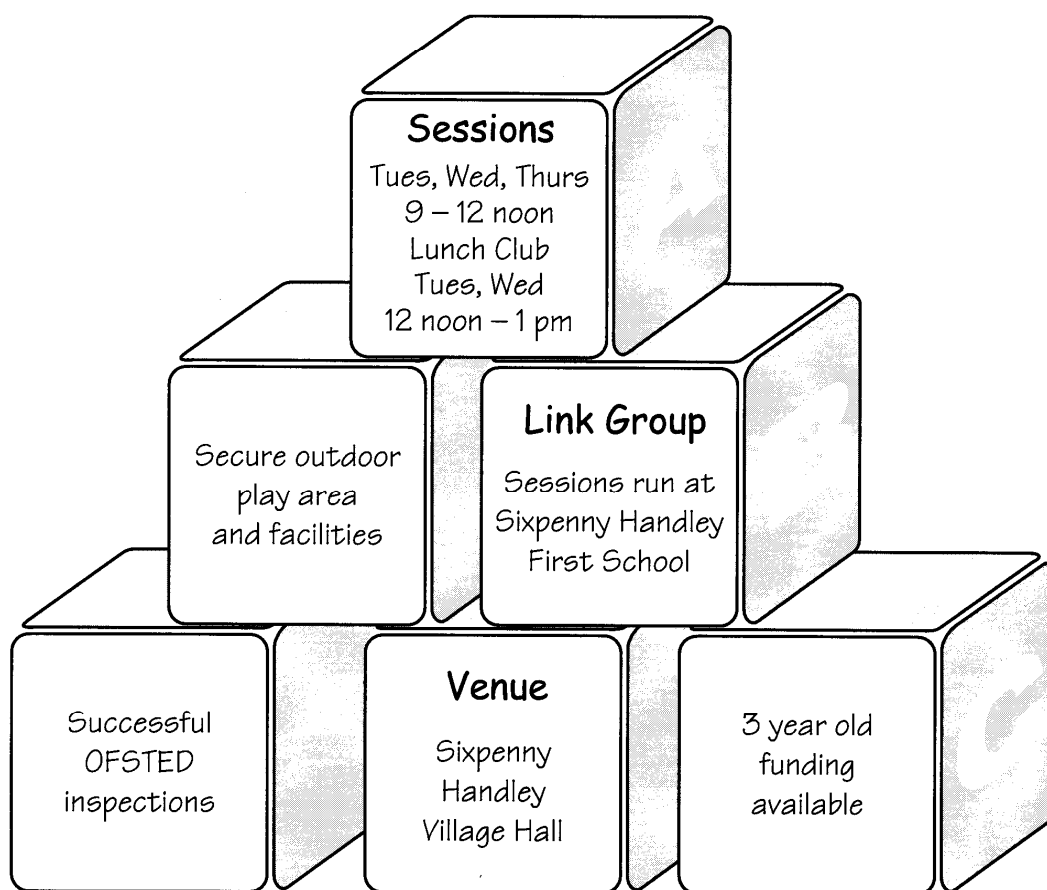
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Fighting unfair government grants across the country

The ISITFAIR campaign, which is entirely non-political, and which has no Party affiliation, is dedicated to reform of the Council Tax system. Is It Fair is presenting a petition to the Prime Minister urging this Government to remove the present injustices and to replace them with a funding system which reflects the ability to pay. The Dorset branch of IsItFair can be contacted at www.moneysburning.com

1. What Is Wrong.

Council Tax was intended to exist country-wide as a means of raising revenue for local government, from citizens in their local area, to supplement central government funding, - or so-called Revenue Support Grants, (RSGs). As such, it exists as a form of local taxation.

All forms of taxation should be clearly understood by the payer, should be seen to be fair, should be easy and inexpensive to collect, and should be effective – i.e. not easily avoidable. Council Tax does not meet the essential second criterion, in that it is not fair. Nor is it based on a level playing field, in that what used to be “rates” – a relatively minor expense, has now become a major form of local government income, - by stealth.

The present Council Tax (CT) system has been brought under intolerable strain by arbitrary and unexplained changes in the distribution of RSGs, which have prompted certain county and municipal councils to dictate rises in CT this year, in order to make up for reductions in RSGs, with further promised rises to come. This in advance of a central government promise of “upgrading” of CT bands and property values in 2005.

We are told by the Deputy Prime Minister’s Office that reductions in RSGs in certain areas are needed so that increases in RSGs can be made elsewhere.

It is definitely unfair that the present form of local taxation should be borne by home-owners, alone. The value of a person’s home does not necessarily reflect their disposable income. Many people have scraped and saved hard in order to improve the family home. The present CT penalises these people unjustly.

Council Tax takes no account of an individual’s ability to pay. In Hampshire and in many other counties, after CT rises of 14% to 18% in 2003/04 we have been told to expect double digit rises in the next two years. This is un-sustainable, and totally unrealistic. Very few citizens expect double-digit increases in their disposable income. For pensioners, and many people on low incomes, it is impossible. People on fixed incomes cannot be expected to cope with CT increases. In most cases they simply do not have the ability to pay. Again pensioners are particularly hard hit.

It may be said that living costs generally are higher in the south of the country than in the north, and that generally property values are also higher in the south than in the north. Therefore with CT rates based on property values – as determined by government - CT payers in the south are being discriminated against TWICE. This is not fair.

A Barrett or Wimpey home tends to be a standard unit, yet the CT demanded for the same home can vary widely from one area to another.

All councils should be treated equally by central government, and no CT payer should be overtaxed in one area to subsidise tax costs for CT payers in another area. This is grossly unfair, and if extra subsidies are considered necessary in any one area it is surely the duty of central government to provide those subsidies. Anything else is unfair.

The Poll Tax failed after mass rioting - mostly by non-propertied persons. As a result of the change in the system the people who own property, regardless of their income level, are carrying everybody else on their shoulders.

The “IsItFair” campaign demands a halt to further rises in CT, while a new system is agreed between local and central government that can be seen to be fair, and which does away with the iniquities of the present system.

2. Alternate Methods of Taxation.

It is not the aim of the ISITFAIR campaign to tell our leaders how to raise revenue. There are as many ways to do this as there are to skin a cat.

Our position is that any form of taxation should be transparent, equitable and cost effective in its collection, and that the present form of Council Tax does not measure up.

Moreover the present system is grossly unfair in its selectiveness, and for the fact that it takes no account of the individual's ability to pay.

The ISITFAIR campaign is against any increase in CT, and wants its eventual abolition, to be replaced by an equitable system of providing revenue for local government.

Individual protesters joining our campaign against council tax increases may wish to advocate any number of alternate methods for local councils to raise revenue. So long as we achieve the aim set out on the first page of this document, and repeated above, we shall be content.

However we can offer the following for consideration:

It is often said that any form of additional "local income tax" would be costly and cause wasteful duplication of effort. We know that a number of county councils are not in favour.

We know that some county councils are in favour of having business rates returned to their coffers instead of going to the Treasury.

There are strong feelings that central government has no business dictating local government spending increases, and then failing to fund such increases.

There are similarly strong feelings about removing excess bureaucracy in local education authorities and health trusts.

A view that seems to be gaining acceptance suggests that a simple percentage of the Inland Revenue's collection of Income Tax, and HMCE collection of VAT – of an order of 1% of each – should be distributed to local councils on a per capita, or on a similarly transparent and equitable, formula.



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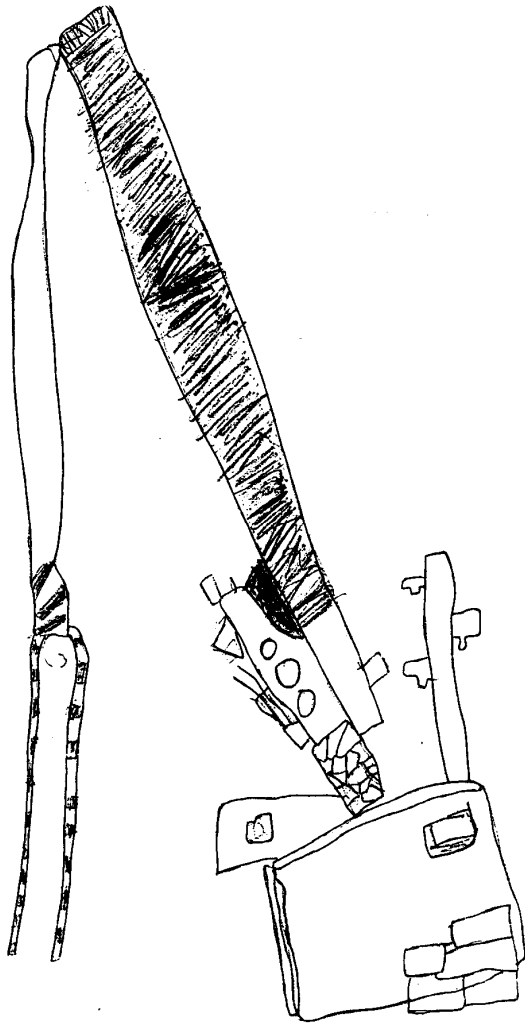
 

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Sixpenny Handley Schoolchildren - Masterbuilders of the future?

Construction has been on everyone's mind at Sixpenny Handley First School this term. Since the first demolition of the toilet block at the back of the school began during the Easter break, the state of the building site has been checked on a daily basis by eager pupils watching to see what will happen next.



'Crane' by Eleanor Potter (Class 3)

Excitement has increased with the size of the equipment employed, and when a huge telescopic crane arrived, lessons periodically ground to a halt entirely so that all the children could observe and discuss the delivery and subsequent manipulating into place of the new roof trusses. Vocabulary building was also evident as the innocent question "Who is Roof Trusses?" was dealt with appropriately!

Entry to the building site is, of course, strictly prohibited, so there was great excitement on the morning that a great mountain of hard hats were delivered and the children were able to do a spot of bricklaying themselves, on site! With the patient help of John, each child was able to lay, their own brick, manoeuvre it into place, and then to try desperately to note for posterity which particular brick had been theirs. Special poignancy was felt by the Year 4 children who will no longer be at school here when the building is completed.

The oldest children were, however, in for a particular treat later in the term, when Liz Bull of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) came to spend a morning (arranged and accompanied by Joanna Watkins of the Education and Business Partnership (EBP) in Dorset) introducing the pupils to the Construction Industry as a whole,

and then engaging them in a practical technology challenge: to build a large model bridge from wooden dowelling rods and elastic bands. After basic instructions, the acquisition of skills followed rapidly. The wilful behaviour of the average elastic band was soon mastered and the class proceeded dutifully to manufacture scores of skeleton tetrahedrons, still rather puzzled as to why.

All was soon revealed, however, as the tetrahedrons were joined to become large prisms which were then united into surprisingly strong supports and girders which became, with the help of some short pieces of chain, an amazing suspension bridge complete with 'road'.



Completion of Class 3's 'suspension bridge'

With a genuine feeling of achievement, and that warm well-being brought about by team success, the Sixpenny Handley bridge builders retired to lunch.

Further visits from the CITB team are planned this Autumn to further enhance the Technology curriculum, and who knows? - perhaps to help to determine future careers for some...

*Elizabeth Moreland,
Sixpenny Handley First
School*

Education takes a Giant Leap in our Parish

Two good OFSTED reports.

Two awards for excellence from the Government.

Past winners of a National Competition that saw our children's work exhibited in the National Gallery in London for a summer season.

These are some of our school's past achievements.

Sixpenny Handley First School compares very favourably with any of the other schools in the local area. However these successes were achieved by our staff despite weaknesses in the school infrastructure needed to support them in their delivery of a first class education to the children.

This is now being addressed.

For those who have not passed by the school in the last six months then come and have a look and see the difference.

This £750,000 project will be complete in the spring.

Thank you to our neighbours for their tolerance of the building works.

The worst part is over!

There is a real sense of excitement growing with the building.....

Before 1873 the earlier school was, as I understand it, in a different location and closer to the church. In their wisdom the local authority at the time, with the school managers, built the school on what was perhaps to become one of the most dangerous corners in the village. Perhaps this was a mistake but the engineering that went into this old school has stood, and will continue to stand, the test of time. The quality of the cladding of the internal roof, hidden for many years, has impressed the modern building professionals who have seen it during the recent works.

Undoubtedly, the school went through a number of 'transformations' during 130 years. These include the provision of a 'new' classroom at about the time of World War II. We talk of Class 3, or the hut on the hill, or the HORSIA building. By the time of its arrival the school was well into its first century. The HORSIA building was always intended as a short-term, limited life building but that too has gone well beyond its fair life span.

Its condition is such that if we do not demolish it, it will fall down. It is becoming harder to keep it safe

and more expensive to maintain. Its days are now numbered and its future life span measured in months. It too has not been without its own bit of history: there may be some people in the village who will remember in 1973 that the HORSAs building had its own boiler fire. The fire brigade arrived from Blandford in about 9 minutes, so it is said, by which time the staff had actually put the fire out!

My first experience of the school in 1987 saw the previous Headteacher teaching and operating the school, with the assistance of her secretary, Mrs Day, who sat and worked in the corner of a classroom. The school premises at that time consisted of the two big classrooms and the HORSAs building alone. The school house was then occupied by a tenant with no direct connection to the school. Following our present headteacher's appointment and, quite correctly, needing some separate and proper office space, she succeeded in finding 'a place to call her own'. She was tucked away with Mrs Day and three filing cabinets in the cloakroom of the HORSAs building, more recently converted into two toilet cubicles.

Things started to move forward in the early 1990's as the Board of Governors became somewhat more 'militant' with those who held the power at County Hall in Dorchester. It was not too long before the toilets were given a new roof and linked to the school. The tenant in the school house was satisfactorily re-housed. The old school was given new roof tiles. In relative terms these were fairly significant steps forward but still we had no school hall and the accommodation was a lot less than perfect. The children were being sent to other schools for their PE.

Three years ago, at the turn of the last century, the Board were actively pressing the LEA for the re-development of the school. The need for school refurbishment had at least been recognised by the County Council but they had insufficient funds.

Over time significant funds were made available by Government:

- to provide halls for schools that did not have them
- to remove outdated buildings where they still existed.

We scored well on both of these points. These monies amounted to about half of the cost of the new school buildings. It took some extra time to get the County Council fully on board. Initially the Council's officers, who embarked upon the project with us, were reluctant passengers and sought to defer and to delay and to phase the building works for many years to come.

The Board of Governors responded that they should effectively wait until they had sufficient money to complete the project at one time. Finally, after much debate everyone was in common accord.

So it is that we come to the major development that is happening at the school as you read this. The school is going to have its new 'state of the art' hall and a replacement teaching space for the HORSAs building that will then go. The extent of the development can be seen by anyone passing the Common Road side of the school.

The lack of road safety consideration of 130 years ago has been addressed as far as we were able. This was by the location and construction of the new school entrance and ramp in Common Road. When we take over Phase 1, the existing entrance for the school will then be re-allocated to staff and service vehicles alone. Normal access to the school will be via the new entrance and security zone as added protection for the children.

The new school is going to have 21st century technology. There will be specialised under floor heating and no radiators to be seen. The new classroom and the hall will have exposed wooden trusses to reflect the style of the old Victorian building which it seeks to emulate. Entrances and exits are to be much more secure and our present security systems will have a major upgrade but without imposing on the family 'ethos' of the school that we cherish. Access to the school building will be balanced against the need to keep children and staff safe as they learn and are taught.

It was planned that during the summer holidays, with the addition of teachers' training days at both ends of the holiday, we would shoehorn as much re-development as we could into the old school. When the school is re-visited you will see that doors have appeared where none existed and that, in other cases, where there were formerly passageways, walls have appeared. True to form, the building did not let us down, even though she had undergone significant surgery. Whilst the work we had intended to do was not complete and has been deferred in part, it has not affected the re-opening or the operation of the school. The weekend before term saw two containers go from the playground and

builders working on a Sunday. Our apologies to neighbours for the 7.45 am alarm call! The drills were needed to connect a drain.

There is no doubt that the school is undergoing a radical change, transformation and enlargement but, nevertheless, the Governors remain committed to the delivery of a first class education, with the latest possible teaching technology, for the ongoing benefit of the children. Fortunately, with the quality and quantity of staff available, we can ensure that our pupils have the best chance, right from the start, to succeed in life.

And so we look to the future. No one can say what the situation is going to be 130 years from now but I would like to think that the school, once it is extended and re-developed, will still represent a valuable asset to the village community.

Paul Shepperd (LEA Governor)

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

After me reporting our success in the Mixed Triple League in August we lost two of our last few matches rather badly which left us in third position. Amesbury came first and Tisbury were runners up and we were only 2 points behind in third, so I think we can be proud of ourselves. We are definitely improving on grass so watch out for us next year.



I mentioned in the last issue that one of our teams had won the Dorset Short Mat President's Cup - well - look at this happy lot!!!



At the beginning of September we had our annual Jumble Sale and we had a brilliant result – raised a profit of £617. This excellent result will go some way towards our £1000 site charge and increased Hall Charges as we did not have any touring teams this season. Thank

you so much everyone for your help and donations. We could not do it without your help.

It seems a shame with the lovely weather continuing that we should now be going indoors but the first Short Mat League match is on September 23rd, so needs must. However, the outdoor green is still getting quite a bit of use, so if you think you have left it too late, you haven't and can still arrange a try at bowls if you contact me.

Gill Martin

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ BOWLS CLUB QUIZ NIGHT 29th NOVEMBER ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

FLOWER SHOW 2003 REPORT

The Chairman and committee of the Annual Flower Show would like to thank everyone who took part, helped before and on the day and local organisations who gave time or donations (and some who gave both) to make our 25th Anniversary Show such a success.

The weather was perfect, Alina Jenkins opened the show, the band played and people enjoyed themselves. The tea ladies and gentleman were kept busy all afternoon, thank you to everyone who made cakes and came and helped. The marquee and village hall were packed with visitors from all parts.

A special thanks you to the teachers and pupils of our school for producing such a wonderful display for the hall. The standard and imagination shown by the children was exceptional.

Statistically (some people like to know these things) there were 91 exhibitors, including 15 children ~ 592 exhibits and most encouragingly 14 entries in the Men Only classes.

When all the bills are paid, a donation of **£450** will be made to the Ace of Hearts Appeal at Salisbury Hospital.

The committee is in the process of organising another Spring Show, the date for which is **Saturday 3rd April**. Schedules will be available shortly. Most of the classes will be the same as last year so start planning bulb planting etc.

Really advance notice – 2004 Summer Flower Show on **Saturday August 21st**.

Carole North

PRIZE WINNERS

SECTION A ~ VEGETABLES & FRUIT (PARISH)

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION A, AWARDED THE HARRY TUCKER MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP & SHOW MEDAL

ROBIN PARSONS

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION A, AWARDED A VOUCHER

ROBIN PARSONS

SECTION B ~ VEGETABLES & FRUIT (OPEN)

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION B, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & SHOW MEDAL

MARY FORD

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION B, AWARDED A VOUCHER

MARY FORD (trug)

SECTION C ~ DAHLIAS, CHRYSANTHEMUMS & SUMMER FLOWERS (OPEN)

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN CLASSES C17 to C26, AWARDED THE JILL COATE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

MISS M PENNY

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN CLASSES C12 to C16, AWARDED A CHALLENGE TROPHY & MEDAL

Not awarded

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN CLASSES C1 to C11, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

MR E CUTLER

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN CLASSES C1 to C11, AWARDED THE NATIONAL DAHLIA SOCIETY SILVER MEDAL CERTIFICATE

MR E CUTLER

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN CLASSES C17 to C26, AWARDED A VOUCHER

MISS M PENNY

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN CLASSES C12 to C16, AWARDED A VOUCHER

Not awarded

SECTION D ~ FLORAL ART

EXHIBITOR WITH THE MOST POINTS IN CLASSES D1 to D8, AWARDED THE G S CLARKE CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

SUSAN PILLANS

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN CLASSES D1 to D8, AWARDED A FLOWER CONTAINER
DONATED BY MR G S CLARKE

MRS E MILES

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN CLASSES D9 to D11, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP &
MEDAL

MRS GRACE JACKSON

SECTION E ~ COOKERY & HOMECRAFT

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION E, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & SHOW MEDAL

MISS M PENNY

EXHIBITOR WITH THE 2nd HIGHEST POINTS IN SECTION E, AWARDED A SECOND PRIZE

MRS JOYCE WAKER

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION E, AWARDED A GIFT TOKEN

DENIS NORTH

SECTION F ~ CHILDREN'S CLASSES

8 YEARS & UNDER

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN AGE GROUP, AWARDED A SHOW MEDAL

LUKE PARSONS

EXHIBITOR WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS IN AGE GROUP, AWARDED A SHOW
CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

LUKE PARSONS/BENJAMIN CHICK (joint winners)

9 YEARS to 14 YEARS OLD

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN AGE GROUP, AWARDED A SHOW MEDAL

ALAN BROOKES

EXHIBITOR WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS IN AGE GROUP, AWARDED A SHOW
CERTIFICATE

ALAN BROOKES (collage)

SECTION G ~ PHOTOGRAPHY

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION G, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

ALAN VINCENT

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION G, AWARDED A GIFT TOKEN

ALAN VINCENT (unusual building)

SECTION H ~ WINEMAKING & HOMEBREWING

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION H, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

N MANSFIELD

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION H, AWARDED A GIFT TOKEN

N MANSFIELD (red wine ~sweet)

SECTION J ~ HONEY

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION J, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

J M DUFFIN

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTION J, AWARDED A GIFT TOKEN

J M DUFFIN (cake of beeswax)

SECTION K ~ HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

EXHIBITOR WITH MOST POINTS IN SECTION K, AWARDED A CHALLENGE CUP & MEDAL

MRS STELLA SYMES

EXHIBITOR WITH THE BEST EXHIBIT IN CLASSES K7 to K9, AWARDED A GIFT TOKEN

MRS GILL CARTER

Robs Column

A paradox to explain

Four jolly men sat down to play
And played all night till break of day
They played for gold and not for fun
With separate scores for everyone
Yet when they came to square accounts
They all had made quite fair amounts
Can you the paradox explain?
If no one lost, how could all gain?

A mutilated poem to make sense of

Hewn I saw young Dan in my ripem,
I dolve tea a finfum nay item,
Tob won I'm dol dan noggi regy
It skate me learny fahl a ady

Poem by John Clarke

Autumn Fires

In the other gardens
And all up in the vale
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail
Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes
The grey smoke towers
Sing a song of seasons
Something bright in all
Flowers in the summer
Fires in the fall.

Middle age is when your age starts to
show around the middle. (*Bob Hope*)

If God had to give a woman wrinkles he
might at least have put them on the soles
of her feet.

Rob

Come, pensive autumn, with thy clouds and
storms,
And falling leaves, and pastures lost to flowers,
A luscious charm hangs on thy faded forms,
More sweet than summer in her loveliest hours,
Who, in her blooming uniform of green,
Delights with samely and continued joy,
But give me, autumn, where thy hand hath
been
For there is wildness that can never cloy –
The russet hue of fields left bare and all
The tints of leaves and blossoms ere they fall.
In thy dull days of clouds a pleasure comes,
Wild music softens in thy hollow winds,
And in thy fading woods a beauty blooms,
That's more than dear to melancholy minds.



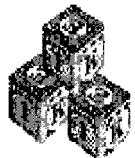
HAPPY NAPPY




Happy Nappy meets every Monday at
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall at
10am.
All children below School age are
welcome.
Come and join our very friendly group,
loads of
toys and fun!

- ❖ Children make new friends.
- ❖ Adults can meet for a chat.
- ❖ Tea and coffee available.
- ❖ Children £0.50p Adults £1.00.





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The Chase Nursery



On Behalf of
The Handley
Village Hall Committee

Presents

Sixpenny Handley Music Quiz 2003

Teams of 4,
£6 per Person

All profits to Handley Village Hall
Price includes Fish and Chip Supper
B.Y.O.Drinks

Handley Village Hall
18th October 2003
Doors Open 7:30pm
Quiz Starts 8:00pm

Enquiries and bookings
Louise Wolstenholme 01725 552388

The Downsman

DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

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