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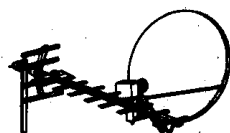
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Woodcutts in a Whirl

Monday 14th June 2004. You may ask why has he put that date there, is it at all meaningful? The answer is that I am trying to justify the lateness of my contribution to this edition of the Downsman. You see like so many other people, I started off with good intentions, but somehow along the line I ran out of steam. Originally I wrote, "... ..hang on a minute I have got to nip into the kitchen to look at the clock, as I have given up wearing a watch. For those of you who are interested it was 11:45am.

However that was some time ago now and it is in fact 10:40am on the 20th of July now. So you see, even in Woodcutts the time does have some relevance, although I don't treat it with much reverence.

This past twelve months have been odd though. Weather patterns have seemed to have gone to....., or to somewhere any way. At this moment in time, I am struggling to understand and use the computer climate modules, that the International Panel on Climate Control are using in their fight against Global Warming. The problem is, there is nothing specific about Woodcutts, that is the reason for my interest. If there isn't anybody in the UN worried about us, somebody has to stand up to the storms when they come. So I have nominated myself as the Woodcutts representative to the IPCC, which explains my interest in computer, climate models but not my understanding of them.

Are you still with me? If not perhaps you ought to join me as an Open University student, not on the course I am doing, but on psychiatry. If there wasn't a spell cheque on this computer I would have to take a course on spelling.

Anyway looking back to my notes on 14/06/04, it was a beautiful day, clear blue skies, except away to the south out across where I know the sea is. I was sat under the ewe tree in the garden, accompanied by two dogs and a cat taking advantage of the shade on what was to be a very warm day. Together, the four of us were enjoying the beauty and wonders of our world. At this point I will now revert to that time.

The papers were delivered long ago, followed by the arrival of the postman, the workers of Woodcutts have been long gone about their businesses and the children to school. The last visitor was Phil with the milk, and now the only anthropogenic noises are those of the occasional light aircraft making its way through the heavens. These are more than compensated for by the song birds and the shrill calls of the buzzards, flying so effortlessly high above our shady, ewe tree. (Please note I am using the computers spell chequer all the time.)

The bird song has entertained me since I first sat down here at 9:30am firstly to complete some paper work and then to write this. During my time here and despite the presents of the cat and dogs, a cock spotted fly catcher has been making regular foraging trips from the branches of a shrub some 8 meters from us. It has a family to feed nearby and as soon as he has something to take, he flits off to them, quickly returning to his vantage point on the branch, just a short distance from us.

Despite the time of year butterflies are in short supply, (even today 20/07/04, they still are.), but there are several small moths on the wing. These are from light buff in colour to a brilliant red, with sky blue patches or so they appear in the sunlight. I am not able to identify them, mainly because they won't stay still long enough, and in this sunlight colours can be deceptive. Now I must leave the animal kingdom and revert to the plant kingdom.

Last Friday on a perambulation around the village recreation ground, I came across a flower I didn't know. So on returning home, I out with my flora, to discover it was Wild Mignonette, *Reseda luteola*. I find this is French for little darling and that it originates from N. Africa, and was introduced as a garden plant with a very fragrant scent, which it has apparently lost in its travels. It is found in waste places, particularly where the ground has been disturbed. In the recreation ground it grows on the embankment to the east of the football pitch, so it is true to form.

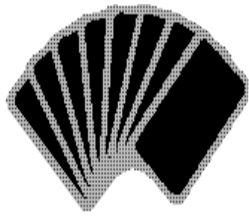
Now we must return to moths. A few weeks back, Mrs. Win Kirby rang me to say that she had something unusual resting on her gatepost. I was delighted to find a privet hawk moth in its resting pose, i.e. with wings folded along its body. It looked rather like a grey, but colourful stick attached to the post. I put it into a container that Mrs. Kirby supplied to bring it back home for young visitors who had just arrived to see. When released, it was in no hurry to leave us and delighted us all by showing off the lovely pink and black of its body and underwings. Its size alone is enough to cause considerable interest, but a flying display is something not to be missed.

Now moving on to more recent times, a visitor told me he had seen a Peregrine Falcon take a pigeon in flight, just a few metres up the lane from our front gate. I did get a fleeting glimpse of it feeding, but unfortunately one of the very infrequent cars visiting here, wanted to leave at that point and scared it off. Despite sitting on the bank some fifty metres away in wait for it, there was no encore, which resulted in great disappointment for myself and two granddaughters who had joined me. This reminds me of kingfishers, not seen by me but by the vicar. On a solitary run, he crossed the bridge at Wimborne St. Giles to see not one kingfisher but two. He raced home, he and Pam jumped into the car and made their way back to the bridge, so that Pam too could enjoy the spectacle of two of these tiny, but beautifully coloured and streamlined birds. Unfortunately they had moved to a more discrete site and were not available. Since then Ron said that I could join him on his runs, I think he must have an ulterior motive. Does anyone know of a business connection with Richard Adlem?

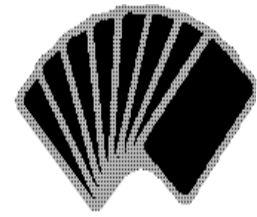
Now back to moths, I recently received a phone call from Gillian, who said that she and her husband had found a pink, live something, with two white "tentacles", while digging in the garden. She photographed it in colour to show me, and then returned it from whence it came. From the photograph and its description, I believe that it was a privet hawk moth undergoing the last stage of its metamorphosis. In the photograph the shape of the wings could be seen, laying along the body and the white tentacles were of course the antennae. The colours would change as the last larval skin is shed and the moth is exposed to sunlight. It is wonderful to know that so many people take an interest in the natural state of our world. It is certainly full of surprises for all. It would seem the more you learn about it, the more you realise how much you don't know.

At this point, as I am going to be a day late for the copy deadline, I think it is time to finish for this session. So thank you for reading to the end once again, and thank you to the people who tell me that they actually enjoy reading the Woodcutts news. My apologies if it is somewhat disjointed this edition but I have been busy. By the way the spelling mistakes are deliberate, but they did pass the spell cheque. Thank ewe once again and God bless.

Ted Cox 21.07.04



Whist at The Village Hall 2004-2005 Competition



Following the pattern of past seasons, the local Whist Club will, once again, promote a season of competitive drives, beginning with round 1 on Wednesday, the 8th of September. The format will be as in previous years, that is the player returning the highest aggregate score over the sixteen rounds of the contest will emerge with the top prize of £15. Thus, the distribution of the £61.75 in prize money will be as follows:

For the player returning the highest aggregate score, playing fifteen rounds	£15
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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 exist in any of the three categories at the conclusion of the final competitive round (May 4th, 2005), the winner will be decided in favour of the contestant returning the best score in the first competitive round (September 8th, 2004). Should a tie still exist, then the best score returned from the second qualifying round will be taken into consideration, and so on until a result is obtained. Non-qualifying rounds are the Christmas Drive on Saturday, 11th December and the prize presentation drive on Wednesday, 18th May 2005. For your diary, the qualifying rounds are: September 8th and 22nd, October 6th and 20th, November 3rd and 17th, December 1st in 2004. January 12th and 26th, February 9th and 23rd, March 9th and 23rd, April 6th and 20th and May 4th.

In addition to the above, the customary prizes will be awarded on the completion of each drive, and, as in previous years, a draw with prizes will complete each evenings entertainment.

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Bill Chorley

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Did Boadicea really massacre the Romans at Martin Down?

History & Antiquities of the County of Dorset by John Hutchins in 1868

“The great number of barrows on the downs near this place has led Mr Aubrey into a singular conjecture. He says that westward of the rampart and ditch near West Woodyates has been a terrible fight. There are, but a little within the line, 19 barrows, and some of them very large. Here are also two or three circular trenches with a tump or two, which, in all probability, were places “pro combustione cadaverum”. There are many barrows between this and Pentridge, and in the chase is a coppice called Barrow Coppice. One may plainly see here, the chase of the victory was westward. I have observed at least 100 barrows “sparsim” on the downs, and in the inclosures, from West Woodyates towards Blandford; and from thence to Dorchester several. This great fight here was perhaps between the Romans and Boadicea, it agrees so well with the description of Tacitus. Where the entrance (“fauces”) as a throat was narrow, but grew broader towards the seven ditches (at Cashmore) in the manner of a theatre, on a gently rising grnd, that has a view of the flat towards Woodyates, where the brunt of the fight was, and perhaps here was the station of Boadicea. The throat (“fauces”) is between Blagdon Hill on the south (on which is some sign of an hasty and imperfect fortification) and Cranborne Chase on the north. Dion says many were killed in the wood. So great a slaughter I never found nor heard of in England. Bolton in his Nero Caesar imagines this fight to have been on Salisbury Plain (where indeed is the sign of a great slaughter, but not so great as here), and supposes Groveley wood, near Stonehenge, to have been the wood mentioned by Dion, where are several barrows; and north from Groveley is Wily Bourn, a marsh, and a great unfordable river between”.

“He says, (Nero Caesar pp.161,162,) ‘ The battle was fought on a plain at least five or six miles in breadth, between two woods at either end of the open plain’. He adds, ‘ One imagines it was on Salisbury Plain; Spencer, near the Severn. Near Stonehenge are four great camps, Wily, and Yanesbury castle, double ones; Dunshot and Wolsbury, single ones; though Vespasian might be the author of Yanesbury, or of the others, yet Suetonius Paulinus might make use of one of them upon this occasion’

“Thus we see several authors have fixed this battle at places equally distant from the place assigned by Tacitus, who makes Essex, Middlesex, and Norfolk to have been the principal seat of the war, at least in the beginning of it. It might have been afterwards more extensive. And, as Boadicea commanded the confederate army of the Britons, we cannot wonder to find her in a county so remote from the Iceni, of whom she was queen”

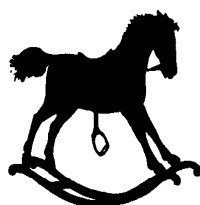
“Whether a similitude of places be sufficient to establish Mr. Aubrey’s opinion, I leave to the learned to determine. Certain it is, the great number of barrows in this part of the country, the great rampart and ditch near Woodyates, the Roman way passing by it, the many ramparts and ditches at Cashmore and beyond it, extending even to Tarent Hinton, are very remarkable. So many traces of antiquity cannot but induce us to think that here was a scene of some great action.

“The revenge that Boadicea took of the Romans was so severe, that Mr Aubrey states that Mr. Christopher Wase informed him that in the Irish Testament, Rom. Xii. 19, vengeance is rendered in Irish by the word “boadice”.

Robin Radclyffe, Chase House, Deanland



HAPPY NAPPY

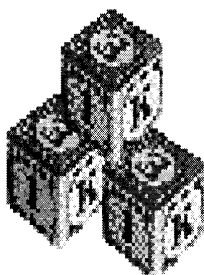


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To be able to plan for such circumstances we carry out regular exercises on our detailed emergency plans. One aspect of these is the supply of alternative drinking water supplies in the form of water bowsers located walking distance from houses. We would also attempt to make special provision for certain types of customers such as schools and farms.

To test our alternative water supply plans, with the support of the Parish Council, we intend to carry out a limited exercise of delivering and placing a number of emergency tanks on verges, followed by the delivery of water by tanker. We anticipate this would last up to 24 hours.

In the lead up to and during the exercise:

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2. We aim to cause little as possible inconvenience to residents.
3. We do not aim to trespass on private land.
4. We will communicate with the residents before the exercise to brief them on what's going on.
5. We will work safely (as we always do as a utility).
6. We will keep the Parish Council informed as to the development of plans.

Although we couldn't do it in a real emergency, we will let the Parish Council know in advance where the static tanks will be located.

We are intending to carry out the exercise in **October** and will be in regular contact with the Parish Council through the planning process. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local parish councillor who will raise it when we attend a regular council meeting.

We must stress that we do not intend in any way to actually interrupt the public water supply. **This will just be a test of our ability to mobilise emergency supplies.** We hope that residents will not be inconvenienced during the exercise.

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

***THANKS EVERYONE** - Before I start my article concerning the Bowls Club, could I say how lovely it was to receive so many get-well cards and best wishes from everyone, when I recently had my operation to give me a new right knee. Thank you all so much and if I haven't seen you personally, I apologise. I am getting around quite well now, so I expect you will soon see me hobbling about.*

Now to Bowls, as I have not seen many bowls matches during this interval (one actually), I will just show below the results of all matches played:-

Friendlies/Tourist Matches: Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7.

It looks possible that our Men's Team playing in the Dorset League will come top of Division 4. They have two more matches to play and need to gain five points from these to win (the number of points available is 12 points per match).

Nine matches have been played in the Mixed Triples League so far and they have won 5 and lost 4. At the beginning of June we were second in the League, but we have not seen a more recent table, so are unable to say where we stand now.

On 19th June, the Mixed Triples League held their annual Gala Day, and one of our teams that entered won the Shield - well done to Jean Maidment, Malcolm Gerry and Bill Steele.

JUMBLE SALE - As our regulars will know, we normally hold our annual Jumble Sale at the beginning of September. However, the date we were going to hold it clashes with the Steam Fair. We will therefore be holding it later in the year and will give you the new date in the next Downsman.

On 10th July, we met up with members past and present and friends for a Barbecue at the Bowls Green. I cannot say that the weather was at its best, but the rain held off and the sun came out long enough for us to have some fun on the Green and for the cooking to start. Thanks so much to Rob, Nicky and Colin for all their hard work.

Eventually we all adjourned to the Pavilion (very cosy with 60 people) where we had excellent food and one of Doris Day's famous raffles, plus a very jolly evening.

Gill Martin

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For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,

Please contact CCF co-ordinator, on 01725 552097.

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

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

Books Wanted

On behalf of Chase Community Friends, Don and I are once again holding a book stall at the Summer Flower Show.

We would be grateful to receive any books, particularly paperbacks, for sale on the day.

Last year we did extremely well, and were able to make a substantial donation towards the Show charity.

Books can be delivered to us or we are able to collect if there are enough to make it worth while. Otherwise, you can bring books to the show as we will be there setting up the CCF stand from 10.30 a.m. on the day of the Show.

Maureen & Don Penrose, 11 The Orchard, Sixpenny Handley. 01725 552022

Extracts from “The Garden”

Search For Ancient Trees.

Britain's population of ancient trees may be at risk, unless they are recorded and given statutory protection. This is the concern of the Woodland Trust and Ancient Tree Forum, which are calling for volunteers to help establish an inventory of venerable trees.

The two organisations are also asking the Government to change the Tree Preservation Order Legislation, so that dead and dying trees could become eligible for protection, and requesting a new designation of 'historic tree' to protect ancient survivors from development pressures.

It is estimated that the UK has 80 percent of northern Europe's ancient trees. One of England's most famous trees, the Major Oak, in Sherwood Forest, is thought to be more than 800 years old, and recent estimates suggest that some *Taxus baccata* (yew) trees are several thousand years old.

Preservation Of UK Hedgerows.

From the end of the Second World War up to 1990, hedgerows were being removed at a much faster rate than they were being planted. But, as a result of hedgerow incentive schemes, introduced in the 1990s as part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, losses have been halted and to a limited extent reversed. Many farmers are now working to restore and manage hedgerows, and the net length of hedges in the UK is stable and starting to increase.

Because new hedges do not offer the same benefits to wildlife as those that are long-established, in the 1995 Environment Act the Government brought in legislation to protect hedgerows of key importance. By 2005, the Government's UK Biodiversity Action Plan aims to halt all loss of ancient and species-rich hedgerows and have half of them in a favourable condition.

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Our Parish is having a relatively quiet summer in terms of crime but all around is 'somewhat disastrous' according to Dorset Police.

17 burglaries and break-ins in a month within the Blandford North policing area is, they say, much higher than usual. Farnham, Childe Okeford and the Tarrant Valley have taken many hits, while within our Parish there were two serious incidents reported: a theft of antiques and furniture from a house in Woodcutts and £700 taken from a vehicle in Cashmoor.

The police say that about half the recent incidents could have been avoided had the victims been more careful and taken basic precautions (in some instances just shutting their windows before going out!). In other cases, neighbours observed unusual vans and, in one case a lorry, but alerted no-one. We clearly all need to be a bit more alert and suspicious.

You are encouraged to report anything you think is suspicious to Dorset Police and also tell the local Homewatch Coordinator. Don't be afraid to report things. It may seem trivial but it might just fit in with a pattern of other reports.

The Sixpenny Handley Homewatch organisers met recently and decided to try to establish closer direct links with neighbouring schemes in Hampshire and Wiltshire. Sometimes police forces don't seem to have much time to liaise across their boundaries, so we hope that these direct community links may help.

There is an immediate vacancy for a Homewatch Co-ordinator to cover the lower end of the High Street, Sheasby Close and Paddock Close. Mike Comben has served tirelessly in that role for many years but he and Mary are shortly to move away from the village. We wish them well and thank Mike for his contribution.

Anyone interested in taking over, which includes a few meetings a year, keeping an eye on vacant dwellings, acting as a focal point for crime information, delivering the Downsman and assisting with other Homewatch activities from time to time, is asked please to contact Mike or John Curtis (see Parish Directory).

Whilst not strictly crime, many of us are on the receiving end of telephone selling and junk faxes. The Telephone Preference Service can remove your number from the lists used for telemarketing calls in the UK. Call 0800 398893 or visit www.tpsonline.org.uk There is an alternative but similar service provided by Silent Call Guard on 0870 444 3969.

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Could this affect you?

We are actually leaving the village shortly, as my wife is taking up a new job in Brentwood, Essex, and as a homeworker I am dutifully trailing along in her glorious wake!

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We live in Town Farm Place, on land which once belonged to Michael Pitt-Rivers and the Rushmore Estate. Mr Pitt-Rivers has since died, of course, and the estate is now owned by trustees.

When Mr Pitt-Rivers sold the land for Town Farm Place to the developer, he placed an open-ended covenant on it that no building work could be carried out on the land without his permission or that of his heirs. The developer duly obtained said permission and the 18 houses were constructed.

The developer also placed a similar covenant on the finished houses, to protect the residents from inappropriate further development and activity by their neighbours, once the houses were finished.

Several properties in Town Farm Place, including ours, have since undergone improvements, by way of extensions, conservatories etc. and, as far as we know, these may well have had permission from the developer. What they are less likely to have, however, is permission from Mr Pitt-Rivers or the Rushmore Estate trustees, as we discovered when our buyers' solicitor noticed the omission. Unfortunately, our own solicitor did not notice this when we bought the house!

As this has come to light just prior to exchange of contracts, it has caused a considerable upset and we have had to apply to the trustees, via the estate's managing agents, for retrospective permission to build an extension that has already been in place for four years, so that the house can be sold with clear legal title! Full planning permission and building regulations compliance was properly obtained for our extension, but such procedures apparently do not check the Land Registry entry for a property.

To anyone else who owns a property on former Rushmore Estate land - or any other land that may have restrictive covenants on it - and who has made or is contemplating making any changes to their property, do ensure you have the written permission of the estate or covenant maker if applicable, so that you cannot be caught out when and if you sell your home.

So, adieu, then - off to Essex we go. Farewell to all those we have met and got to know during our two and a half years in Sixpenny Handley.

Peter & Janet Gallon



Following the recent closure of the **Sixpenny Handley Flower Club** it was decided that the balance of the Clubs funds should be donated to the Salisbury Hospital Ace of Hearts Appeal. On Tuesday 1st June 2004 a cheque to the value of **£582.39** was presented to the appeal. Those attending the presentation on behalf of the club were Maggie Staplehurst, Patsy O'Connor, Liz Coombes and Eileen

Ace of Hearts Appeal

A very belated thanks to all who supported the Coffee Morning held at 35 Sheasby Close for the above appeal, at which £212.00 was raised for this worthy cause.

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News from the Troop

Just a quick note to keep you up to date as to what is happening with 1st Woodcutts Scouts....

Athletics Badge

The Scouts have all undertaken the Athletics badge. This required them to complete a number of track and field events and meet the standards of the Scout Association. Maggie Curtis spent an evening putting the Scouts through their paces and discussing healthy eating with them.

Gurston Hill-Climb

A number of Scouts visited Gurston Hill-Climb and watched a day of racing. This was the first time that many of the Scouts had been to the racing and it was agreed that we would definitely visit again. Thank you to the organisers of the hill-climb for inviting the Scouts to attend.

Cycling at Moors Valley

16 Scouts went cycling at Moors Valley Country Park. This was an energetic evening that everyone enjoyed.

National Adventure Sports Show

Some of the Scouts visited the National Adventure Sports Show at Shepton Mallet. There were displays of mountain biking, skate boarding, vert riding and many other extreme sports. It was agreed that next year the Scouts would like to stay the whole weekend and camp there.

Fundraising Gig at the Village Hall

Thank you to all those who helped and supported the successful fundraising gig at the Village Hall. It was superb to see so many people from the village enjoying themselves and supporting local musicians as well as the Scouts.

Litter picking at the Larmer Tree Festival

The Scouts and parents litter picked at this years Larmer Tree Festival. This helped to raise awareness of Scouting in the area and also fundraised for the group. The Scouts are always keen to be involved in activities such as this, please do contact us if we can be of assistance.

Summer Camp

As you read this we will probably be on Summer Camp in Guernsey. The programme for this years camp includes abseiling, climbing, archery, canoeing, sailing, go-karting as well as visiting the many tourist attractions on the island.

Advance notice – Firework Display Saturday 4th November

This years' fireworks display will be on the 4th November at Church Farm Campsite. This will be the third year that the Scouts have organised the display and we hope it will be even better than last year.

Thank You

Norman and Edna would like to thank the many people who came to Norman's 70th Birthday Party on 19th June. The small raffle we held in aid of the Ace of Hearts Appeal came to £101 which has now been sent to the Appeal.

So thanks to all of you.

Also thanks to May Tricket and Win Kirby who stayed until the end. Lovely to see you both.

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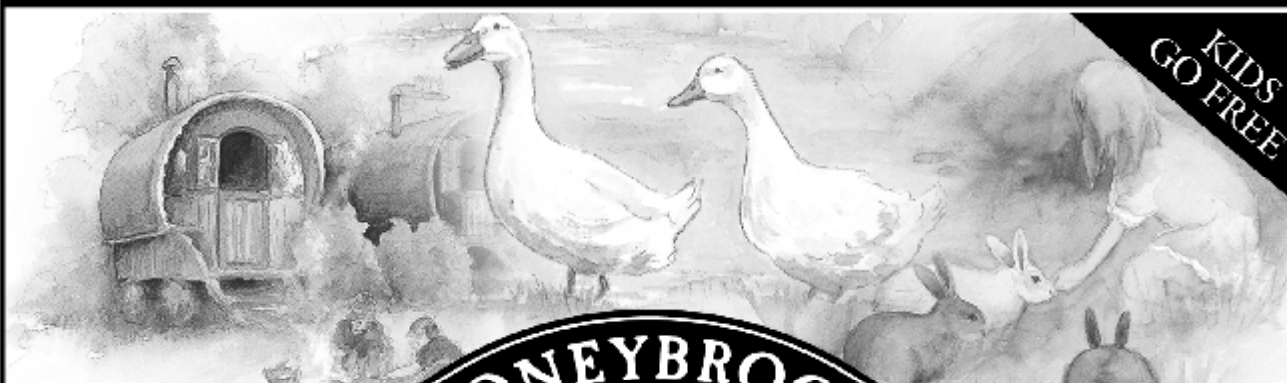
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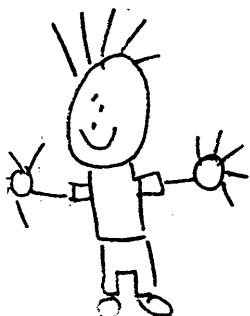
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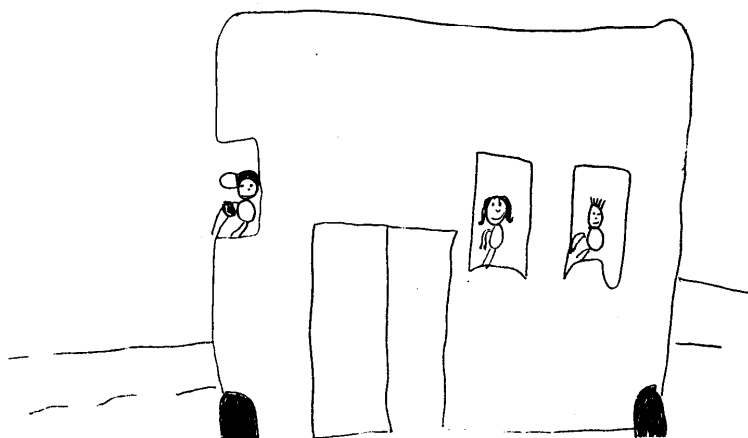
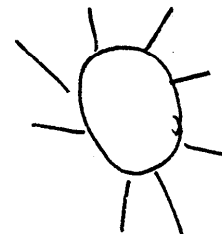
Sixpenny Handley First School News

During this Summer Term the children have all been out of school on educational visits to broaden their understanding of the world around them and provide them with valuable experiences which cannot be brought into the classroom.



On Tuesday, 13 July reception and year 1 children visited Poole and Studland as part of their comparative study of the local area. In class they had been following the adventures of animated Barnaby Bear who had travelled from his home in Chester to visit Poole.

The children were excited to observe and experience the sights that Barnaby had shared with them. After many grey days the day dawned bright and sunny and an enjoyable time was spent on the quayside at Poole before travelling via the chain link ferry to Studland. A picnic lunch on the beach was followed by a short play in the sand before returning to the coach for the journey back to school.



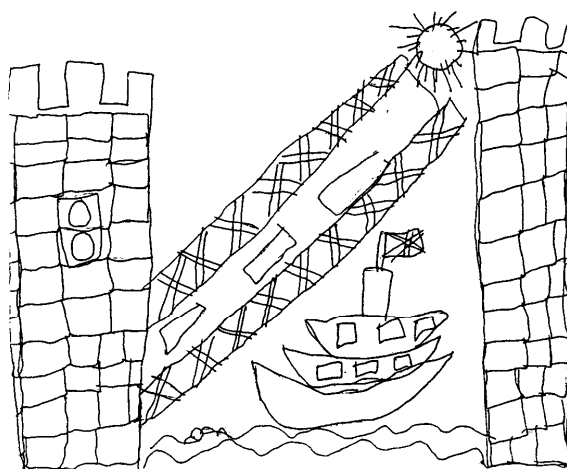
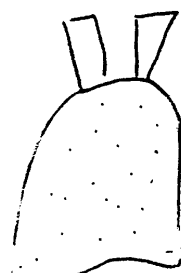
When we Went to Studland
we Went on a Coach.

When We got there we went
to see the lifting bridge
lift up. There were lots of boats
there. When we had all looked
at it we Went back to the
coach.

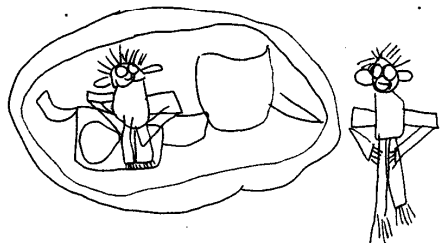
Niamh

On Tuesday Mrs Wall took year one
and Reception to Poole. We Went on a
coach and the coach dropped us off at the
Quay. We had a look at the quay and
then we got back on the coach. Then
we Went on the chain ferry and Went
to the beach. Me and Ella built a boat
in the sand. Then we got on the coach
and Went back to school.

Amy



I made a big h u w l
at the beach me and

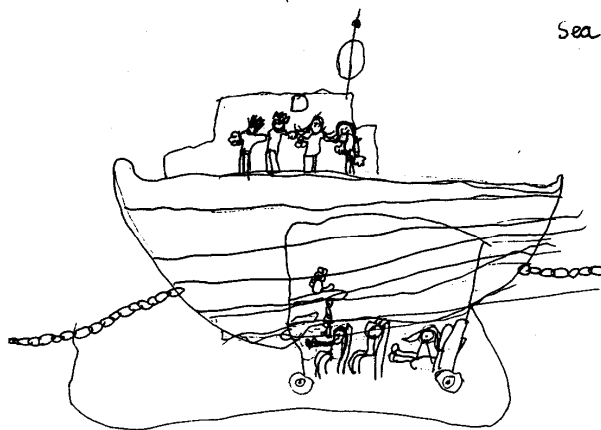


Tod made
it

I ran out of time
and I made a sand castle
to work pee pee together
unless I said

Our School Trip
When we went on
School trip we were
heading to the
beach. When all of
us were at the beach
nearly all of us made
a sand castle.
I made the fattest and
the tallest. When I
left I expected the sea
pushed it down when
it was dark or midnight.
It was fun.

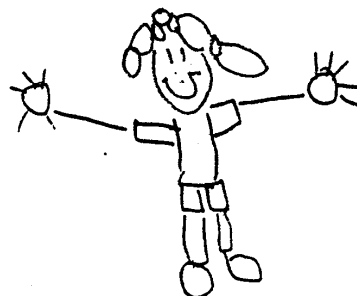
Hannah



Our school Trip

I saw the lifting bridge. Whenever the
lights go green the boats can go and the
cars stop. When the boats can go the bridge
lifts up. We went on a ferry and I didn't
like going on the ferry because I felt sick.
We went on a coach and I was partners with
Amy. The lifting bridge was blue and it was
huge. The lifting bridge was built in the
sea.

Emma May



Class 2 went to the
Streetwise safety centre
and learnt a lot of things to
keep us safe.

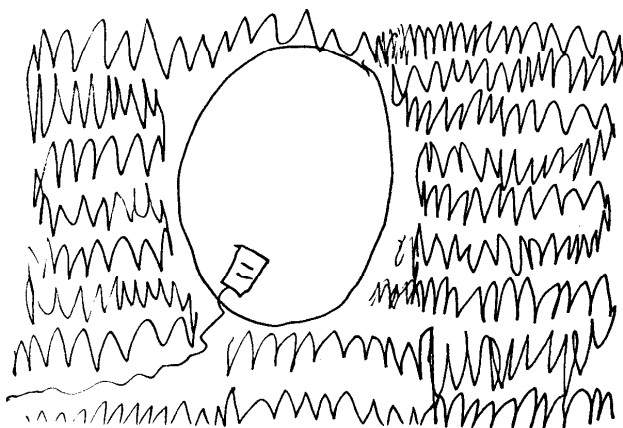
We enjoyed being there
very much and now all
of our Mummies and
Daddies will be safe too!

It is dangerous to not
wear a helmet when
you are riding
your bike.

Ebony Rutton

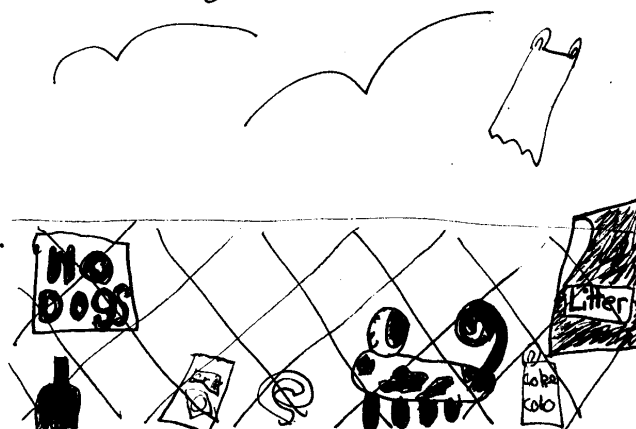
You must not leave electrical
things near a pond in the
garden incase the plug gets wet.

by Laura Meneather



You must always put your rubbish
in the bin at the park and
always check the signs to see
if you are allowed to take
in your dog.

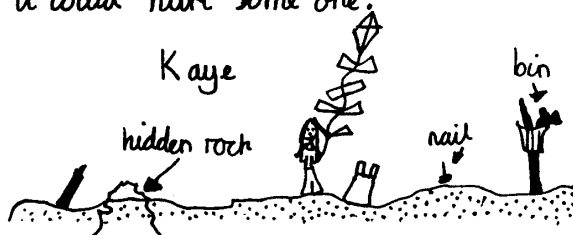
by Chloe Morris



We learned that the ladder on the farm
could fall on top of us. Someone should
hold the bottom to keep it steady.

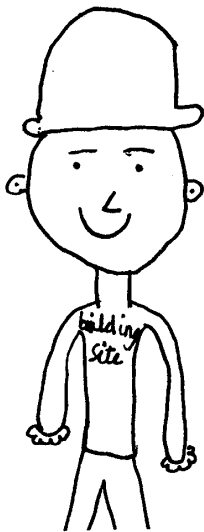
Marnette Waddon

At the beach you should watch out for hidden rocks in the sand and don't go off with strangers. Always put your rubbish in the bin because if you throw it on the sand it could hurt some one.



In the building site the builders must wear a hard hat in case they fall and bump their head.

Lauren Masson



Lucy learnt how to make a 999 call for a fire in the house. The important message if there was a fire was to:

**Get out
Stay out
Call the Fire Brigade out!**



We must not walk in a dark alley way on our own because there might be strangers at the other end. only go with a group of friends.

Jessica

I have learnt that you should not drop your rubbish. If a bin is overflowing keep your rubbish until you get home and don't drop it on the street!



by Lucy Bradbury



In the kitchen lots of things are dangerous if you left a pan with the handle facing out and a child reached up it could fall on them and burn them.

Sarah Jenner



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We had wonderful support last year. People stopped by for a chat as well as making some purchases! Although early, there will be the ever popular RNLI Christmas cards on sale as well as many other goods.

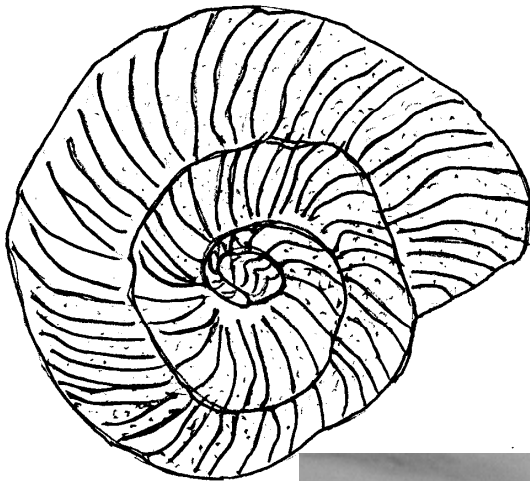
If both days are really wet we might have to postpone the event. Otherwise we do hope you will drop by.

Sheila Bradley

Year 4 visit to Swanworth Quarry

The Year 4 children, in the course of science topic work on 'Rocks and Soils', made a most informative visit to Swanworth Quarry, near Worth Matravers, on July 1st. Here in the Isle of Purbeck, Portland limestone has been excavated for 80 years, and the quarry is now approaching the end of its working life. Tarmac, who currently work the limestone for use mainly in road building, are keen to maintain an educational programme, and are happy to provide guided tours for school parties keen to find out about the geology of the area, the quarrying process, the uses of limestone and the plans for the development of this site as a wildlife reserve after the workings have ceased.

After protective clothing and wobbly hard hats had been provided, quarry manager Derek Haden led the class down to the quarry floor to view the astonishing rock face. This shows a section through time, down from the marl and clay of the Lower Purbeck beds to the Portland stone strata, laid down in a calm Jurassic sea where giant ammonites once had their home.



Titanites giganteus

by Tyler Rutten

Sixpenny Handley schoolchildren set off on their quarry tour at Swanworth.



Later, a circuit of the quarry edge enabled us to get a full picture of the work going on, including the action of the huge crushing machines and dumpers. The children were keen to ask questions, and at every pause an excited fossil hunt also ensued, with much tenacity but limited success! By the end of the day, a memorable impression had been given of the scale and effort involved in obtaining rock from the ground, and of the special qualities of each rock type.

Vigorous attempts to extract fossils from the Portland stone.

The quarry at Swanworth, near Worth Matravers, Isle of Purbeck.



Private Fred Weeks (6817) 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment

During a recent visit to Dorchester, I secured, with very helpful assistance from the research room staff at the County Library, a large scale map of our village, as it appeared at the beginning of the 20th century. Then titled 'Handley', the western extremities, in respect of buildings, appears to have been the school and the church. Adjacent to the church, and where the present vicarage now sits, is a building identified as the Sunday School.

Much of the High Street appears familiar, though Handley House (standing in the area of St. Mary's Court) is no more, while the Star Inn (now a private house) then had the much grander title of the Star Hotel. The converted Methodist chapel went under the name, 'Ebenezer Chapel'.

Dean Lane, as it does today, formed the eastern boundary, though unlike today dwellings were mainly confined to the right-hand side of the road. Town Farm dominated the lower part of the lane, with the Smithy being the last building of consequence at the top end. Back Lane was mainly free of houses, though some of the development in the area of Littlefields Lane has survived to the present day. Field divisions, along with figures denoting acreage, completes the village particulars.

Turning now to a map of a very different nature, a map that outlines the extent of the battlefields of the Western Front in the First World War, one is immediately struck by how small an area dominated the lives of the millions of soldiers committed to one of the most brutal conflicts in the history of mankind. Compared to the panoramic sweep of fighting that marked the progress of the Allied armies from the Normandy landings of 1944, to victory on the plains of north-west Germany in 1945, and the scale of battle twixt 1914 and 1918 seems minute indeed. In part, this obvious restriction of manoeuvre was brought about by the direction of the battles fought and the inability of any of the protagonists to break free from the trench warfare that existed from the autumn of 1914 to the spring of 1918, when, until the armistice in the November, some fluidity of movement took place. Nonetheless, and particularly in the northern areas of the Front, the sway of battle hardly altered over four years of a conflict, so bloody, that its telling to this day remains a benchmark of almost unbelievable horror. Of the 23 names on our village War Memorial, honouring those who fell in the First World War, 13 died within the relatively narrow confines of the Western Front.

The first name on the memorial is that of Private Fred Weeks. Fred, or Frederick (both versions of his Christian name are recorded in his service documents) enlisted at Devizes on the 8th of March 1904. Assigned to D Company of the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, Fred was given the regimental number 6817. By August 1914, and still with the 1st Battalion, he was serving, fairly close to home, at Tidworth Garrison and it was from here that he entrained, with the rest of the battalion, on the 13th for Southampton; as part of the 7th Infantry Brigade. The '1st', with Lieutenant - Colonel A W Halstead at their head, was 'off to war'.

Following the Channel crossing, and assembling at Rouen, the troops moved by train to Aulnoye and then in a series of sharp marches, spread over the better part of a week, to take up positions facing Mons and just north of the village of Ciply. Understandably, with an army marching through the myriad of tiny hamlets and villages that straddle the border between France and Belgium, and frequently being greeted by hordes of anxious inhabitants armed with freshly picked flowers, the battalion's diarist was not only uncertain as to the names of places through which the '1st', were passing, but also as to whether they were in France or Belgium!

What was certain, the rumble of war was not far distant and it was with terrible ferocity that the battle of Mons was joined on the 23rd of August. Although not directly involved, the '1st', was subjected to almost continuous enemy artillery fire as they prepared trenches in readiness to meet the forthcoming assault on their sector. At dawn on the 24th, a rain of shrapnel began falling on the 1st Battalion's area and with no respite throughout the morning, casualties were inevitable. Halstead, it

would seem, was everywhere and his presence must have greatly cheered, and encouraged, his men, many of whom were experiencing the exhausting trauma of battle for the first time. At some stage in the morning's fighting, his horse was shot from beneath him, leaving the colonel shaken but otherwise unharmed. Not so fortunate was the battalion's adjutant, Captain P S Rowan. Rowan fell, wounded, and this news was soon followed by a report to say that Captain W R A Dawes and at least three men had been killed. Then, early in the afternoon of this day of action, came orders for the 7th Infantry Brigad to retire towards St-Wasst-la-Vallee, north-west of the small French town of Bavay.

This retirement, for the '1st' at least, was accomplished without further loss, the enemy 'following up leisurely'. However, there was to be no stand at St-Wasst as the entire front was steadily crumbling, and upon reaching Gommegnies, the '7th', was obliged to continue retreating in a south-westerly direction as superior enemy forces threatened to break through on already weakened flanks. In order to achieve some semblance of an ordered withdrawal, the '1st', joined with the South Lancashires to fight a stiff rearguard action, the main area of fighting taking place around Solesmes. As night fell, the survivors broke off under cover of darkness and withdrew in the direction of Caudry.

Although it can only be conjecture on my part, it is highly probable that it was during this phase of the action, or in the fight the next day on the north-east edge of Caudry, itself, that Private Fred Weeks was mortally wounded. Wounded he most certainly was, and not killed outright in the fighting, as notification to this effect was signalled by the British Ambassador at Bordeaux on the 22nd of October 1914. Furthermore, it appears he was taken from the battlefield, by the Germans, and given some treatment at their newly established field hospital, set up in the village of Bethencourt, which lies south-west of Solesmes. As stated, his wounds were mortal and Fred died on Thursday, the 27th of August 1914. The First World War was less than a month old, and already the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment had sustained losses running into three figures (the diarist noting that between 80 and 100 men had been killed, or wounded, during the battle around Caudry).

Thus, it is likely that within hours of his death, Private Weeks was laid to rest in the communal cemetery at Bethencourt where, today, his name is perpetrated by a special memorial, suitably inscribed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

His entry in the cemetery register names only his mother as his next of kin and identifies her address merely as 'Handley'. Prior to joining the army, Fred worked as a farm labourer, a fact gleaned from a perusal of the 1901 Census. Interestingly, despite his early, and tragic, death so early in the war, Fred, nevertheless, qualified for the 1914 Star and the Victory Medal, the latter award being promulgated on the 19th of June 1920.

I had intended to include a profile on the village's second casualty, Private William George Phillips, but this will have to be held over until the October issue of *The Downsman*. In the meanwhile, I wish to acknowledge the generous assistance given by the curator of the Wardrobe (The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment Museum, Salisbury), David Chilton and Vivian Ridley, also of the Wardrobe, who fielded my original questions concerning the availability of records in respect of the 1st Battalion. Thus, any errors that may be detected in my interpretation of events, as recorded in the unit's War Diary, are wholly mine. I repeat my gratitude concerning the help provided by the research room staff at the County Library, Dorchester, and mention, too, the invaluable work done by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, particularly in respect of their excellent website.

Bill Chorley

VILLAGE HALL NEWS!

We have dates for your diary for the new ARTSREACH programme. You will remember the great success of the Old Rope String Band and the Ukulele Orchestra last winter, and we hope you'll agree that we have a good varied programme for the coming winter season. This starts with a classical evening, takes in a cabaret evening, a traditional and folk band, and a family show.

Wednesday, 13th October Pavao String Quartet (at St.Mary's Church)

Friday, 10th December Sid Kipper's Christmas Country Cod Pieces
and Village Hall Draw (at the Hall)

Saturday, 15th January The New Scorpion Band (at the Hall)

Wednesday, 2nd March Forest Forge "The Lost World" (at the Hall)

So, do note the dates now, and look out for ticket information later.



A Big Thank You!



The sponsored walk around the village by the children of The Chase Nursery which took place on the 16th June was much enjoyed by all.

Many, many thanks go to **Chris & Bronia** from the Village shop who generously donated **£100** to our cause. All the money raised will be going to benefit the children by way of new toys and equipment.

Thanks to all for your support.

(Pictured: Louise Wolstenholme of The Chase Nursery accepting the donation from Bronia Styles)

**SIXPENNY HANDLEY SUMMER SHOW
21st AUGUST**

THE SHOW NEEDS

YOU

**HELPERS NEEDED ON SHOW DAY FROM
8.00am ONWARDS ~ NO EXPERIENCE
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News and Information

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

The June meeting was delighted to welcome Mrs P Miley as the guest speaker who gave a very interesting talk on 'Gifts for all Occasions'. She spread out an incredible display of home-made gift items and showed how she made many of them. We gathered that most of her family and friends are recipients of these gifts, some more welcome than others! She certainly gave us inspiration and ideas for us to use.

The flower of the month was won by Doreen Leverton with a red rose and Sheila Bradley won the exhibition with a decorated box.

The garden meeting on the 12th July was held chez Elizabeth Brodie and was a great success. Nearly thirty members were royally fed by Elizabeth and her husband Michael. The business of the evening was dispatched as quickly as possible so that the members could enjoy the wonderful aromas that were coming from the kitchen. Sue Taylor won the competition for a corsage.

Thank you Elizabeth for organising such a marvellous feast. Also, thanks to everyone who helped to clear the tables and wash-up.

DATES:

The WI will be having their usual plants and produce stall at the Summer Show on 21st August. All contributions will be welcome ~ cakes, plants and jars of home-made jams and chutneys always very popular.

The next meeting is on Monday September 13th and the talk will be given by Mrs G M Tindall Shepherd 'Then my father said he'd cut off my leg', the exhibition to be an article with a nautical flavour.

Our annual institute walk is on Monday August 9th and will be spooky aspects of Salisbury (wizards, ghosts and ghouls!) followed by supper at the White Hart, Bishopstone.

On Tuesday 14th September, Lyndhurst WI will be joining us for lunch at the Rushmoor golf Club followed by a tour round the lovely gardens at the Larmer Tree.

The October meeting on Monday 11th will hear a talk given by Mr Andrew Hunt 'Kingston Lacey gardens', the exhibition ~ a miniature flower, any medium.

The Autumn Council meeting is in Weymouth on Wednesday 20th October, guest speaker will be Giles Brandreth.

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

IT'S NOT ALL JAM & JERUSALEM!

When the WI was formed in Canada in 1897, few women could have envisaged that the movement would now be represented in most countries of the world, and that in the UK in the centennial year there were in excess of 7,000 institutes.

So, why join? Just for the speakers so diverse and interesting, for the monthly meeting tea and cake (usually home-made) ~ possibly or even probably but like most 'incomers' I joined for that genuine welcome, help in settling-in and getting to know people.

So, what do we do other than meet and hear speakers. The WI can harness a formidable band which has on occasion even frightened a Prime Minister over an issue that they passionately cared about. The institutes meet twice a year as county federations and as well as the business side of the council meeting, there is always a very interesting speaker Minette Walters, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and this October, Giles Brandreth. But of course if you read the Downsman every issue from cover to cover, you will know what a fun time we have.

So, it's not all jam and we all know how good home-made is for everyone (yes we are opposed to GM crops), and sometimes we do sing Jerusalem and we often organise outings and the annual Garden Meeting is very popular. Not to mention the Annual Jumble Sale, helping other organisations in the village with their functions (visit our stall at the Summer Show) and as shown last March, even WI ladies can 'Behave Badly'.

The next meeting is in the Village Hall on 13th September starting at 7.30pm, the speaker is Mrs G M Tindall Shepherd giving a talk entitled 'Then my father said that he'd cut my leg off'. Intrigued, who wouldn't be, so come and join us to find out what happened next.



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Sorry chaps, no men allowed at meetings unless as a speaker but are invited to come on the annual walk and supper in August each year.

ps I haven't even mentioned the skittles competitions, visits to other institutes and so much more ~ but you really do have to come along and find out for yourselves.

Simple herbal relief for bites and stings

Summer is the time when we are most likely to get stung or bitten by insects. Most insect bites and stings can be treated safely and effectively at home but there are some instances when medical help must be sought such as:

- If there is difficulty breathing or your tongue or mouth swells after an insect bite or sting or jellyfish sting - this is an urgent situation and you need to get to a hospital emergency treatment quickly as this may be an allergic reaction and you may develop anaphylactic shock which could be fatal.
- If you develop a rash that travels up a limb or the whole body.
- If you feel faint.
- If you vomit.

For instant relief rub the wound with an ice cube.

Plantain leaf

Plantain leaf is loaded with tannins which act as an astringent causing the skin around the wound to tighten reducing irritation and inflammation, it also helps draw out any infection that maybe present. To apply plantain leaf (found growing in your garden, on waste ground etc in abundance) simply rub a few washed leaves in your hands and apply the resulting juice to the wound. You can also make a poultice from plantain leaves by mashing up several leaves, (or use dried bought plantain herb) and add hot water, place on a piece of sterile gauze and apply to the wound for 20- 30 minutes, changing the poultice 3-4 times during the day. Application of a heated pad or hot water bottle to the area may also help.

Goldenseal

Goldenseal is an old remedy that Granny used to use. It is an astringent herb and works to speed up healing and prevent infection while reducing inflammation and swelling. Mix a small amount of sterile water with enough powdered goldenseal herb and make into a paste which can then be applied directly to the wound and covered with a sterile dressing.

Aloe Vera

Aloe Vera is both soothing and antibacterial. Apply the gel from a fresh leaf or use bought gel and apply directly to the wound as needed until the area feels more comfortable.

Witchhazel

Witchhazel is both soothing and astringent and shrinks swollen skin when applied to the wound (available from most Chemists).

Calendula (Marigold)

Calendula is anti-inflammatory, pain relieving and antiseptic and helps to speed up healing. Apply fresh washed flowers to the wound or try Calendula oil or fluid extract.

Lavender

Lavender is anti-inflammatory and a pain reliever. Dab neat essential oil directly on to the wound.

Comfrey Leaf

Comfrey leaf is both antiseptic and a speedy healer. Crush a fresh (washed) leaf or mix dried bought comfrey leaf herb with a small amount of water and mix to a paste. You can also make an infusion by adding 1 teaspoon of dried comfrey leaf to ½ pint of hot water and steep for 10 minutes, strain, cool and apply to the wound with a sterile swab.

Black Tea

If you've just made a cuppa and then been stung by an insect, simply apply the cooled brew to the wound or infuse a tea bag in boiling water and apply the cooled tea bag! This reduces swelling due to tea's astringent properties.

Echinacea

Use Echinacea tincture or fluid extract to disinfect the wound and to relieve pain, Echinacea also helps to boost the immune system to deal with infection.

Tea Tree Oil

Apply neat antiseptic Tea Tree oil directly to the wound to ensure there is no resulting infection.

Insects and oils don't mix

Aromatic herbal oils can deter insects and the best way is to use them is to make a blend of essential oils, most of which will need to be blended into a suitable carrier oil such as almond oil as they may burn the skin or cause a skin reaction if used neat. The only exceptions to this rule are Tea Tree and Lavender essential oils.

Eucalyptus and Peppermint essential oils are good insect repellents, combine 3 drops of each with 3 drops of citronella essential oil and add to either ½ ounce of unscented skin cream or 60ml of almond oil and apply to skin, particularly pulse points just before going outside.

All the above mentioned oils and herbs should be available at Neils Yard Pharmacy in Salisbury (near the Library).

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

Master Herbalist, Iridology, Nutrition and Acupressure & Tui'na Practitioner. Telephone 01725 552265 for an appointment or further information.

Sheila works from her home in Sixpenny Handley and at The Centre for Complementary Health Care in Blandford Forum.

Handley Sports Club 100 Club - Draw Nos 1 & 2 - 2004

Draw No 1

£20	82	Mr W.R. Chorley, Sycamore Close, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury
£10	88	Mr T. R. Day, Spetisbury, Blandford, Dorset
£10	201	Ruth Edwards. Town Farm Place, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury
£10	91	Mr B.M.J. Curtis, St. Mary's Close, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury
£5	75	Mr S M Small, The Parsonage, Sixpenny Handley

Draw No 2

£20	101	Mrs. S.N. Tough, Paddock Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	48	Ken Jeanes, Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury.
£10	38	Mr & Mrs G Martin, Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	33	Mrs M Harris, Manor Farm Cottis, Gussage St Michael
£5	191	Wendy Partidge, Handley Green, Sixpenny Handley.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY **SUMMER FLOWER SHOW**

is on August 21st

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*Please note that if you collected your show schedule from the Spring Show
that the recipe for the Men Only Farmhouse Cake should read:*

3-4 ozs granulated/brown sugar

3-4 ozs margarine/cooking fat

The Childrens ' Own

Mother Nature at work in the churchyard.

At present there are no oak trees growing in the churchyard. This is soon to change, as we have been given two to plant. There are two types (species) known as the common oak one, *Quercus Robur*, which has a long stem to its leaves, the other, *Quercus Sessiflora*, hardly any stem at all. When you are in the churchyard, see if you can tell which type they are.



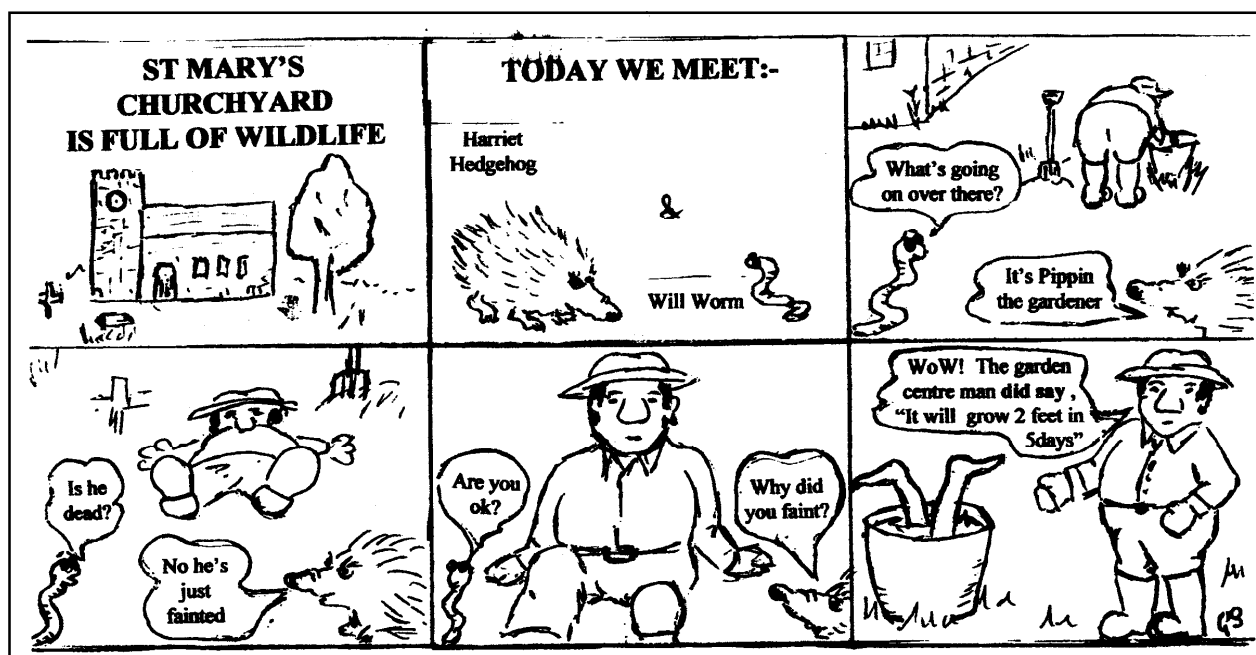
From Reverend Wendy:

We may not be able to see Jesus, but we know he is always with us. He is beside us, in front of us, and behind us. He watches us and looks after us just like a shepherd looks after his lambs. He says in the bible that he is *our* shepherd and we are his lambs.

We can talk to Jesus about anything, he will listen. If things worry us, or if we are very sad, and also when we are very happy, he likes us to tell him. We can ask for his help with things. Talking to Jesus, or his father, who is God, is what we call praying. Sometimes we pray in our own words and sometimes in words written by someone else.

Here is a good prayer to say just before you get into bed:

Jesus gentle shepherd hear me,
Bless your little lamb tonight,
Through the darkness be beside me,
Keep me safe 'til morning light.



Here is a WORD SEARCH for you to try – all the words come from St. John's Gospel

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BETHESDA

BLOOD

BRANCHES

CANA

CEDRON

CEPHAS

CORN

DIDYMUS

DOVES

FOLD

GARDENER

HEART

JACOB

LAMBS

LIVETH

MALCHUS

MANNA

MANSION

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MARTHA

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NATHANAEL

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PRIEST

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WORSHIP

The Origins of the name Sixpenny Handley

Reproduced from Dorset Place Names by A D Mills (pub 1986)

Sixpenny

Pen Hill (in Sutton Waldron) was earlier called *Seaxpenn* 932 (in a later copy of an Anglo-Saxon charter), meaning 'hill of the Saxons', from Old English *Seaxe* and Celtic *penn*. The hill may have marked an ancient Saxon boundary. It was also an old hundred meeting place, giving its name ***Sexpene*** to a Domesday Book hundred that was later combined with Handley hundred to form the hundred of Sixpenny Handley.

Handley

Hanlee 877 (in a later copy of an Anglo-Saxon charter), ***Hanlege*** 1086 (Domesday Book), *Henle* 1182, *Handeleygh* 1496, *Sexpennyhanley* 1575. 'The high wood or clearing', from Old English *heah* and *leah*.

Note that the *-d-* only appears at the end of the 15th century, and that 'Sixpenny' is first added in the 16th century (from the name of the hundred of Sixpenny Handley).

Richard Morris is biking solo from John O'Groats to Lands End in February '05 and to boost amounts raised we are holding a

Teas **Bbq**

Charity Fun

at

Games Chettle Village Hall **Books**

Saturday 7th August

12 noon - 4.00pm

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WEDNESDAY CLUB

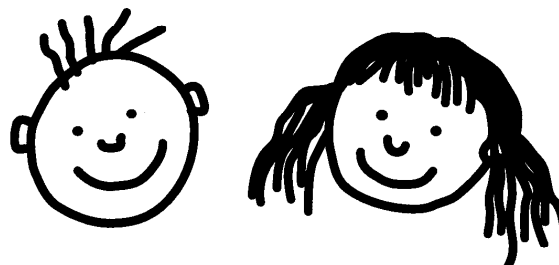
Programme

15 th September	Hilary Glyde of Wilton Library – Reminiscences
29 th September	Ferndown Afternoon Singers
13 th October	Bournemouth Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army
27 th October	Mrs. Mary Tuck - Community Health in the Cameroons
10 th November	Alan Wilson of East Dorset Heritage Trust on Dorset Landmarks
24 th November	Ted Cox – My Countryside, Part 2
8 th December	Christmas Lunch with entertainment by Howard Cole

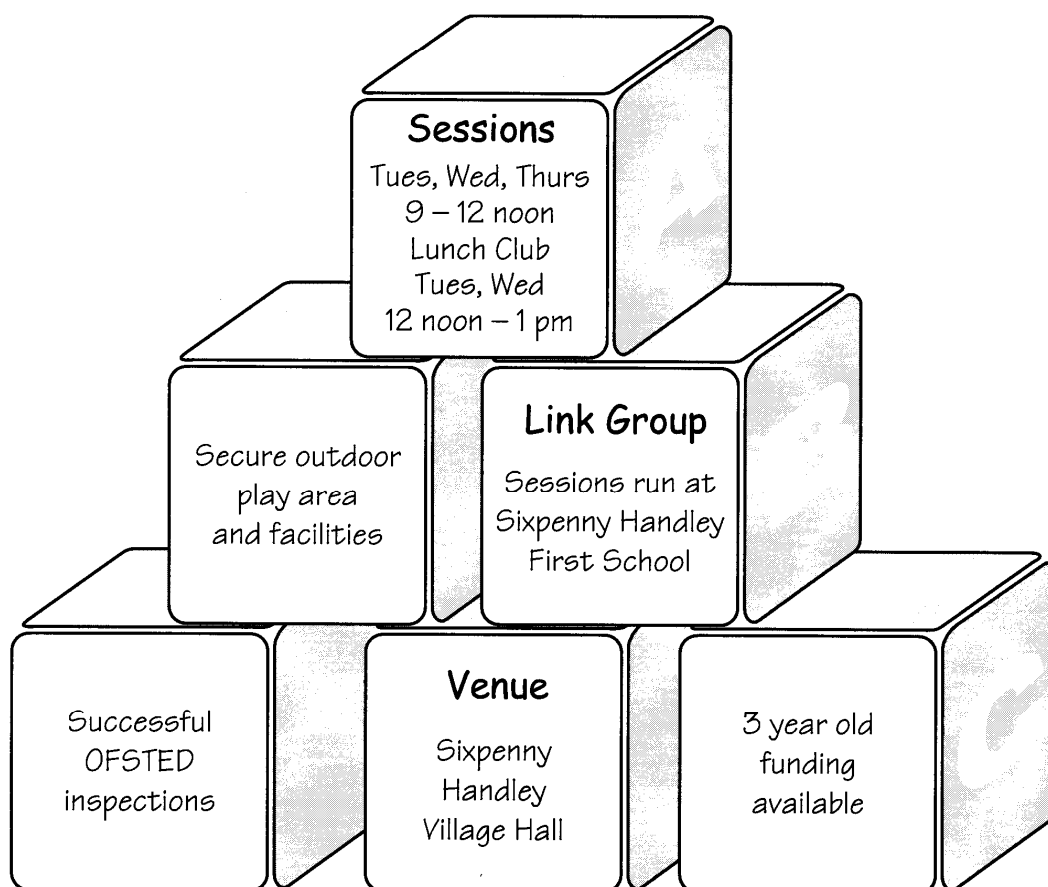
Transport to and from the Village Hall can easily be arranged; although anyone who can offer lifts is especially welcome! The current entrance is £1, which includes your tea and the speaker. Anyone is free to come along on a Wednesday afternoon, 2:30pm So do come!

For more information, phone Carole on 552572 or Pam on 552608.

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