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Welcome to the latest edition of The Downsman.**All your contributions to.....**

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The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the
1st December 2004

Copy Deadline is 20th November 2004**Notice of an Exercise to test Emergency Water Arrangements**

Bournemouth & West Hampshire Water Plc. are your local statutory water supplier serving the village and surrounding areas. The Company has approximately 500,000 customers and we are proud of the high level of service and quality supplied to customers.

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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:

1. There will not actually be anything wrong with the water and there will be no interruption to the mains water supply as a result of the exercise.
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.

100 Club Winners – July

1st Mr Poolman 2nd Tony Groves 3rd Mr & Mrs Parsons

100 Club Winners – August

1st Mrs Joyce Waker 2nd Mr & Mrs Angus Macleod 3rd Mrs Chandler

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All parents must complete an application form for their child to be allocated a school place. Forms are available from your local/preferred school and should be returned to the school by **3 December 2004** at the latest. Application forms returned by this date will be allocated a school place for September 2005 by the end of March 2005.

For advice and further information please contact:-

The School Admissions Team, Dorset County Council on **01305 211815** or your local/preferred school.

Please note: attendance of an older brother/sister at your local/preferred school or attendance of your child at a pre-school or nursery attached to a school **does not** mean that they are automatically given a place. If you need any help please check with your local/preferred school.

If you live in Bournemouth or Poole, you need to contact your own education authority.

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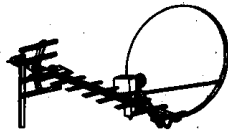
ALFRESCO LUNCH - A Great Success

The wonderful response to the Alfresco Lunch held on the 1st August at 'Twin Acre' Farnham enabled us to send a cheque for **£700** to the Sixpenny Handley and Broadchalke Surgery Fund towards the ECG computer link they require.

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The Sanctuary of Woodcutts!

The very name of Woodcutts indicates to me a refuge, a place of supreme safety, of quiet and peace and indeed the ideal sanctuary for all those dreaming of stepping off the world at the next stop. The name I believe would originally have been derived from the words, 'the cottages in the woods', or the 'Wood Cottages'. For someone like me, who started his working life working in woodland, and who had grown up playing in, and investigating ancient beech and oak woodland, what better place could I have come to shelter from the world at large. For many years my mental state had been balanced on a knife-edge, with the balance kept with the help of all those around me. Having been told to finish work well before retirement age, I was worried! Where should we go? How would we manage? What would people think of me? There was a one word answer, Woodcutts. This is self explanatory, isn't it?

Perhaps for those who don't understand, the word needs qualifying. So here goes, Sixpenny Handley, the Church, (I don't mean the building,), Rushmore Estate, the surrounding Cranborne Chase, does that make more sense? No! Then perhaps if I include, "The people of", in front of the above, is that better?

Even the people who have read what I have written in the Downsman, over the last few years, and have told me so, have helped me enormously. To all the friends I have made in the last few years, who have been a wonderful support, many of whom have helped in strengthening my belief in Jesus Christ, I want to say a big THANK YOU before it is too late. If I have to name one person, it has to be Ron Wood. By the time this is distributed, it will be common knowledge that Pam and Ron will be leaving the village to become missionaries in darkest Surrey, in the New Year. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them God's Speed and Blessing. Thank you Ron and Pam.

Now to more mundane matters. Over the last two months there have been strange happenings here, in this, the desirable side of Woodcutts. Three houses have been vacated and the occupiers have moved away. The question is why? As I have tried to show above, this is a paradise, why then do people leave?

Actually things aren't as strange after all, because Penny and Paul have moved back here after leaving five years ago. In fact the only reason we are here now is because they moved out of the house we now live in. The fact that after five years away, they returned to live next door must be a reference for Woodcutts. Then of course there is the doyen of Woodcutts, Mrs. Win Kirby who was born here **years ago and has never lived anywhere else. How about that for a reference for our refuge?

It was mainly due to Mrs. Kirby, (No change) that government cut-backs were used as an excuse to discontinue the annual census here. Some of the readers may remember them. If you don't there is no need to worry, Mr. Blair has said we can have the support for a new-year census in 2005.

.....(Sorry about the gap ,but there has been some internal editing), after the American, Presidential Elections, just in case Mr. Bush has nowhere to go if he has to move out of the White House, we have decided that he could stay here. We will get Jim W. to cut some benders for him. Mind you at this stage it is only a rumour, even so Meg and I are brushing up on our American. While on the theme of patron saints, we the people that care, have unanimously decided that 'Freddie Flintoff' should become our patron saint, of Woodcutts, making him an honary life member of our cricket team. We badly need a

number three, no I don't necessarily mean someone to bat at number three, it is simply that there are only two cricketers here at present, namely Mrs. W Kirby and myself, so 'Freddie' would be number three.

In fact I have just remembered, if we are allowed a non national, we have a potential fourth member. Unfortunately though, I am not sure if Australians play cricket. Now we must leave the serious news and turn to the natural world:-

Sept. 4th. The month has started gloriously, with warmth and sunshine. (In fact it continued until the 8th.) This is very welcomed after the wettest August, since records have been kept. Yesterday morning as I wandered afield, (my computer tells me there is no such word, but the dictionary says there is) not very far afield, as I had to get back to my beloved computer. I saw what I thought was a flock of lapwings, (green plovers or peewits, I don't know why these birds have to have three common names, all in current use in the same area of the country.), they were spread across the field next to the houses, so I quickly went in and borrowed my grand daughters' binoculars. The birds were indeed lapwings. This gave me a great lift as these birds were seen in great flocks on the stubbles of the past, and reassured me that perhaps all is not so wrong in the World after all. The only difference from the past, was that I didn't need binoculars then.

Therefore as I trudged homeward, to my beloved computer I reminisced, and on entering the garden gate, I was bathed in warm sunshine. Ahead of me the yellow buddleia shone brilliantly and had at that time attracted butterflies galore. (My computer has just pointed out to me there is no comma in the middle of butterflies.) Coincidentally there were two comma butterflies on the bush, along with several red admirals, a tortoiseshell, one brimstone, quite a few large whites and a painted lady, and to complete the display two woodmen (butterflies I mean) were cavorting in an intricate display of aerial acrobatics. Bees, wasps and a variety of other flying insects were also involved in the display. The latter had been heavily involved in ransacking the 'ivy hedge' I had just passed, on my way down the lane. We don't consider the ivy as a flowering plant, but in fact it provides an enormous food supply for our insect life, and the berries later in the season as a great food supply for bird life especially the pigeons.

Thinking about berries reminded me that I have not picked elderberries or blackberries for wine this year, a tragedy no less. Hopefully not too late for blackberries but the good quality elderberries are long gone. It is a good berry year none the less, the hawthorn leading the way, with a magnificent display.

To get back to the garden, there are two very large, dark fluorescent green dragonflies motoring around like Wellington bombers. There is a small garden pond next door, and it is from there that I assume they come.

Feeling elated, I did get to work on the computer feeling that at least I had been compensated for the time I was going to have to sit indoors.

When I started this article, I wondered what I was going to write about, now as I am about to finish there are still a million things to say, but time is up and the deadline is today, so stop I must. (If Mr. Bush does come to live here, I will let you know in the December edition) Until then, thank for reading this, and God Bless you All.

Ted Cox (20.09.2004)

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Parish Council

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

1. Bramble Cott, 35 High Street, Single Storey extension WC & Conservatory.
2. Flint Cottage, 40 High Street, Vehicle access and erect carport.
3. Pax Holt, Woodcutts, Erect 1.2m high front boundary wall.
4. 1 St Mary's Close, Construct rear conservatory.
5. Honeysuckle Cottage, Dean Two storey extension & single lean to.
6. Springs, Cashmoor, Demolish Garage/utility & porch. Erect single storey extension to front, side & rear

If you would like to know more about these applications call into the parish office, or contact the clerk.

Photo Competition

Dorset County Council are running a photo competition entitled 'Dorset's Outdoor Gym'. The 1st prize is £100.00 worth of camping equipment vouchers, and the closing date is 26th Nov 2004. For more details see the notice board outside the Parish Office.

Waste sacks

The parish council have a limited supply of both the EDDC orange re-cycling bags, and the rolls of the ordinary black waste bags. If you run out of these, you can buy them from the parish office at the following prices:

- Orange bags – 85p each
- Black bags - £2.56 a roll.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Programme

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|---------------------------|---|
| 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!

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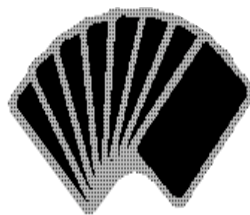
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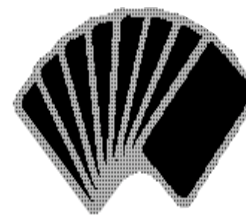
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On a beautiful early September evening, the 2004-2005 Competition duly got under way with eight tables in play. At *close of play*, just two players, Nora Davis and Betty White had returned scores in excess of 170, Nora carding 172 to pip Betty by a single point. Third place went to Ruby Jacobs with a score of 169, with Rita Austin (168) and John York (167) taking fourth and fifth places respectively. Mary Penny and Bill Peach each returned 166, with Mary being plus 9 at the end of the 12th deal (and halfway point in the drive) and Bill slightly in arrears at plus 7. Arthur Austin, Fred Denham, Ken Bennett, Daphne Killeen and Doris Day handed in cards bettering 160, Daphne and Doris being equal on 161 with their overall positions of 11th and 12th being decided by their plus scores at the end of the first half.

As a measure of how close a contest whist can be, no less than sixteen players scored between 150 and 159, John Davis and Bill Chorley making 158, while five, Ruth Hustings, Doug Haskell (last year's first division champion), Peter Braithwaite, Geoff Peach and Marge Poolman each carding 155, Tony Groves being ahead of this quintet by just one point.

Mary Braithwaite, who last year struck a really excellent *purple patch* with a string of plus 170 scores, completed the first round on 153 having rallied well in the second half of the drive following a mediocre total of 68 made over the first twelve deals. Overall, however, it was a night of fairly average scoring and the half-a-dozen or so players below 150 have scant cause for concern at this stage of the contest.

Bridge

I am pleased to report that the Tuesday afternoon sessions at the Sport's Pavilion are now well established, play commencing at approximately 1.30 p.m. Coaching for beginners in basic ACOL is available at all times, while hints on how to play some of the games' many conventions are explained to those who would like to expand on their knowledge of bridge in general.

Bill Chorley

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Thank you very much to all who so kindly supported the stalls on the front path of Dormer House on the Saturday and Sunday of August Bank holiday weekend.

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FLU and PNEUMOVAX CLINICS 2004

The Government has recommended that as a priority this year:-

- everybody **aged over 65** and other **at risk groups** (eg those suffering from certain conditions including asthma and diabetes) should be vaccinated against **influenza**
- everybody **aged over 80** and other **at risk groups** should receive the **pneumovax** vaccination, if not previously vaccinated within the last 10 years.

We shall be running **CLINICS** In:

Sixpenny Handley

Thursday 7th October 2pm – 5pm
Monday 11th October 3pm – 6pm
Thursday 28th October 9am – 12noon

Broad Chalke

Monday 4th October 3pm – 6pm
Thursday 14th October 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 20th October 9.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 22nd October 9.30am – 12noon

No appointment is necessary.

We will try and keep waiting to a minimum.

If you are a priority (see above) and cannot attend any of these dates please telephone Sixpenny Handley Surgery and ask to have your name added to the reserve list. You will be asked to phone again after 1st November to confirm whether we shall be running any further clinics.



The popular Bright Sparks Nursery in the Chalke Valley has just received an exceptional Ofsted report.

This independent nursery school in the village of Ebbesbourne Wake has been awarded the difficult to attain 'Very Good' assessment across all six areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum.

Praise was given to the very good teaching, leadership and management. It noted that the partnership with parents is very good, as is the information given to them about their children.

Particular praise was given to the wide variety of activities provided to cover all areas of learning in an imaginative way.

The OFSTED inspector commented that the children are confident speakers, are interested in numbers and relate well to one another and as a group. She also noted that the teachers interact well with the children.

The report also noted that the school has a good understanding of special needs and has effective procedures in place to care for the children with additional needs.

The Partners of Bright Sparks said that 'the school has an extremely dedicated team of staff and are all delighted that the school has received such a positive report from the OFSTED inspector. It is a tribute to the commitment, co-operation and input of staff, parents and children'.

The school takes children from villages throughout the Chalke Valley and beyond and currently has a limited number of places available.

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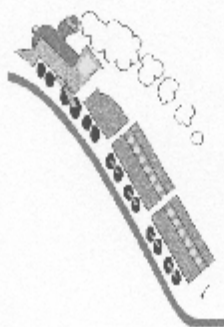
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Exhibitor with Most Points in Section A; Awarded The Harry Tucker Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup & Show Medal

Norman Mansfield

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Section A; Awarded a Voucher

Pete Stevens - Carrots

SECTION B - VEGETABLES & FRUIT (OPEN)

Exhibitor with Most Points in Section B; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Show Medal

Mrs Mary Ford

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Section B; Awarded a Voucher

E Cutler - Carrots

SECTION C - DAHLIAS & SUMMER FLOWERS (OPEN)

Exhibitor with Most Points in Classes C12 to C30; Awarded The Jill Coate Memorial Challenge Cup & Medal

Miss Mary Penny

Exhibitor with Most Points in Classes C1 to C11; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Medal

W J Gould

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Classes C1 to C11; Awarded The National Dahlia Society Silver Medal Certificate

W J Gould - Bowl Of Dahlias

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Classes C12 to C30; Awarded a Voucher

Mrs Cynthia Dawkins - Flowering Pot Plant

SECTION D - FLORAL ART

Exhibitor with the Most Points in Classes D1 to D8; Awarded The G S Clarke Challenge Cup & Medal

Mrs Liz Coombs

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Classes D1 to D8; Awarded a Flower Container

Mrs Susan Pillans - Exhibit Featuring a Figurine

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Classes D9 to D11; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Medal

Not Awarded

SECTION E - COOKERY & HOMECRAFT

Exhibitor with Most Points in Section E; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Show Medal

Miss Mary Penny

Exhibitor with 2nd Most Points in Section E; Awarded a Prize

Mrs Joyce Waker

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Section E; Awarded a Gift Token

Robin Raban-Williams - Loaf Of Bread Using Bread Maker

SECTION F - CHILDREN'S CLASSES

8 YEARS & UNDER

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Age Group; Awarded a Show Medal

Benjamin Chick - Miniature Garden On Plate

Exhibitor with the Highest Number of Points in Age Group; Awarded a Show Challenge Cup & Certificate

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9 YEARS to 14 YEARS OLD

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Age Group; Awarded a Show Medal

Charlotte Brookes - A Collage

Exhibitor with the Highest Number of Points in Age Group; Awarded a Show Challenge Cup & Certificate

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SECTION G - PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibitor with Most Points in Section G; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Medal

Mrs Diana Chick

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Section G; Awarded a Gift Token

Mrs Diana Chick - "Stormy"

SECTION H - WINE MAKING & HOMEBREWING

Exhibitor with Most Points in Section H; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Medal

Norman Mansfield

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Section H; Awarded a Gift Token.

Norman Mansfield - White Sweet Wine

SECTION J - HONEY.

Exhibitor with Most Points in Section J; Awarded a Challenge Cup & Medal

Not Awarded

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Section J; Awarded a Gift Token

Not Awarded

SECTION K - HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

Exhibitor with Best Exhibit in Section K, Awarded a Challenge Cup & Medal

Shanti Harding - Weaving

Exhibitor with the Best Exhibit in Classes K7 to K9, Awarded a Gift Token

Mrs Dee Broadway - Picture

Sixpenny Handley Spring Flower Show

will be on **Saturday 2nd April 2005.**

Most of the classes will be the same as last year.

Show schedules will be available end of November

Sixpenny Handley Village & Flower Show

will be on **Saturday 20th August 2005.**

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FLOWER SHOW 2004 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 26th Anniversary Show such a success.

The weather was better than it had been for days, Pauline Brandt 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 87 exhibitors, including 22 children ~ 618 exhibits and most encouragingly 15 entries in the Men Only classes (one up on last year).

The committee are delighted to announce that a donation of **£400** is being sent to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance & **£25** each to the Cricket Club & the Football Club as a thank you for use of their pitches.

The committee is in the process of organising another Spring Show and the date will be announced shortly and schedules will then be available. Most of the classes will be the same as last year so start planning bulb planting etc.

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Another outdoor season is ending, we have finished all our matches, during the year we had 21 friendly matches/touring matches of which we won 9 and lost 12, so not terribly successful unfortunately. The only games left to play are our

Club Competitions, which have been delayed somewhat this year.

We came fourth in the Mixed Triples League behind Victoria Park, Salisbury; Devonshire Road, Salisbury; and Amesbury, so room to improve next year as well.

However, the men did win their division of the North Dorset League, so some good news.

In October, we will be starting our Blackmore Vale League matches and once again we have the two teams - Sixpenny Handley A Team (in Division 1) and The Tanners in Division 4. The matches are always shown in the Blackmore Vale Magazine, but we will keep you informed also in the Downsman.

We had our Jumble Sale on 11th September and once again were very successful with a profit of about £550.00. I am sure everyone waits for our sale, as we were given so much jumble. Thank you once again for your donations of jumble, raffle prizes and money and also thank you for attending, those who did.

As I have resigned as Secretary, this will be my last article, so thanks for reading them and I hope I haven't bored you too much.

Gill Martin

Bowls Club Quiz Night – November 20th

Details from Val Martin 552607

Poppy Appeal 2004

My theme for last year's Poppy Appeal, to which everyone responded quite magnificently, was based on poems written by the pupils of Downton School.

This year I will be brief and merely draw your kind attention to the profile written in respect of Private William George Phillips and remind all readers that although the Poppy Appeal in the minds of many centre on the terrible events, and aftermath, of the two World wars, the work of the Royal British Legion is very much concerned with the welfare of all servicemen and women who have suffered in the legion of conflicts that have involved our armed forces over the past century. Indeed, as I prepare this article, our soldiers, sailors and airmen are very much involved in the highly dangerous task of trying to stabilise the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as being involved in areas of the Balkans, the South Atlantic and other parts of the world where, even if conflict does not presently exist, the potential for turmoil to rise to the surface is an ever present prospect.

Thus, I appeal to you all to give as generously as you possibly can when called upon by my volunteers to whom I am eternally indebted. This year's appeal will run from October 30th to the 13th of November and I will, of course report via, *The Downsman*, the results of his very important appeal.

Bill Chorley, Honorary Appeal Organiser

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club Quiz Night

On **Saturday 27th November**, the Tennis Club will be organising a quiz night in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. Teams will comprise four people, and all teams will be involved for the entire evening. Entry fees are £20 per team, including the cost of a light supper. You are welcome to bring your own form of liquid refreshment. If you would like to take part, please send a cheque for £20 (payable to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club) to Laura Loncar at 2 Blackgate Cottages, Woodyates, Salisbury SP5 5QT together with the name and telephone number of your team captain and your team name. More details from Laura on 5526521.

THE GREAT SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE Dorset Historic Churches Trust

On Saturday 11th September Carole (St Mary's Close) and Terry and Gill (Handley Green) undertook their sponsored cycle ride. We are three O.A.P.'s with O.A.P. bicycles! In fact Gill's bike was bought for her, second-hand in World War II and is a Coventry Eagle. Carole and Terry both have Raleigh's. Not for us the lightweight, multi-gearred bikes and Lycra outfits but sturdy steeds with baskets, panniers and saddle bag. Terry, although the eldest, does ride his bike most days for exercise, to Wimborne St Giles; Carole, the youngest hadn't been on her bike since last years' sponsored ride but daily walks numerous dogs; Gill is just active - gardening etc. so all in all, we are reasonably fit.

This is the second year we have undertaken the cycle ride and "route finder Gill" decided to vary it, although still aiming to visit the same number of churches. We set off at around 10:30am and had a nasty moment at St Mary's when Terry's tyre was soft and wouldn't pump up. Luckily Carole went home and got another pump and the tyre then stayed up all day. From Sixpenny Handley we went to Tollard Royal, Farnham, Chettle, Long Crichel - stopping for a delicious coffee and cake at the bakery - Gussage St Michael, Gussage All Saints, Horton, Woodlands, Edmonsham, Cranborne and Wimborne St Giles. In all we, again, visited twelve churches and cycled about 30 miles -not bad for O.A.P.'s! The different churches were varied and of considerable interest; the countryside was beautiful. The weather was kind and apart from a heavy shower while we were at Wimborne St Giles it stayed fine. However, there was a strong wind which seemed to be more against us than behind us!

The sponsor money we will collect will be divided, with half going to the Dorset Historic Church Trust, and half going to our nominated church - St. Mary's, Sixpenny Handley.

Many thanks to all our sponsors for making our ride so worth while.

Hopefully we'll be cycling again next year and maybe other villagers especially 'the young' will also go on '**The Great Sponsored Cycle Ride**'.

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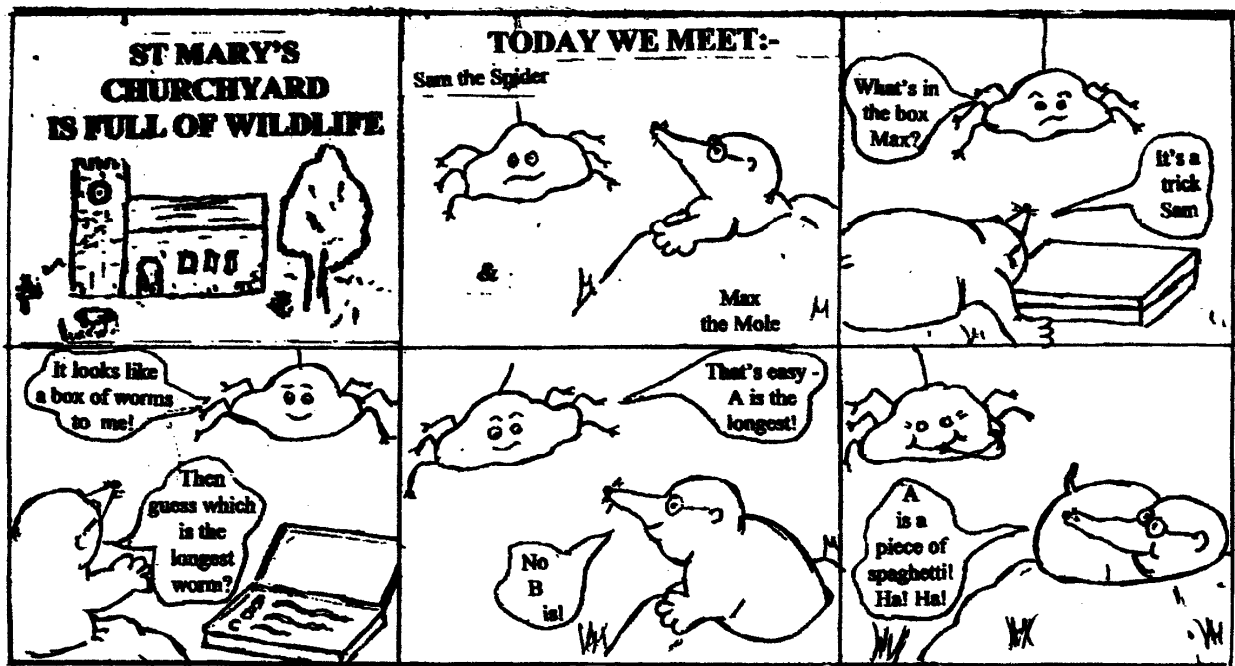
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Dear "Youngones"

Recently at school, we learned that God made us to be like Him. We also found out that he made the Animals and all the creatures on the earth. We can read about this in our Bible. (Genesis chapter 1, verses 20 and 21)

Here is a short prayer for you to say
With love, Wendy (Your Curate.)

Thank you for the wonderful world

Dear Father,
Thank you for the wonderful world that you created for us to live in.
Please help us to look after the world and all the creatures in it.
Amen.

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This wordsearch is made up of words about Autumn and the Harvest. They are:-

FARROW;
WAYSIDE;
AUTUMN LEAVES;
JAM;
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SEEDS;
NUT;
PICKLES;
HONEY;
GOD;
OAK;

BEE;
FARMER;
HARVEST;
CREATION;
PLOUGH;
SOWER;
VINE;
FIELD;
APPLE;
BEAUTY;

As I was going up to school,
I met a friend I knew was cool.
He came to school the same as me,
But he was different as you'll see.

He was short and stout and coloured green.
The colour of his suit I mean.
His hat green and pointed too,
And so were hose and also shoe.

His height was made of inches few,
Because in childhood, he little grew.
Except in girth and wisdom, wise.
He early every mom did rise.

His face, with ruddy cheeks did shine,
A grin of happiness divine,
And on his chin a long beard grew,
Coloured in a wondrous hue.

Although he was to old to be,
In the infants class with me,
He came to school, just every day,
Because he loved to watch our play.

And when we to our classrooms went,
It was as if by magic sent,
He'd disappear and not be seen.
Next we saw him, where'd he been?

He'd walk with me up to the house,
And then on tiptoe like a mouse,
He'd disappear until the morrow,
And at our parting I'd feel sorrow.

Until the morning came again,
There he'd be to cure the pain,
And walk again to school with me,
Ensuring all, as all should be.

(Mr. Pippin)

Do you know who my Friend is?
Can you draw a picture of him and send it to
The Downsman? Then we will all know what
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Watch notice boards for dates of next meetings.



News and Information

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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 9th August and we were guided round the spookier aspects of Salisbury. The walk which took 1½ hours started at the Brown Street Car Park and included the Market Square & Debenhams ~ the site of Duke of Buckingham's sad end, Salisbury Close & the ghostly goings on at Sarum College, not forgetting the mummified hand at the Haunch of Venison. As usual husbands, partners etc were also invited so the party was large ~ but no one was lost.

We all then repaired to the White Hart at Bishopstone for a super meal and a well-earned rest. Thank you to Bobbie Carter for organising the walk and the meal.

ANNUAL TWINNING WALK

On Tuesday 14th September, the Lyndhurst WI joined us for lunch at the Rushmore Golf Club and we all then had a guided tour round the Larmer Tree Gardens. The weather could have been kinder but it certainly did not dampen our spirits and a good time was had by all.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Autumn programme started with Mrs G M Tindall Shepherd whose talk was entitled 'Then my father said he'd cut my leg off'. Mrs Tindall Shepherd was referring to the bombshell that she dropped on her father when she said that she had decided to become a nun. Her life from that moment seemed to 'just happen' and her talk took us through her years in the WRENS and beyond but tantalisingly stopped just before her with dealings with DATELINE. To hear all about the unbelievable men she met through that agency we would have to ask her back!

The Flower of the Month was won by Doreen Leverton for her dark blue delphinium and the exhibition was won by Carole North for the concert programme from Christmas Day 1917 aboard the HMHS Dunluce Castle

DATES:

The **October meeting** is on **11th October** and Mr Andrew Hunt will give a talk on Kingston Lacy gardens. The exhibition will be ~ a miniature flower, any medium.

The **November meeting** is on **8th November** and Mr Roger Grier will give a talk on cultivated orchids. The exhibition will be an orchid in need of aid ~ any condition!

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

The **Autumn Group meeting** is on Friday **29th October** at Manston Village Hall. The speaker is Mr Francis Watson who will be talking about Mother of Pearl. The competition is for an exhibit of Mother of Pearl or an item containing Mother of Pearl.

The **Group Carol service** is on Friday **3rd December** at Tarrant Gunville Church ~ please note that parking is very limited and could as many members as possible park at the Village Hall and walk to the church. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall after the service.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS!

I'm sure you will have noticed that the work on the roof has been finished, and I hope you will also go and admire the new toilet windows; they are very beautiful and they are made of something a bit more substantial than the old ones which were almost all polyfilla! When we have enough cash, we will be finishing the windows at the back and side before moving on to consider the BIG ONE which is of course the enormous windows in the hall itself. I'm sure it can be done because you have all been so good supporting the Hall, and I know you will continue.

The completion of the full disabled access will be going ahead as we have the plans, but it will take time as we obviously need to get grant money for this - which all takes time.

In the meantime, we not only have tickets on sale for our **GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW**, but we also have a great programme ahead of entertainment for the winter season:

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER - Jumble sale at 2.30pm. For items to be collected phone Pat Oxford on 552591 or Pam Wood on 552608 or Stella on 552236

WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER - Pavao String Quartet concert at St. Mary's Church at 7:30pm. Tickets from the Post Office & Stores.

SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER - A "Rob Jesse Special" Auction at the Hall. Bring all your surplus items and Rob will auction them. For times and details see separate announcement.

FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER at 7:00pm a one man show called "Christmas Country Cod Pieces" by the amazing SID KIPPER.

There will be lots of publicity about this one, but do get your tickets from the Post Office in good time as this will be a popular show. During the interval of the show, Sid will be drawing the winner of our GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW.

SATURDAY 15th JANUARY at 7:30pm We thought you might need cheering up in January so we have booked THE NEW SCORPION BAND, and believe me they will cheer anyone up! Tickets from the Post Office as usual.

WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH at 6:30pm. "The Lost World" with Forest Forge Theatre. This is the all-age show we would have liked to book in the Christmas holidays, but were not successful. But

when you recall how much we enjoyed last year's Cinderella by Forest Forge, I'm sure you'll agree that this will be worth waiting for.

Once again, the thanks of the Committee to all the organisations who support the Hall, and we hope to see everyone at these events through the winter!

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Dorset Police report that there was comparatively little crime in the area at the time of this year's Steam Fair. Since then, however, there have been a couple of thefts from unlocked vehicles, a trailer stolen from Pentridge and some vandalism in Handley.

Distraction thefts are still occurring in North Dorset and Police say that people need to be suspicious of any unidentified callers passing themselves off as anything from gardeners to plain clothes police! Usually an accomplice slips into the house to commit a theft while the hoax caller tempts the householder outside for a few minutes with some story.

Halloween approaches and we would ask all parents to discourage children from 'trick or treating', especially in parts of the village where elderly householders may be worried or frightened by callers at their door after dark. Each year there are several complaints about this, so let's try not to have any in 2004.

Finally, readers will probably have seen the vandalism around the village crossroads in early September (trees broken and uprooted, signs damaged etc). No-one has been apprehended although the incident must have involved a good deal of noise. Do please report any suspicions to the police so they can help us to snuff out this sort of antisocial behaviour.

A lesson worth learning TO THE END- - - You'll understand

Near to the door*
he paused to stand*
as he took his class ring*
off her hand*
all who were watching*
did not speak*
as a silent tear*
ran down his cheek*
and through his mind*
the memories ran*
of the moments they walked*
and ran in the sand (hand and hand)*
but now her eyes were so terribly cold*
for he would never again*
have her to hold*

they watched in silence*
as he bent near*
and whispered the words.. *. . . .
"I LOVE YOU" in her ear*
he touched her face and started to cry*
as he put on his ring and wanted to die*
and just then the wind began to blow*
as they lowered her casket*
into the snow. . . . *
this is what happens*
to man alive *
when friends let friends *
drink and drive. *

TEACH CHILDREN FRENCH

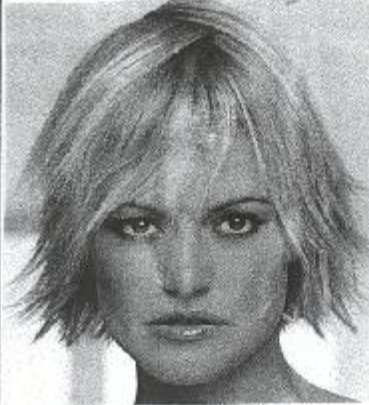
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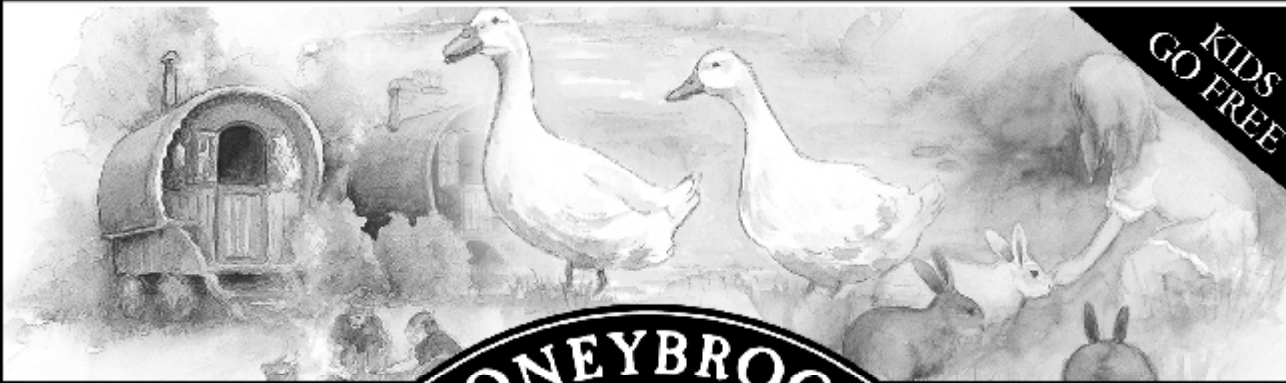
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BREAST CANCER AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Recently there has been a lot in the media about breast cancer. The number of people getting breast cancer seems to be on the increase and many people do not realise that men as well as women can get breast cancer. And so I thought it would be a good idea to provide some information on what you can do to avoid getting breast cancer the alternative way and some useful tips if you are unfortunate to be a sufferer.

What can be done to give ourselves the best chance of avoiding breast cancer? Many of you will have regular mammograms but we also need to take individual and collective action in the fight against breast cancer.

Unfortunately our sex, age, reproductive history, family history, exposure to radiation, race, culture and height are beyond our control but we're told by the media that these are the only risk factors, but there are many other risk factors that we are not told about but that are well substantiated if not accepted by many as likely risk factors for breast cancer- these include ingestion and exposure to prescription hormones, hormone-mimicking organochlorines, prescription drugs, petrochemicals and electromagnetic fields as well as unwise lifestyle choices such as smoking tobacco, drinking alcohol immoderately, even by wearing a bra or not exercising enough. By simply avoiding the above we are starting to help ourselves to avoid breast cancer.

So what can we do to prevent breast cancer on an individual basis?

- Ensure that you eat as much organically grown food as possible
- filter your drinking water
- keep our immune systems strong
- live wisely and incorporating a healthy lifestyle
- regularly check your breasts each month
- use suitable deodorants, body sprays etc
- use natural remedies for menopausal problems
- pay attention to changes in the breasts and knowing and listening to our bodies
- limit exposure to known pollutants and environmental cancer risks

Whether you think your breast cancer risk is high, low or average there is a lot you can do to help yourself stay free of breast cancer.

First and foremost - strengthen the immune system.

- The colour orange stimulates and strengthens the immune system. Visualise the colour orange, imagine orange breath going into the belly chakra.
- Eat orange coloured foods.
- Say positive affirmations out loud.
- Avoid stress, deal with grief and have a positive outlook on life. Stress and grief damage the natural killer cells in the immune system needed to kill off cancer cells (that are in everyone's body) before they can become active.
- Take Motherwort tincture (10-20 drops 3 times daily) to support killer cells.
- Exercise - walking - up to a mile 4 times a week if you can to keep immune system healthy.
- Take hot and cold footbaths to stimulate and boost immune function.

Consider making the following dietary changes and supplementation regime.

- Include fruits and vegetables that have high beta carotene (a vitamin A precursor) content such as green leaf vegetables especially cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, kale, radishes and watercress, dandelion leaves, carrots to boost immunity, support the thymus-master immune gland, and help interferon production (interferon fights cancer and infection). Beetroot has been proven to kill cancer cells as well as nourish the liver and strengthen immunity.
- Include flavonoid containing foods such as citrus, berries (especially blueberries - now proven

to be antioxidant and a cancer restrictor), yams, soya, dark leafy greens, broccoli, cabbage, squash, carrots. These foods are anti-cancer, immuno-supportive, microbial, anti-inflammatory and protect the liver and heart. Take Milk Thistle herb.

- Include protease inhibitors such as dried beans especially soya bean products, nuts, raw com, green tomatoes. These foods block the action of cancer- promoting enzymes especially breast cancer.
- Take essential fatty acids (Omega -3 and omega-6) daily. These can be found in Udo's Choice oil, borage seed oil, evening primrose oil, hemp seed oil, fish oils (from cold water fish and wild fish such as herrings, sardines, mackerel, halibut, tuna and salmon).
- Supplement diet with chlorophyll rich Spirulina or Chlorella.
- Supplement diet with Selenium 1000 mcg/day an anti-cancer mineral that stimulates immune function.
- Supplement diet with Zinc to support immunity and prevent/fight infection.
- Supplement diet with B-Complex, especially B6 a critical vitamin for immune system health.
- Co-enzyme Q10 shrinks tumours and enhances immunity and can put breast cancer into remission.

Herbal remedies

- Astrogalus, Echinacea, Siberian ginseng, ginseng, reishii, shiitake and other wild mushrooms, licorice, boneset.
- Poke root which is excellent for aiding lymphatic drainage of breast tissue, this herb may space you out so don't go out for a while after taking it so that you can assess how you react to it.

The following vitamins and supplements would be beneficial, good vitamin supplementation for cancer recovery is highly recommended:

- Anti-oxidants
- Multi vitamin and multi mineral complex.
- Vitamin C+ Zinc
- Vitamin E+ Selenium
- Blue-Green algae such as Spirulina and chlorella

Do all the above and you have seriously reduced your risk of getting breast cancer and increased your post cancer survival rate.

There are many herbal formulas, are all suitable for dealing with breast cancer and the after effects. if you wish to know more about them then please do give me a call.

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An extract from The Highway Code for the benefit of all Bicycle users in the village.

Para 46 states. **At night** your cycle **MUST** have front and rear lights lit. It **MUST** also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 1/10/85). White front reflectors and spoke reflectors will also help you to be seen. but **MUST NOT** be used alone.

Para 53 states. You **MUST NOT**

- carry a passenger unless your cycle has been built or adapted to carry one
- hold on to a moving vehicle or trailer
- ride in a dangerous, careless or inconsiderate manner
- ride when under the influence of drink or drugs.

Law Road Traffic Act 1988 sects 24, 26, 28, 29 & 30 as amended by RTA 1991

VANDALISM IN THE VILLAGE

On the night of 4th September three trees and the bus stop sign at the Dean Lane Crossroads were vandalised. The village Christmas tree (albeit awaiting replacement) had its top severed from it.



Another tree outside the Parish Office was pushed over damaging its roots and a third bush had sections within it broken off. This sort of damage incurs costs, is unnecessary and unwelcome in the community. The matter has been reported to the Police and anyone

Commemorative Mugs

The school presented mugs to the pupils on the occasion of the royal visit. A few of these mugs remain and are available for purchase (£3.50 – monies go to school funds). These are Bone China with commemorative words on the face and a drawing of the school on the reverse. Contact the school office on 552356 if you are interested.

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VICAR LEAVING SHOCK HORROR

Most of you will already know that I am leaving after Christmas to be the Priest in Charge of a parish in Surrey. Puttenham, Wanborough, Seale and The Sands are four villages on the Hog's Back, just this side of Guildford. The four parishes have decided to become one, sharing their Church Council and finances; there are still four churches, and a variety of worship styles.

My last services here will be on January 2nd, but details will be in the next *Downsman*. Wendy the Curate will see you through the interregnum, until a new Vicar is appointed. If you've booked a wedding for next year, Wendy is the one to keep in touch with for the time being.

It feels very strange to be leaving after so long here - sixteen years - because we feel you have all become our friends, and we may not be able to get round to saying goodbye to everyone personally. If you would particularly like to see us, please give us a call.

RON AND PAM WOOD

Summer Camp 2004



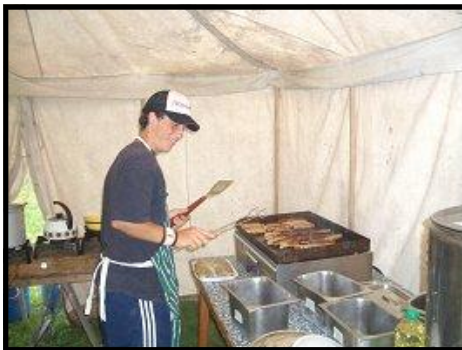
This year's Summer Camp was between the 10th and 17th August.

13 Scouts and 3 leaders enjoyed a week of activities at Les Maingys Scout Campsite in Guernsey – this is a diary of what we got up to.....

Tuesday

It was an early start today; we had to be at the ferry terminal in Weymouth at 6.45 am. All our camping gear was packed into the car and we had to carry our own bags onto the boat. The journey there was really quick and we were in Guernsey by 9.30. There was minibus to pick us up from the terminal in St Peter Port which took us to Les Maingys Scout Site.

The rest of the morning was spent putting up the tents and organising the marquee that was going to be the kitchen. Once camp was sorted it was time to go exploring and we decided to go to Port Soif, the beach closest to the campsite. It was a very hot afternoon and the sea was lovely, we all went in. We had a relaxing afternoon playing frisbee and swimming in the sea. It was nice to relax after our very early morning and getting camp ready.



Back at camp – Jack, Simon and Ben cooked tea, lots of sausages!!!! Then the rest of us washed up and decided that it was best to have an early night as Rob has warned us that tomorrow will be a busy day with lots of walking.

Wednesday

Today we were going to explore the middle of the island. After breakfast we made our packed lunches and caught the bus to St Peter Port. From St Peter Port we then caught another bus to the

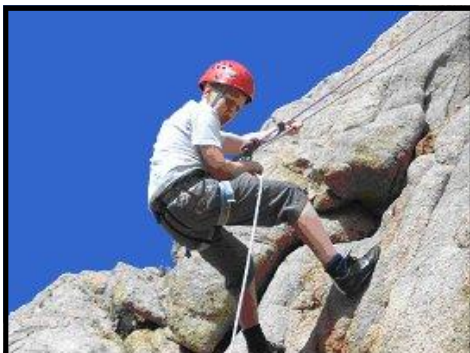
Underground Hospital. The Hospital was built by the German Occupying force during the Second World War. We explored the many tunnels and walked around the damp rooms that were once wards and operating theatres. It was even possible to see the prints of the Jack Boots that were worn by a soldier in the concrete floor.

From the Underground Hospital we walked to the Little Chapel and the Guernsey Clock makers. The Little Chapel was covered in broken pottery and shells and was only just big enough for all of us to fit in.

Next stop was the Strawberry Farm. Not many strawberries, but we all played a round of crazy golf and had a go on the trampolines. Rob decided that it was not a very long way to the camp site and that it would do us all good to walk back. 2 hours later and after lots of wrong turns, we found a bus stop and decided that it would be best to leave the walking for another day, and we decided that we must get a better map!



Thursday



Into town today. Firstly to Castle Cornet, the fort that protects the entrance to the harbour of St Peter Port. We visited all the museums at the site and then watched the noon-day gun being fired, very loud.

The first part of the afternoon was spent looking around the shops in town and buying postcards to be sent home. We could not spend long in town as we had to get back to camp and get ready for abseiling.

The abseiling was off a high cliff face near Cobo Bay. The instructor, John, showed us how to put the harness on correctly

and then how to warm up properly before we started to abseil. Not all of us had a go; the cliff did look very high!

Friday

After all of the walking and abseiling, we decided to take it easy today. First thing we had a game of cricket at the site and then tidied up our tents and the marquee. After lunch we went to Cobo Bay for an afternoon on the beach. The weather wasn't as good as Tuesday, but at least it was perfect for flying the kite.

Tea was fish and chips back at camp and an evening playing frisbee in the dark (very dangerous) and then playing cards. At about 10.30pm someone saw a shooting star. As there were no lights around we could see the night sky really clearly, so we grabbed our chairs, benches and sleeping mats and watched the shooting stars for about 2 hours – which is probably the quietest that we have been so far.

Saturday

Today was canoeing day. We got up early and had a big breakfast. It was a 45 minute walk to the beach that we would be canoeing from and we would need as much energy as possible.

We got to the beach and helped the instructor unload the canoes from the trailer. We split into two groups, one canoeing with the others playing on the beach, and then we swapped over. We warmed up on the beach and then Peter the instructor talked us through the different strokes that we would need in the water. He then showed us how to get out of the canoe if we capsized. It was then into the water and out into the bay (a bit zig-zaggy and not in a very straight line). We paddled about a third of a mile from the beach and then turned around and looked at where we had come from. We could see the other Scouts playing on the beach. The water was crystal clear and we could easily see the sea floor beneath us. After practicing some tricky manoeuvres around a group of islands and practicing paddling backwards, we headed nearer to the beach to play some games. Firstly, we had to form a raft by all lining up together and placing our paddles along the front of the canoes. We made sure we were all in tight together. Then the dreaded walking along the front of the canoes! This was easier than we thought so Pete decided to make it harder – two people had to be out of their canoes at a time and then race along the front of the canoe, around the back and then sit back down in their canoe. Some of us did end up in the water! Then we learnt another important skill, how to get back in your canoe. It was then back closer to the beach where Pete challenged us to a game of Canoe Cowboys. We had to sit with our legs either side of the canoe, and then we had to turn 90 degrees so we were riding side saddle, then another 90 degrees so we were facing the wrong way. Pete decided again that this was too easy so made us swivel around as fast as we could from facing backwards to the right way. Again, some of us ended up in the water. For those that were still in the canoe and hadn't fallen in, Pete challenged us to stand up in the Canoe. Only Jess managed this and put all the other Scouts to shame. It was then back to the beach and time for the second half of the group to have a go in the canoes.



After our day of canoeing it was back to camp for a barbecue. We invited the instructors and their family to join us, and still had lots of food left over!

Sunday

Sunday started as a nice lazy day. We went to the local shop and bought all the Sunday Newspapers. The kettle went on and we had a very relaxing morning after our tiring day of canoeing. The peace and quiet didn't last long as we had climbing in the afternoon.

We started by practicing on the lower part of the climbing wall and 'bouldering' from left to right. This warmed our arms and legs up and practiced our hold on the wall. The climbs started off easy, then got harder and harder until we had to negotiate overhangs and tiny holds. Once at the top of the climbing



wall you had to trust the person holding the rope so you could lean back and abseil down to the ground. We also had a go at climbing a cable ladder that was hung from the ceiling.

Monday

Today was our last full day in Guernsey so we had to make the most of it. We got up early and walked to Guernsey Candles. We watched how candles are made and carved. Next, it was on to the craft centre and then to the Go-Karting track. Unfortunately it started to rain just as we arrived at the track and it was too dangerous to go on.

Instead we went to the ten-pin bowling alley which was just next door and was nice and dry. After 90 minutes of bowling we walked to the bus stop and headed back to camp. Again no time to rest as we had archery before tea.

For archery we split into four teams and scored each persons go. It started by the normal scoring for hitting the different coloured rings on the target, and finished by shooting balloons on the target.

We had to start packing tonight and this meant taking all our tents down and sleeping in the marquee. Chris headed off to the beach with his fishing rod and promised that he would catch us all fish for tea. Chris returned 2 hours later without any fish. Good job that we had spaghetti bolognese ready just in case.

Tuesday

We started by clearing the last of the camp and loading all our kit into the car. There was a last sweep of camp for any lost teaspoons and litter that may have been left.

We were so quick in clearing camp that there was one last chance to go into St Peter Port and buy last minute pressies for people at home. We caught the bus to the sports centre and had a swim and a go in the flumes at the pool. This meant that we would be nice and clean for our parents waiting for us back on the main land.

After returning to camp there was just enough time to gather our belongings and catch the bus to the ferry terminal. The sailing was a little rough on the way home and we watched the lightning storm over the sea. We arrived at Poole around 2 am.



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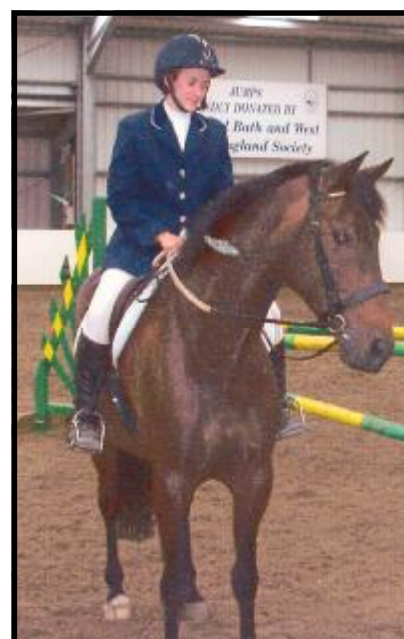
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Finally **Jess the village donkey** went to Fordingbridge Show and won 2nd for Best Pet Donkey and 4th for Best Gelding. What a Star.



Well done to the Parish Council for putting up the Dog Bins

–but it still seems that the people who didn't pick up after their dog, still do not.

So I think it is time to make an example of these people, perhaps a large fine will help them to remember.

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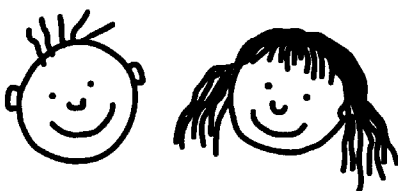
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Private William George Phillips (6740) 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment

Driving almost due south from the French port of Dunkirk, you will, after some 60 kilometres of driving, arrive at the ancient fortified town of Bethune. Situated in the northern outskirts, and quite close to the junction with the river Lawe and the Aire-La-Bassee canal, is the town's impressive cemetery containing just over 3,000 war graves from the First World War and it is here in plot 1, row B, grave 20 that a headstone marks the last resting place for the mortal remains of Private William George Phillips of the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment. Similar to his friend and fellow villager, Private Fred Weeks, whose profile was reported in the last issue of *The Downsman*, William George Phillips had died from wounds received in action, a fact signalled to his unit on the authority of the officer commanding No.6 Clearing Hospital, Bethune and supported by reports from No.7 Field Ambulance into whose care Private Phillips had initially been placed.

At the time of his death, he had over ten years of military service behind him, having attested in A Company of the 1st Battalion, at Devizes, on the 2nd of February 1904. It is likely that his service life followed a pattern similar to that of Private Weeks; certainly, both men had arrived in France on the same day, disembarking at Rouen on the 14th of August 1914, and from that point on both would have shared in the events that led to the death of Fred Weeks, less than two weeks later.

As I observed in my previous piece, the early phases of the First World War witnessed a great deal of movement, particularly during the last days of August and in the first couple of weeks of September as the British Expeditionary Force retreated in a mainly south-westerly direction away from Mons. For the soldiers, and for the majority of their officers, it must have been a very confusing state of affairs. The thunder of war was never far distant and at times during the retirement, battalions would suddenly be caught up in close fighting as the advancing enemy attempted to outflank their broad area of retreat and cause havoc in the rear areas. The *War Diary* of the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment illustrates precisely the desperation of the hour as the men, weary from hours of forced-marching in the heat of late August and with scant periods of rest, snatched as and when the opportunity to do so permitted, withdrew across the fields and lanes of northern France. The distances covered each day were quite considerable and from the litany of village names entered in the *Diary* it is relatively simple to plot the last days of life remaining for William George Phillips (and many like him). On the 29th of August, reports reached the battalion that the enemy were closing on the village of Salency raising the spectre of an imminent flanking attack. Along with other units of the 7th Infantry Brigade, the Wiltshire's moved into a wooded area and, it seems, the German forces were thwarted in their intentions. During the night and for part of the following day, the brigade wheeled towards the east, crossing the Oise river near the village of Varesnes (reported in the *Diary* as 'Varennnes'), the Wiltshire's being the last battalion to cross prior to sappers blowing the bridges.

With the enemy continuing to press, the brigade turned, once again, on to a southerly path, passing through Vic sur Aisne before coming up on Coyolles. In the words of the diarist, it had been a very trying month and there would be scant respite over the next two weeks.

In fact, over the next fourteen days the army continued its gruelling retreat, crossing the Marne near Meaux, destroying the bridges immediately in front of the enemy, and then as the first week of September drew to a close, swung south of Paris and made for Chartres. Here, the battalion received some reinforcements and though the diary does not make it clear, I much suspect that the Wiltshire's (and other battalions, too) suffered from men becoming detached from the main body, purely through sheer exhaustion. However, within 24-hours of arriving at Chartres, the battalion received orders to retrace its steps and the diarist notes, on the 6th, that the advance north began though, initially, it was more towards the east than to the north. Hautefeuille, east-south-east from the outer environs of Paris, was reached that same day, the 1st Battalion marching into the village on the heels of the Germans, now in the process of retiring. In simple terms, the British army's advance was now running almost parallel with their recent line of retreat, quite literally a mere few kilometres to the east from the towns and villages through which it had recently passed. It was not all plain sailing; the weather was most

inclement and it was a bone weary and soaked battalion that reached the village of Grand Rozoy in the late evening of the 11th. Despite their discomfort, the men had little rest and within hours they were on the move and heading north-north-east and into Cerseuil.

With barely a pause for breath, the battalion pushed up to the area around Braine and 24-hours later they were across the Aisne and in contact with the enemy near Chassemy. However, this was about the limit of the push north in this sector of the battlefield and after reaching Vailly-sur-Marne the battalion gradually retired into the rear areas, reaching Grand Rozoy on the 4th of October, 1914. It is, I believe, almost certain that Private Phillips came through these days of almost constant movement unscathed and, therefore, accompanied the battalion on its next major deployment, the shift from the front north-east of Paris to a new area of operations west-south-west of Lille.

Thus, it was at sometime between the 12th and the 24th October that he was mortally wounded. On the 12th, the 1st Battalion moved out of Hinges and headed east towards the village of La Couture (roughly 10 kilometres north-north-east from Bethune) with the purpose of providing support for three battalions that were pinned down on the left bank of the Loisne. C Company received orders to move into the gap between the 7th and 8th brigades; D company were deployed with the Worcesters, while B Company was used as escort to the 42nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. The next day, and in the face of heavy shelling, the Loisne was crossed and the battalion's headquarters took up a position just to the east of La Couture where, late in the day, C Company returned after sustaining nine men killed and eight others wounded in the previous day's fighting. Two days later, the battalion reached Neuve Chapelle, a dozen or more kilometres south-south-west of Armentieres and it was in this vicinity that I believe it most likely that Private Phillips was cut down. Several diary entries fully support this supposition; on the 17th some eighteen men were wounded as the battalion made small gains near Ligny-Ie-Grand, while the next day three men were killed and another 21 wounded as the battalion beat off stiff counter attacks.

Further stiff fighting followed on the 19th, with the enemy pressing home their attacks with vigour and no little determination in conditions of heavy rain. Then, on the 21st, the Germans managed to break through on one of the brigades' right flank, but the diarist noted that the Wiltshire's managed to hold their line, digging in around Haplegard.

And, so it continued. On the 24th of October, the day that William George Phillips succumbed to his wounds, the diary reads:

'Saturday, 12.30 am night attack started against trenches and continued to about 2.30 am. Proceeded with improvement on trenches as far as enemy's snipers would permit. Got all troops, except H.Q. out of buildings by daylight.

'9.45am. Shelling of village and trenches commenced. Ceased for a few hours and was again continued without a break from 2 to 7 pm. Companies in trenches suffered from shellfire, their trenches being blown in by these heavy shells. Village suffered a good deal. B Company in dugouts outside the village also suffered. Trenches report an attack about 5 pm Sent up what could be collected of B Company to reinforce trenches.*

'2nd Lieutenant Riddell slightly wounded, 8 men killed, 36 wounded and 23 men missing. It is feared that most of these 23 men were buried in the dugouts.'

In the days that followed his death, official notification was conveyed to his widow, Helen Annie Phillips. In time, Helen re-married and became the wife of the village butcher, William Samuel Clarke. When the Imperial War Graves Commission, as it was then titled, contacted Helen she was living in Diamond Villa, close to the family business which at the time was conducted from the cottage at the bottom of the High Street, now known as the *Old Shop*. As most will be aware, the family's butchery business continues to thrive and customers are assured of excellent provisions and service from their



**The village referred to in the diary was most likely to have been Neuve Chapelle, which in late October 1914 was the battalion's main area of operations.*

present establishment at the upper end of the High Street.

To bring this profile to a close, I cannot stress too strongly the sheer deprivation and ever present danger that the officers and men of the British Expeditionary Force had to endure. Long forced-marches, sometimes at night, and with few opportunities to rest and recuperate tested everyone to the maximum of their physical endurance and to illustrate the severity of the mauling being meted out by the Germans their exists on the south bank of the Marne at La Ferte-sous-Jouarre, a small town some 66 kilometres east of Paris, a memorial to nearly 4,000 officers and men of the British Expeditionary Force who perished twixt August and early October 1914, and who have no known graves. Amongst the names is that of 2nd Lieutenant Harold William Roseveare, of the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, just 19 years of age, who was mortally wounded on the 20th of September in the fighting north of the Aisne.

Bill Chorley



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