

The DOWNSMAN

August 2007



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retires after 20 years at
Sixpenny Handley First School**

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Clerks' Corner

Your restructured Parish Council has approved the accounts for the financial year 2006/07. The accounts have been approved by the Parish Council's Internal Auditor and are now with the National auditor. The Parish Council does not anticipate criticism. The accounts, when finally audited will be made public. Those with a fascination for local financial affairs should watch the Parish notice board.

Parish Maintenance Units visits us twice a year. They deal with most things associated with highways - road signs, grips, gullies, culverts, verges, hedges overhanging from Council land etc. I shall shortly be submitting a list for the autumn visit. If something is amiss in your area please let your Parish Councillor know. Leave a message at the office (552211) or call me at home (553001).

Activities for the young.

The Parish Plan Youth Group will remain active and is to help the young set up its own Council. It is to be hoped that the Youth Council will decide its requirements and submit its wish-list to the Parish Council in the fullness of time.

And what about activities and help for the not so young?

Chase Community Friends may also have ideas with which they need assistance.

The following plans have been considered

1. 3/07/0527 Highfields, Millers Lane, Farnham - erect three stables and tackroom.
2. 3/07/0743 Post Office and Store, 24 High Street - use of shop as part shop/part café.
3. 3/07/0802 2 The Cross, Frogmore Lane - single storey extension and dormer window to south elevation.
4. 3/07/0776 Bodenham Cottage, 5 The Hollow - single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.
5. 3/07/0779 Bodenham Cottage, 5 The Hollow - demolish and erect house with double garage.

Christopher Snape
Clerk to the Parish Council

CAN YOU HELP?

NOBLE, GRUNDY, WYATT, CUTLER, FARLEY, MASTERS

My ancestors have the above surnames and lived in the Edmondsham, Gussage St Michael and Sixpenny Handley areas of Dorset in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

John Noble born about 1788, died 1844 (in Australia), married Ann Wyatt in 1808
George Noble (John's father) born about 1747, died 1833, married Mary Grundy in 1773

Ann Wyatt born 1787, died (Australia) 1834
Thomas Wyatt (Ann's father) born 1755, died 1824, married Elizabeth Cutler in 1782

Elizabeth Cutler born 1764, died 1838
Edward Cutler (Elizabeth's father) born 1735, married Mary Farley in 1759
John Cutler (Edward's father) born 1706, died 1755, married Elizabeth Masters in 1731

I will be visiting Edmondsham, Gussage St. Michael and Sixpenny Handley from 14th to 16th September and will be staying locally in Sixpenny Handley. If any of my distant relatives still reside in the area, I would be delighted to meet them.

Rod Brown, Brisbane, Australia. E-mail: rlnbrown@bigpond.net.au or contact *The Downsman*.

*Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct)
Order 2007 No.1159*

SIXPENNY HANDLEY with PENTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE

At the Parish Council Meeting on 17th May 2007 the council adopted the use of The Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils 2007 including Paragraphs 7 and 12(2). **A copy of the Code is available for inspection at the Parish Office during opening hours**



WANTED - HORSE SHARE

Very rusty rider would like to share a safe, non-fizzy, forward going horse for general pleasure hacks only. A "Has been" arab owner and long distance rider, I now require a confidence giving mount, age/breed of no importance. Willing to share expenses in return for an equine friend. Am retired so time is not a problem. Must be close to Salisbury (Blandford side) area.

Village Hall News

Hello Again.

At the Management Committee meeting on June 27th a lot of time was given over discussing Connecting Dorset. Connecting Dorset is a county project with aims to connect all Dorset Parish Councils and 120 village halls to Broadband, supply a laptop computer and docking station to include Microsoft Vista, plus warranty and training. Funding is by Dorset Community Action. Since the meeting it has been confirmed that Sixpenny Handley V.H. will be included in phase 1 of the project starting in October.

10 new small tables have been purchased - has anyone who has used them have any comments? These have been paid for with a donation from the late Ken Summerell also Val Martin dance proceeds, with the balance being made up by V.H. funds.

A new chair fund has been started by the W.I. as part of their half centenary celebrations (raising money for village projects). Here again I think V.H. funds could match any money raised aim at about 40 chairs in the first instance.

We have paid for the repair of the boiler - £1600 was rather a lot. In the future we will deal with the engineers direct instead of an agent. The service next year will be carried out in the summer months so this should minimise the interference to people who use the V.H. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused during the past winter - it should not have happened.

No Smoking came in on July 1st. Signage is in place. Ashtray is in place. But the person who hires the hall is responsible (not me) for making sure that no one smokes inside the V.H. The fine for smoking is £50, for allowing it to happen is £2500.

Box Office has now got a few dates for your diary. B/O number is 01725 552 591

Sunday 14th October

M of E presents Mrs Gerrish's Guest House. Start 7.30 pm. Tickets £6.

Box Office and myself saw this play a few months ago it's all about a guest house in Weston -Super-Mare back in 1958 performed with two actors and a technician. It is a very high standard, very funny and well worth a visit. Rated must see. The company is part of the Bristol old Vic.

Saturday 20th October

Rob's Auction. Usual format - bring your goodies in the morning, view in the afternoon, selling early evening. Book Stall and Bric-a-Brac available all day. Refreshments and Draw.

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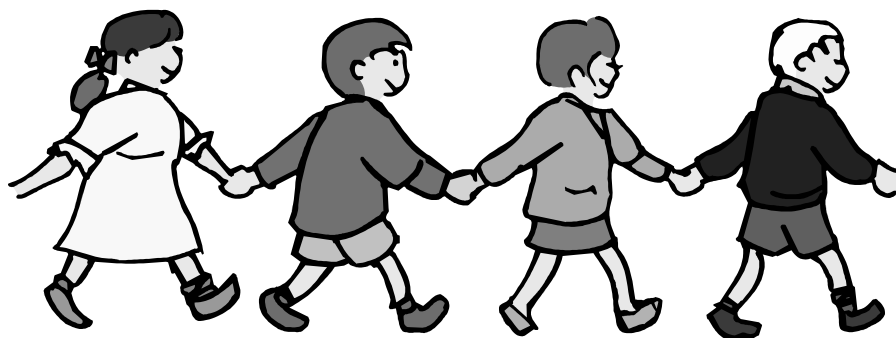
Jazz with the Neil Maya Quartet (details to follow)

Thursday 13th March 2008 Forest Forge presents 'To The Marrow'

Thanks for reading this.

Gordon Oxford
Chairman

Email the Village Hall: villagehall@sixpennyhandley.org



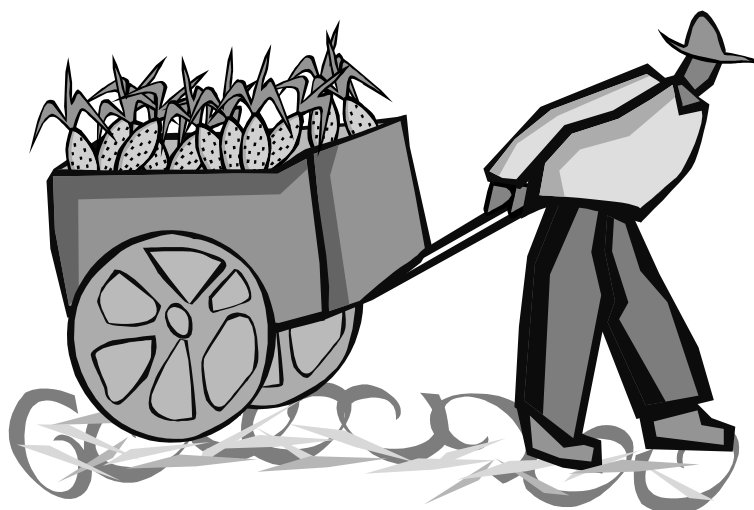
King of Kings Kids' Club

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Saturday 1st September
10am - 12.30pm

St Mary's Sixpenny Handley

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



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

Please phone Maureen Lockyer 01725 552492

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

A PCC meeting scheduled for earlier in July had to be postponed and was then held on Tuesday 17th July. We are sorry but this did not leave enough time to check the minutes and get the usual summary into *The Downsman* for publication. However, the summary will be pinned up on the St Mary's Church notice board in the porch.

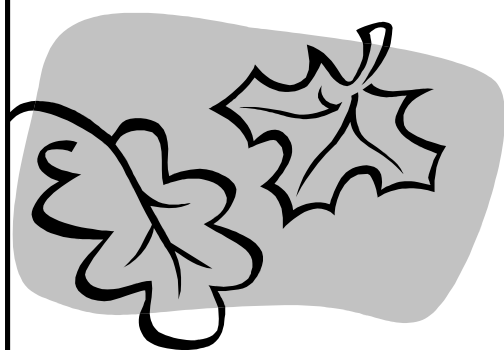
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DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

On **Saturday, 8th September**, a sponsored 'cycle ride' will take place. This is in aid of the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. From the money raised by our participants, our Church will receive half, the other half goes to the Trust.

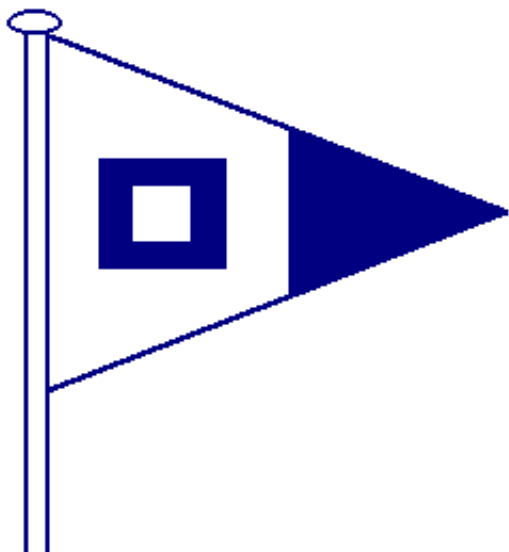
The idea is to cycle / walk / ride a horse (the choice is yours) going from church to church in an area of the county. We have a list of those which are open.. At each church you visit, you sign in to show you went there, have a drink and a biscuit, then carry on with your journey. You can travel far or visit only one or two churches. Please look for the posters for details and for contact phone numbers of our village organisers. Do support this event – it is fun!



SHReD

Update

After over 2 years SHReD has finally obtained planning permission for its composting site and we had hoped at this juncture to set up the necessary company and apply for grants to get our project underway. However the strict conditions attached to this document involve excessive expenditure and therefore make it impossible for us to do so at this stage. So yet again our hopes of achieving this facility that the village wants and needs are thwarted! We are as ever on the case.



What is a yacht club doing in Salisbury?

BPYC was formed over 50 years ago, by a group of yachtsmen. Their aim being to be better informed of the nautical issues of the day, to increase knowledge of yachting matters and thereby improve seamanship.

To mark the 50th Jubilee, the Club sent three local young people on a leg of the Tall Ships Race, La Corunna to Amsterdam, which was a great experience for the young sailors.

Meeting during the Winter Months on the first Tuesday of the month, 20:00 in the Red Lion Hotel, Salisbury. As well as talks on yachting matters, we have a Christmas Dinner, a Fitting Out Supper, and a Summer Rally.

Programme for 2007/2008:

- 2nd October, AGM, Nautical themed Photographic Competition (allegedly lavish prizes?) and illustrated talk, by members, on cruising the rivers of Europe.
- 6th November, Marine Electronics, Andy Haines of Greenham Regis Marine (Lymington)
- 11th December, Christmas Party
- 8th January, RSPB (tbc)
- 5th February, Miss Sophy Exbury, Receiver of Wrecks Southampton (may switch with March tbc).
- 4th March, Talk, Members Experiences, a sort of Learning Curve (may switch with February tbc)
- 11th April, Friday, Fitting Out Supper, (venue tbc)
- Early June, Summer Rally, venue tbc.

The club would welcome new members, so if you are a yottie (sail or power), have an interest in things nautical, or just find the sea fascinating, why not set course for the Red Lion, (Membership fees are very reasonable).

For more info contact
Adam Ralph (Hon Sec BPYC) 01725 552265

The Demography of Woodcutts

In the last edition of the Downsman it was mentioned that the Woodcutts Annual Spring Census was to be taken and the results published in this month's edition. Despite the change of prime minister, the wettest June on record and lack of government funding the team have completed this year's Annual Census for the first time for two years. The figures are as tabulated below:

	1999	2000	2001	2004	2005	2007
Total residents	17	23	28	27	30	30
Adults	15	16	16	17	20	21
School Children		2	8	9	10	8
Pre-School Children	2	5	4	1	2	1
Total Average Age	41.48	30.56	26.4	31.3	30.00	29.37

Please note that figures are not available for the years 2002, 2003 and 2006. This is not because all the inhabitants moved away during those years but simply that there was no census taken. I hope this removes any confusion. If you are in any doubt as to the validity of these figures please contact your local M.P, or if you are seriously disturbed by them write to our new P.M., Capability Brown. Please note the more 'regular' format of the results, i.e. compared with previous years. This is simply because I have used Microsoft Excel. (Aren't I clever?) I would have used it before but I couldn't keep the mouse in the right trap.

Since the last annual spring census of September 2005 you will observe that the total average age has dropped by 0.03 years. As this is over a two year period the correct annual decrease in average age is of course 0.015 years. If this trend continues, by the turn of the next millennium, the whole population of this suburb of Woodcutts will have an average age of 15 years. As time goes by Woodcutts will get younger, which is of course only to be expected because of the quiet serenity of this peaceful corner of the Cranborne Chase.

Now we turn to gardening, a very serious subject for all participants in this area. Some time ago, possibly last summer, I wrote of the 'green' lace makers, to be found in Woodcutts, and how successful this revival had been. Now lace making has given way to topiary, which has been more successful than could have been anticipated

The participants in this skilful activity are of course not humans but another very successful

species, the Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), which arrived here many hundreds of years ago from the Iberian Peninsula and southern France. (Can we blame the European Union for this?) For many generations it was welcomed as a source of food particularly to the rural lower classes; while some religious houses even had their own fenced in warren. Now however they have become so numerous at times that it is considered to be almost a 'plague' to farmers, horticulturalists and gardeners. This summer, despite the demise of fox hunting, the fox being the major rabbit predator, is one of those times that numbers have increased to this level and it is they that have taken up topiary. Why they could not keep to the super abundant grass crops is a mystery. When they first breached the defences of the garden here, which consists of a wire netting fence a metre high, I was perplexed. Then I discovered that they had dug underneath this barrier. I didn't mind that they had eaten some of the spring cabbages, because I had some more forward ones in the green house. What I did object to was the fact that they had removed all the leaves from the garlic; a crop that I had been several weeks late in planting anyway. Meg and I, then to ensure that they could not breach the wire-netting defences, pegged in down and supplemented it with pegged-down fleece, lumps of



timber and cloches. Then they started on the shallots and onions, followed by the carrot tops and eventually the runner beans.

At this point I was away for a week and on my return found that they had decimated a seven metre long row of runner beans, leaving only six plants to reach the top of the sticks. There is some light at the end of the tunnel, rabbits do not appear to like either courgettes or fennel and both of these crops have been left alone completely, while the parsnips and beetroot only suffered from leaf tip removal. To crown it all, potatoes grown outside the perimeter fence of wire netting were affected but only the early variety, Rocket. The foliage on these potatoes looked rather like the lace made by the caterpillars of cabbage white butterflies of last year. All that remained of the leaves were the veins, all the fleshy parts having been eaten. I have been responsible for hundreds of acres of potato crops in my lifetime but have never seen this before. Perhaps the stems of the maincrop stood too high for the rabbits to reach, whatever it was this crop was spared, or has been up to now. (2nd. Week of July)

The yield of the earlies does not seem to be affected too much, except where rabbits have dug up the odd tuber. The main crop appear to be doing very well, although none have been dug yet to ascertain how plentiful they are. The variety grown, Sarpo Mira, from the Thompson and Morgan stable, is known to be blight resistant and does have some resistance to slug attack, something I can vouch for. Perhaps we can now say they are resistant to rabbit attacks also.

With a very wet summer potatoes have thrived as have the slugs, while the lack of high temperatures to date have not been suitable for a blight attack, but the tubers will be bigger than normal and have a higher water content, so early digging for winter storage is out. They must go into store with the skin set and as dry as possible.

To compensate for all the problems of this year I am thinking of opening up a Garden Safari Park, majoring in rabbits, wood pigeons and slugs. The visit of the stoat could perhaps be mentioned as well. As for bird life, we have a pair of greater spotted woodpeckers visiting our bird table now and most days we hear the shriek of the buzzards as they patrol the area. While there is a swallows nest built this year in the

stable, although no eggs were laid. Small birds don't seem to be too plentiful, nor yet does any one breed of butterfly. Although as I type, sitting at the kitchen table on a particularly dismal Sunday morning, a meadow

brown and a cabbage white fly past the window, oblivious of the three barking, Border Terriers in the garden. All that we can assume, is that the high and often very heavy rainfall is taking its toll of the countryside and the wildlife generally. Presumably there will be no water shortage later this year. Although the speed of run off, in this densely populated island, due to man's increasing area of buildings, concrete, tarmac and new roads is greater every year, with water speeding out to sea before it can be utilised or stored in reservoirs for later use.

Not only is it wildlife suffering, farmers and horticulturists are having very difficult times. Cereals can't be harvested as quickly as would be liked, with that harvested, requiring more expensive drying and often loss of quality. Crops that shed their seeds readily, such as oats, oilseed rape, peas and grass seeds will in fact loose out on the quantity and the quality. While high risk crops such as potatoes, strawberries and vegetable and fruit crops generally will be subject to rotting in the fields. This will be particularly so in the case of organically grown crops, where fungicides are not used. This will not mean that we will starve, as do people of the developing nations, when severe weather hits them. But prices will go up and more food will be imported increasing the "Ecological Footprint" of every single person in the U.K. Already we have an overshoot of 2.65 hectares per person in these islands, which the remainder of the world, (mostly the developing nations) has to make up for. If all the worlds population lived as we do, the area of useful land throughout the world would need to be between two and three times the actual useful land area, that is we would need two more planets the size of this Earth to satisfy our greed.

On that sobering thought I will say, thank you for reading to the end, and if you want to comment on anything I have written, please feel free to do so in the next edition of *The Downsman*.

May God bless you all.

Ted Cox

Sunday July 15th 2007



THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM

START 7.30PM

REFRESHMENTS



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
THE CHASE PRE-SCHOOL.

REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1033941



1st Woodcutts Cub Pack



As many of you will know, Esme Isaacs has been running our cub pack for the past eleven years, a 'temporary' appointment requested to try and keep the pack operational. A remarkable achievement especially considering her many other commitments including her work with the Women's Institute plus work with local Church council activities. Many children from our community have benefited from her knowledge and experience and some have progressed on to Scouts and continue to enjoy the benefits to this day.

Esme has now decided to retire from active Scout leadership and the 19th July sees the end of her 'temporary' administration of our Cub Pack. As I have been asked to take over her role as Akela I thought it only fitting that I should offer my thanks on behalf of the community and wish her every success in the future. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all the support and encouragement she has given me during the past few weeks as I have prepared to take over. Esme is not retiring from scouting altogether and has agreed to serve on the committee which will oversee the fund raising for the rebuild of the Woodcutts Scout HQ. In particular, she will be involved in preparing the grant applications which we are hoping will provide a large part of the monies required. An incredibly important task for us and one in which Esme's experience and determination will prove invaluable.

So, a time of change for us all and we have decided to use this opportunity to amend some of the current Cub pack structure. The last meeting before the summer is on Thursday the 19th July and runs for the usual time between 5:45 and 6:45. On our return from the summer break we will be changing the meeting night from a Thursday to a Wednesday. This is so that the Cub Pack meeting will run directly after that of the newly formed Beavers, allowing both units to have some crossover contact, and helping to meet our aim of creating closer links between the 3 units (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). We are also going to extend the time of the Cub meeting from one hour by half an hour making the new hours of attendance 6 pm to 7:30pm. The reasoning behind this is to allow us more time to provide structured activities for the Cubs whilst still maintaining the elements of games (after all, it is all about having fun) and some of the more ceremonial aspects of scouting (opening and closing ceremonies, inspections etc).

I am pleased to say that Nick Stokes has agreed to continue assisting in the running of the pack, along with the help of Martin Cullen who has provided invaluable support in the last few weeks with the organization of the meetings. Nick and I will be meeting during the summer to design a programme of activities and events for the first term after the summer, and I expect to publish this before we reconvene. As a taster I can confirm that we are already looking at weekend camping activities, night hikes, Land Rover off roading, local community projects and conservation projects (tree planting in October). Hmm, perhaps now might be the time to mention that on our return the subs will be fixed at £25.00 per term, in line with the other groups, and I hope that you will agree that this still represents good value particularly in light of the extended meeting time.

Children, both boys and girls, between the ages of eight and ten and a half are eligible to join Cubs. We have space for new members and would welcome any enquiries. Anyone who has children in this age bracket who would like to find out more can either phone me on 01725 553166 or email me at andy.young@ltsbasset.co.uk. I will be more than happy to answer any queries you may have.

As I said earlier, a time of change and challenge ahead but a time I am looking forward to with great anticipation. Let's see where we can take this next.

Thank you for your time.
Andy Young

**COMING SOON
THIS AUTUMN**



COACH TRIP TO *IKEA* BRISTOL

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DOWNSMAN**

**Registered Charity No
1102105**



**The Chase Community Friends Day Centre
Friday 13 July**

The day centre activities started at 11 am, after the volunteers and committee members had prepared the hall.

36 clients turned up on a wet morning. With an hour or so of relaxed chatting time a raffle with prizes donated by the clients was held before lunch was served. The menu was Green Pea Soup, Cottage pie & salad, followed by Strawberry flan & cream. The chefs working hard in the kitchen under duress as the cooker kept cutting out, but the meal was served on time. Mrs J Head of Chettle kindly donated the strawberries for the flan.

After lunch six members of the Sixpenny Handley Bowling Club gave a Short Mat Bowles demonstration, and kindly allowed us "to have a go" that was great fun. The ladies from the club then made tea for everyone. The day centre finished at 3.00 pm.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

NOTICE TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH

Considerable discussions have taken place between The Parish Plan Youth Group and the young people of the Parish regarding what should happen once the Parish Plan has been completed when the Parish Plan Youth Group will have served its purpose. The young people have expressed a wish to establish a Parish Youth Group for thirteen year olds upwards. This Group should be set up to be run by them with the assistance of current members of the Parish Plan Youth Group and with the support of The Parish Council.

A meeting is being arranged to be held at the Pavilion at 7pm on Tuesday 18 September to set up the Group and to elect the following officers:

- Chairman.
- Vice Chairman.
- Secretary.
- Treasurer and Fundraiser.
- Publicity and Communication Officer.
- Activities Organizer.

Any person can hold more than one of these posts and all officers would require the full support of all members. A leaflet produced by the Dorset Youth Council outlining the usual roles of the above Officers is available from either Alistair Broadway or Karen McMillan for those considering taking up one of these roles.

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE NOT PART OF THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY AND THAT THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOU TO DO OR
THAT NOBODY TAKES ANY NOTICE OF YOU NOW IS THE TIME TO
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BY GETTING INVOLVED IN FORMING
THIS GROUP.

**ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD PUT THEIR NAMES FORWARD BY
CONTACTING
ALISTAIR ON 01725 552973 OR KAREN ON 01725 552478**

**THIS GROUP IS FOR YOU SO PLEASE ALL GET INVOLVED BY
ATTENDING ON 18 SEPTEMBER**

Echinacea for Immunity

This is not really a topic for the summer although this year there seem to have been rather a lot of colds, flu's and in general viral infections about, so I guess, this topic can be seen as useful if not seasonal.

The herb Echinacea has received a lot of interest recently in medical circles in that it has now been proven scientifically by the Common Cold Research Centre that Echinacea will prevent a cold if taken as a preventative treatment before colds are around as well as a beneficial treatment if you do catch a cold – just what we herbalists have been saying for a long time after all it is a well known and effective immune boosting herb. In fact it had become so popular a few years ago that there was a real concern that wild varieties might become extinct. This herb is an immune supercharger that enhances the action of white blood cells and other specialised infection-fighters throughout the body. If infection comes on suddenly then Echinacea helps the body mobilise its defences (immune system) to fight it. A typical dosage would be up to 9 300-400 milligram capsules per day or up to 60 drops of tincture 3 times a day.

There are several types of Echinacea – purpurea and angustifolia; both are excellent but angustifolia is the type to take for optimum protection.

Echinacea is an old remedy first used by the North American Indians and is related to the Aster plant family. Echinacea is a prime remedy for all microbial, bacterial and viral diseases and diseases in the blood – indeed Echinacea has been hailed as a natural herbal antitoxin for either internal or external toxins. Echinacea is also the best herbal remedy for septic conditions, especially septic abscesses, blood poisoning and also for internal inflammation especially

of the fallopian tubes, for carbuncles, boils, for fevers of any type including typhoid fever and even in some cancerous conditions where there is debility produced by absorption of toxins in the bloodstream.

Echinacea is especially beneficial for infections of the upper respiratory tract – such as laryngitis, tonsillitis and for catarrhal conditions of the nose and sinuses. It can also be used as a mouthwash for the treatment of oral conditions where there is pus, such as pyorrhoea and inflammation of the gums (gingivitis).

The Sioux Indians used fresh scraped Echinacea root for snake bites, bites from rabid animals and septic conditions, though most parts of Echinacea can be used either internally or externally – in fact it is best to treat any septic condition both internally and externally with Echinacea as it is not only a speedy healer, anti-microbial, antibacterial, antiviral, and a blood cleanser but also alterative (this means that proper function will be restored by changing the nature of the condition and increasing health and vitality). Used with other herbs, Echinacea can be used for any infection anywhere in the body.

Echinacea can also be used as a wash or external lotion or cream for cuts, wounds, burns and septic sores.

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.

Clinics available at The Centre for Complementary Health Care in Blandford Forum and at Sixpenny Handley. Contact 01258 458120, 01725 552265 or www.bcchc.co.uk for further information

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 'You add. We multiply'

13th - 20th MAY

The "seeding and harvesting" of the Christian Aid envelopes to 400 homes in the village realised the sum of £578.12 to which is added, under Gordon Brown's Gift Aid Tax arrangement, a further £277.60 bringing the total to £855.72. It doesn't end there for Christian Aid is one of the charities that St Mary's supports as part of its outward giving by adding this donation. The total from our community was £1005.72.

A heartfelt thank you for your generosity, and to be added to this figure is that for personal donations made in other ways and in other places. Apologies to those households where, for various reasons, envelopes weren't collected or where one had not been delivered or it had been eaten by the dog. This will help so many disadvantaged people in many ways - if you wish further information and have an Internet connection Google CHRISTIAN AID and you will get some idea of where your money goes. The charity works wherever the need is greatest, irrespective of religion or race and they invest in things that multiply and provide benefits for years to come.

David Salmons

Endorse-it in Dorset Festival

A few phone numbers in case you have any queries or complaints concerning the Endorse-it in Dorset Festival which is taking place in August at Oakley Farm.

Before and after the event I can be contacted on 0797 3737 935

During the event the control room is on 07807 798 903

These numbers will be staffed on a 24 hour basis.

East Dorset District Council: 01202 886201

G Cullen

The Endorse-it in Dorset Festival

Aug 2007

Company No. 05135039 Red: England and Wales

Tel. 01202 720 297

Sixpenny Handley First School

Mrs Alison Latchem, retired at the end of the summer term having been Head Teacher of Sixpenny Handley First School for 20 years.

The only daughter of teaching parents she began her career in Cornwall, relocating after two years to marry and continue teaching in a large Primary School in Bournemouth. After four years there she took time away from the classroom to have two daughters but was soon tempted back to continue with the job she loved so much. Supply work and temporary posts in urban schools followed whilst she raised a young family. On her return to work full time there came increasing professional responsibilities. In 1987, when a vacancy occurred at Sixpenny Handley First School, she was delighted to move to this beautiful rural area when offered the post as second teacher in charge of the oldest children. This was the time before the National Curriculum was introduced and teachers had autonomy over the curriculum.

In 1989, having gained teaching experience across all ages within the Primary phase, she was successful with her application to become the Head Teacher of the school. Many challenges lay ahead and educational reforms from the government were changing the face of education dramatically. Gradually, as the school became more successful, numbers on roll increased and the accommodation became inadequate. Her vision to develop the school environment was strongly supported by governors and the School House was eventually acquired and incorporated into the main building. This vast improvement enhanced the quality of provision for everyone.

However, developments did not rest there and after many years of negotiations with the Local Authority a magnificent extension was agreed. Mrs Latchem has worked tirelessly to ensure that all aspects of the curriculum could be taught successfully within the school and at last this could be achieved. She has planned many exciting opportunities to enhance the curriculum and make the children's learning both fun and memorable. In recent years she led her staff through a very successful Ofsted inspection which confirmed the school's successes. Over the years Mrs Latchem has made many friends within the community and forged strong links with the elderly and the church community. Her sadness at leaving Sixpenny Handley was evident as she said goodbye to pupils, parents, governors, colleagues and friends at the end of the school year.

The school has ensured that Mrs Latchem was given a farewell in fitting style. Pupils, parents, staff, past and present governors and friends gathered and enjoyed musical performances by the children and a humorous display of country dancing given by all members of staff! Mrs Latchem was presented with a colourful bowl, an album of memories from the children, gift vouchers and beautiful flowers. Everyone enjoyed tea and delicious cakes and scones, kindly provided by members of the community. This was followed by a surprise party in the evening given by the staff and governors during which Alison was presented with an original watercolour of views from Bradbury Rings.

We all wish her well for a long and happy retirement.



HANDLEY SPORTS YOUTH FC

Since the end of the season we have attended two tournaments that we were invited to, the first was at Verwood and was Rossgarth Youth Football Club's tournament. We played several games but unfortunately only had 6 players due to many of the children having Father Days commitments and being 6 a side left us with no subs and we struggled in the heat and didn't make it into the knock out stages.

The next we went to was Sturminster Marshall's and this time we had the full 8 players that we were allowed to take and this time we did ourselves justice. We were one of twelve teams in our age group and it was done on a league basis so we had eleven games to play. We did very well winning 7 games and drawing 4 meaning that we didn't lose one game and in the eleven games played we only conceded one goal all day which for any age is exceptional. Unfortunately this still wasn't enough to win the tournament and we finished as runners up but it was enough to earn our first trophy since we started 2 years ago. The winners Poole Town had been 2 leagues higher than us during the main season and had won their league and both cups available - we were the only team to take anything from them drawing 0 - 0.



Now we await the league meeting during August to find out our new league as we move up to Under 11's and most probably more travelling for the lads.

As usual I am always looking out for new players as next year we really want to take the next step and go to eleven a side.

Also to add unfortunately there will be no second team at Under 8's age as there just wasn't enough response. Next year though I am looking to do new teams at any age so I am looking for parents to phone me up if they have any sons or daughters interested, any age at the moment and the more there is at one particular age group will be the age group I will do.

For more details please contact me
Adam Day on 01258 452481 or 07748 127369



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Since the last report we have been entertained at the June meeting by Mrs J. Greenway's talk on Memory Improvement. Her recommendations together with exercises to help prevent memory loss were delivered in an exceedingly hilarious way. We were so busy laughing it's possible that many of us have forgotten her advice.

Something quite different in July ~ Mrs Annette Williams began her talk by emptying the "must have on holiday" contents of a small travel bag. Included were pieces of materials, embroidery silks, ribbons, wools, needles, scissors etc. Then from two large bags she extracted different types of art and craft work which she had been inspired to make whilst holidaying in various home and overseas destinations. Some exhibits had even been started and completed whilst on the road in a tiny caravan. Some folks like me take a camera.

Esmee Isaacs, past Dorset Federation Chairman, read her account of the National Federation AGM held in the Albert Hall. One of the matters presented was a Resolution deploring the Governments plans to close many local Community Hospitals.

A rainless but rather cool June evening found many members admiring Margaret Quinn's garden in Woodyates.

The Thespians have been rehearsing the sketch to be performed at Bryanston School, this being part of the entertainment for Dorset WI Federation's 90th birthday celebration.

Dates for diaries:

August 1st	Bryanston School DFWI 90th.
August 2nd	Outing to Furzey Gardens with twin Institute Lyndhurst.
August 13th	American Supper. 7.30pm. The Old Forge, Dean Lane.
Sept. 10th	Mr. D.Hawkes. A Diplomats Lot. Please bring an item of art or craft made by you for the exhibition.
Sept 26th	DFWI Quiz 1st round 7.30pm The Old Forge, Dean Lane
October 8th	Mrs M Emery 'From Capability to Bumps'
October 24th	Autumn Council Meeting, Weymouth.

Institute Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
Enquiries to Secretary 01725 552042.



First Woodcutts Beaver Colony



Wow! What a busy term!

Our main event was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of 1st Woodcutts which took place on 9th June. After the parade and service we moved on to the Scout HQ and continued the festivities with a Bar-B-Q and team games, all great fun.

Activities this term have included a camp fire, around which we cooked sausages on sticks and baked bananas, orienteering games, decorating T shirts, making cards/gifts for Father's Day, learning about maps and compass points, and making and flying paper kites. During the summer we shall be having our first sleepover and then join the Centenary Celebrations at Goose Camp.

Our Beaver Colony meetings have now moved to the Scout HQ at Woodcutts so that we can make better use of the grounds there and also reinforce the children's sense of belonging to the Scouting Family. We are already making plans for some events which will include all sections, so watch this space.

Are you interested in education?

Sixpenny Handley First School is currently looking for a Community Governor.

For more details please contact the school office on 01725 552356 or
office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

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.

MRS GERRISH'S GUESTHOUSE



SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

October 14 th

at 7.30pm

Tickets £6

Box Office Tel 01725 552 591

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

**GRAND
JUMBLE SALE**

**Sat. Sept. 8th
Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall**

at 2.30 p.m.

Jumble : Bric-a-Brac.

White Elephant : Books

Cakes and Produce

Grand Raffle and Tombola

Refreshments . Admission 20 pence

Donations of Jumble Etc to :-

Pat. on. 01725 552591 :Derry on 01725- 552681

or bring to the Hall before Noon

Dear Downsman

Though I don't live in Sixpenny Handley I do have family in the village and run a business from town farm workshops. Our company employ people from the village and surrounding area so I have an active interest in the village.

One of my aunties had for a while struggled walking along a pavement due to overhanging branches from trees. This was brought to the attention of two of your parish councillors, David Chick and Simon Meaden, who immediately sprung into action and removed the offending branches. How lucky you are to have such pro-active members on your parish council, something like this would have taken other parishes weeks to arrange.

Well done and thanks to David and Simon.

Name and address supplied

What a lovely sight to see on Sunday morning 3rd June, vintage tractors assembling and setting off from a field in Back Lane, I was bemused to find people complaining about this, the tractor road run was done for charity and raised over £200 for THE DORSET AIR AMBULANCE. I only hope the people concerned don't have cause to use the air ambulance.

Neil Bowes

Well done Steve and Chris, the changes to Sixpenny Handley Stores and Post Office are a great improvement and I'm sure everyone in the village wishes you every success. In recent months and years many rural post offices have been lost, but hopefully ours is here to stay.

So, good luck!

Rita Taylor

Thank you

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME — Chalk Cottage, Deanland

Christine and Tim Reynolds would like to thank all who supported our Open Days for the NGS Charities. There were 334 visitors, and over £2,200 was raised, of which £500 was sent to the Salisbury Hospicecare, and the rest to the NGS.

After a year of unsuccessfully trying to get the Council to cut off the branches which were over-hanging the pavement on Frogmore Lane near Sheasby Close, I contacted David Chick. Within two days he and Simon Meaden had cut them down. I wish to thank them both very much. It is good to have a pro-active Parish Council who listen and respond.

Edna Adams

We apologise for this note of Thanks not being entered previously and hope that you will accept these belated words of our appreciation!

This is to say Thank you to all those who supported Roaslie, David, Simon, David and Maureen in their success in becoming members of your Parish Council. Thank you for turning out to vote and for the many ways that you have shown your support. We hope you will come to any Parish Councillor if there are any issues of concerns that you wish to raise, or maybe you might feel you would like to become more involved in your Community in some way, no matter how large or small.

We do appreciate your show of support and hope you will all accept this as our Personal Thanks!

Rosalie Adams, Simon Meaden (Badger), David Chick, David Lockyer, Maureen New

(See page 2 for the Parish Councillor's phone numbers - Editor)

Private Tom New (17738) 2nd Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment

Two areas of the world where British Military history has recorded its fair share of trials and tribulations are Afghanistan and Iraq, the latter being known in the Great War as Mesopotamia. In the now distant days of the Raj (British rule in India between 1858 and 1947), military *adventures* in this mountainous country (Afghanistan) frequently ended in tears and, despite all that history tells us, our army of today is embroiled in a bitter campaign to try and bring some stability to the democratically elected government of this far off land where tribalism often holds sway over any perceived allegiance to the national government.

The situation in modern day Iraq is even worse where our forces, stretched to the limit, are attempting a similar mission in the provinces around Basra and, to a degree, in the face of the most appalling conditions gaining some success though, as our news bulletins report, not without sustaining quite serious casualties. It would be disingenuous of me not to acknowledge the considerable sacrifice being made by the American armed services still embroiled in the turbulence of a very hostile country and the misery that is being imposed on the long suffering civilians by the volcanic mix of rival religious factions and the insurgency groups of varying hues that have a vested interest in prolonging the unrest.

But the focus of this profile is to return to the time of the Great War and readers may recall that exactly a year ago when profiling Private Henry Edward Harrison I went some way towards explaining the situation in Mesopotamia and the leadership of General Sir Frederick Maude in defeating the Turkish army.

The action involving the 2nd Battalion,

Dorsetshire Regiment in what is referred to in the battalion's *War Diary* as Jabal Hamrin Range (when I wrote my profile on Henry Edward Harrison, I worked from a handwritten copy of the *Diary*, since when it has been my good fortune to have been pointed in the direction of a typed version of the *Diary*, hence the amendment in spelling from that given in June 2006), was, I believe, the last major battle in Mesopotamia in which the 2nd Battalion participated. What is more, it seems very likely that by the time of this sharp encounter Private Tom New was already a prisoner of war for his death on the 1st of July, 1917, is recorded as occurring whilst in captivity. The document that reports this, along with a good deal of very useful statistical information in regard to the 2nd Battalion's casualties between 1914 and 1918, gives no detail as to where he was held prisoner, or the circumstances in how he became to be captured and, therefore, it can only (at this time) be speculation on my part to suggest he fell into the hands of the Turkish army prior to the Battle of Jabal Hamrin Range. As to where he was incarcerated, I have no knowledge whatsoever but as he is commemorated on the Basra Memorial it seems likely that he was held in a camp somewhere in a Turkish controlled area of the country.

So, what do we know of Tom New; surprisingly, despite the lack of detail in his battalion's records, quite a lot. The son of Esau and Eliza Ann New, Tom, at the age of 26, had married his sweetheart Ethel who bore him two children, Frank being the first to arrive on the 8th of January, 1911, followed by Winnie on Christmas Eve 1915, thus establishing his presence in the United Kingdom up to, at least, the early part of spring. Tragically, Winnie died from pneumonia just over a month before what

would have been her 4th birthday and was buried in St. Mary's churchyard on the 22nd of November, 1919, by the curate, the Reverend A. R. Turing Bruce (a name that is now familiar to readers of these profiles).

Prior to enlisting at Blandford into the Dorsetshires, Tom, like his father, had pursued the trade of a bricklayer, working for Day's, a well respected local builder. His service life thereafter would have followed a pattern common to all infantrymen of that era. Also his death was marked by the despatch from the offices of His Majesty King George Vth to Ethel of a boxed circular bronze plaque (roughly the size of a beer coaster) imprinted with a relief image of a standing Britannia and the British lion and inscribed in capital letters around the edge the words, '*HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR*', and set slightly right of centre Tom's name.

Accompanying the package would have been a standard letter of condolence from His Majesty and a scroll, its inscription reading:

'He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of sight of men, giving up their own lives that others may live in freedom.'

*'Let those who come after
See to it that his name
Be not forgotten.'*

There is little further, for the present, that I can add to this profile. For Ethel the pain of Tom's loss was magnified by the death of Winnie but in June 1922, some of the terrible grief that she had endured was partially assuaged when she married Frank Mitchell and a new chapter in her life began.

Bill Chorley

Postscript

I am indebted to Angela Gray for her kindness and hospitality in preparing this profile, Angela's father being Private Tom New's first born child, Frank; also to her brother Aubrey. As with all my profiles, information in the public domain and particularly that which is available from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has been invaluable and in respect of the present situation concerning the Basra Memorial, the Commission informs me that a Memorial Book giving the names of all who are inscribed on the panels has been prepared and once a firm degree of stability is established in this most unfortunate country, an inspection of the cemeteries and memorials that come under the Commission's jurisdiction will take place. Presently, however, the situation in Iraq makes it impossible for any meaningful work to be done at these sites. And, again, I freely acknowledge the help afforded me by Charles Cooper and his staff at The Keep, Dorchester. By degrees I am extracting general information from various documents held in their care and in due course I hope to present some of this detail in articles not specifically tied to the names on our War Memorial.

However, to end this instalment I seek help on an incident that took place in September 1945, the 22nd to be precise, when it is reported that a Harvard 2-seat trainer on a flight from Winkleigh in North Devon hit a water tower and crashed at, and, I quote, at '*Handley, Wilts.*' Do telephone me on 552776, or write to the editor, if you have any information on this matter.

ROB'S COLUMN

The paomnehal pweor of the
human mind

Aocdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it doesn't mttar in what order the ltteers in a word are, the only imprmoetnt thing is that the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a total mses and you can still raed it wouthit porbelm. This is bcuseae the human mind deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the word as a wlohe.

No wonder they banned
cigarettes

A bloke is driving along a motorway at 70 mph when a motorbike pulls alongside him. The biker signals to him to wind down his window and asks him for a light for his cigarette. The car driver tells him, "Don't be daft. You'll kill yourself!" The biker said, "No it's ok - I only smoke four a day".

A car breaks down so the driver pulls over to the hard shoulder. While he is looking under the bonnet a passer-by stops and asks whether he can help. The driver

says, "Are you a mechanic?" The passer-by replies, "No, I'm actually a chiropodist." The driver says, "Great - you can give me a toe". (Ouch)

A man goes to see a solicitor and says he wants to make a will. He asks, "So what do I have to do?" The solicitor tells him, "No need to worry - just leave everything to me". The man says, "But I was hoping to leave something for the wife and kids!"

A politician is a man who will lay down your life for his country.

Hear about the man who stole a rabbit? He got caught while trying to make a run for it!

A man phones a Chinese restaurant and asks if they do take-aways. The lady says, "Yes of course". So he says, "What's 50 take away 10?".

I got a car for my wife. Best swap I've every made.

Time

Time was - thou canst not it recall.
Time is - thou hast to employ they
 portion small.

Time future - is not, and may never
 be.

Time present - is the only time for
 me.

Make time, save time.
While time may last,
All time is no time,
When time is past

Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?

What is cricket?

You have two sides. One is out on the field and the other one is in. Each man in the side that is in, goes out - and when he is out, the other comes in. The next man goes in until he is out. When the side that has been in is all out, the side that has been out comes in, and the side that has been in, goes out and tries to get out the side that has come in. Sometimes you get men still in and not out when the side that is in is out. When both sides have been in and out, including those not out - Then that is the end of the game.

Just read an article on heavy drinking - scared the life out of me. So that's it, after tonight 'no more reading'.

Nothing is often a god thing to do
and always a clever thing to say.

Leisure

What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and
stare?

No time to stand beneath the
boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and
cows.

No time to se, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in
grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at
night.

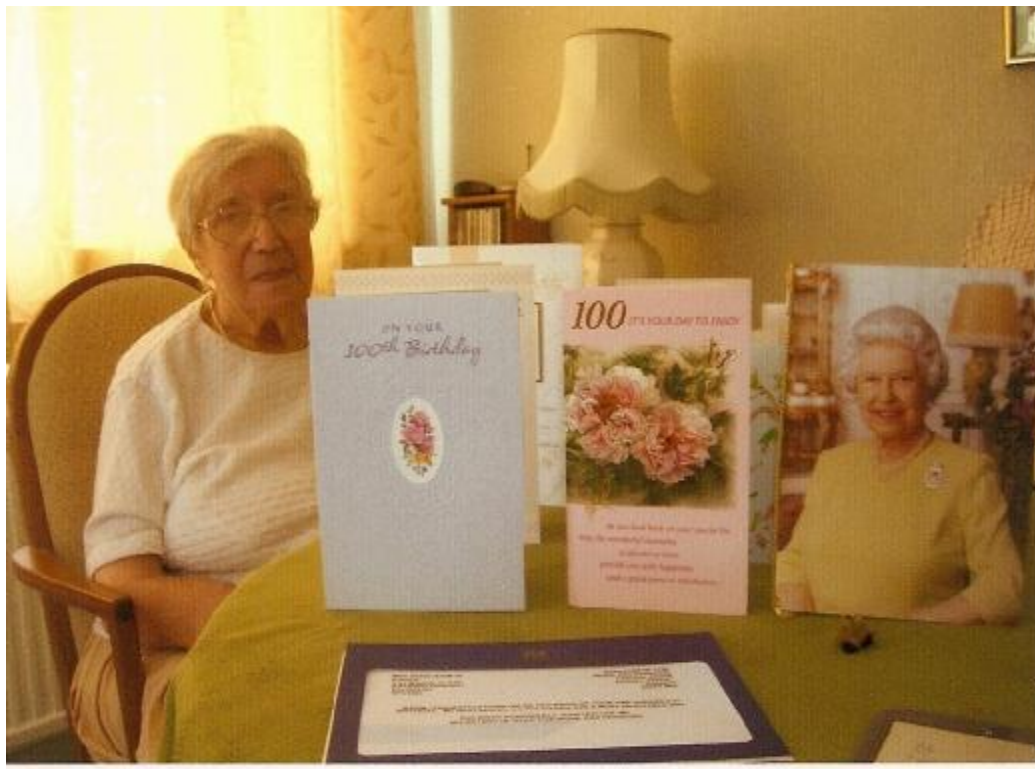
No time to turn at beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can
dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
enrich,

That smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if full of care,
We have no time to stand and
stare.

St Mary's Close Resident Celebrates Her 100th Birthday



Vera Frances Lilian Jermyn

Born Vera Frances Lilian Bailey on 26th April 1907 in West Ham Essex. Then a rapidly developing suburb of London and long since absorbed into the Greater London area. The youngest Daughter of Joseph Bailey a boilermaker from Dudley Worcestershire who came to West Ham through his trade. Vera is the youngest of five having had three brothers and a sister. The family mostly enjoyed long lives with two of her brothers living well into their nineties.

She married her husband Thomas Alfred in 1932 and moved to Barking Essex where they remained until Tom's premature death aged 64. They had two sons Thomas and Ronald. Like many of her generation she survived the blitz of London during WW2 spending many sleepless nights in the Andersen shelter, fortunately the family home only suffered minor damage from incendiary fire.

Following her husband's death in 1970 Vera sold her Essex home and moved to Sixpenny Handley to be near her son Ron.

Vera has 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Her favourite hobbies are reading usually getting through 12/14 large print books every 4 weeks she also takes great interest in sport particularly football and snooker which she follows on TV.

Some of the news headlines from each decade through Vera's life

1907

Albert Einstein postulates $E=mc^2$
 Oklahoma becomes the 46th state in America
 1st colour photo process marketed
 Lord Baden Powell holds 18th Scout camp on Brownsea Island
 1st Cabs with taxi meters operate in London

1927

1st London-Delhi air service begins
 C.Lindbergh flies Atlantic solo
 Jules Rimet proposes World cup to FIFA
 1st transatlantic phone call New York to London
 1000 people a week die from flu in UK
 BBC granted Royal Charter of Incorporation

1947

Coal mines are nationalised
 14 ft snowdrifts and icebergs seen off Norfolk coast
 Meat ration cut again Milk allowance reduced to 2.5 pts. a wk
 Newspapers limited to 4 pages only
 Princess Elizabeth weds Philip Mountbatten
 Dead sea scrolls discovered

1967

Donald Campbell killed attempting Water speed record
 Boston Strangler sentenced to life
 Super tanker Torre Canyon hits rocks
 Thousands join anti war protests
 De Gaulle says "Non" again to Britain Joining the EEC

1987

Hurricane winds batter S. England 15 million trees felled
 £50 billion wiped off shares in Stock Market crash
 Zeebrugge ferry sinks killing 200
 Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" sold for £2m

1917

Start of the Russian revolution
 America becomes involved in WWI
 1st Bombing raid on London kills 100
 Buffalo Bill dies.
 Dutch actress Mata Hari executed as a German spy

1937

Giant German airship Hindenberg explodes killing 30
 Coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth
 Broadcast to 8 million wireless owners
 Duke of Windsor weds Wallis Simpson
 Amelia Erhart lost flying the Pacific
 Spanish civil war rages on

1957

Treaty of Rome signed setting up Common Market
 Lewisham train disaster kills 88
 Macmillan declares "most of our people have never had it so good"
 First package holidays to Benidorm
 Bill Haley and his Comets are biggest entertainers to hit Britain
 Britain detonates 1st H bomb

1977

Rock and roll king Elvis dies
 The Queen opens "tube" link Heathrow
 Film legend Charlie Chaplin dies
 Red Rum completes hat trick
 Liberal Leader Jeremy Thorpe denies murder plot

1997

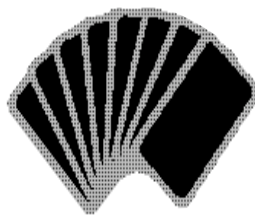
Labour rout Tories in historic election
 Diana Princess of Wales killed in crash
 Dolly the sheep becomes 1st cloned mammal
 Media coin the term "Road rage"

WELL DRESSING

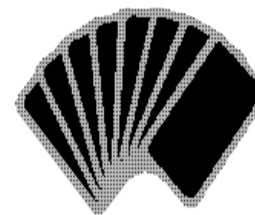
On 2nd July we held a 'Well-dressing' at Town Farmhouse the home of Maureen and David Lockyer. It was while doing research for a W.I. Diary to commemorate Sixpenny Handley's 85th Anniversary that a small group (Maureen, Margaret Summerell, Jean Merreweather, Margaret Quinn and Rita Taylor) came upon this ancient custom, which is practised in the Peak District and surrounding areas, such as S Yorkshire and E Staffordshire. It is thought by some to be connected to the Black Death in the 14th century, when one third of the population died, however where there was clean water from a well, people survived and gave thanks by dressing village wells.



The Sixpenny Handley well was beautifully decorated with flowers by Margaret Quinn and Jean – it looked a picture and was enhanced by the addition of several beautiful posies brought by some W.I. members. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side, but nobody let it spoil the occasion. Mel Durrant offered a prayer of thanks for the clean water that we all enjoy and finally cream teas were served. It was a very sociable event and combined with a raffle and a bring and buy table raised £102 for W.I. funds.



CARDS



Bridge

In the absence of whist throughout the summer months, I am able to report exclusively on events from the Bridge Club (we meet each Tuesday afternoon at the Sports Pavilion, play getting under way circa 1.45 p.m.). As has been indicated in past columns, *Chicago* is the favoured game though each session usually finishes off with a few hands or *Rubber Bridge* which in bidding conventions is no different from those employed to play *Chicago* and it is only the method of scoring that alters.

As recounted in last month's column, Nora Davis won our first contest of the year while victorious in the second (April to June) husband John emerged top with Eric Turner, a past winner, in second place. I should add that for the second competition, the order of places and scores in the January to March contest was reversed and with everyone starting with a minus score the objective was to rise to above 00000; this was achieved by John and Eric while Sheila Bradley came extremely close to end with -1,240 to finish third overall and, I suggest, had it not been for some enforced absences from the table Sheila may well have displaced first and second place holders. Nora (Davis) did extremely well to reduce a deficit of 19,840 points to finish equal fifth with Gillian Wadge, both being -1,840 after the final round.

The third competition for the year is now under way, the format for this contest being pairs and at the close of round 1 it was your *scribe* partnering Lesly Pigdon who came top with 2,090 points, followed by John and Nora netting 1,770 points while Eric and Sheila picked up third placing with 1,1170 points.

During the course of play over recent weeks I have been particularly encouraged as partnerships try to bid up to potential slams; the round on July 3rd witnessing John (declarer) and Nora reaching 6 no trumps. Unfortunately for John who reeled off the first 10 tricks of the contract had spade and heart losers sitting on the wrong side and the opposition took the last three tricks to put the contract (vulnerable) off by two.

Whist

The 2007-2008 season (at the Village Hall) will commence in September, the first round being scheduled for Wednesday the 5th, play commencing at 7.30 p.m. and I suspect the format will be much the same as that for the past two years. Thus, the calendar of matches for the season reads:

Wednesday September 5th and 19th; Wednesday October 3rd, 17th and 31st; Wednesday November 14th and 28th, followed by the Christmas Drive on Saturday December 8th. Play then recommences in the New Year on Wednesday January 9th and 23rd followed by Wednesday sessions on February 6th and 20th; March 5th and 19th; April 2nd, 16th and 30th and May 14th and 28th.

Bill Chorley



Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

The Homewatch Co-ordinators met recently to review something of a spate of crime in the parish. Police statistics show more incidents in the period April to July than at any time since our Homewatch was formed over a decade ago.

This may not be all bad news, however, as it could just be the result of more things being reported than usual, which is something we very much encourage. The Parish Clerk has been keeping detailed records of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, while a welcome and noticeable increase in visible police presence in and around our village has also raised people's awareness and contributed to a sense of shared responsibility in seeing criminals brought to justice.

Two individuals, both local, have been arrested and dealt with by the police, with final warnings given and their families being informed that next time a custodial sentence is likely.

The recent incidents have included:

- Criminal damage to tiles broken from a wall in Keats Meadow
- Theft of a decoy CCTV Camera in Sheasby Close
- Break-ins to two garden sheds -chainsaws and tools stolen
- Criminal damage to a notice board at the sports pavilion
- Arson to a compost bin
- Burglary from a caravan at Church Farm
- Theft of an off-road motorcycle from a garage in East Woodyates
- Theft of a car number plate in the High Street

These may not be the world's worst crimes but they are crimes nonetheless and are serious indeed for those affected. Everyone needs to be aware that this sort of thing is going on and to think carefully about securing their property, both physically and by marking it with their postcode to aid recovery. On the positive side, none of this activity is classed as 'violent' and indeed violent crime figures for Dorset are down. Ours remains one of the safest counties in England.

The Steam Fair is coming up, which has in the past brought a further spate of thefts to our area, so please be aware. If you are going away, ask a reliable neighbour to keep an eye on things whilst you are gone. Also, anyone who owns a trailer is warned that these have been particularly targeted by thieves throughout North Dorset in recent weeks - lock it or lose it.

Finally, although our parish has so far escaped, there are 'distraction thefts' going on once more in the district. These involve two or more criminals, one of whom poses as a council worker, water board officer, telephone engineer or similar to lure a householder out of the house, whilst another slips in through the open door to steal whatever is on offer. Be suspicious and always ask for identification.

Please continue to report all incidents and concerns promptly to the police and thank you to those who have been doing so in recent months.

RNLI FRONT PATH STALLS

As in previous years, there will be stalls on the front path of 46, High Street, Sixpenny Handley on the bank holiday weekend, **Saturday and Sunday 25th /26th August from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.** There will be RNLI souvenirs (including Christmas cards), second hand books and other items.

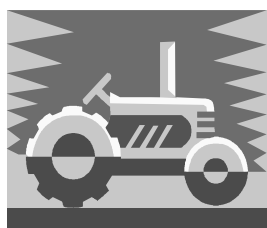
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Sheila Bradley
Secretary of the Blandford branch

Tractor and Trailer Road Run

A 'Tractor and Trailer Road Run' took place on Sunday June 3rd 2007 and was enjoyed by approximately seventy enthusiasts around farm-tracks, fields and woods.

The 'Run' by kind permission of land-owners M. Bartlett, P. Rymer, M. Corbin, N. Clarke and the Rushmoor Estate raised £169 towards the Dorset Air Ambulance Fund.



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First Woodcutts Scout Group

News from the Troop



We all knew that 2007 was going to be a busy year for the Scouts at 1st Woodcutts, but we never thought that we were going to cram this much in. Here are the recent highlights...

Survival Camp

For this years survival camp we split the group into three teams. Two groups of the younger Scouts and a team of our newly formed Explorer Scouts. Explorer Scouts is for the older members of the Troop aged between 14 and 18 years. The Explorers meet with the Scouts on Monday evening, but are given more adventurous challenges and greater independence than the other Scouts.

All of the group were told to meet at 9 o'clock at the Norden car park near Corfe Castle. The only kit they were to carry was a sleeping bag, roll mat and a change of clothes, no tents nor cooking gear were allowed. All kit was checked to make sure that no contraband, mainly chocolate and crisps, had been smuggled in the sleeping bag. No maps or instructions had yet been given to the Scouts and we made our way across the car park. It was only when we stood on the train platform that the Scouts were told that the first leg of the journey was not to be completed on foot, but on the steam train that had just pulled into station. This was the first of many surprises for the day. Once on the train the Explorers were told that they were not walking with the rest of the group, but would be walking a longer route, about 12 miles, and that they would be navigating on their own. The younger Scouts disembarked the train at Harman's Cross and left the Explorers to continue their journey to Swanage. The younger Scouts were split into the two groups and given the route card and map for the hike. The first group set off on the walk and then the second group 30 minutes later. The hike took them back along the side of the railway and back into Corfe Castle. Whilst walking the Scouts practised their pacing, that is checking the distance they have walked by counting the number of paces they have made. Amazingly

Hannah was within 8 metres over a distance of 1kilometre. The Scouts bought some food in Corfe ready to cook their evening meal and made their way to the site where they were staying the night

The Explorer Scouts took the train all the way into Swanage and for the first part of the journey they had to follow photographs taken a couple of weeks earlier to navigate their way through the town. Their route then took them onto the coastal path and towards Lytchett Matravers.

The Scouts arrived at the site first and quickly collected wood for the fire and hazel branches to build the shelters from. The Scouts built shelters for all the group, lit the fire and got a brew on. The building of camp took about 2 hours and it was estimated that the Explorers should be arriving any minute. The Scouts decided to set an ambush and hid in the hedgerow along the edge of the field. Sure enough the Explorers appeared over the hill about ten minutes later and were pounced on by the Scouts. Once all in camp, the evening meal was cooked over the fire and stories of the day retold. Then it was off to bed in the shelters.

Breakfast was sausages cooked on sticks, bacon and scrambled ostrich egg. It was back to the car park and picked up by the parents. We were all back in Handley by 9.30am, a little wet, a bit smokey from the fire but very tired and ready for a restful day.

District Camp

12 Scouts and 4 Explorers joined 400 other young people for 3 day at Buddens Farm for this years District Camp. Activities were numerous and included circus skills, t-shirt making, fire lighting, orienteering, camp fire, problem solving and many, many others. This camp was (a not so) dry run for the huge Summer Camp that we will be attending when there will be over 3000 other Scouts from Dorset at the site. We must remember to water proof our tents again, as the weather does not look good!

Fundraising

The Scouts have been kept busy over the last 4 weeks fundraising towards the new hut. We have car parked at a festival, put tents up at the Dare 2 event, litter picked at the Larmer Tree Festival and helped at a wedding in the village. Thanks to Scouts, parents and friends of the group that have worked hard to keep increasing the much needed funds. Thank you also to those people and organisations that have asked the Scouts for help and given us the opportunity to fundraise.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

The Scouts would like to thank all those that supported us during the 50th Anniversary celebrations on the 9th June. It was fantastic for 50 uniformed members to parade up the High Street and to be welcomed with applause as we made our way to the Church. The afternoon of celebration was rounded off with a warming campfire and the rendition of some traditional, and not so traditional, songs. For the Scouts to meet the original members of the group was also very special. The display of 100's of photographs from the last half centenary jogged the memories of the old Scouts and stories of camps past were being told all afternoon. We can but guess the number of young people that have enjoyed scouting at Woodcuts over the last 50 years and look forward to the next 50 years.



Surgery News

An update on the changing faces within the practice.

We expect you are aware that **Angela Lever**, who had worked for more years than she cares to remember in the dispensary, retired at the end of March. At the same time **Wendie Everall** left us as she and her husband were having a complete career change and moving east. Not long afterwards **Val Bevington** left us and we understand is hoping to spend more time in the kitchen cooking, flower arranging and helping her husband with his business. At the end of June we said our farewells to **Rosemary Sherman** who retired after twenty years with the practice. You might be forgiven for not believing this as she has already been back in several times to help out.

Anita, our nursery nurse and phlebotomists is now also working on the reception desk along with **Carly Golden**. In the dispensary we welcomed **Karen Corfied** in April, **Barbara Smith** in May and **Pandora Green** in July.

At the end of July we say goodbye to:

Dr Chris Pratt, our F2 doctor, who was only with us for four months and is leaving to work in New Zealand as the next stage in his medical training, and

Dr Mark MacKenzie who is employed under the flexible career scheme which expires at the end of July. He has been with us for four years but has now accepted a partnership with a practice in Northamptonshire. We are very grateful for all his hard work, delighted he has found a partnership to join and we will all miss him

We wish them both well in their respective career moves.

At the start of August we welcome:

Dr Bill McKay who will be our new GP registrar. He has a lot of experience and will be with us for a year to complete his GP specialist training, and

Dr Faycal Elhani who is a fully trained GP and will be helping out as a locum for the summer.

100 Club Winners - June

1st Mr & Mrs Boyland 2nd Mrs Rose 3rd Mr Henderson

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Derry Goddard whom I am sure you know along with his family ran the Post office and Stores here some years ago and was kind enough to cut the ribbon when we re-opened the Post Office and Stores following its makeover. Madonna was too busy! The press were at the opening. Apart from getting our names wrong and printing a photograph of people who we believe to be



holidaymakers, it was very positive. We had a good laugh about that!

We have listened to our customers and have made a few changes, which we hope you like! We decided to add a Tea Room, where you can enjoy a relaxing break from your usual routine with interesting conversation and often, laughter. The Cakes are apparently to die for, although, I could not possibly confirm this because I am on a diet. One kind lady from the village feels sorry for Steve and makes him chicken pies. He of course, is highly delighted, but also very smug because, I can't eat them! This recent addition of the Tea Room has been met by much enthusiasm and support from local residents, especially as it also came as a result of their suggestion in the questionnaire, for the Parish Plan.

Even after this refurbishment, there is still no guarantee that Sixpenny Handley Post Office is secure. We still do not know if our future is guaranteed and will not, for some time to come. Remember that 2,500 Post Office

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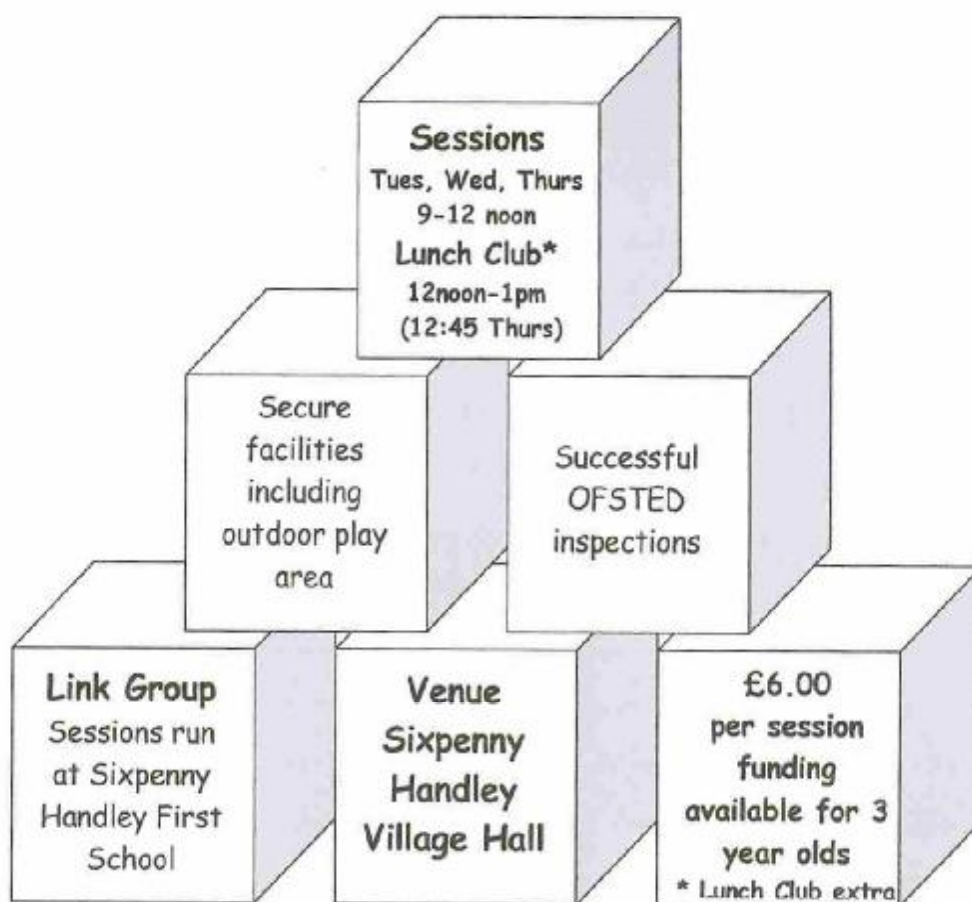
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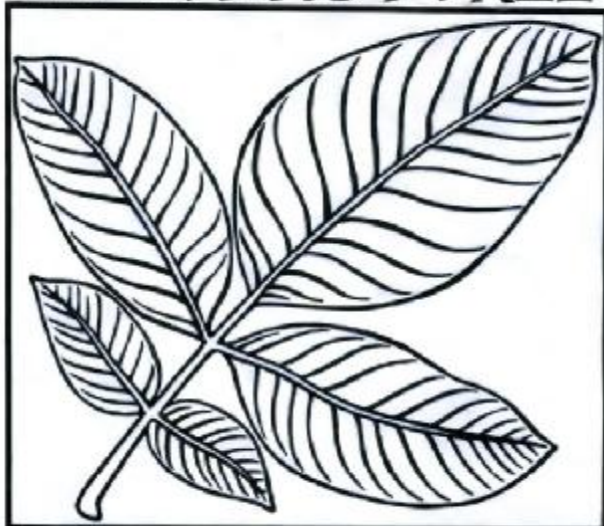
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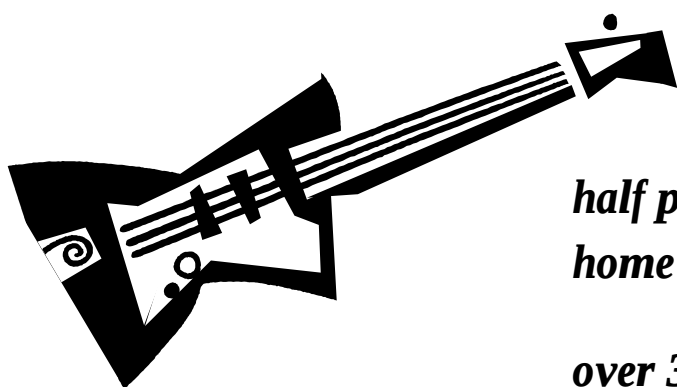
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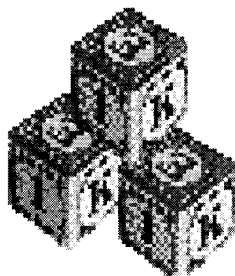


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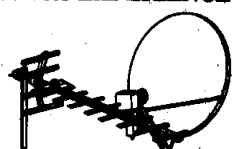


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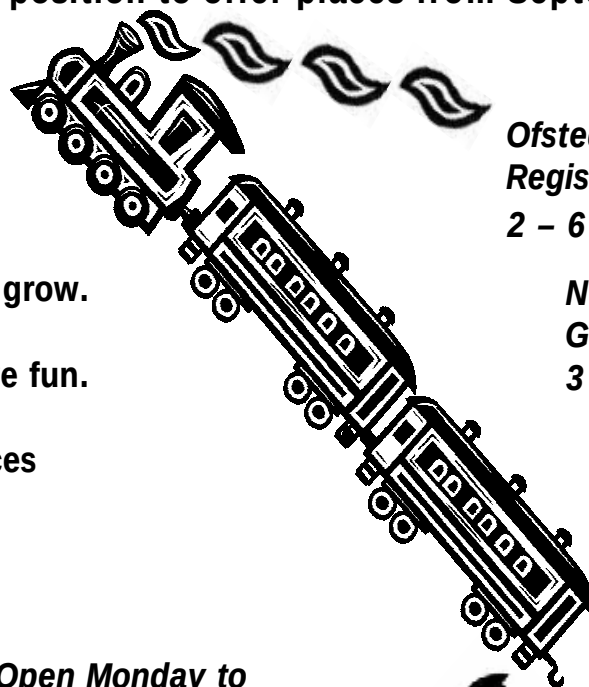
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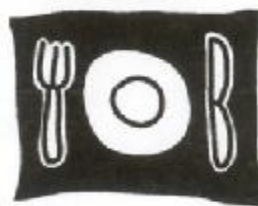
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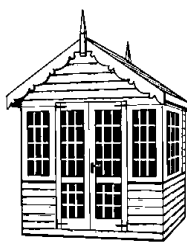
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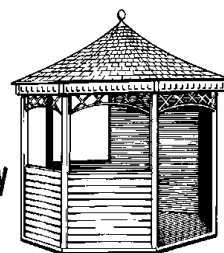
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