

The DOWNSMAN

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The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge

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Many thanks as usual for everyone's contributions. If you interested in helping then please take a look at Brian Hansford's request on page 27.

I have been asked whether details of births, marriages and deaths that occur within the Parish could be included in *The Downsman*. The answer is yes, however it means that I now rely on you, the readers, to inform me.

Please email the Downsman, or leave a note or a telephone message at the Parish Office.

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish

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Clerks' Corner

PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS were very well supported. There were three nominations at Pentridge and thus all were elected. Twelve candidates stood for seven seats in Sixpenny Handley. Congratulations to those who were elected and my commiserations to those of you who were not. Turnout, at 59.47%, was the highest in East Dorset, one of the highest in the Country and about 20% better than average. Well done and thank you. Your Parish Councillors are keen to serve you. Please support them, tell them what you want and keep them in your local picture.

PARISH MAINTENANCE UNITS visit us twice a year. They deal with most things associated with highways – road signs, grips, gullies, culverts, verges, hedges overhanging from Council land, etc. However they are not clairvoyant and nor am I. If you realise that something is amiss, please let your local Parish Councillor know and I will put it on the list for the next visit.

It is of no assistance to complain of a blocked culvert only when it starts to rain.

Please monitor things in good weather.

I HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER BEFORE.

1st WOODCUTTS SCOUTS 50th ANNIVERSARY PARADE 9th JUNE 2007.

On Saturday 9th June, at 9.30am, the Scout Group and its band will assemble in the area of Handley Cross and then march to Church for a service, following which there will be fun and games. If you wish to take part, or to know more, contact Rob Easton (07971 161056).

THE HIGH STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG. The skateboard unit is obviously preoccupying young minds!! Where are my lists of young people interested in the items proposed in April's issue? If you don't like those ideas, what about some others? Nothing can happen if no interest is shown. And what about some fund-raising ideas to help pay for all these wonderful activities? **Please come on and show some form.**

AND WHAT ABOUT ACTIVITIES AND HELP FOR THE NOT SO YOUNG?

CCF - please consider requirements. The Parish Council may be able to help.

THE FOLLOWING PLANS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED.

3/07/0147. Denzil Cottage, Dean Lane – erect wall to side and rear boundary.
Refused.

3/07/0070. 125 Handley Green – single storey rear extension. Refused.

3/06/1671/AGR. Bockerly Farm – erect straw barn. Approved.

3/07/0114. Methodist Chapel, East Woodyates – form dwelling and studio.

3/07/0381. Scout HQ, B3081 – extensions to Scout Hall.

Christopher Snape

Clerk to the Parish Council

SIXPENNY HANDLEY CRICKET CLUB

Are always looking for new players.

We play in the Ranston Wednesday Evening League, Division 2 and are currently doing reasonably well, with 3 wins under our belt. Friendlies are held on a Sunday afternoon and a full list of fixtures, plus match reports and all the news, can be found on our new website www.sixpennyhandleycc.intheteam.com

All ages and standards are welcome to come to nets every Tuesday evening from 6.30pm.

If you're interested, dust off your whites and join us for some fun in the summer. Alternatively, if you'd rather just watch from a distance, please come and support.

For more information please call David or Carol Cross on 01725 552640

THE CHASE GARDEN CLUB

The Chase Garden Club meets on the last Thursday of each month at 8 pm
lectures, slides, garden visits etc.

For more information phone
Peter and Sue Evans 01725 552270
or Gill Carter on 01725 552030.

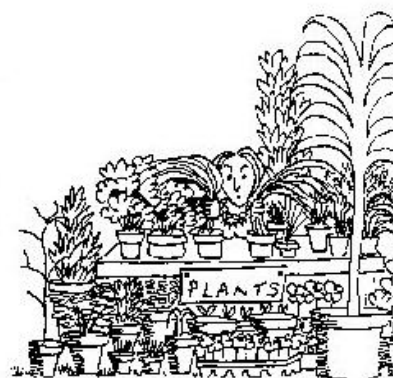
FARNHAM STREET FAIR

Saturday 7 July 2007

2.00pm



**Stalls
Teas
Cakes
Plants
Home produce
Games**



SIXPENNY HANDLEY WITH PENTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Sixpenny Handley Ward



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David Lockyer
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Electric / Flood Warden
PCC Liaison



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Finance and GP
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Youth
Tree Warden



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Youth



First Woodcutts Scout Group



1957 - 2007



Golden Jubilee

50 years of Scouting in Woodcutts

Saturday 9th June 2007

Join our Celebrations – Main activities starting at 2:30

Events

10:30	Parade of Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	Handley High Street
11:00	Service Blessing of Flags	St. Mary's Church
12:00 – 2:00	Lunch Formal Buffet for Guests of Honour BarBQ for Scouts, families and friends	Scout Hut
2:30	Speeches Blessing of Troop	Scout Hut
3:00 – 5:00	Scouting Demonstrations Cream Teas & Cakes Memories of Scouting in Woodcutts	Scout Hut

Come along and meet old friends.

Make your mark by adding your memory to the 1st Woodcutts 50 Year Timeline.

*There will also be a Fun Run on Sunday 10th June
Look out for details and help raise funds for 1st Woodcutts Scouts Hut*

To find out more about the events or check any details:
visit our web-site at www.firstwoodcutts.org.uk
send an email to info@firstwoodcutts.org.uk
phone Toby Cullen on 01725 552770.

Dear Downsman

Having just returned from voting in our local elections, I feel entitled to voice a complaint that I do know is shared by others. It concerns the complacency – in local affairs and local party organisations – which takes our votes for granted.

I have not missed voting in local or general elections since 1951, during which time I have served as an active party member, as Chairman of a Ward Association, as a leader of canvassing teams in General Elections and as a Chairman of School Governors. Moving into this lovely village last November I have been interested in the range of activities and general friendliness which has resulted in joining one or two of them.

It was, therefore, with surprise that when confronted with a ballot paper for Parish Councillors, I was able to cast seven votes. You see, my problem was that I recognised only three of the names on the list. Apparently the remaining candidates did not even think it worthwhile putting a small piece of paper through our letter box which showed their name and address and asked me to vote for them! Presumably they assume themselves sufficiently worthy as to make such a simple act unnecessary! And small wonder than more and more folk become disenchanted and fail to make use of the one priceless democratic right that belongs to us all.

Needless to say, I voted for those who did make that effort – and they will recognise they are!

Malcolm Pettit
April Cottage, 1 Keats Meadow, Sixpenny Handley

Ed: The Downsman prints a list of councillors inside the front cover. You will now be able to recognise the new ones from page 6.

Bill Chorley very much regrets that due to intense pressure to comply with his publisher's request that he completes the latest volume (No. 9 in the series) of Royal Air Force Bomber Command Losses of the Second World War, the profile in respect of Private Tom New of the 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, has to be held over to the August edition.

A THANK-YOU MESSAGE FROM PAULINE BAILEY-WRIGHT

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me during the District and Parish Council elections on May 3rd, 410 votes was an even greater vote than last time. It has been a pleasure to serve you as your District and Parish Councillor over the last four years.

I am sure many of you will be aware that I was elected back onto the Parish Council and have been selected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Should you wish to contact me on any subject, please do not hesitate to do so; I am still here serving you. You can reach me via the Parish Office or telephone me at home on 01725 552771.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

The Vestry meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parishes of St Mary and Gussage St Andrew were held on Sunday 29th April 2007.

At the Vestry meeting, Graham Smith and David Salmons were elected as Churchwardens for a further term of office.

At the Annual Parish meeting the following were elected to be new members of the PCC: Mrs Meg Cox, Mr Alec Hunt, Mrs Jo Scott and Mrs Rita Taylor. The list of sidespersons was increased from 17 to 18 with the addition of Mrs Valerie Martin. (A full list of officers is on St Mary's notice board.) The new electoral roll officer is Mrs Linda Downton, who has taken over from Mrs Wendie Overall. She reported that there are 107 on the roll.

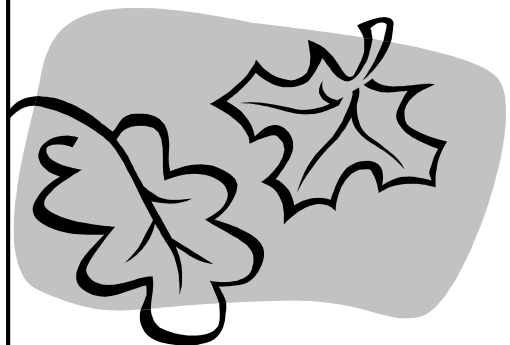
David Salmons had made successful inventories of both churches. Some elderly cassocks and surplices will be available for a theatre wardrobe or to anyone who can make use of them.

Mr David Lockyer spoke about the financial state of the parishes, with the help of projections on to a screen, and outlined in detail the past income and expenditure and gave the future predictions for the forthcoming year. Some major expenses will be the bells, the bell-tower, the heating, the installation of a toilet and the upgrading of the sound system. Not surprisingly, money is an issue to be tackled. Volunteers are needed to form a fund-raising committee.

The final item on the agenda was the Vicar's report delivered by Rev Mel Durrant. He drew attention to his wanting the Church to be a centre for the community – a place which is alive, a place for celebration, a place for crying, a place to ask questions and to share doubts. Not just a heritage building at the top of the hill! He outlined the new pattern of services. The Activity Days for children will continue and hopefully increase in frequency. When all the refurbishments have been completed the church will be a very strong resource for the village.

Throughout the meeting, the people involved with running the churches were thanked for the work they do.

Sheila Bradley, Secretary



SHReD

Update

Don't despair. We know you are waiting, but please be patient. We are doing our best, but planning and highways have had to have their say. At last, we believe that we are within a few weeks of starting a collection system in the village. Hopefully commencing some time in June, 2007, we will need your valued support. Please watch out on village notice boards for more information. You will be informed as soon as the go-ahead is given.

Ted Cox (Chairman)

Dogs and the Milkman at Woodcuts!

You will probably wonder, what the heck dogs and milkmen have in common, especially here in Woodcuts. I have mentioned before, that since Phil stopped delivering our milk, it arrives on our doorsteps at some ridiculously early hour of the morning. We now have good reason to believe, that it actually gets here some time between 1 and 2 a.m. At first this may seem crazy, think about the highwaymen and smugglers about in these dark lanes at those times: however it is not that bad, because we have dogs. Can you imagine if we hadn't got our canine friends, wouldn't we have to get up at this unearthly hour to bite the milkman ourselves? For those of you who don't have dogs, but do have your milk delivered, we do know someone who breeds Border Terriers. If you leave out a note for the milkman, we can arrange to have one delivered; after all he will deliver practically anything else.

One thing he wasn't able to deliver in April though, was of course rain. Instead, it was wall to wall sunshine, and warm temperatures, what a difference it has made to the countryside! We have had a wonderful show of bluebells, red campions and wild garlic (ransomes). Elder trees have been in flower since the last week of April, but many are well down in size, presumably because of their earliness and lack of water in the form of rain. Remember to increase the number of heads in the recipe, when producing this year's cordial. It will mean that twice the number of heads will have to be used in the recipes. Mother Nature has a wonderful way of compensating for such events, so I hope that the elder flower harvest will not be over before sufficient heads become available.

Another very early happening in the countryside, is the sight of barley fields in ear before the end of April. Does this mean that the combines will be out harvesting half way through June? At one time, it was the Sussex downland farmers, who started the harvest ball rolling half way through June, with their early planted spring barley. Now with the winter barley coming in ear in April, will this be the first to be tackled? Or perhaps it will be the oil seed rape, which will need to be cut first; before it sheds its seeds. It certainly flowered well before expected, and in the first

week of May most of the flowering had gone over. For which I for one am thankful. I believe it could have serious consequences for the people who have chest problems, and appear to be allergic to the pollen, if the acreage grown, continues to increase.

At present, it would appear to be a political choice to grow so much of this crop. The reasoning being that it is eco-friendly, and can be used as an alternative to other imported vegetable oils, such as olive oil and as a replacement in part, for fossil-fuels, particularly as a diesel supplement or to replace it completely. Unfortunately the energy to grow the crop and process the seed, to produce oil in a form suitable to use in diesel engines is greater than the produced energy. It will in future, take up land required for human, food production. Maybe at present the land is not required for this purpose, but areas will be lost to desertification, salination, (by extensive irrigation) damming of rivers, human development, (particularly the leisure industry eg. golf courses), sea level rise and to organic farming; where the yields are considerably less than conventional agricultural systems. However in the future, where population figures are expected to increase by 50% by 2050, every acre will count. It would be much more sensible, to work on other alternatives from the present, which will be in use for a considerable time in the future. 'A stitch in time saves nine.'

Now lets get away from the trivialities of life of the future, and think of the present For instance have you heard a cuckoo yet? Is it for instance, coming at the same time of year, or has it too been affected by global warming.

The cuckoo comes in April,
Sings it's song in May.
In the middle of June it changes its tune,
And in July it flies away.
In August go it must.

This year I have heard it twice, very clearly, once on the 28th April and again on the 10th May here at Woodcuts. These dates are well within expectation, but last autumn I am convinced I saw one in flight, at Dean in the first week of September. In flight it has the appearance of a

small kestrel, very streamlined and very fast and acrobatic.

Today I have heard the cuckoo again. (Mon. 14th.May)

Before moving on I would like to make a request. If anyone out there knows any appropriate country sayings or rhymes, as above for the cuckoo, I would love to hear them, so if you have a spare minute please jot them down, and pass them on to me.
must return to birds.

Greater Spotted Woodpecker (Male adult) Mrs. Marion Tozer, of Woodcutts has told me she has



a male greater spotted woodpecker visiting her garden. This is good news compared with mine, which is that a lesser spotted male visited our garden on Friday 28th of April, but unfortunately flew into the glass of the summer house door and broke its neck, to be found by myself. A sad story but it does mean that these species are still about.

The next paragraph concerns a rather rare flower species, but is similar to the cuckoo story, some good and some bad. Our neighbour, Penny showed me a magazine from one of the national dailies, which had a story about council workers in Malmsbury, Wiltshire, who mowed down a conservation area by mistake, which contained rare fritillaries, including the snake's head. An environmental catastrophe in the short term, but they hopefully will return next spring. However there is an upside to the story, which shows Penny's interest in it. She had a plant that grew up between the bricks of her path and the house wall, which she was able to identify from the picture in the article, it was without doubt a snake's head fritillary.



FRITILLARY
Fritillaria Meleagris

When she showed it to me, I felt very jealous that she should find such a plant in her own garden. Many naturalists give their 'eye teeth, to find something so rare in such an unexpected place.

Before going on to more official topics, I must mention a visitor we had on Sunday the 29th April. While enjoying a period of peace and quiet in our sitting room in late afternoon, we were suddenly aware of something thudding into the window on several occasions. When I investigated I found a huge hornet, laying partly stunned on the settee, obviously the best place for it to rest awhile. Although I did not measure it at the time, by measuring the pattern where it had lain, I estimate its body was in excess of 1.5ins. long. It was certainly the biggest I have ever seen. Unfortunately in my rush to return it to the wild, it did not occur to me to photograph it.

Now for officialdom to assert itself, as some people will remember, here at Woodcutts we have an Official Annual Census, (OFFAC for short.), concerning all people who live in this suburb. During the period of time since the last annual census, which due to lack of government funding, the year has been stretched by several months, four households have moved out and new incomers have arrived. This of course is a major happening here, in Woodcutts. There has been a turnover of 40% of housing, involving 47.74% of our population.

What must be decided is, why is this happening?

Is it:

- Due to global warming?
- Because people believe that Tony and Cheri are moving here?
- Because people are worried about sea level rises?

- Because we don't have a Tesco here, and therefore there is less traffic?

Providing money issues are dealt with, all the above topics will be dealt with in the next issue. Until then, May God Bless You All

Ted Cox 16.05.07



CALLING ALL PARENTS **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Did your child return with pink emulsion paint on their shoes or clothes on Sunday 20th May?

If the answer is yes they were most probably responsible for the vandalism at the Village Hall.

This damage costs you money on your taxes.

Introducing Councillor Simon Tong

I'd like to start by thanking all those electors who voted for me on 3 May. I feel very privileged to serve you as your District Councillor.

By the time you read this, the Council will have held its first meeting of the new session. I am to be a member of the Planning Committee, and also the Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee. Planning will be well known to most of you, but Scrutiny sounds more complicated! This is a Committee which looks at the ways in which Council policies are working and helps to develop new or improved ones. I'm looking forward to working on both Committees on your behalf. I shall also be the Council's representative on the Cranborne Chase AONB Board, which is of great interest and concern to me.

Keeping in touch with you all is very important, and I shall be asking the Parish Councils to suggest ways which they think will be most helpful to you. In the meanwhile I shall attend Parish Council meetings whenever possible, and am available on my home telephone, 01258-840061 (also Fax) and by email, eddc@sandrtong.co.uk.

Those of you who attended, or have heard about, the recent meeting in Blandford about the travellers' sites will know that we already have issues of very real concern to our rural communities – and will know that I am more than ready to speak out on our behalf. Please let me know about anything which concerns you and which you feel that the District Council could influence.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming months and years. Thank you again for your confidence and support – I shall do my utmost to be worthy of it as your Councillor.

Simon Tong
District Councillor, Handley Vale.
eddc@sandrtong.co.uk

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ngs gardens open
for charity

Garden Open

Chalk Cottage

Deanland, Sixpenny Handley

Sun 10 June
Wed 13 June
2 - 6pm

Sat 16 June
6 - 9pm
Sun 17 June
2 - 6pm

Evening Opening
Tue 19 June
6 - 9pm

Adm: £2.50 (day), £4.50 (eve)
Children: free



The National Gardens Scheme: Registered Charity No. 1112664

www.ngs.org.uk



SIXPENNY HANDLEY TENNIS CLUB

Key dates for 2007



May to July—Shaftesbury League

Home and Away matches against other clubs in the area.
To take part contact Susie Whyatt on 01725 553062
susiewhyatt@hotmail.com

May to June—Adult and Junior coaching

Juniors on Monday afternoons
Seniors on Wednesday mornings and Monday evenings
Contact Roni Peck on 01258 840505

Saturday 30 June—Summer Tournament

Morning tennis tournament starting 10.30—adults and juniors.
Coffee and cakes provided

Summer Holidays—tennis fun day for juniors

Date tbc.

Saturday 15 September—Broadchalke Friendly Match

9.30 at Sixpenny Handley tennis Club lunch and tennis - all members welcome.
For further information contact Michael Catchpole on 0125 552879

Thursday 27 September—AGM

7.30 at The Sports Pavilion, Sixpenny Handley.

Saturday 17 November—Tennis Club Quiz Night

Committee Members

We are looking for 2 committee members . If you would like to join the committee please contact Michael Catchpole on 01725 552879.

Sixpenny Handley First School

Delightful Day at Lulworth Cove

It was a long journey, but from the moment that our Year 3 and Year 4 Sixpenny Handley schoolchildren finally exclaimed that they could “see the sea!”, and soon



the Lulworth Heritage Centre at Lulworth Cove too, a most memorable and happy day began. With morning studies on the fascinating geology of the Jurassic coast, all explained vividly with a state of the art graphic presentation, followed by a bracing but sunny walk to the top of the cliff and observational sketching of the Cove itself, the children and adults worked up a hearty appetite and thoroughly enjoyed their picnic lunch.

A delightful afternoon followed, as we considered seashore habitats first in the classroom (more excellent visual aids), and then (what fun!) on the beach itself. With the most perfect of weather conditions, rock-pooling, strand-line studies, observational drawing, a “food chains” game, and just becoming aware of the sounds, sights and smells of the sea, were unforgettable, and with a slightly extended school day could be enjoyed without haste.



The gentle peace of the sheltered cove was regularly punctuated with shrieks of delight, as crabs scuttled away, sea anemones were sighted or feet perched precariously on slippery, seaweed-covered rocks. The educational purpose was secured, not least by the excellent teaching of the Rangers at the Centre, but nothing could take away from the sheer pleasure of a day at the seaside!

E. J. Moreland and J. Gibb (class teachers)

HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

A few weeks ago I read an article about HRT which alarmed me so much that I decided that, although it was only a year ago that I wrote to you all about herbal HRT, it was timely to write on the subject again.

The article I read in The Times stated that it was important for women to think very carefully about taking hormone replacement therapy after evidence had been published showing that it had killed 1,000 women in Britain since 1991 by increasing their risk of ovarian cancer by 20%. Previous results from the same study have linked HRT with an increased risk of breast cancer and womb cancer and the latest findings suggest that HRT raises the combined risk of ovarian, breast and womb cancer by over 60%. These facts have been well documented in The Lancet.

HRT has been helpful in reducing unpleasant symptoms associated with the menopause for many women, but, due to a series of health scares the number of women who now use HRT has reduced significantly.

So what can you do to ease the symptoms of the menopause?

Ask me for a Herbal HRT Programme that can be tailored to your hormonal needs and is a bona-fide alternative to orthodox HRT. Side effects such as mood swings, hot flushes, night sweats, heavy or scanty periods and irregular cycles, breast tenderness and vaginal dryness can all be dealt with effectively by herbs. Osteoporosis and weight gain

can be prevented with the correct diet, supplements and the use of progesterone creams. The real benefit is that you don't have to put yourself at risk from dangerous and life-threatening conditions that may result from taking orthodox HRT over a long period of time.

With Herbal HRT it is important to supplement your diet with the correct foods that will give you a good balance of phytoestrogens, isoflavones and lignans, but the following foods should be avoided:

- Butter, cream, cheese and whole milk and its products
- Hydrogenated fats
- Trans fatty acids
- Margarines
- Coconut oil
- Palm oil (often in commercially baked goods).
- Grapefruit and grapefruit juice – interferes with the liver's ability to metabolise hormones, they also elevate blood levels

Useful supplements for a herbal HRT programme

Femarone 40+ formula – an extremely beneficial, all-encompassing herbal formula that replaces orthodox HRT, provides natural plant phytoestrogens and isoflavones and is a good support for the whole person during the menopause. These herbs combine to deal with all the usual menopausal and there are no side effects and no problems with taking this formula long-term. I can personally recommend this formula -please ask me for details.

Other herbs and supplements that are beneficial to take to deal with specific symptoms are:

Black Cohosh, Motherwort, Red Sage, Siberian Ginseng, Valerian, Agnus, Castus, Ginko Biloba, St. John's Wort, Vitamin E, Vitamin B-complex, Wild Yam cream.

Other helpful suggestions include:

- **Lavender essential oil** - is very calming and cooling, helps relax the nervous system to support a good night's rest or to help you feel cool during the day or night. Add a few drops of lavender essential oil to 100 ml of distilled or filtered water and place in a spray bottle – shake before each use and spray the face and neck area to cool a hot flush or calm the nerves.

- **Adrenal gland support** - Vitamin C daily and Pantothenic acid daily.

- **Calcium** - ensures bone growth and maintenance, to support nerve and heart function and to help tissue cells to respond to hormones and neurotransmitters. Calcium is best absorbed when taken with food.

- **Magnesium** –to balance calcium intake and optimise take up by the bones. Magnesium also helps reduce the risk of heart conditions such as arrhythmia and high blood pressure.

- **Saunas and steam baths** – indulge as often as possible as these will help, over a period of time, to eliminate hot flushes and night sweats by removing toxins from the body.

- **Acupressure** – to relieve insomnia, hot flushes and let go of emotions and tensions

- **Pelvic floor exercises** – to ensure that these muscles remain strong to prevent prolapses and urinary incontinence.

- **Yoga** –helps to relax and to keep the body supple and toned. The 'child pose' is useful for calming anxiety.

- **Exercise** - regular exercise both aerobic and weight bearing to keep healthy and to maintain weight as well as protect the bones from osteoporosis. Invest in gym membership and try to exercise at the same times each week so that you establish a good routine.

Bach Flower Remedies – try Walnut remedy for change especially during menopause, but there are many others that may be useful too.

Affirmations

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

Master Herbalist, Naturopath, Iridology, Nutrition, Acupressure & Tui'na and Indian Head Massage practitioner.

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Sheasby Close	4.10 – 4.30

**June 14th, 28th,
July 12th, 26th**



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

In April, Sixpenny Handley W.I. celebrated their 85th birthday with a meal at the Horton Inn. The Annual Institute Meeting, held a little earlier, saw the standing committee re-elected with Mrs Jan Gibb continuing as President. Mrs Heather Eynon has handed over the job of Secretary to Mrs Bobby Carter (01725 552042). Heather has worked hard in this post for many years and was thanked for her contribution at the May meeting. "The speakers" in April, randomly selected members, who were given 2 minutes to talk on their chosen subject. Only one over-ran her time, leaving the rest of us to wonder how her story ended!

The following cups were presented:-

Annual Cup	Meg Cox
Flower of the Month Cup	Doreen Leverton
Competitions Cup	Meg Cox

Sixpenny Handley were represented at the Dorset Federation Spring Council Meeting in Weymouth where the business was lightened by two excellent speakers. The infamous and very amusing Mrs Christine Hamilton took to the stage in the morning with confessions of a Battleaxe. In the afternoon the speaker was Dr Paul Whittaker, who was born totally deaf and then became an accomplished musician; he is now a director of the charity "Music for the Deaf"

Early in May we hosted an afternoon walk for our W.I. group. RSPB warden, Mr Edwards took us on a tour of Garston Wood which was followed by a cream tea in the Sports Pavilion. The weather was fantastic, the only disappointment, if one can call it that, was the overblown bluebells (blame it on global warming).

The resolution to be put to the National AGM in June was discussed at the May Institute

Meeting, this being the government plan to close many hospitals and A&E Departments in favour of huge centralised facilities, increasing journey times for all. We voted in favour of lobbying the Government against these proposals.

Serious matters were followed by a quiz and a beetle drive - the latter creating much hilarity and, of course, no one cheated!

The thespians are busy rehearsing a sketch which will form part of the Dorset Federation 90th anniversary entertainment at Bryanston.

During our 85th year we will be holding events to raise money to improve village amenities. The first of these was a successful coffee morning held at the home of Mrs Stella Symes. Watch our diary dates for future events. It's all go with the W.I.

Diary Dates

Sat 9th June	Cakes please, for the village Scouts Group 50th anniversary
Monday 11th June	Speaker Mrs J. Greenaway
Monday 18th June	Chez Mrs Margaret Quinn Social evening
July - date to be arranged	Cream teas and 'dressing of the well' at 2 Town Farmhouse, Dean Lane.
Monday 9th July	Speaker Mrs A Williams
Wednesday 1st Aug	Dorset Federation 90th Celebration at Bryanston School
Monday 13th Aug	American supper Chez Mrs Jan Gibb



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DO YOU KNOW HOW TO RE-CYCLE AN ELEPHANT?

The 1st Sixpenny Handley Rainbows do.....and much more too!!!!!!
 Since September 2006 the Rainbows and their leaders have been busy having great fun just read below:

- Oct '06 Theatre trip to Nobody Rides The Unicorn during half-term.
- Nov '06 Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Party.
 Celebrated the Unit's 1st Birthday with an open evening for all the parents where the girls explained more of what happens at Rainbows.
- Dec '06 Christmas Show: Wonderful performances on ocarinas & recorders.
 Acting & singing.
- Jan '07 Shoe collection in aid of Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal. 78 pairs were collected.
- Feb '07 Ten Pin Bowling in Salisbury during Half term. Brownies came to visit from Pimperne.
- Mar '07 Great pot painting for Mother's Day along with Bunny Hunt and Easter Bonnets.
- Apr '07 The unit celebrated the 20th Birthday for Rainbows by taking part in some fun activities and received an anniversary badge to mark this occasion.

All of this goes on simultaneously with many other activities - show and tell every week, parachute, mousetrap, clapping games, large and small rope skipping, songs and trips out, loads of MAKING be it with paper, CDs, plastic, ceramics, paper plates - we've even made a sandwich blindfolded!!!

The Rainbows have made, cooked and scoffed pancakes; disguised themselves beyond all recognition; designed, painted and filled a beautiful pot for their mums for Mothering Sunday and raised funds for our unit at the Easter Fayre in Blandford by helping on the stall.

Rainbows is about feeling valued as an individual and making decisions where all members are involved in the planning and carrying out of the weekly programmes.

As they grow in confidence Rainbows are encouraged to assert themselves, take on a little responsibility, work together in teams, co-operate and negotiate on an equal basis. As they see other girls and women in leadership roles they develop a positive sense of identity and self-worth. Rainbows naturally leads to Brownies at the age of 7 years where this philosophy continues.

To find out more <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk>.

Please phone (01725) 553160 for further information and speak to Hazel, Unit Guider for 1st Sixpenny Handley Rainbows.

Is your daughter interested in a place at 1st Sixpenny Handley Rainbows?

There are some vacancies available soon if she would like to come and join the fun.

Rainbows is the first stage of Girlguiding UK for girls only aged 5 to 7 years.

We meet Mondays 4pm till 5pm (term time).

If you would like more details please phone me on (01725) 553160 as well as look at the informative website below. <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/xq/asp/sID.346/qx/whoweare/article.asp>



Hazel Wright
UNIT GUIDER

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Happy Nappy Toddler Group

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BINGO EVENING

12th July

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Doors Open 7^{PM}

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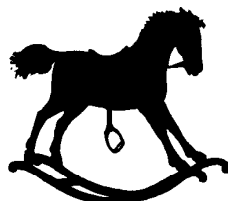
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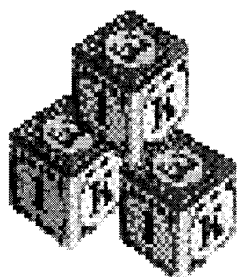


Happy Nappy meets every Monday at
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New Born Babies to School Age Children are welcome

Come and join our very friendly group,
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For more information phone:

Maureen Swan 552561, Jaqui Blake 552306,
Emma Gothard 552412 Elaine Pover 553161

Village Hall News

Hello Again

What looked like being a quiet AGM turned out to be a major cabinet reshuffle. Ian Davis our Treasurer has retired owing to ill health. Ian has had problems for some time so he thought it better if he bowed out. I would like to thank him for his hard work over the past two years. He leaves us with a healthy bank balance. I wish him well and hope he makes a full recovery.

Paul Skinner decided that he would like a change so he has moved to the treasury. I welcome Tony Gibb who has offered his services as Secretary. Tony will bring with him his IT skills - please if you need to get in touch give him your e-mail address. Julie Richardson has given up as BOOKING secretary - this job will be taken over by Carole Wyatt her number is 01725 552572 during normal office hours please. Carole, who is vice Chairman, will give up her role as 100 club organiser. This job will be taken by George and Bea Boylan their number is 01725 552805. It will take a while to sort itself out but it's looking good. Julie will continue with the cleaning and Pat will continue with the box office.

I was pleased to see some 20 people at the AGM. This sort of support means a lot to myself and the team. Thank you. In my last report I told you that Rob was looking into the urinal, well now I can report that the said apparatus is now up and running, well done Rob. The boilers have now been fixed. Hopefully they will run on until this time next year when we can have them serviced during the summer months - I am learning. Ten new small tables have been ordered. This will supplement some of the tables that are beginning to break up. There will be no increase in hire charges from Sept 1st - this will be the third year that we have managed to hold prices. I would like to thank Tony and Jan Gibb for presenting us with a brand new drop down cinema screen for use in the V.H.

Box office tells me that no entertainment has yet been worked out for the autumn / winter but she is working on it - more details next time. It's back. I hope it will be as good. Yes, you have guessed ROBS AUCTION on 20th October. Usual format bring your goodies in the morning, view in the afternoon, selling early evening. Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac available all day. Refreshments and draw.

The next Management meeting will be held in the V. H. on **Wednesday 27th of June at 7.30 pm** it's very important that all the organizations that use the hall send along there elected representative to this meeting (or stand in) as this helps us to know what you want us to do.

Thanks for reading this.

Gordon Oxford , Chairman

Email the Village Hall:
villagehall@sixpennyhandley.org

The Making of the Downsman

After it has been edited, checked for mistakes and printed then 8 or 9 (depending how much help we can get) of us get together for a couple of hours and this is what we do:



If you would like to give it a try get in touch with
Brian 552468 or Pat 552591
or anyone in the pictures.

We can always do with more help.

ROB'S COLUMN**Make Somebody Happy**

We can all make somebody happy
We can all dry somebody's tears,
We can all help someone through
hard times and calm their desperate
fears.

We can all give somebody courage
To take just one step more,
We can all help someone somehow
That's what we're all here for.

We can all make somebody's troubles
A little easier to bear,
We can all hold someone's hand
As they pass through deep waters of
care.

We can all give some words of
comfort
When folks are in dire distress,
We can all do something my friends
To touch living with happiness.

For we can all make somebody happy
On every day that we live,
So don't let us think of this and that
When our hearts are prompted to
give.

Just let our soul have its freedom
To live and grow and expand,
And remember our gifts to our fellow
men
Will all pass through God's own hand.

One for the Men

A wife was making a breakfast of
fried eggs. Suddenly her husband
burst into the kitchen.

"Careful," he said. "CAREFUL! Put in
some more butter! Oh my God!
You're cooking too many at one! TOO
MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM
NOW!"

"We need more butter. Oh my God!
Where are we going to get more
butter? They're going to stick!
Careful. CAREFUL! You NEVER listen
to me when you're cooking! Never!
Turn them! Hurry up! Are you
CRAZY? Have you lost your mind?
Don't forget to salt them. Use the
salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him, "What in the
world is wrong with you? You think I
don't know how to fry a couple of
eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just
wanted to show you what it feels like
when I'm driving".

A clear conscience is a sign of a bad
memory.

I am not a complete idiot.
Some parts are missing.

Keepsakes

Time may turn the flowing tide
Or change the dusk to dawn,
Still the wild wind's loud lament
Or calm the raging storm.

Time may change the seasons,
Turn blue skies into grey,
But memories are keepsakes,
Time shall never take away.

One for the Ladies

A man and his wife were arguing over
who should brew up the cuppa each
morning.

The husband said, "Traditionally
women make the breakfast and that
includes the cup of tea."

The wife says, "Oh no. You should do
it because it says so in the Bible".

The husband says, "Rubbish. You're
making it up."

So the wife fetched the Bible, opened
the New Testament and showed him
the top of several pages and indeed it
stated clearly "HEBREWS".

Did you hear about the farmer who
gave his hens a single malt every day?
He wanted them to lay scotch eggs.

I asked my wife what she wanted for
her birthday and she said, "Something
I can run around in".
So I bought her a tracksuit.

My wife said she wanted to dig a hole
in the garden and fill it with water,
she means well.

A couple had 3 daughters who all
wanted to better themselves by
marriage. Two did very well. The
first married King Edward, while the
second managed to get attached to a
Jersey Royal, but when the third
daughter married it brought shame on
the family. She married John
Motson, a common tater.

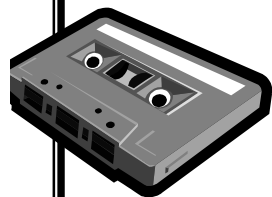
Brainteasers

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2. ECNALG
3. Death - Life
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Turn the page for some more fun...

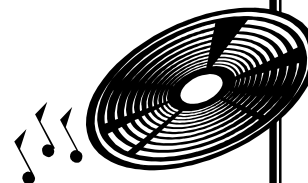
Answers:
1. He's beside himself.
2. Backwards glance.
3. Life after death.
4. Down town

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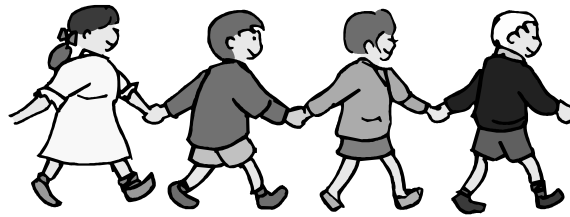


East Dorset District Council is working in partnership with the HEAT Dorset Project to improve the energy efficiency of the homes in your area. Improved insulation will help make your home warmer, reduce the effects of condensation and also help the environment by cutting emissions of carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is believed to be the main pollutant that is contributing to global warming and a high percentage of it is produced from the burning of fuels such as gas in the home.

The average poorly insulated house wastes hundreds of pounds per year on their energy consumption. By installing cavity wall insulation a household could save up to 35% on its fuel consumption and loft insulation will increase this even further.

There are a number of grants available for **EVERY** homeowner or private tenant for loft and cavity wall insulation. If you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit you may be entitled to have the works carried out **FREE** of charge. There are also grants available for heating improvements within your home.

If you are unsure about the amount of existing insulation measures within your home, HEAT Project offer a **FREE**, no obligation survey for your cavity wall and/or loft insulation. You can call HEAT on their Free phone number for bookings and more information **0800 093 4050** or speak to a member of the Public Health Team at East Dorset on **01202 886201**.



King of Kings Kids' Club (KKKC)

Saturday 14th July
10am - 12.30pm

St Mary's Sixpenny Handley

A chance to have some fun, play games and make stuff
while we learn about Good Samaritans.



All children welcome, but under fives please bring an adult.
Book now – places are limited!

Please phone Kate Harris
01725 552353

1st WOODCUTTS SCOUT GROUP 1957-2007

5th INSTALMENT

We had been looking for more adult help, a friend of mine said that a police sergeant had moved into Cobley Close at Woodyates and that they thought that he had once been a Scout. So it was that Keith Prince, who was asst. Scout Leader at the time and myself rang the doorbell of Tony Dale's house during the Christmas Break of 1978. On hearing that we were from the local Scout Group, even though he had a house full of guests, we were invited in for a drink. During our conversation, it appeared that we already knew each other as he was a scout at Verwood at the same time as I was in the Alderholt Group. We had played football against each other during our annual Verwood Scouts versus Alderholt (which we always lost) game. Tony was persuaded to come along to our next Scout meeting and at the end of that evening agreed to be another asst Leader,

Around about that time Simon Meaden (one of the scouts) was fast approaching 16, the time when you either had to join a Venture Scout Section (16 – 24 yrs of age) or else leave the movement. Simon had a long discussion with Tony and Plod as he was to be nicknamed, tasked Simon & Kevin Prince to find enough youngsters of the right age to form a Woodcutts Venture Unit. The agreement that they made was that if the two of them could get enough together then Tony would start up a Unit and become its leader. After several weeks Simon said that he had 10 young people who wanted to join, the only problem was that about half of them were girls; not a problem in itself but Skip Hardiman our Group Scout Leader would have to be convinced that it would be a good idea to have a mixed unit. After much discussion it was

agreed to proceed; what a good decision that was, our unit turned out to be about the best in Dorset, during the time that it was in being. The youngsters achieved 3 Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards and 1 Silver and eleven Queen Scout Awards to my knowledge this was never bettered by any other Venture Unit in Dorset.

In 1986 (I think) the whole group including the Venture Scouts went to Guernsey for a joint Summer Camp, We had a wonderful time but it was during this camp that Skip Hardiman had a bad turn which we think was a mild heart attack and had to return home. The following year, after attending a fund raising function at the HQ, Skip was to receive another attack and sadly he passed away that evening; a sad loss to his family and certainly to the Woodcutts Group.

This will be the last of my reminisces so finally I thought that I would list all the names of the leaders who have played no small part in helping to bring 1st Woodcutts to its 50th year anniversary.

Beavers: Denise Turner with helpers, Sue Curtis, Jill Hutchings, Hillary Musprat, Harry O'shea, and Andy Young.

Cubs: Mrs Hardiman, Miss Cook, Barry Howes, Linda Mullins, Peter Bantges, Robert Jesse, Paul Shepherd, Carol Hemmings, Esme Isaacs, Nick Ross and Andy Young,

Scouts: Sid Raison, John Curd, Gilbert Hardiman, John Curtis, Chris Bagg, Chris Hardiman, Bob Lewis & Lynn Lewis, Mark Bryers, Keith Prince, David Oxford, Tony

Dale, Ray & Carol Hemmings, Rob & Claire Easton, Andy Turner, Mathew & Christopher Preedy, Christopher Bowes,

Venture Scouts: Tony Dale and Kevin Prince.

I would also like to thank all of those people who have given of their time so willingly to serve on the Group Committee, without their fund raising efforts we couldn't have survived. I would also like to thank you, the parishioners, who have always given the Group your financial and moral support whenever called upon. Lastly I would like to thank all the young and now not so young people who have made the Group what

it is today because without you 1st Woodcutts wouldn't exist.

SEE YOU ALL ON THE 9th JUNE.

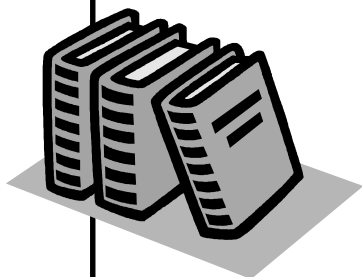
Look out for the Parade of Scouts Cubs and Beavers led by the Christchurch Scout Band leaving the bottom of the village at 10.30; you are welcome to join us for our service of dedication at St Mary's Church at 11am and at the Scout HQ at 2.30 pm for our celebration party.

Yours in Scouting,

John Curtis, Group Scout Leader

Hardy County Read

This summer the people of Dorset are going to be going Hardy mad....



To tie in with the paperback publication of Claire Tomalin's highly acclaimed biography of the write, *A TIME-TORN MAN*, Penguin and Dorset Libraries have joined forces on a county wide read of Dorset's most famous writer.

Dorchester will be reading *THE MAYOR OF CASTERBRIDGE*, and Dorset Libraries have bought in 100 extra copies of his other most popular novels, *JUDE THE OBSCURE*, *TESS OF THE DURBERVILLES* and *FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD*. These copies will be scaled out to libraries all over the county. There will be theatre productions, story tellers, actors in costume and much more. The promotion will kick off in mid-June.

Penguin are giving away a reading group set of each of the books to the first five reading groups to email their reading group website, readers@penguin.co.uk

Claire Tomalin will be talking about Thomas Hardy's life, signing book and answering questions at Cerne Abbas Village Hall in Monday 2nd July at 7pm. This event is promoted by Artsreach and tickets (£5) are available from 01300 341085. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

For further details on the Hardy County Read contact Josie Hickin, Dorset Libraries J.M.Hickin@dorsetcc.gov.uk 01305 228528 or look on www.penguin.co.uk/readers under Noticeboard.



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

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Ways to enjoy the sport of Bowls

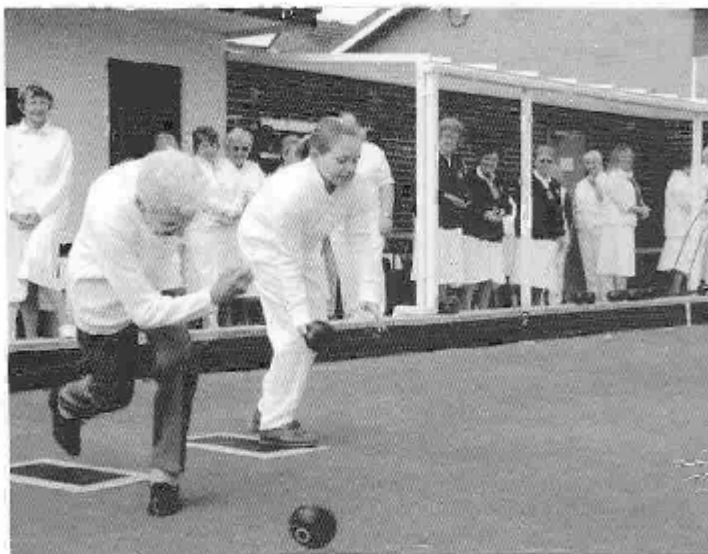
National Bowls Recruitment

This year nationwide, you will have the chance to become better acquainted with bowls, through your local club.

On these days your club will be holding open bowls sessions with coaching to help you.

Alternatively you could come along & enjoy the facilities and meet new people or contact the club for more details.

Telephone- 01725 552468



What about Equipment

We will supply all the equipment you need. All you need to do is to attend one of our sessions with flat soled shoes and be prepared to enjoy your time at our club.

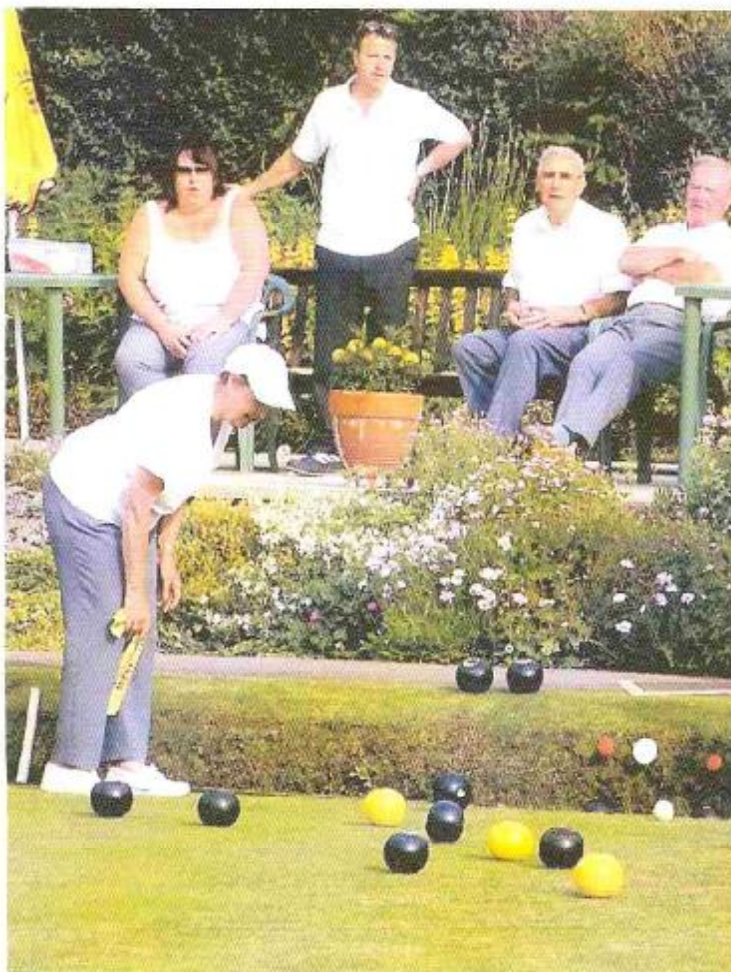
We know you will !

**Members with Disabilities
can also
enjoy
the Sport of Bowls**



STOP PRESS: The Men's Team have won their first two matches of the season getting 18 out of 20 points - Well done.

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club
will be holding
A NEW MEMBERS DAY
Sunday June 10th 2007 at 2 p.m.
Anyone interested are welcome to come
along and find out about 'BOWLS'



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Change your view of Bowls !

Bowls can be played by anyone and by all ages. Bowls is also a truly family sport, and can be played at all levels, i.e. from beginners through to competitive bowlers.

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Bowls is more than you think

Bowls is a sport for life, just try it !

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Bowls is ideal sport for meeting new people, socialising and meeting new challenges head-on. You could bring your own skill to the club.

Refreshments and Equipment provided
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3. Bus shelters		✓	✓
4. By-laws		✓	✓
5. Car parks		✓	✓
6. Care & protection of children	✓		
7. Care for elderly people	✓	✓	
8. Care for people with a disability	✓		
9. Cemeteries		✓	✓
10. Coast protection		✓	✓
11. Community safety	✓	✓	✓
12. Concessionary travel & public transport support	✓	✓	
13. Conservation/listed buildings	✓	✓	
14. Council tax & Business rate collection		✓	
15. Country Parks and countryside management	✓	✓	✓
16. Cycle routes	✓	✓	
17. Electoral registration		✓	
18. Emergency planning	✓	✓	
19. Environmental health (eg pest control, noise & nuisance control & dog waste)		✓	
20. Estate management		✓	
21. Highways maintenance	✓		✓
22. Housing and Housing benefit		✓	
23. Industrial & craft units	✓	✓	
24. Leisure Centres & pools		✓	✓
25. Libraries & archives	✓		
26. Licensing of village halls, entertainment, taxis, pubs & markets		✓	
27. Local economy support and development	✓	✓	✓
28. Local planning & building and development control		✓	
29. Local land charges and searches		✓	
30. Meals on wheels	✓		
31. Minerals & quarries	✓		
32. Museums & arts	✓	✓	✓
33. Maintenance of public rights of way	✓	✓	
34. Parks & open spaces (eg flower displays, play areas & sports fields)		✓	✓
35. Protecting & enhancing Dorset's environment	✓	✓	✓

36. Public and community transport support	✓	✓	✓
37. Public conveniences		✓	✓
38. Recycling	✓	✓	✓
39. Refuse collection		✓	
40. Registration of births, deaths & marriages	✓		
41. Road clearance eg. tree felling	✓	✓	
42. Road safety	✓		
43. Schools, school transport and other education	✓		
44. Strategic planning for Dorset	✓		
45. Street cleaning & litter		✓	✓
46. Street lighting and furniture	✓	✓	✓
47. Theatres		✓	
48. Tourism	✓	✓	
49. Trading Standards & consumer protection	✓		
50. Traffic management and transport planning	✓		
51. Tree protection	✓	✓	
52. Village halls & community facilities (run by a non-profit organisation benefiting all)	✓	✓	✓
53. Voluntary organisations support	✓	✓	✓
54. War memorials		✓	✓
55. Water courses	✓		
56. Waste disposal and recycling	✓	✓	
57. Youth Clubs	✓		

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PARISH PLAN EVENT

Sunday 22nd April saw a well organised event in the village hall which was attended by over 125 people from throughout the Parish. They were able to view progress on the Action Plans produces by the Parish Plan Team and to add fresh comments for consideration before the Plan goes for draft publication.



The displays were divided into their themes of Health, Youth, Highways / Transport, Environment, Crime Prevention, Housing / Development plus Local Amenities / Businesses.

Slides shows of old and new photographs of the village and local area kept visitors interested whilst they tried the lovely cakes with cups of tea and coffee served by the 'ladies behind the hatch'.

The developing pages from Rob Jesse's forthcoming book on the history of the village were also on display.

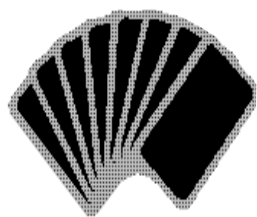
The Scout Group also had a good look round before they left on the bus for the St George's Day Parade and Service in Dorchester .



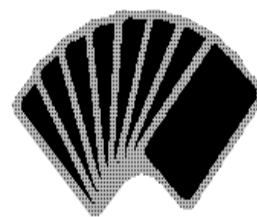
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in the Village Hall where the guest speaker was Mr Robert Walter MP for North Dorset. In his address he stressed the importance of local democracy and the value of strong democratic councils as well as outlining the community issues that he considers must be solved including post offices and affordable housing. He then answered questions from the audience on a wide variety of rural concerns





CARDS



Whist. In the April edition of *The Downsmen* I hinted that surprises might be in store before the completion of the final round (which has duly taken place) on May 16th.

At the commencement of round 17, Doug Haskell had, to all intent and purpose, established a seemingly comfortable cushion of 33 points between himself and his nearest rival, Sam Poolman who, in turn, was in no way *safe* in 2nd place with 2563 points as his penultimate round score of 145 left him clear of Mary Braithwaite by the slender margin of a mere 7 points.

This was the situation when play got under way on the 16th and at the end of the first quarter of the 24 deals, Doug's score card read '22', Sam's '36' and Mary's '37'. Neither had made the start that they would have wished for and it was not before Doug came to partner Doris Day (on deal 10) did the worst run of cards he has ever experienced in his many years of playing whist begin to improve. Nonetheless, at the halfway stage his card still reflected the seriousness of the situation with just 63 points accrued, while Sam had managed a below par 70 leaving Mary best placed to mount a serious challenge having scored a reasonable 77 which, although not outstanding, had nevertheless wiped out Sam's lead over her of 7 points. The third quarter proved to be the crucial stage of the round; Doug managed to stabilize matters, scoring 47 points in his continuing partnership with Doris, while Sam and Mary returned 42 and 44 points respectively, Mary now being elevated to 2nd overall.

But, fortunes would change yet again and though Doug and Doris lost deal 19, Doug had done enough to stave off Sam's challenge for the top spot and a very strong finish by Sam witnessed his recovery to 2nd overall, just 2 points clear of Mary who held a clear 3rd position from Chris Napier who, with full attendance over the 17 competitive rounds, scored an aggregate 2691 points.

Meanwhile, a battle royal was fought for the remaining 6 places. Unfortunately, Ruth Hastings could not be present to defend her 5th spot which, by close of play, was occupied by Brenda Innes who managed to hold off by a single point a late charge from Stuart Haskell, Stuart carding 165 to Brenda's 164. It must, however, be noted that her top 10 finish was quite remarkable for at the start of round 12, she was 31st overall. Then, over the next 5 rounds Brenda returned scores of 183, (a top), 179 (another top), 169, 159 and 176.

The highest score on the final round went to Arthur Alabaster with 177 (Arthur Austin being 2nd with 171, a point clear of his wife, Rita, who took 3rd), this total being sufficient to lift him from 12th to 7th overall, while 8th, 9th and 10th places were finally occupied by Peter Braithwaite (2675), Betty White (2670) and Nora Davis (2666), Nora finishing just 1 point clear of Ruth Hastings who due to her absence was obliged to take the mandatory 138, this being the lowest score set in last September's opening round. Brian Trickey's 4th round score of 184 was never bettered, while 13 trick partnerships were recorded on 8 occasions with Sheila Steel featuring twice and, likewise, Audry Alabaster and Brian Trickey, all having the satisfaction of inflicting a clean sweep over their opponents.

Finally, I know that I speak for Doug and Chris in thanking everyone who has supported Sixpenny Handley whist over the past nine months and we look forward to greeting our regular players, and new faces, when the new season gets under way, at the Village Hall, on the 5th of September.

Bridge. With such a full whist report, this section of my column will have to be a little truncated. It is, however, many congratulations to Nora Davis for coming top in the January to March *Chicago* competition racking up a magnificent 19,840 points in the process. Tim Stevens, a previous winner, took 2nd overall with an aggregate score of 18,780, 370 points clear of your scribe who finished 3rd. John Davis, Peter Martin, Peter Braithwaite, Eric Turner, Sheila Bradley, Chris Napier and Trish Chorley filled the next 7 places and I am extremely heartened by the fact that 21 players took part.

Just outside of these final places were Gerald and Julie Trickey, again enforced absence being a factor, who as recently as May 10th, scored 12 Master Points in a duplicate competition at Wimborne's Allendale Bridge Club, their 64 percentage finish being 11 percent better than their nearest rivals.

Duplicate bridge is, of course, the best measure of a partnership's performance in that each pairing (North-South and East-West) test their skills over a series of boards passed between the tables and which each partnership will try to arrive at the best contract. It is not until you play *Duplicate* that you realise how many variations of what might be the ideal contract will be arrived at and played!

Finally, well done John Davis (declarer) and Peter Braithwaite in bidding and making 6 no trumps, non-vulnerable, at a recent contest in Handley's sports pavilion.

Bill Chorley

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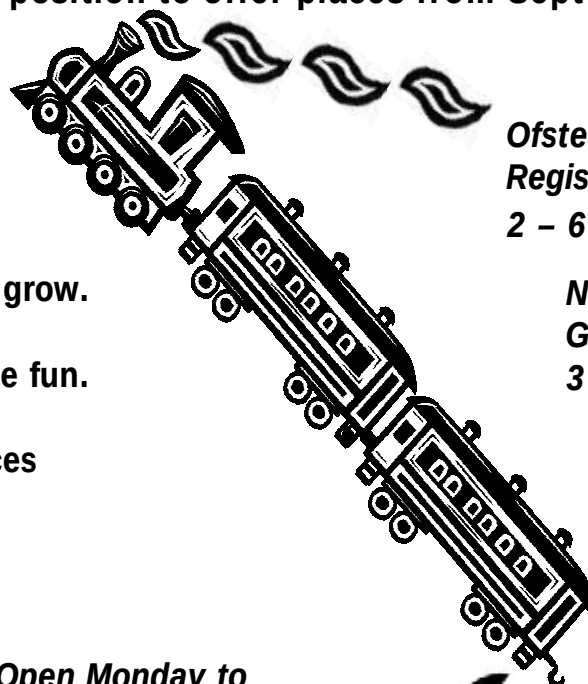
In the coming weeks George and Bea Boyland will be taking over collecting contributions to Sixpenny Handley's Village Hall 100 Club. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you for supporting the Village Hall in this way and hope you will continue.

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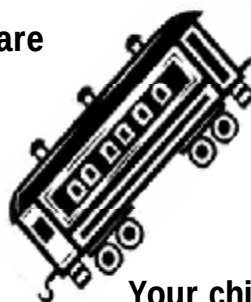
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As said above it meant we finished 3rd in the league which is a fine achievement in only our 2nd season, this season we tripled the amount of goals from last year, doubled the points and conceded almost 50 less than last year.

As manager I would like to say a huge thank you to every single dad, mum, grandparent, aunty, uncle, brothers and sisters that supported me and the lads through the season and especially to all the parents who without it would be impossible to get all the players to the matches! And lets hope to better the finish from this season again next year.



NEW TEAM

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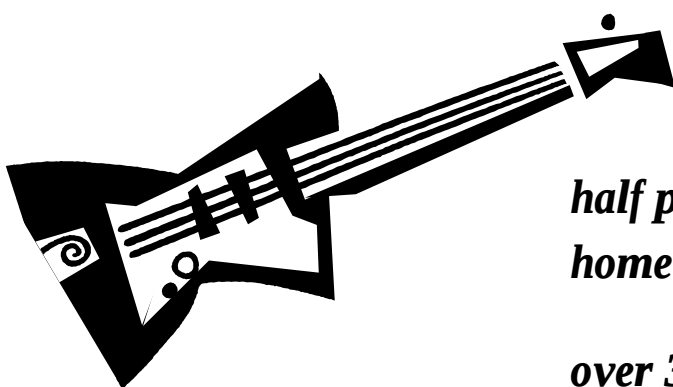
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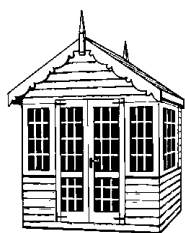
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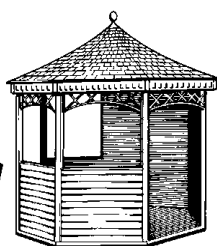
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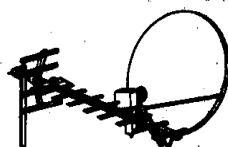


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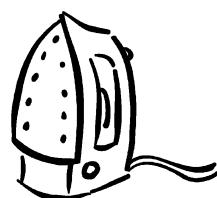
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