

The DOWNSMAN

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The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge

Including: Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington

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Welcome to the latest edition of *The Downsman*.

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council

Parish Office: Unit 5B Town Farm Workshops	Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am – 12 noon Thursday 6pm – 7-30pm	Phone: 552211 / 553001 Email : office@sixpennyhandley.org
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Would you be interested in editing *The Downsman*?

As my workload is quickly increasing I am finding it difficult to both teach and edit *The Downsman*. I am hoping therefore that somebody might be interested in joining me on the editing process and then take over from me.

Being the editor is not a large commitment for the magazine is printed once every two months and there is a supportive team on hand. It also gives you a chance to give something back to the community.

If you are interested then please get in touch with either myself
or one of the others on the team.

Why not have a go and find out whether being
the editor is something you would like to do.

I would like to also say a huge well done to all who have been involved in clearing the pond in Deanland/Newtown. It looks fantastic!

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Clerk's Corner

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at 7.30 pm. PC Jane Brittain of our Safer Neighbourhood Team will explain the latest initiative – **PACT** - Police & Community Together; & she will answer your questions. You have probably noticed an increased police presence in the village. This is due to PC Brittain and her team. Please come along, find out what is going on and how PC Brittain and **PACT** can improve your community.

If you have other questions for this meeting please bring them to the Parish office before Wednesday 16th April.

31st May 2008

Plans are progressing apace for a **High Street Open Day**. The Parish Council has approved the project and applied to **close the High Street from 12.30 to 6.00 pm**. You will find details of the project elsewhere in this issue. Proceeds will be shared by 1st Woodcutts Scouts, St Mary's Church & The Sports Association.

Please come along, support & have fun.

Please remember The Sixpenny Handley Sports Association Open Day on Saturday 5th July & The Sixpenny Handley Horticultural & Homecrafts Show (The Flower Show) on Saturday 13th September.

Very smart **rubbish bins** are beginning to appear around the Parish. There will be five in Sixpenny Handley, one in Pentridge & one in Woodyates. They are expensive. Please use them and respect them.

Vandalism

A witness reported that the Christmas tree outside the Parish office was blown by high winds onto the road and under a truck which smashed the lights. **Apologies to all non-vandals from all who assumed the worst.**

**Volunteers are requested for a litter-picking excursion
throughout the Parish**

**On Saturday 12th April between 2 & 4 pm
If you would like to help, please contact me on 553001.**

*Christopher Snape
Clerk to the Parish Council*

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

An unusual fund-raising afternoon in aid of St. Rumbold's Church!

Come to The Barn, Manor Farm House, Woodyates at 3.00pm on Sunday 20th April for a delicious Cream Tea and view a fascinating exhibition of "Buttons", amassed over 30 years by Susan Symes, who will give a talk on the Display.

Entrance £6.

OPEN GARDENS IN AID OF RNLI

The gardens of Stour House, East Street, Blandford are being open to the public on Saturday, 26th April 2008 from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Admission £2 (children free) and the money raised is going to RNLI. A cup of tea and a cake will be available. Please park in a public car park as there is no space immediately adjacent to the house. A Capella 4-part male voice choir will be singing at 3.00 pm.

Meeting Place!!

Youth Group

**JUST TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE OPENING THE
PAVILLION WHERE YOU CAN COME AND 'CHILL' FOR AN HOUR OR TWO.
WE'VE GOT THE MUSIC THE POOL TABLE AND THE FOOTBALL, SOME DRINK
AND CRISPS...JUST BRING YOURSELF AND FRIENDS AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU
FANCY!!**

March...21st

April.....18th

May.....9th

June.....6th

Doors open 7.30pm and finish 9.30pm. Anyone 12yrs or over come along.

We are going to make a charge of £1 entry to help towards costs.

Lance Corporal John Hall (12893) 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment (Part 2)

It will be recalled from the final paragraph of Part 1, that the 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment spent most of the 28th March 1918, making ready to leave Belgium and take up new positions in France, west of Arras. The battle at the centre of this activity had been raging for a week with the Germany army still in the ascendancy. Such was their success, particularly in those sectors of the front held by General Sir Hubert Gough's British Fifth Army that their commander became the first major casualty when he was relieved* of his command on the 28th, though he would remain in France for a further week, by which time *The Kaiser's Battle* would be drawing to a close.

In retrospect, the dismissal of Gough was grossly unfair but in the turmoil generated by the swiftness of events a scapegoat had to be found and Gough, it has to be said, was not the most popular of commanders and, therefore, was an ideal candidate.

But, to return to the activities of the 1st Battalion, and again I must emphasise that I do not have any documentary evidence to show that Lance Corporal John Hall was involved in any of these movements for he may already have been wounded, the next forty-eight hours witnessed the main body of the battalion leaving Belgium and by the evening of the 30th had gathered in billets at Habarcq. Earlier in the day their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel T W Bulluck accompanied by his three company commanders, intelligence officer and signalling sergeant had reconnoitred the parts of the line which would be their home for the foreseeable future. In military terms, the area that the 1st Battalion would occupy was referred to as the *PURPLE line*. In their absence, the junior officers and senior non-commissioned officers organised the men in rapid firing practice. Thus, on the last day of the month, the diarist writes, '*Marched to the PURPLE line – Route WANQUETIN – Q.10.a.5.O – BEAUMETZ – LES LOGES – RANSART – MONCHY – PURPLE line* F.14.a.3.7 – F.2.d.2.2. *All coys in the line – relieved 11th East Lancs 92nd Inf Bde. Relief completed 1.10 a.m.*'

From a study of a relatively modern map of the area, it would seem that the route taken was generally south from Habarcq to cross the main Doullens to Arras road at Beaumetz-les-Loges and then still on a southerly course enter the frontline near the village of Monchy-au-Bois.

Initially, there was little activity though on the 2nd of April, battalion headquarters staff moved to a new position identified as F.7.O.85.75, while the following day C Company was loaned to the 15th Highland Light Infantry attacking enemy positions near the village of Alette, directly to the east of the battalion's trenches. As a support company, casualties appear to have been light with three soldiers classified as wounded. However, I suspect Private Howard Frank Ridout was one of this trio for he is buried just behind the battalion's front in Bienwillers Military Cemetery, his date of death being reported on the 3rd.

The day following, the 15th Highland Light Infantry passed through the battalion lines with the '1st' moving into the trenches vacated by the Highlanders and with only a few minor adjustments to their front, this would be their area of occupation until the

* '*Rested*' was the euphuism expressed by the senior officer sent by Sir Douglas Haig, the Commander-in-Chief in France, to inform Gough he no longer had the support of the army, or that of Lloyd George, the British prime minister of the day.

14th when relief appeared in the form of the 5th/6th Royal Scots.

Twenty-four hours after taking up what was then regarded as routine trench duties, the German advance petered out; *The Kaiser's Battle* was over and the British and French commanders took stock of a situation which in a little over a fortnight of fierce fighting had seen the German armies occupy over 1,000 square miles of ground which prior to the 21st of March had been the preserve of *Tommy Atkins*. Nevertheless, their units had been fought to a standstill at a cost to the British of 22,000 killed and 75,000 taken prisoner of war and 63,000 classified as

wounded (and I am convinced Lance Corporal Hall was one of these awful statistics) while French and German losses in this period are calculated different to those of the British and, therefore, are difficult to ascertain.

For the 1st Battalion the eleven days that followed their entry into the line were taken up principally in securing their front from any further enemy assaults, wiring duties being a dominant feature for most of the time. This was hazardous work with enemy sniper fire being a constant threat and rarely a day passed without the diarist recording casualties: on the 4th he notes, '1 O.R. killed in action, 2 O.Rs wounded', on the 5th, '1 O.R. killed, 3 O.Rs wounded', though reflecting that much material was salvaged and in general it was a quiet day. For the 6th, he writes, 'Wiring the front with German salvaged wire. C Company made Bath House and Pedicurium in AYETTE. 3 O.Rs killed, 7 O.Rs wounded.'

During the 7th and 8th a total of seven soldiers were wounded, while over the next three days during which the 1st Battalion was visited in the line by the local divisional commander (not named) at least another half-dozen or more became victims of enemy sniping. Then, on the 12th, Lieutenant-Colonel T W Bulluck was amongst the three fatalities recorded in the diary with nine others being reported as wounded. It is not said where the colonel fell but the entry for the 13th reads, 'Battalion Headquarters moved to F.9.a.70.25' thus suggesting the enemy had pinpointed its position and was able to bring down fire to good effect.

Twenty-four hours later came the aforementioned relief with the diarist adding, 'and withdrew into reserve with one Company in PURPLE line, one in PURPLE reserve, two at MONCHY in old German frontline. Lieut J R WALTON, 2 Lieuts R E C GOFF, W K T BARRETT, F W PEDGRIFT, L DIGBY and Capt C G SKINNER M.O. 104 O.Rs diagnosed as gassed.' Three days before John Hall died in a hospital near Rouen, his battalion moved back into the line, relieving the 15th Highland Light Infantry now occupying positions on the right flank of the brigade sector. Captain C F Jerrard and Lieutenant F C Zeederburg did not accompany the men for the day previous they had been admitted to hospital to be treated for the effects of gas. Within hours of getting back

into the trenches, four were wounded and Private George Northcott from North Tawton in Devon died before midnight. The next day German artillery laid down a sustained barrage, wounding three more soldiers from the '1st', though everything is reported as being 'very quiet' on the day that Lance Corporal John Hall lost his fight for life.

Bill Chorley

Note. By examining the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery reports for Bienvillers Military Cemetery, I have been able to identify the following as having been killed in action or dying as a result of wounds received during the battalion's eleven days in the line:

5 th April	19622 Pte Frank Edward Golding from Twyford near Winchester.
	22300 Pte A Lintott from Elmstead near Godalming, Surrey.
6 th April	203515 Pte James Henry Ellis from Bethnal Green, London.
	18839 Pte Ernest Charles James, A Company, from West Lulworth.
7 th April	20364 Pte S V Butler from North Woolwich, London.
8 th April	10991 Sgt James Carter from Glastonbury, Somerset.
10 th April	19635 Pte E Chittenden from Ware in Hertfordshire.
	17427 Pte William Frederick Stephens, C Company.
	24910 Pte Ernest West from Taunton, Somerset.
11 th April	22266 Pte J Chambers from Brigstone on the Isle of Wight.
	Lt Col Thomas William Bullock from London.
12 th April	3/6626 Pte Ernest Bridle from Poole, Dorset.

Although from London, Lieutenant-Colonel Bullock had married into a Dorset family as his wife, Millicent Mary Bullock, is shown as living at Rodwell, Weymouth.

In a footnote following my profile in respect of Lance Sergeant Jack Fitz-Roy Waters (*The Downsman*, August 2006) I remarked that the village curate, the Reverend A R Turing Bruce had written a book titled, *Scourge of the Moors*. From Andrew Perkis of Weymouth comes news that it was published by Sampson Low & Company, London 1923, and that a copy exists in the British Library, reference Shelf Mark 012807.a.35. request.

Bill Chorley



A general overview from PCSO Torok (5388)

Greetings to all Downsman readers.

Since my last article in the magazine, 2008 is now well commenced and hopefully it will prove to be a prosperous and positive year for us all. As you all know Sixpenny Handley and surrounding villages are now policed from Wimborne station. From the feedback that we are receiving it appears that local residents are already seeing a gradual improvement in the day to day handling of local issues.

As many of you will already be aware we are working together with fellow agencies to set up a PACT committee to deal with any ongoing local issues as a multi agency approach. The following information explains in a little more detail the basis for this process.

The PACT panel is an inclusive forum made up of representatives from various community agencies working in partnership to improve the quality of life in the area, such as police, local authorities, highways, youth groups, community workers, health workers, housing officers, youth offending teams, partnership for older peoples project (POPP) and SPOC's (single point of contact).

A SPOC is a local volunteer who is acting as an advocate for the local residents & who will represent their views at any PACT panel meetings. Your local SPOC is John Clark of Clark's Butchers.

John is happy for local residents to speak with him concerning any issues. The PACT panel will meet regularly to discuss the priorities identified through community engagement (PACT) and decide how to tackle them. Within the butchers shop is a comment box that can be used by residents to express their views about any issues, including non-police related, which can then be addressed at the next PACT meeting. To reiterate: this comment box although provided by the police, is to be used to comment on any issues that can be improved or resolved using this multi-agency approach.

We had a successful initial PACT surgery next to the Roebuck Inn on 05/03/2008. We spoke to a number of residents about various issues on the day, getting good feedback on their views. Other agencies attended representing the local council, POPP and Age Concern. It proved to be a very informative morning and hopefully as time progresses, the regular feedback from residents will start to have a positive impact upon resolving local issues, with the knock on effect that you all begin to feel safer and more involved in decision making on a local level. There will be regular surgeries that will be advertised in the Parish magazine, during postcard drops and posterings of prominent locations. The surgeries and other PACT initiatives should enable you all, to feel more empowered and able to have a real bearing on the future of this beautiful part of our county.

Just for information for your diaries, the next PACT committee meeting will be held on 30/04/2008. So please let us know via the comment box any matters that you would like aired.

I wish you all well and look forward to meeting you around the rural beat and at future meetings and events.

Regards Nick Torok PCSO 5388

**The United Benefice of
Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew and Pentridge**

**Notice of
Parochial Parish Annual Meetings
And Vestry Meetings
To Elect Churchwardens in each Parish**

**The Parish of Pentridge is to meet
in St Rumbold's Church, Woodyates
At 7.00pm on Tuesday, 15th April 2008**

and

**The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew
is to meet in St Mary's Church
after the 9.30 am service (approx 10.45 am)
On Sunday, 20th April 2008**

Nominations for the Office of Churchwarden together with
A seconder and the signed agreement of the Proposed Person should be made in
writing to be received at the Vicarage, 60, High Street, Sixpenny Handley, Salis-
bury SP5 5ND

Endorsed "Churchwarden Nomination (parish....)
To be received two days before the appropriate meeting.

Qualifications for the Office and the nomination forms are available from
Parish's Parochial Church Council Hon Secretary:
For Pentridge, from Maureen Swann (tel: 552561)
For Sixpenny Handley, from Sheila Bradley (553133)

Eligibility to vote?

*Anyone on the electoral roll of the parish (Church)
Anyone who lives in the parish and whose name is on the register of
Local Government electors*

HELP YOURSELF WITH POSITIVE HEALING

It always surprises me when I meet someone who has not heard of Bach Flower Remedies. In fact there are now many different types of flower remedies available – Australian Bush Flower Essences, Himalayan Flower Essences, Alaskan Flower Essences, Pacific Essences, Living Tree Orchid Essences even Animal Essences* and many more, all of which are very effective, but the most well known are the Bach Flower Essences which were created in the 1930's by a Harley Street medical physician Dr. Edward Bach.

The Bach Flower Remedies, and there are 38 of them, represent the spiritual essence of the flower, herb or plant captured in pure spring water which, amazingly, helps to heal the emotional/mental needs of an individual and, in this way promote good health and well-being. When we feel fulfilled, happy and positive we tend to enjoy better health and get more out of life and our family and friends.

Sometimes things happen in our lives that we find difficult to deal with and we need help to keep our health in balance so that we can become positive again and move on from the problem. Bach Flower Remedies, indeed all the above mentioned plant and animal remedies can help you to manage the emotional demands of everyday life by combating negativity and replacing it with positivity, energy, and determination. A positive state of mind has been proven to have a major effect on regaining good health as has a negative state of mind often leading to a wide variety of illnesses.

Recent research into the links between the emotions and the immune system supports the view that emotional and physical health are linked. Increasing numbers of medical experts now agree that a healthy mind really does ensure a healthy body.

I have used a variety of plant and flower essences, even animal essences to help me through difficult times in my life over the last 18 years since I first discovered flower remedies and can not only vouch for their effectiveness and gentle healing for myself, my family and friends, but also many patients over the years.

The 38 Bach Flower Essences cover all the negative states of mind from which we often suffer, a good book or leaflet on flower essences will list each essence, categorising them under seven headings – apprehension, indecision, loneliness, insufficient interest in circumstances, over-sensitivity, despondency and despair, and over-care for others and there is certain to be one for you!

Taking a flower remedy is as simple as adding a few drops of one remedy (or up to 7 if needed) in a small amount of water and sipping as often as needed until you feel better, or for a quicker action in emergency situations can be taken 4 drops on the tongue from the dropper bottle every half hour or so as long as needed. There is no unpleasant taste, in fact the only flavour you may notice is that of brandy, as the flower essences have a small amount of brandy added as a preservative. It can also be rubbed on to the lips or behind the ears to have the same beneficial effect.

The most well-known Bach Flower Remedy is Rescue Remedy, which I think everyone should carry with them at all times. A combination of five flower essences- Cherry Plum, Clematis, Impatiens, Rock Rose and Star of Bethlehem, Rescue Remedy is an all-purpose emergency formula for cases of trauma, anguish, bereavement and any stress – even for just before going to the dentist it will help calm your nerves and is certainly helpful after the trauma of some treatments. I have found it to be extremely useful for

those who have recently been bereaved, in fact that is how I discovered it, and it certainly helped me through that particular time. In fact, I have often been known to hand a small bottle of Rescue Remedy to people I know at the time of a funeral because I know how well it works in this situation. Rescue Remedy can also be used to treat the effects that a sufferer may experience through serious news, terror, severe mental trauma, a feeling of desperation or a numbed, bemused state of mind. Every home should have Rescue Remedy many for times of emergency, especially take it with you when you travel or if you have children it will help if they are upset, frightened or traumatised. Rescue Remedy is readily available as a dropper bottle, spray or cream.

At this time of year I often treat people who are depressed, despondent and, melancholy due to the effects of our English winter and it's often depressing weather, and often they may be suffering from SAD. Flower remedies are a useful tool for treating these negative emotionally stressing conditions replacing them with positivity, happiness and removing the emotional blockages that can lead to these debilitating conditions.

Flower remedies are ideal for self-treatment and are very easy to obtain as is plenty of information available in pharmacies, health food shops and book shops which will all have at least one book on the subject as will most libraries.

If you are interested to find out more about flower essences then I can give you titles and suppliers of books and videos on the subject.

If you self-diagnose and are not sure which remedy or combination of remedies to use then give me a call and I can establish exactly what is needed by dowsing.

*** No animals or animal parts are used in making Animal Essences, they merely capture the spirit of the animal.**

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

Mobile Library Schedule

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

Woodyates – Copley Close	2.25 – 2.40
First School	3.00 – 3.20
Roebuck Inn	3.25 – 3.45
Dean Lane	3.50 – 4.05
Sheasby Close	4.10 – 4.30

April 3rd, 17th, May 1st, 15th, 29th, June 12th

Handley Sports Club '100' Club 2007/08

Draw Number 4

£20	08	Richard Guppy, Star House Flat
£15	06	Ben King, Thorney Down Farm
£5	109	A. Stephenson, 46 Beaufort Cott.
£5	189	N. Blachford, 18 Tourney Rd.

Draw Number 5

£20	88	Nick Prince, 'New Block'
£15	186	Mrs B. Bradbeer, 7 Littlefield Land
£5	33	Mrs M. Harris, 33 Manor Farm Cott.
£5	08	Richard Guppy, Star House Flat

Thank You

Jill Walters. Jesse and family would like to sincerely thank everyone who gave us so much sympathy, kindness and support during Jill's illness and following her death. Many thanks also for the donations made to Salisbury Hospice Trust in memory of Jill.

The following planning applications have recently been considered by the Parish Council

- 3/07/1627 - 13 - 14 Pentridge - erect pair of semi-detached dwellings, garages & shed
- 3/07/1689 - 16 St Mary's Court - rear extension - **Withdrawn**
- 3/07/1665 - Winterbourne Cottage, Minchington - single storey extension
- 3/07/1731 - Monks Cottage, East Woodyates - change of use to holiday letting. Raise roof ridge level, reclad roof slops & rebuild side addition
- 3/07/1739 - Inn on the Chase, Cashmore - install sewage treatment plant
- 3/08/016 - Coppice House, New Town - extension to enlarge kitchen & form dining room.
- 3/08/0080 - Myncen Farm, 83 Minchington – erect farm office, including kitchenette, meeting room & hard standing
- 3/08/0146 - Handley Park - erect garage
- 3/08/0206 - 16 St Mary's Court – single storey rear extension & 1.437m high brick wall on north boundary

Approvals

- 3/07/1416 - Victory Houser, High Street - erect 2.8m boundary fence
- 3/07/1489 - May Cottage, 126 Handley Green - single storey extension
- 3/07/1461 - Lysdale, New Town - erect conservatory
- 3/07/1606 - Lynwood Cottage, East Woodyates - two storey extension
- 3/08/016 - Coppice House, New Town - extension to enlarge kitchen & form dining room.



SIXPENNY HANDLEY HIGH STREET OPEN DAY

We hope to create the atmosphere of the Sixpenny Handley Carnival in The High Street on Saturday 31st May 2008.

Proceeds to **1st Woodcutts Scouts, St Mary's Church**
and **The Sports Association.**

in the morning

**Sponsored
fun run**



walk



**cycle
ride**



in the afternoon



**High Street
closed
to traffic**

Box-cart racing from the Roebuck to the Cross

Fancy-dress parade - May Queen Election

Music - Face painting - Whisky draw - Giant raffle

Cream teas, hamburgers, hot-dogs, stalls, bric-a-brac,
Aunt Sally, wellie-throwing, Morris dancers, arts and crafts,
activities for the young and not-so-young.



**Can you help?
Will you help?**

We need stalls in as many front
gardens as possible.
Do you have extra parking, so that
we can clear The High Street.

**WE WILL BE VISITING ALL HOUSES IN THE HIGH STREET FOR IDEAS AND
SUPPORT DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS.**

ANY QUERIES PLEASE TELEPHONE

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Village Hall News

Hello Again

Jazz evening with Neil Maya Quartet was a big hit with jazz fans, a few people said it wasn't their kind of music, but it was an interesting repertoire and professionally played. Thanks to ArtsReach for their part in finding the Quartet. Thanks to Pat for selling the tickets. Thanks also to Rob and Carole for the refreshments. About 50 people enjoyed the performance; we made about £100 for V H funds. Well done.

Forest Forge came up with another winner with "To The Marrow" - real country humour at its best, just over 70 people treated themselves to a good laugh. Thanks to everyone who helped on the night. This is the last of our entertainment for this season. Thank you all for your support. Now we have to start all over again for next winter.

Good news for the film fans as we have a date, **Friday October 10th** no title yet but it will be a current film. Watch this space for more details.

At the last committee meeting good progress was made with the new booking forms. There will be two forms. One for the regular customers - this form will cover 12 months. The other form will be for one-off bookings. We have to have this structure in place in order to comply with the law.

The Village Hall A.G.M. will now take place on **April 24th** at 7.30 P.M. not on **March 31st** as advertised in the last Downsman. I do apologize it was entirely my fault (I got it wrong). I still hope that you will be able to come along.

Thanks for reading this

Gordon Oxford
Chairman

Email the Village Hall:
villagehall@sixpennyhandley.org

The New Forest & Hampshire County Show 2008

Note for your diary!

The Show this year will be on 29th to 31st July at New Park, Brockenhurst. If you or anyone you know wish to have a stand, book corporate hospitality or take part in any type of sponsorship however large or small, contact the show office on 01590 622400. All schedules are out by April if you wish to enter any of the many competitions or classes.

Details about this year's Show, its main events, new additions and a whole range of information can be found at www.newforestshow.co.uk

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

A.G.M.

**On April 24th
(New date)**

At 7.30 P.M.

All are Welcome

Hops and Barley

This wonderful little tale of country folk based in the 1920s was written by Audrey Lush, one of the most lovely elderly ladies I have ever had the privilege of meeting.

She was born in the Hop and Barleycorn public house in Deanland in the 1920s and the story featuring Denfield (Deanland), the village of Tanner (Sixpenny Handley), Old Town (Newtown) and Uphill House (Upwood) is a pleasure to read.

In the story Audrey is Leah (using her grandmother's name) the little girl who was badly scalded by the Post Office van. This part is true and she still has the scars to prove it.

Although a work of fiction many of the characters are readily identified by people who grew up in the village and the 'Stag' she refers to is the Star Inn which had the livestock market in the field at the back.

I believe that everyone who has read this book has loved it.

Audrey is now quite deaf and registered partially sighted; she sells her books to donate to the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Blind Cub. We are selling copies of Hops and Barley in the village on her behalf and if you would like to buy a copy please call into the Newsagents.

Audrey has also written two other books, 'Ar Lottie' and 'The Silver Stirrup', for more information please ask.

SHReD

What is **SHReD**? It is to be a company limited by guarantee, for which Charity status will be applied for, as soon as possible. It is intended, that its purpose shall be to serve the village initially, in providing an environmentally, friendly way, in which to recycle garden waste. It is hoped that it can grow and act as a recycling unit, for many other products at a later stage. In doing so, it will help the environment, while it is hoped bringing part-time employment for the youth, and possibly for the handicapped of the area. Any profits that are made they will be returned to the village. The village needs **SHReD** and certainly **SHReD** needs the support of the villagers to succeed.

Many people have been asking what is happening about **SHReD**. The answer is that all has been continuing slowly, and now all the planning and environmental requirements have been met. It is now hoped that weekly collections will be in operation from Monday 14th April this year. More volunteers are needed for the collection round on Monday mornings, from 8.00 a.m. until 12 noon.

To qualify for your garden rubbish to be collected, you need to pay a £10 annual membership fee (see below), and have your rubbish in the 140 litre, biodegradable bags that can be purchased in batches of 6 for £5 from the Hardware Shop or the Post Office.

Both of whom have offered to help without charge. The money paid for the bags will finance the collection and processing of the garden waste. The bags are bio-degradable and are not reusable. If you have material too large for the sacks, eg. tree branches, please ring for a special collection.

It is hoped that the compost/soil conditioner, wood chips and mulches that will result can be sold back to gardeners, for a reasonable price yet to be fixed.

How do you pay your £10 subscription, if you haven't already done so? Please could you pay by cheque to Simon Meaden or Ted Cox, or send a cheque by post to **SHReD** c/o 2 Priory Cottages, Woodcutts, Salisbury, SP5 5RR. Cheques should be made out to **SHReD** please. With the cheque, we will require name, address and telephone number please.

If there are more questions you would like answered, please ring Ted Cox on 01725 552801

Initially you will still need to ring to say you have garden waste to pick up, on :-

01725 552715 Simon Meaden

or

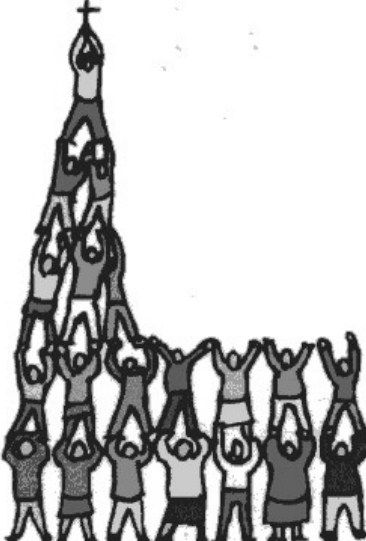
01725 552801 Ted Cox

A BIG THANKYOU . Without the past help of Rita Taylor and Paul Skinner, **SHReD** would not be in its present position. As they both step down, they deserve a special thank you for keeping things going.

In our villages we have two precious listed buildings:

**St Mary's,
Sixpenny
Handley**

We need your help
towards the repair &
maintenance of our
church buildings



**St Andrews
Chapel,
Gussage St
Andrew**

We are also striving to
bring the facilities up to
21st century standards

Any day now a leaflet will drop through your letterbox. Do
please read it & help in whatever way you can - large or small.

Thank you.

(More information in Rev Mel Durrant's article in the Seeker part of this magazine.

Also have a look at our new church website www.handleychurch.org.uk)

Footpaths, Walking and Dogs!!

We are lucky enough to have a good network of footpaths surrounding the Village of Sixpenny Handley which can be used by all who live here and visitors to the area. We are also lucky that these paths are mostly maintained by the Landowners who respect and are aware of their responsibilities to do so. The time has come when it must be said that we, the public, are lacking in the same respect and are frequently breaking the law to top it all!! The general width of a footpath is 1.5 meters and this should be kept to. If there are problems with overhanging hedges, long grass or any obstacle, please raise these issues with me or any member of your Parish Council, this goes for Bridleways and Byways too. Neither should we walk where there is no right to do so, including the grass field next to the Caravan Park & Campsite, or make our own footpaths on headlands around other fields in and around the village. Last but certainly not least is the practice of NOT clearing up after your dog has fouled, or worse still, picking it up in a coloured plastic bag and then 'chucking' it under the hedge!!....it is inconsiderate, offensive and unlawful....you can be fined £50 minimum or £2000 maximum. East Dorset County Council are offering the services of person to 'spot' offending owners and duly press charges. There are plenty of Red Bins to dispose of Dog Waste, please use them or take the waste home. If you are not sure where the bins are, again please ask.

It is everyone's responsibility to respect Rights of Way and the Country Code for the benefit of all concerned.....

Maureen New

The Endorse It In Dorset Festival: A Positive Impact

“Arts and culture are central to all our lives and we are committed to supporting arts and culture for the economic, social, educational and community benefits they bring to the county”

From The Dorset County Council Web Site

The Endorse It In Dorset Festival is now coming up to it's fifth year and during this time has become a major factor in the local economy. The Festival has had a massive cultural, social, socio-economic and artistic impact on the area. Whilst we have received a few complaints over the years a far greater number of local people have had a very positive experience of the event.

South West Tourism state that £9.17m is spent by people who are camping/caravanning or attending shows in East Dorset. The Endorse It Festival accounts for over 4% (£380,000) of this annual total spend. This is a major contribution considering that we are open to the public for just 3 days a year.

We have a firm commitment to using local businesses and we directly employ 13 firms within a 4 mile radius of the site and have employed 85 from across Dorset. The vast majority of these businesses are contracted year on year and therefore the economic benefit is ongoing. It is our policy to increase the number of local businesses employed. We also have evidence of a further 3 new businesses starting as a direct result of the festival, 2 of which are Dorset based.

The festival site falls within the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Although our presence is noticeable for the 3-day period, the AONB identifies the benefits that tourism brings to the countryside. The AONB website states: *“There is a growing recognition that a sustainable tourism industry is important to the economic well being of rural areas. Tourism supports an ever greater percentage of the rural economy.”*

The Endorse It Festival does not only bring visitors to the county, 20% of our audience come from Dorset and over 170 tickets went to the Sixpenny Handley area alone. Many of these 170 tickets were concessionary or complimentary leading to over 12% of the population of the village attending.

The organisation responsible for the creation, development and promotion of the Endorse It Festival is LGO Ltd. The Team involved have set up a highly organised and well managed business in a very short period of time and are committed to putting on entertainment for all ages and wide tastes. There is a commitment to the local area and we try to counteract any disturbance with longer lasting benefits. To this end LGO Ltd is the single largest private benefactor to the Woodcutts Scout group. This is the only youth organisation in the area and is widely utilised by young people. The financial benefits from LGO Ltd to the Scout group have risen by 400% in the last 4 years.

The Community Strategy for Dorset states that it wants to see: *“An annual programme of cultural festivals and events across the county which reflects cultural distinctiveness and diversity”*. The name for the Endorse It In Dorset Festival came about through a commitment to provide a stage locally for international performers and also to create an opportunity for Dorset artistes to perform on a bigger stage. This has resulted in performers coming from all over the world. Add to this the 60+ Dorset acts that have appeared in the last 4 years and you can see that the Festival has put Dorset on the map as a positive, rewarding place to perform.

In 2007 the festival received 4 nominations in the national festival awards, showing that the event is renowned for being well run, quality driven and good value for money. It is hitting the right buttons for local business, tourism, district and county council objectives, local people, local performers and The Community Strategy. Endorse it in Dorset has been a success from the word go. This is down to many factors, but the key is a true understanding of the event, giving minimal negative environmental impact and maximum positive socio-economic benefit.

Written from a presentation made to the Parish Council on 7 Feb 08 by Mr G Cullen LGO Ltd

SIXPENNY HANDLEY HORTICULTURAL and HOMECRAFTS SHOW

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2008

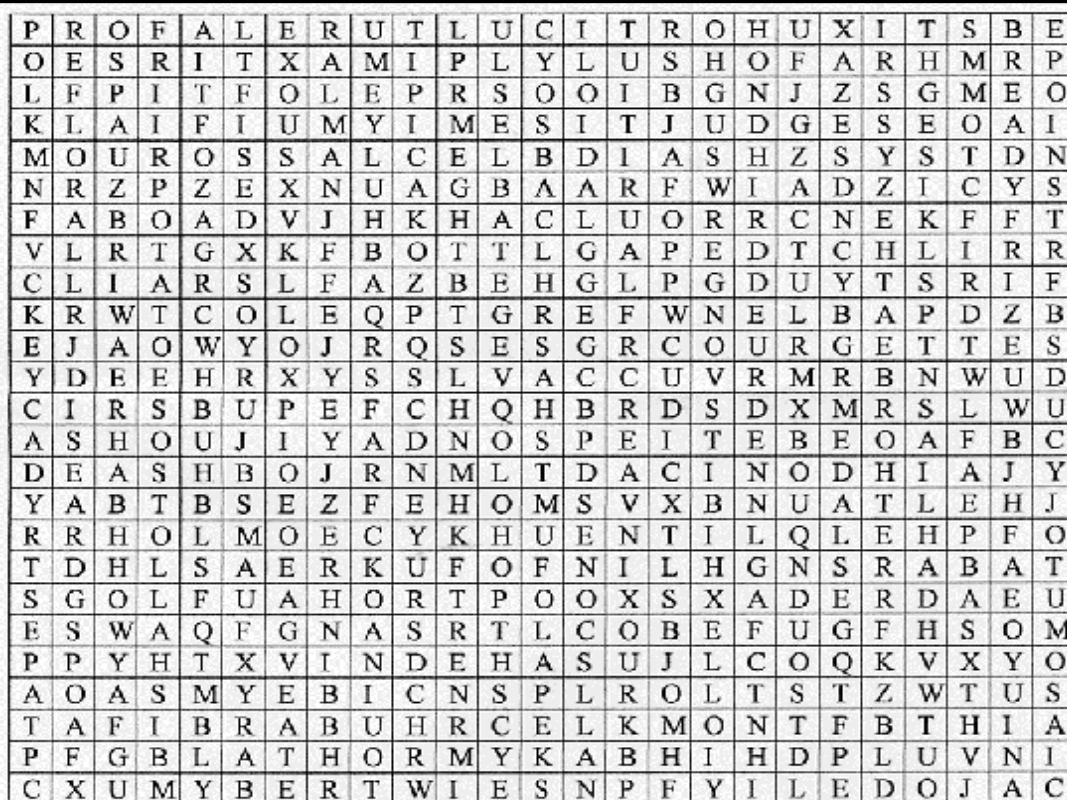
IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT - SO GROW SOMETHING, MAKE SOMETHING AND SHOW IT

The Show Schedule will be available for distribution at the end of April -
Sections to include:

Vegetables & Fruit, Dahlias & Autumn Flowers Floral Art, Cookery, Hobbies,
Art & Photography, Children's Homecraft

By popular request there is to be a cookery challenge for "Men Only"

Watch *The Downsman* for more information in the coming months



Find the 25 words below associated with the Sixpenny Handley Horticultural and Homecrafts Show in the puzzle above.

Bread	Class	Cookery	Courgettes	Dahlias
Exhibits	First	Floral	Flowers	Fruit
Gladioli	Hobbies	Homecrafts	Horticulture	Judges
Medals	Mosaic	Photography	Potatoes	Prizes
Rhubarb	Roses	Scones	Shallots	Tapestry

A Changing Woodcuts!

Another two months have gone by, and it is again time to be writing about the happenings in Woodcuts. As I write now, it is a lovely sunny afternoon on Sunday 9th of March. As usual I am sitting at the kitchen table, next to the south facing window, through which a few minutes ago I could see a beautiful blue sky with a few white clouds moving leisurely across from west to east. Suddenly there was a downpour of rain, this was hard enough to send all the finches and tits feeding at the bird table, flying away to shelter, but it has gone as quickly as it came. Now I am waiting to see which species makes it back first.

While I am waiting, (a robin was first back but was only scavenging on the food that had fallen to the floor, followed quickly by a great tit, a blue tit, two more blue tits and a female greater spotted woodpecker and now a long tailed tit)..... If you are wondering why there was a pause, it was because I went to get my camera. Unfortunately it was to no avail; by the time I had returned the woodpecker was gone. However we do have some good 'bird news', Paul my next door neighbour told me yesterday that he was delighted that he had heard and seen song thrushes here recently, and that earlier in the day he had seen a mistle thrush collecting moss for nesting. A few minutes afterwards I saw a mistle thrush busily pulling dead grass out from under the hedge, then flying off with its beak crammed full, obviously to be used for nesting material.

We just have to hope that the remainder of March continues in the same vein as it has begun and that there will be plenty of vegetative and insect growth for any nesting early birds. Nature is not always as well synchronised as it could be, and global warming is reacted to in different ways by

different wildlife species. For example the mistle thrush may want to get on to rearing its young, but at this time of year the berries that are its principle food for much of the time, simply aren't available and the parents have to change to worms, which aren't easily found on cold and frosty mornings. Global warming can equally bring many problems to wildlife as it does to us humans.

Before leaving the birds, I must mention the great acrobatics of the tiny long tailed tits at the bird table. They obviously love a diet of peanuts and can be seen in practically any position feeding away. For most of the year they survive on small invertebrates found in a variety of deciduous trees including oak, ash and spindle. If they nest early and there is no food at the bird table, they would have a serious lack of food in cold weather, and any offsprings would be in serious trouble.

Of course it is not only the animal life that is affected by temperature change. For example, the snowdrop flowers this year have been the most prolific and longest lasting that I can remember. The first few were out in flower just before the New Year; rather weak and spindly to start with, but soon to a wonderful show lasting until the first week of March. Daffodils and primroses are now taking over, and I did see a white violet in flower on February 19th Today March 12th I have been trying to photograph the huge numbers of white violets in flower, but I haven't been able to manage one of sufficient quality for the Downsman.

Earlier still, my sister told me of celandines in flower on the 26th January in Westbury. This of course made me go out to see if I could find some, which of course I did on the south facing bank at the end of the lane on the same day. I have seen hawthorn in leaf from 7th February, and since that time I

have watched it's buds bursting everywhere I've been. Elder tree have also been in leaf in sheltered spots since the middle of February. A very early year for many insects too, including several species of bumble bees and lady birds.

Talking about ladybirds reminds me that Hilary Clinton is actively pursuing the U.S. presidency nomination. I suppose if she fails in her bid she could be coming to Woodcutts to lie low for a while. We are used to anticipating the arrival of past celebrities here. Although he never came, Al Gore would have loved it here, from the environmental point of view. Lionel Blair when he gave up the prime minister's job was rumoured to be moving here, but there was too much of a song and dance about it and he never came. When Capability Brown retires there will definitely be a place here for him, as there are numerous gardens he could improve on. Let's hope he is good at budgeting for gardens, as they are only very small compared with the area of the whole country.

Meanwhile life goes on here at Woodcutts, and it leaves us wondering what the next world shattering event will be. If the late Laird of Woodcutts had lived to see alpacas grazing where he would have grazed sheep, he would have been completely mystified and I can't imagine what he would have said. Possibly it would have been something that I would not be able to express here. While Mrs. Win Kirby would be similarly flummoxed, to see so many grazing the land which she knew as Between Gates, when she wheeled her wheelbarrow up to the bus stop, in readiness to wheel her shopping home.. As for what George Tozer would have thought, I just can't start to imagine. . It would have been something very encouraging, as he in his day was a very progressive farmer and would have been ready with help and advice.

Now all three of the above have passed on, and the neighbourhood is that much poorer because of it. How can Meg (Madge) and I, as the oldest citizens of 'down the lane Woodcutts' hope to take their places here, Between them they had some two hundred and seventy years experience of the countryside. For two of us to emulate them, we would each have to live to be one hundred and thirty five each.

That is enough of reminiscing, now to a much shorter lived mammal, the rabbit. This species makes up for its short lifetime by breeding prolifically here in Woodcutts. Hopefully the photograph I have taken will show up in black and white, and will indicate how tame they are and how tolerant of human presence they have become. They really do appreciate this 'human presence' as is shown by the grazed headlands of winter cereals and oil seed rape. It is a complicated world and we are making it much more complex, as we change our environment at a much faster rate than normal evolution can contend with. We must all become more aware of what is happening, and take steps to change our lifestyles.

While you are sorting it out, I must say goodbye for now, as supper is ready.

God bless you all, and thank you for reading this article.

Ted Cox





News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

The February Jumble Sale was a huge success. Many thanks to all who helped and/or supported this event.

There was a last minute change of speaker for the February Meeting. Mrs Diana Warnock travelled from Romsey to tell us the interesting history of Make-Up and showed slides to illustrate the changing styles in "war-paint" over the centuries

The Wonder of Weeds was the title of an informative talk given by Mrs Maskell at the meeting in March. She made a particular point of mentioning the pet hates of most keen gardeners – nettles, dandelions, chickweed and even convolvulus. These are prized by herbalists for their medicinal properties and we were assured that they are nice to eat, raw or cooked.

Many delightful handmade items covered the Easter exhibition table. Photos for the 85th Year diary were taken with six of our new members looking on.

Nominations for the new committee were collected and voting takes place in April

Dates for diaries

12th April	Exhibition of members work and old W.I. records and photos on show in the Village Hall 2 – 4pm.
14th April	Annual Meeting. DFWI. Books and gifts will be on sale Speaker Esme Isaacs ACWW
24th April	Spring Council Meeting – Poole
30th April	Birthday Meal
12th May	Resolutions
20th May	Group Meeting Tarrant Gunville 7:15pm
24th May	Plant and Produce Stall Wins Yard 9-11am
9th June	Institute Meeting
25th June	Group visit to Larmer Tree

**Institute meetings are held generally on the second Monday in the month
in the Village hall starting at 7:30 pm. Enquiries to Secretary: 01725 552042**

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.



**Saturday
12th April**

Join us for a celebration of

85 years of the
Women's Institute
In Sixpenny Handley

In the Village Hall

2 - 4 PM

Refreshments

Exhibitions

HALE & WOODGREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

“JUST AS WE ARE” IN AID OF THE SALISBURY HOSPICE CARE TRUST

We are opening our gardens in these two New Forest Villages.

Hale gardens will be open on Sunday 11th May 2008 from 10am - 5pm
Woodgreen gardens will be open on Sunday 8th June 2008 from 10am - 5pm

Some of the gardens may have plants for sale.

Tea and cakes will be served in the Grade 2 listed Village Hall.

The Horse and Groom Pub in Woodgreen will be open all day for coffee and lunches.

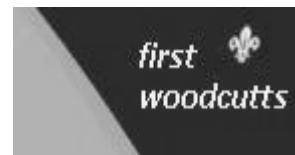
Tickets in the form of a map will be available at £3.50 per person per day
(children under 14 free entry)

From:

The Woodgreen Village Community Shop or the following Committee members:
Andrea Finn, Windhover, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 2AZ
Tricia Minns, Musitoni, Brook Lane, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 2AZ
Or on the day from any of the participating gardens.



1st Woodcutts Scout Troop Report



I am pleased to say that the Scout Troop is at the strongest position that we have known for some time. We now have a waiting list in place and although the number of Scouts is limited to 24 there is room for the Explorers to expand. This has resulted in a rethink of how we operate going forward. We could look to increase the Scout troop if the Explorer unit runs on a different night. For now we will stay with Mondays for all Explorers and Scouts, but are ready to adapt should there be the need.

To allow the growth over the past term we have had a redesign of the Troop, with the formation of a fourth patrol and the appointment of new Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. Indeed, if you now visited the troop night on a Monday evening we fill the top hut completely!! A Patrol Leaders Council has been established and the young people are starting to influence the programme and running of the troop. Many will recognise this as 'good old Scouting'!

With the formation of the new Patrols, the thrust of the term has been developing team work and leadership skills with the young people. This has meant a number of team based challenges on the troop nights and feedback on individual and Patrol performances. A real difference in the approach of the Scouts has been witnessed over the term; they have all responded really well and are a credit to themselves.

This is definitely the hardest term of the year. We are not yet able to meet outside as the weather is 'orrible, we do not have Christmas to look forward to (as we did last term) and we are reluctant to push too many external activities until the weather picks up. However, the feedback from Scouts is still very good and the enthusiasm is reflected in our ever increasing membership numbers over the last few weeks we have run a wide variety of games, competitions and will be finishing off with a Drama night which sees the Bournemouth Helen O'Grady school for drama visiting the troop.

For the next three months we are working at developing the leadership team that can improve how we work with our ever expanding troop, to that end we have initiated some of the background activities to deliver this such as formalising the Explorer unit, 3 of our ex-Scouts' are now progressing through to being fully fledged Leaders, yet another testament to the youth of our village.

Of course we cannot forget why this is all happening and ensure that the Scouts continue to enjoy a full and diverse programme of events. So over the next 6 months we will be heavily involved with the District. In April we will be parading in Wimborne for St George's Day. In May we have 16 Scouts, 4 Explorers attending District Camp, this will give the opportunity to experience kayaking, climbing, archery, shooting, pioneering, water games, orienteering plus all the usual Scouting traditions of camp fire etc. Preparation for Summer Camp at the end of August is well under way. Through April and May we will be running a series of evenings to allow new members of the troop to learn the necessary skills for camping both at District and Summer Camp. We also have other weekend activities planned including a night hike, DARE 2 and for the Explorers and older Scouts a Survival weekend in September. The Summer Camp is going to be in the Peak District – Derbyshire, a camp site near Hope is booked. From here there will be trips down Blue John Mines, pot holing, rock climbing, walking and mountain biking to name but a few.

So whilst we have focussed on getting ourselves ready for the potential to expand further as well as improve the current Scouting the Sun **IS** going to come out and we are all really looking forward to yet another exciting year, packed with lots of different experiences whilst ensuring it is all FUN!!

Rob, Andy and the 'Orrible Lot

1st Woodcutts Explorer Unit

The Woodcutts Explorer Unit was officially formed this year and is running on the same night as the Scout Troop. This will make best use of resource to deliver the activities and creates a more 'fun' atmosphere as there are currently only 7 Explorers. This will be under review as more Scouts transfer when they are 14 years old which is when they move up to Explorers, we know there will be 8 transferred by August next year and that is just from today's Scout Troop.

This year we have started by really creating the ownership of the unit by the young people. An initial focus was on ensuring the young people realise that they own where we go with the activities and that these activities relate to their age group. From this the Explorers expressed an interest in looking at evening activities such as Mechanics – restoring vehicles, rural life, getting visitors to teach us skills, visit another scout group, team work, indoor climbing wall. Weekends to cover Caving, Climbing and Abseiling, Extreme Sports – Surfing at Newquay and Camping. The rural life relates to supporting the village, it is really positive to hear from the young people that they want to become more involved in projects around the village and as Leaders we are going ensure this happens and already have a list....

The Explorers currently are working on creating a You Tube video clip, for this they have seen a number of 'Selected' clips to understand what they could do and have selected one to base their own around. They have planned what needs to be done and created a script as well as identifying roles for all, from the 'Stars', camera operators and editors through to 'the director'. Once they have completed the video it will be published on the web which will then be available for all to enjoy. We have a Drama teacher visiting both Scouts and Explorers on Monday night, which will tie in well with this work when the explorers will receive some professional coaching.

The District Explorer group have a diary of events for the explorers to join with other Group Units in East Dorset. In April there is the opportunity to go Clay Pigeon Shooting and St Georges Day Parade. In May there will be 4 attending District Camp with the rest of the Group and a Survival Weekend in September. In addition to this along with the Explorers, Rob and I are working on an 'activity' that can be hosted at Woodcutts. This will be for all the Districts Explorers and leaders to participate and will ensure that they actually know where we are in the County, not just a name. We are also joining Dare 2, this will involve team work for Explorers and Scouts as they will put tents up for a price and possibly be involved in some Scout type workshops in the event. Explorers will also be at the Summer Camp this year is in the Peak District and we have a day of Climbing and Pot Holing and another Mountain Biking. There will be other weekends and other activities through the year which may also integrate with the Scout Troop activities but remain focussed on ticking more off the Explorers wish list.

So yet another challenge within the Group, to really establish the Explorer Unit and ensure it is there for future explorers. To do this we need to listen to what the Explorers want to achieve, put a plan in place and ensure that they have the challenge and adventure but as ever with a good dose of Fun. This really is the start of the next 100 years of scouting for us. Food for thought and a really great time to be here!!

Rob, Andy and the 'Orrible Lot

ROB'S COLUMN

The Smooth Collie

It's no wonder that people
Will think it's enough
When the collie they see
Is a border or rough.
Or even a bearded
(The one like a mop)
Not like me, I am
Lovely and smooth on the top.
'Delightful' and 'elegant'
Are words you see
And even 'outstanding'
Referring to me.
Whereas 'run of the mill'
(I am sure you will pardon)
Refers to those others
Like 'common or garden'.
I am healthy and active
And faithful and true
And amusing and chockfull
Of character too.
I am not some old cross-breed
I am telling the truth
I'm the top of the heap
And a fun-loving smooooothie.

By Liz Heslop (1984)

Have you noticed that the Post Office is printing dogs on their stamps? This is the reason why I put in the dog poem.

Three surgeons are discussing their favourite patients. The first says, "I like accountants because when you open them up everything inside is numbered". The second says, "I prefer electricians. Inside everything is colour-coded". The third says, "MPs are the easiest to operate on. There are no guts, no heart, no backbone and the head and backside are interchangeable".

A man goes into a pub and sees a load of people in the back bar holding a bicycle in the air. He asks the barman what they're up to. The barman replies, "Them. Oh they're just holding a raleigh".

Pace of life's just too hot Quick Slow Down

Don't worry if you feel you cannot keep up with the speed of modern living - the pace of life really is getting faster.

We are even walking faster than ever; the speed at which we stride has soared by 10% since 1994 to almost 3.5mph. Men are now 25% faster on their feet than women. The average Brit walks 60ft in 12.5secs.

Experts reckon the demands of modern life, longer working hours, the growth in technology and fast food mean we have simply forgotten how to take things easy.

We are all trying to achieve more and becoming increasingly impatient with even minor delays. Time pressures mean we are constantly checking our watches and walking out on long queues.

The internet and mobile phones mean we can access information and talk to people wherever we are in the world. Even so, we still feel the need to get from A to B faster.

People living in cities live life in the fast lanes. Cities also have more smokers and heart disease. As people get more stressed and hurried they spend less time with friends. "They also don't have time to exercise. They eat poorly and drink and smoke more."

So SLOW DOWN (Take time to read the book)

So are you going too fast?

Do you seem to glance at your watch more than others?

When someone takes too long to get to the point, do you want to hurry them along?

Are you often the first to finish at meal times?

When walking along the street do you feel frustrated when you are stuck behind others?

Would you become irritable if you sat for an hour with nothing to do?

Do you walk out of restaurants or shops if you encounter a short queue?

If you are caught in slow-running traffic, do you seem to get more annoyed than other drivers?

Five or more 'yes' answers mean you should take your foot off the accelerator... or risk health problems.

Two packets of crisps were walking along the road. A passing car stopped and the driver asked if they would like a lift. "No thanks," said the crisps. "We're walkers."

I went to the bakers. Two pies for £1.50. "How much for one?" I asked. "A pound," said the baker. "Well I'll have the other one then."

When a man steals your wife there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

I woke early one morning. The earth lay cool and still,
When suddenly a tiny bird perched on my window sill.
He sang a song so lovely, so carefree and so gay,
He sang of far off places, of laughter and of fun.
It seemed his very chirping brought up the morning sun.
I stirred beneath the covers, then crept slowly out of bed,
With the sound still ringing in my head, he deserved to be fed.



Just recently a new variety of lobster has been seen in North Wales. In fact... a flying one. However, a resident in Sheasby Close, who is very fond of his lobster, has been trying to catch one by placing a Lobster Pot in a tree. As can just be seen, he has been very successful in his endeavours and has one in the pot.

I was talking recently to Roger the Pigeon who chairs the parliament of birds which meets in a tree at the back of Paddock Close. He says that when he was racing he was coming back through Spain and met three flying lobsters coming towards him over Madrid. He did not take too much notice of them as he had spent the night on a wire in Marrakech with his friend Belinda and put it down to hallucinations after having some funny food in Morocco.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Kathleen Hardiman, 86, was recently awarded the first prize in the East Dorset Community Awards 2008 for her service to the local community. Despite having suffered a stroke and having poor vision she collects shopping, prescriptions and library books for others, tends gardens, cares for the sick and supports the bereaved. Her award of an inscribed plate and certificate was collected on her behalf by her daughter, Ruth Knight.



Well done also to Brian Hansford who has received a Certificate of Merit in the same category. There were 21 nominations and the top five got certificates. Brian has done so much on Sixpenny Handley's behalf; he has been Clerk to the parish council, both secretary and treasurer of the football and bowls clubs and for over 20 years he has been on the committee for the Flower Show... and much more.



First Woodcutts Beaver Colony



More children have joined this term and 4 of our Beavers moved up to join Cubs we now have total of 15, 6 of whom are girls. Two more of our Beavers will be going up to Cubs in the new term but we already have 4 more boys waiting to join so our numbers continue to be healthy.

At the end of the first half of term all of the children were awarded with their experiment badges. We tried all sorts of interesting experiments some of which were making quicksand out of corn flour, volcanoes out of play dough and then making them erupt using a mixture of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda! We tried racing balloon propelled straws along string and made telephones out of tin cans and string to name but a few. Some of the experiments were rather messy but all of them were great fun!!

During this very short term we have been designing and starting to build a monster truck out of recycled materials, this is for a competition in the Beaver supplement of the Scout magazine and is sponsored by Hot Wheels. The children have been working really hard and we are looking forward to assembling it so that they can see the results of all their efforts. The Beavers also made time to create a beautiful individual tissue flower to give to their Mums on Mother's Day.

For our final meeting we are hoping to have a camp fire party which will overlap with the Cubs meeting, we really need to start teaching our new members all of our camp fire songs! Weather permitting we will be cooking sausages on sticks, otherwise we may have to fry them in the hut!

We are really looking forward to the lighter and warmer evenings when we will be able to move all of our activities outside. We also have some District run events to look forward to but we will tell you about that in our next report.

Thanks as usual to all who turn up to help on a regular basis and of course to the children who are always so enthusiastic and make each meeting such fun for all of us.

Willow and Jill

Digest of the main points which were discussed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 24th February 2008.

In preparation for the AGM which will be on Sunday, 20th April 2008, David Lockyer, the Treasurer of the PCC, guided us through the year's accounts. These were approved by the members and will be sent to the auditor.

The rest of the time in the meeting was taken up with discussion about the various maintenance works to be done, improvements to be made to existing facilities and some new ideas which may be implemented.

Sheila Bradley (Secretary to the PCC)



CARDS



Whist. With five competitive rounds remaining in the 2007-2008 Whist Competition the title is still very much in the melting pot for at the end of Round 12, a single point separated first from second, namely Chris Haskell with an aggregate score of 1993 from son Stuart pressing hard with 1992. In fact, at the start of play Stuart had been in the lead with a comfortable cushion of nearly 20 points but could only card 156 to Chris's 175. Len Diggin [1921] needed a second-half haul of over 90 points to finish on 163 and maintain third place, while David Brine is still very much in contention with a total of 1910 points after returning a rather average '156', these four being the only players to have gone through the '1900' points barrier. However, the *star performance* in Round 12 came from Sam Poolman who returned 184, a total which hoisted him from a lowly 24th to 14th overall and, to date, the highest score in the competition. With an overall aggregate of 1865, Sam is well within striking distance of 10th place which at the time of preparing this column is held by Wilf Jacobs who moved into the *top ten* [and the prize money] with a 164 taking him to 1874 points in total.

Marge Poolman, who made her customary start with Sam, also benefited from an excellent evening, her 176 being 2nd highest in the round and elevation to 8th overall with 1882 points. With just four points covering the three places above her; Sylvia Cox [1886], Ruth Hustings [1885] and Nora Davis [1883], Marge could well provide a serious challenge, provided the cards run in her favour. Ninth in the table is held by Stuart Combs, also on 1882 but having to accede to Marge in that he did not contest the opening round of the contest.

The other highlight of the evening was the welcome return of Doug Haskell who, while partnering Doris Day, secured only the third '13 trick' score of the competition, the two previous partnerships to achieve this being Peter Braithwaite and Stuart [Haskell] and David Brine and Sheila Steel.

A table showing the final places will be published in the June edition of *The Downsman*.

Finally, it gives me much pleasure to report that the members of Sixpenny Handley Whist Club unanimously agreed to the donation from funds of £250.00 each to *Salisbury Hospice* and *Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance* which, I am pleased to learn, will soon be returning to its Henstridge Airfield base.

Bridge. The principal event in the year so far was the Club's Annual Dinner held in mid-February and instead of making this an evening occasion, the Club decided to employ locally based *Chase Manor Catering* and what an excellent decision this turned out to be. The weather on the day was quite spring-like and with close on 20 sitting down to a superb lunch in the Sports Pavilion [pre-lunch drinks being provided by Gerald Trickey and John Davis] a most convivial time was enjoyed by all.

Play has been maintained at a high standard though *slams* have been rather elusive. John Davis, however, has found himself involved in such pleasurable exercises both at Handley and at Tarrant Gunville, while with Tim Stevens as partner, and playing East-West, he notched up a second place at a recent Shaftesbury Friday afternoon duplicate meeting. At the same venue, Gerald and Julie Trickey have had rather mixed fortunes though on more than one occasion have finished in third spot.

Bill Chorley

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For entry please contact the School Office on 01725 552356 before the 15th April.

All monies raised will be used to purchase new updated school reading books for the children.



Handley Sports Youth FC



After our good start since Christmas we had 2 more home games in a row with one away game being called off in between.

Our first game was at home to Broadstone Braves who were rock bottom of the league, however they put up a great fight and although we won 6 - 0 Broadstone gave us a few worries, goals in this game came from Brad Sando getting 2, a penalty from James Hunter, Harry Bullmore and Tom Brown.

The next game was some what unbelievable it was against Blandford who we had beaten 8 - 0 away from home, they turned up with 16 players which is a lot seeing as its only 7 a side at this current age group!! We were expecting a tough game even with the last match but at half-time we came in at 7 - 0 up! Harry Bullmore getting a hat-trick again, Brad Sando another double, and 1 a piece from Tom Brown and Christian Gully-Smith. However the 2nd half didn't quite go as planned and we failed to score again combined with some misses and some very good and brave goalkeeping from the Blandford goalkeeper and Blandford got a late goal near the end but still a great 7 - 1 win.

The week after we went to top side Weymouth and froze, we have had a great season but the lads didn't perform for this one and unfortunately came away losing which as good as meant Weymouth would be league champions.

The week after we had another tough game at home to 4th placed Mudeford Swans, until last week we hadn't lost for 5 months so could we bounce back straight away, we did winning 2 - 1 but again didn't play very well but to win when not playing well is always good. Both our goals coming from top scorer Harry Bullmore.

A week later and in our one but last game we had Mudeford Swans again but away due to some strange fixture changes. After last week and Mudeford's performance we knew they would fancy their chances and clearly did from the start going at us straight away with attack after attack but some good play from us as a team kept them at bay and a goal from Brad Sando gave us a 1 - 0 lead but after all our good play we let them go straight down the other end and make it 1 - 1.

From this moment though we kicked on and for the rest of the game it was us that dominated, first Christian Gully-Smith scored his goal with a fine finish into the bottom left hand corner. The next goal was again great play from Man Of The Match Christian beating a player running down the wing and crossing for a simple tap in for Brad Sandi's 3 - 1 at half-time and the boys knew more would come if we continued to play the same way and they did we scored 5 further goals, Brad Sando completing his hat-trick and 1 more to finish on 4 goals taking his tally to 17 goals so far, great for a midfielder. Tom Brown scored 2 fine goals, one very good beating his player and beating the keeper from some way out! Harry Bullmore got his usual goal taking his tally too 38 goals this season!!

We now have one more game left but currently we have played 17 won 13 drawn 2 and lost 2. Our only 2 defeats too the eventual League champions who until the final weeks of the season we had pushed the whole way.

We have also guaranteed 2nd place which will ensure the boys get a trophy from the league and will also receive their individual ones from the club at our presentation night in May where we have a AFC Bournemouth footballer coming to present the trophies to them. We will finish 7 points behind top but an incredible 15 points ahead of 3rd place.

Next season we go too 11 a side so still on the look out for new players but we now have a potential 14 or 15 players which is fantastic as seeing when we began 3 years ago we struggled to get 7!

Also we will be having a 2nd team at the Under 10s age group so again if you are interested in getting your son/daughter involved please give me a call. It is great we are now entering a second team already and only hope to grow the youth set up here year by year.

Sponsored Football Tournament

On May 10th we are holding a tournament at the recreation Ground, all proceeds made are to go to a local cancer charity and so far we are getting a great response. The boys are being sponsored to play in the tournament and several already have excellent totals, we have written to several companies that are donating to the raffle we will do on the day. The trophies and medals for the participating players are fully covered with a very generous sponsorship offer.

We are looking for any voluntary help on the day and any donations towards the raffle or tombola or in anyway at all you think you can help, we are still looking for ideas for stalls or anything you feel would make the day better for us and all the players. So far we have several fun stalls, penalty shoot outs, face painting and more and more ideas coming in. Also just general support from the village on the day to come support us in the tournament and to take part in events on the day.

So again please if you feel you can offer anything please give me a call.

Contact me Adam Day on 01258 452481 or my email
TheCherries2005@aol.com

As always please visit our website
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Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

Spring has very nearly sprung and as the evenings get longer, should you find yourself at the western end of the village, you may hear strange noises coming from the sports ground - the 'thwack' of leather on willow, a small ripple of applause as another cover drive rattles away for four and the mutterings of a batsman given out with yet another dubious LBW decision.

Yes, the cricket season is very nearly upon us, starting at the beginning of April on Tuesday evenings. The practice nets will be up and being used to maximum effect (goodness knows we need it!!!) and with quickfire 20 over Ranston League games on Wednesday evenings and the more sedate 40 over friendlies on Sunday afternoons, we have a very full and varied cricket season in the offing!

Good News! Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club success in Lottery Grant

Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club are delighted to announce that they have been awarded an Awards for All Lottery Grant of £6,736 towards equipment at the Club. In addition to this the Parish Council have kindly match funded £750 towards the lottery application and the Cricket Club will have raised £1,500 from their own fundraising during the past years.

The grant will go towards the much needed purchase of a new wicket mower, sightscreens and nets. This will improve playing conditions on the wicket and in the nets. It also means that the grass wicket which has been improved over recent years can be looked after with the right equipment.

"This is great news" said David Cross, Club Captain. "With such fantastic facilities the cost of equipment is so expensive and way beyond our means. It would have been very difficult to buy this from our own funds. It is great the Lottery is there to help out in this way and thanks to the Parish Council who gave their support which I am sure helped secure the grant."

With these improved facilities and one of the best village grounds in the area the club is keen to attract more players of all ages, boys and girls and of any level or ability. Or if, like me, you haven't picked up a bat for 20 years and just fancy doing a bit of fitness, you should get involved.

Nets are on Tuesday evenings from after 6.30pm from April and we play Wednesday evening League and friendly Sunday games from May till September.

If you would like to know more about playing, helping with the teas (which I might add are exceptional!) or just coming to spectate and lend you support, please give us a call.

See you there!

Simon Chapman
Sunday Captain
552294

David Cross
Wednesday Captain
552640

Ranston League	- Wednesday 7th May v Blandford Rugby Club	- home 6pm
Friendly	- Sunday 11th May v BSA	- home 2pm
Ranston Knock Out Cup	- Wednesday 14th May v Kilminster	- away 6pm
Ranston League	- Wednesday 21st May v Pimperne	- home 6pm
Friendly	- Sunday 25th May v Pyt Hour	- home 2pm
Friendly	- Sunday 1st June v BSC Wanderers	- home 2pm



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



We are coming to the end of our Short Mat season and will be finished in our league matches by the time you read this. We have played our last few matches in both divisions and we won some and lost some, but that is the way it goes.

We had the usual attendance on our practise nights and the player of the month for January was Clifford Miles and for February Pat Oxford.

In February we also had our singles day and it was a very enjoyable day. Colin won this. Our pair's day was the 1st Sunday in March. In the semi-finals Clifford and Colin played Sarah and Geoff. The final was between Colin and Geoff and Geoff won this.

We also played a few friendly matches, which we always like playing and the tea and raffle afterwards make it a very nice afternoon.

While all this has been going on a few members have been busy cleaning the green and it should look very nice when we start playing outside again at the end of April. Our first match is a friendly against Cranborne, so we need to get some practise in as soon as the green is ready and the weather is nice!

This brings me to the subject of new members. We are always pleased to meet anybody who might be interested in joining us. Once the outdoor season starts we will be there for practice every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening. So please come along and see what you think of the game. You don't know if you like it until you try!!

If you are not sure whether you would like to join our club, why not become a social member for only £15 per year? You will be able to join us in our social events and in our after match 'teas'. It might give you some insight in how we operate and help you to understand the game.

If you are interested you can get in contact with me, on 552805, or any of our members.

Bea Boyland
Secretary

100 Club Winners

January

1st	56	Mr Chick
2nd.	140	Mr G. Jackson
3rd	109	Mrs L. Coombes

February

1st.	74	Mrs M. Summeril
2nd	16	Rob Jesse
3rd	134	Mrs K. Hardiman

The 100 club is run in aid of the Village Hall.
If you would like to join or know more about it please contact George or Bea Boyland on 552805.

For only £1 a month you too could be a winner!

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club



The Tennis season for 2008 is about to start – We would really like to see the tennis courts enjoyed and in use by as many people as possible.

We are currently looking for new members of any age and ability to come and enjoy the wonderful facilities that we have available to us.

The first **CLUB NIGHT** is on **Wednesday 16th April 2008** – open to everyone – and starting at 5.30pm to encourage members/potential members of any age and ability to come and join in.

CLUB TENNIS POOL - If you feel like a game of tennis and have no one to play with a quick ring round should find you a partner for a game. Anyone interested in joining the tennis pool, please let us know and we will share your contact information with other Members who have expressed an interest in a tennis pool.

Roni is planning to run a **JUNIOR COACHING COURSE** in the Easter Holidays – please contact Roni on 01258 840 505 and she will organise dates and times with you. To take part in any coaching sessions you must be a member of the tennis club.

Suzie Wyatt has very kindly offered to organise the **SHAFTESBURY LEAGUE** matches again this year. We will be entering a team and if you are interested in playing competitive tennis against other clubs please let us know. The matches are great fun and provide an opportunity to meet other club members as well. There will be match practice sessions starting after the Easter break on Sundays at 4pm.

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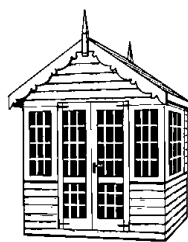
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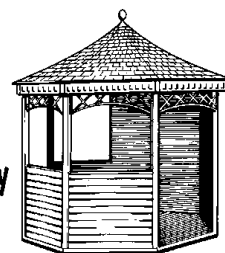
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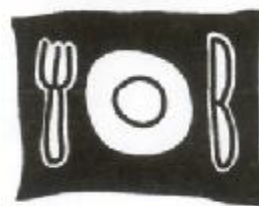
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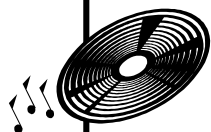
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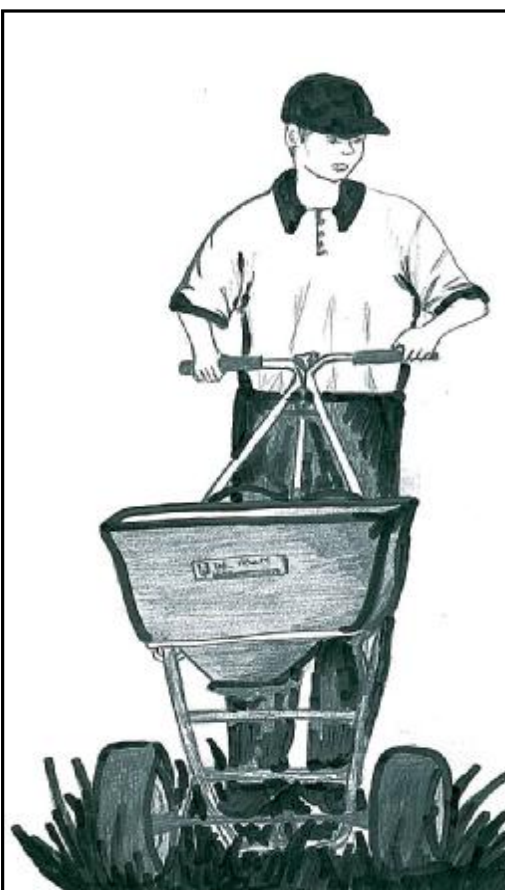
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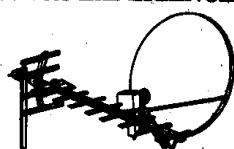


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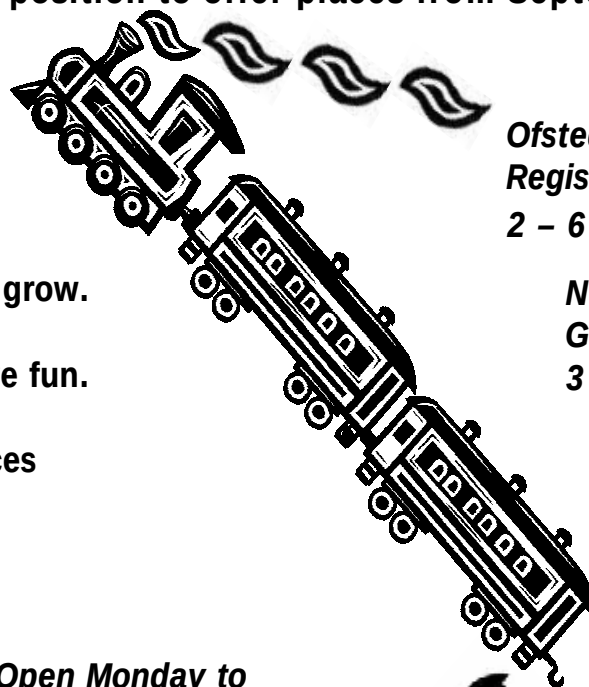
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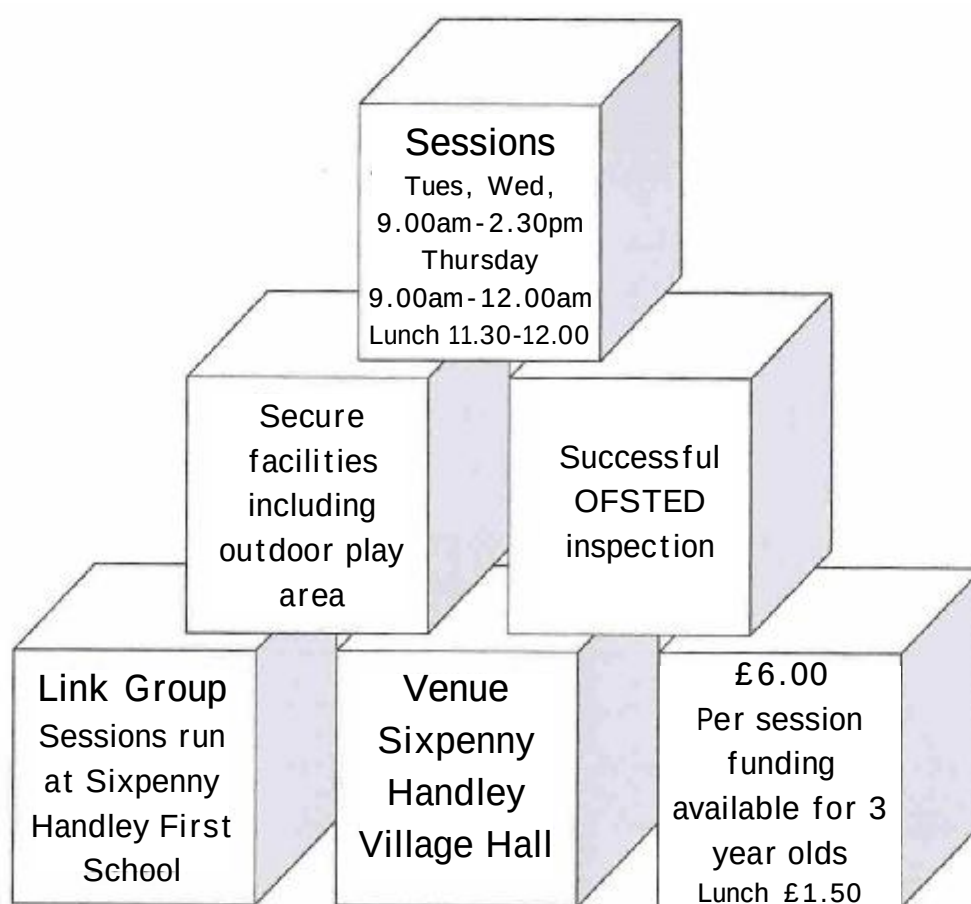
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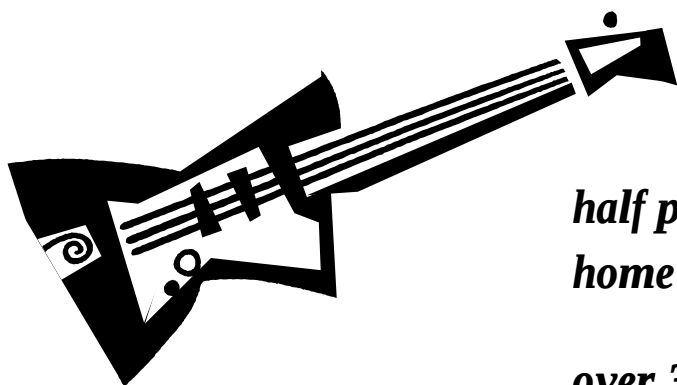
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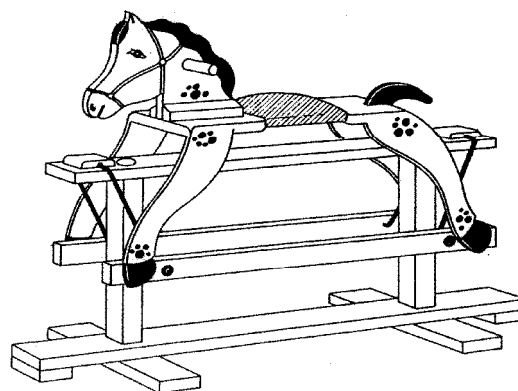
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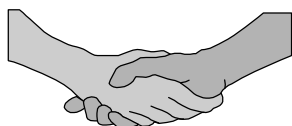
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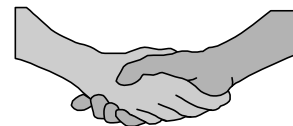


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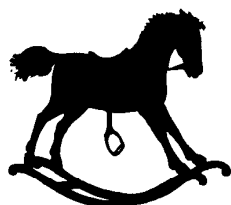
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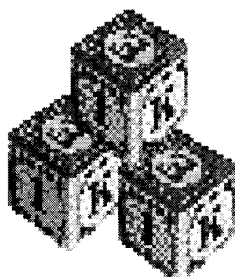


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30-Apr	W.I. Birthday Meal	22	09-Jun	W.I. Institute Meeting	22
01-May	Mobile Library	11	12-Jun	Mobile Library	11
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