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Clerk's Corner

Sixpenny Handley Spring Fayre - 31st May

Here I have a problem! The Fayre is still two weeks away but, when you receive *The Downsman* it will have happened!! We simply hope that it didn't rain, the event went off without incident and that you raised a vast sum to be shared by the Scouts, the Church and the Sports Association. I will report properly in the August issue.

Next Event

Sixpenny Handley Sports Association Open Day will take place on Saturday 5th July. Please support it, try your hand at various sports and maybe join a club.

Then

The Sixpenny Handley Horticultural and Homecrafts Show (The Flower Show) will take place on Saturday 13th September. Dozens of categories and I would welcome competition in the (gentlemen only!) "Moist Chocolate Cake" department. The Flower Show is advertised elsewhere in this issue and application forms are available in the shops. **Please support.**

Litter-picking on Saturday 12th April was a huge success. Many thanks to Parish Councillors, the Allotment Association and particularly to Nick Massen, Tyler Rutten and Mark Hannan, who helped with an event which hardly qualified as "cool". We collected 52 bags of litter; my dear Mother helped and said that being surrounded by the detritus of Sixpenny Handley added to the ambience of her 88th birthday on Sunday!! Next litter-picking is on June 1st but again I am too late to advertise here.

Retraction of apology

Destruction of the Christmas tree was two-stage. Having been vandalised (rascal identified), only the remains were blown by wind onto the road. **Please, no more!**

Christopher Snape

Clerk to the Parish Council



PIGLETS STOLEN!

John Thompson who runs the pig farm at Knowle Farm suffered a theft of eight piglets. This happened in broad daylight at about 15:15 on Friday 16th May. His attention was drawn to the sound of a sow squealing and he saw two males removing the piglets from a pen. Unfortunately he was too far away to see them clearly only to say that one of them was wearing a white top. They used a new style Transit sized van white in colour with black trim running down the back edges of the vehicle. They had parked on the Howgare Rd and made off towards the Martin crossroads. They could have then gone towards Salisbury, Martin or Blandford.

Sadly the piglets were only six days old and need to be suckled and of course they are too small for consumption. So heaven knows why these men took them.

Can I ask if anyone is passing along the road adjacent to the pig farm that they keep an eye out for John. He has never had this happen before and certainly doesn't want a repeat. Please record any registration that you think may be suspicious.

PC Pete



GARDENS OPEN - CHALK COTTAGE & WAYSIDE



SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2008

2.00 - 6.00PM

These two gardens are situated in Deanland, north of Sixpenny Handley (between Salisbury and Blandford) on a small lane off the road to Bowerchalke.

Chalk Cottage is a colourful 1/3 acre SW-sloping old-fashioned cottage garden overlooking fields and woods. There is an abundance of annuals, perennials, roses and shrubs, amongst trees covered with scented ramblers. There is a wild flower area, places to sit, two 'rescue' tawny owls to see, many plants for sale, as well as home-made teas.

Wayside has a small country garden planted with herbaceous perennials, old roses and clematis. There is a small pond, water feature and many planted containers.



£3.00 (children - half price)
covers entry to both gardens,
proceeds to be split between Handley church funds
and Salisbury Hospice



Thank You

Well the deed has been done and what a day - started off hot then torrential icy rain and strong winds - I managed to finish in just under 5 hours (a minute under!!) and if I could have done it quicker then I would have to get it over and done with. I can honestly say that it is a long way!!!

I cannot imagine doing another marathon and would not do one other than the London Marathon for the fantastic support every inch of the 26.2 miles. I had my own supporting posse of Andrew and the boys as it was Alfie's birthday on the day. My brother and sister-in-law also saw me up the embankment. I have said never again...

I have hit my target for Whizz-kidz of £1500 and I also received a healthy £40 from a collection box in the village shop prior to the run.

The Whizz-kidz site tells you how each pound is put to use immediately. Additionally, any children with disabilities needing mobility equipment should check out Whizz-kidz, especially in the light of all the funding coming in from the London Marathon (one of their largest fund-raisers!!).

Many, many thanks for all you kind support and generous sponsorship.

Cara

In our villages we have two precious listed buildings:

St Mary's,
Sixpenny
Handley

St Andrews
Chapel,
Gussage St Andrew

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



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

Thank you to those who have given to our appeal so far,
but we have a long way to go.

If you have not responded yet, please help – every little helps.
Detailed planning has now started & in the next edition of this
magazine we will give you an update on progress.

(Please also read Rev Mel Durrant's article in the Seeker part of this magazine, & have a look at our
new church website www.handleychurch.org.uk)

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 5th JULY 2008

In the Morning:
Sponsored Walk, Fun Run & Cycle Ride

In the Afternoon:
Cricket Match
Tennis, Bowls, Football

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bacon Sandwiches

Cream Teas, Cold Drinks

We need some ideas for other activities
- what would you like to do?
Wellie-throwing and splat-the-rat are sports!!
Who can raise a Tug-O-War team?

Come on, please support us & help raise much needed
funds to make our super sports facilities even better.

Ideas please to David Cross on 552640
or 07967 555 617

Come along, have some fun, meet the clubs
and perhaps join one.

A Green and Yellow Woodcuts

How the countryside changes from day to day. This time last week, Friday 9th May, we thought the onset of summer was with us, most trees were in leaf, grass was beginning to grow and wild flowers were in abundance. A warm sunny week, followed by a night of rain and all the trees came out fully into leaf and the countryside was a mass of different shades of green. Now our second day of cooler cloudy weather has brought growth to a halt again, although it has not affected the birds. They, despite the overcast weather, are still as melodious as ever. They have families to feed and territories to protect, and they go about their parenting more melodiously than ever. A few clouds are not going to stop them making the most of their world.

I am again sitting at the kitchen table and am watching the birds feeding on the peanuts and fat balls hanging from the bird table. Again there is a male, greater spotted wood pecker feeding on one lot of the nuts, while two greenfinches and a chaffinch and a blue tit are feeding on the second lot, with a robin hungrily devouring the fat balls. There are also two collared doves, a mistle thrush and two small sparrows on the lawn. We are so lucky to live here in this oasis of nature surrounded with but protected from the surrounding arable farmland.

Before we leave this little corner of heaven, I must mention the snakes head fritillary, that I spoke of last year, which Penny and Paul next door, had growing at the base of a north facing wall. This year it was even more beautiful than before and Paul has photographed it for me as you can see in this picture.



Now I want to talk about wild flowers generally. Have you noticed how well most of our flowering, wild plants have done so far this year. In a previous Downsman, I mentioned the snowdrops and celandines and primroses, which had all flowered abundantly. Now I have to mention cowslips, bluebells, wood anemones, buttercups, red campions, dandelions, white and bladder campions and stitchworts. Cowslips have bloomed better than I can ever remember before. The two areas that are most worthy of mention, are firstly the field on the south side of the Salisbury road where the tumuli are just west of the garage and secondly the fields on top of the downs on the road between Tollard Royal and Shaftesbury. As a downsman all my life I never remember seeing such a show before.

Bluebells must have been seen by most people, as there are pieces of woodland, bordering on most of the roads from the village which are inundated with them. As they were coming out we were privileged to see a wonderful showing of wood anemones, which unfortunately are short lived. Outside the woodland, on the grass verges, in fields as yet not grazed or cut for hay or silage and also in the churchyard the buttercups are having a wonderful year. Much of this buttercup land is shared with the dandelions, which are impressive in their own right this year.

Leaving the fields and back to the roadside verges, there are wonderful displays of the red campion. The best place to see this beautiful specimen is again on the Tollard Royal to Shaftesbury road. This time it is on the western side of the road between the two

road junctions to Ashmore. I think I can honestly say I have never seen such a wonderful example of this species. White and bladder campions, not to be outdone can be seen on a number of occasions in copious numbers on grass verges at the side of roads around the village.

All these flowers have been or are doing well this year, which is more than can be said for the butterflies. Where are they? Normally we would be seeing more cabbage whites than we would want, large numbers of brimstones, red admirals, the occasional painted lady, small tortoiseshell and the odd blue. This year we have seen practically nothing. Possible the most sightings have been of the orange tip, a species I didn't even mention in my original list. What sort of environmental changes can expect for the future? Whatever they are, let's hope that one is not the extinction of the butterfly species we know and love. (The cabbage white could be expected in huge number as the oil seed rape is an ideal host plant.)

Now we must leave the countryside and turn to more mundane matters, which no doubt are not as interesting but are just as important. You may have heard recently that our prime minister Mr.Calamity Brown (or should that be Capability), has said that he will ensure that Scotland will not gain independence while he is in charge. He has said nothing about Woodcuts though. We will go ahead with our plans for the future independence. Plans for a national anthem are well ahead, the song chosen is entitled:-

"O what a wonderful bird the frog are."

The final version is yet to be agreed, as I can only remember the next three lines, which are:- When he stands he sit almost,
And when he sits down
He sits on what he ain't got almost.

If anyone out there does know the rest, please contact the embassy. We will also be looking for ambassadors to represent us abroad, so brush up your foreign languages and make sure you've got a respectable and interesting wardrobe, and of course clothes to put in it. One of the first countries where we will need an ambassador will be Germany, because a lot of the oil seed rape grown here, is to be exported there for the manufacture of bio-diesel. Local farmers need not apply.

While thinking of oil seed rape and all the yellow fields that cover the countryside, I have been reminded of this articles title. The green of course is to be seen everywhere; without green chlorophyll we would have no plant life, but the yellow was always much more subtle until the coming of oil seed rape. However have you ever thought about the predominant colour of our wild, spring flowers? It is of course yellow. Yellow daffodils, celandines, primroses, cowslips, buttercups and dandelions are in preponderance. I am not sure what that means but it sounds good, so I will leave it. So it would seem Mother Nature has a fondness for this colour, but I am not sure whether she intended to have so much oil seed rape growing everywhere. As soon as we gain our independence, it will be banned here.

Ted Cox

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.

Village Hall News

Hello again,

A disappointing number of people turned up for the A.G.M. All the reports were good and everything seems to be moving along nicely. All the committee and officers were re-elected so we have some continuity for the next 12 months. Thank you for that.

The treasurer reported a healthy bank balance. We made a profit over the year. He recommended no increase in hire charges for the coming year. This will be the third year running that we have been able to hold prices. The executive committee has now passed this. The present hire charges will cover the period until 1st September 2009. Well done everyone.

The booking secretary reported that there are one or two outstanding accounts that have not been paid. However this situation should not happen again as the new booking forms start to work. There will be a deposit on booking and a full payment one week in advance. This will not apply to regular bookings, as a different form will be used.

The film show will go ahead on the 10th October. More details next time along with details of the winter programme so watch this space (always wanted to say that!).

Rob's Auction is on Saturday 18th October.

The new computer is now installed at the V.H. Anyone interested in using or wanting more details please contact any member of the committee. It has been put to me that perhaps a new silver surfers club could be formed to help get more information in the use of laptop computers. Bring your own laptop or use the one in the V.H. This should make an interesting couple of hours one afternoon or early evening once a week. Any thoughts please give me a ring on 552 591.

Thanks for reading this.

Gordon Oxford
Chairman

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

March

1st	140	Mr and Mrs Jackson
2nd	91	Mrs M. Smith
3rd	86	Mrs Rose

April

1st	41	Mrs Collins	£25
2nd	49	Mr T. Henderson	£15
3rd	59	Dr I. Geddes	£10

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!



Thursday 12th June
At Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Doors open at 7pm, 7.30pm start
Refreshments
Raffle

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CHASE PRE-SCHOOL
(REG. CHARITY NO: 1033941)



Let's Dance

Friday 11th July 2008
8 p m

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Tickets £5

Refreshments
£6 on the night Limited availability

Find tickets at Sixpenny Handley Post Office
or Phone 01725 552 098

Thank you for supporting The Chase Pre-School

Private Ernest White (8517)
2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

(Part 1)

Since the death of Private Maurice Jesse on the opening day of the *Battle of Arras* [profiled in the October 2006, edition of *The Downsman*], no soldier from the village had fallen in action while serving with any of the Wiltshire regiments. Aged eight at the time of the 1901 Census, Ernest White was twenty-five when he was killed in action on the first day of June 1918. His service records show that he was attested, at Devizes, into H Company on 29 March 1910, and at the time of his death he was married to Winifred Mary White of Ham House, Childe Okeford [sic] in Dorset. Other documents show that he arrived in France on 7 October 1914, and was thus eligible for the 1914 Star.

Thus, from such official detail it can be surmised that he saw active service from almost the outset of the *Great War* and came to within less than six months from being counted amongst the fortunate survivors from 1914.

In my last profile I presented an overview of the last major German offensive of the war, an offensive referred to as *The Kaiser's Battle*, and looking at my copy of the 2nd Battalion's history it shows that the Wiltshires' were heavily involved and, therefore, it is worth reporting some of the diary entries leading up to the offensive and the events that followed, much to the Battalion's cost.

The first entry of importance was written by the diarist on 19 March, twenty-four hours after moving into the line in the St. Quentin sector and relieving the 19th Battalion, King's [Liverpool] Regiment in the right subsection of trenches to the south of St. Quentin, the town being in enemy hands with its western suburbs merely a

few kilometres away across the killing ground that constituted *no-man's-land*.

"Quiet day. Information was received from prisoners captured that the enemy was expected to attack on the night 20/21st inst, and preparations were made accordingly. At 10 p.m. gas was emitted from our front line. No enemy retaliation was forthcoming."

The next day was regarded as normal for troops in the line but as a precaution the Battalion headquarters staff moved to their Battle HQ in L'Epine Redoubt on the Ham to St. Quentin road [now the D920]. The diarist then records the first hours of the ferocious battle that erupted across the Battalion's front in the early hours of the 21st.

"An intense enemy bombardment of our trenches and back areas with H.E. and gas shells commenced at 4.30 a.m. and continued throughout the day. The enemy attacked at 10 a.m. with two Divisions on our Battalion front, and owing to the dense mist which prevailed broke through on our flanks and surrounded the Battalion in spite of the strong resistance which was offered." Now comes a passage portending the fate that had befallen the Wiltshires' as they fought to try and stem the rush of German infantry that was in their midst. *"No definite information was forthcoming owing to the Battalion being cut off but a message was received by pigeon carrier at 1.30 p.m. from Lt Col A V P MARTIN to the effect that he was still holding out in the Redoubt with 50 men."*

This was probably the last message sent from Lieutenant Colonel Martin for by nightfall, wounded, he was in enemy hands.

Meanwhile, the Battalion Transport which had been north of the Ham to St. Quentin road at Fluquieres when the enemy first attacked immediately withdrew southwards towards Dury, but with barely a pause to regroup turned westwards and crossed the Ham to Noyon road [now the D922] before halting at Esmerly-Hallon.

Throughout the night and well into the next day all attempts to establish contact with the main body of troops failed and with the enemy still advancing the situation was now deemed to be critical. In consequence, Battalion Transport pulled out of Esmerly-Hallon at 5 p.m. and with reports of forward units of German infantry on their right flank trekked west-north-west into Moyencourt.

For the rest of the month, the rear echelon of the Battalion was unable to establish any form of contact with the main body while the Transport section continued to retire in the face of heavy infantry attacks. On the 24th Ham was reported in enemy hands and spearheads of storm troopers were encroaching on Esmerly-Hallon.

Nevertheless, valiant efforts were being made to slow the German advance, Captain W B Gardner MC having got into the small town of Roye [the Battalion Transport having arrived here from Moyencourt on the 23rd] gathered up as many men as possible from the near exhausted transport section and took them towards the canal that runs almost due north twixt Noyon and Peronne. Here, west of the village of Libermont they fought the first of a series of rear guard actions which appear to have continued until at least the 30th when the survivors were pulled out and over the next twenty-fours retired many kilometres to the west, eventually passing through Abbeville and on to Pende, a largish village just to the south-west of St-Valery-sur-Somme where the advance party had arrived by rail ahead of what remained of the first line transport. Tragically, forty-eight hours before the

retirement was ordered, Captain Gardner MC fell in action. He has no known grave, his name being inscribed on panel 64 at the Pozieres Memorial sited on the D929 and roughly midway between Albert and Bapaume. As a measure of the intensity of the fighting that took place in March and April 1918, this Memorial alone commemorates over 14,000 Allied servicemen who died in this relatively small area of fighting. And it is, perhaps, with no surprise to find that his date of death has been incorrectly recorded as "20 March 1918" and not the 28th [though, I think, the diarist is in some doubt for he has written "*about this time*"].

However, for the 2nd Battalion their part in the sweep of action was over and on 2 April their War Diary has the following chilling report; seventeen named officers missing, one [Captain W B Gardner MC] killed, four wounded, while other ranks casualties are recorded as killed four, wounded nine, missing 597, the majority of whom, I suspect, had become prisoners of war for the 30th Division [made up of the 21st Brigade [three battalions including the Wiltshires'] and the 89th Brigade whose three battalions included the 19th King's which the Wiltshires' had relieved on the 17th/18th] fatalities were later calculated as 245 killed.

To be continued in the next issue of The Downsman.

Bill Chorley

Postscript. In preparing the first part of Ernest White's profile, I have drawn on material published in *War Diary of the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment August 1914 – February 1919*, published in 2004 by the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment Wardrobe and Museum Trust, and Martin Middlebrook's quite indispensable *The Kaiser's Battle* published in 1978 by Allen Lane/Penguin Books.

**Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, held in the Village Hall on
23rd April 2008**

1. The Vice-Chairman welcomed 26 members of the Parish and introduced PC Jane Brittain.
2. PC Brittain stated that a young lad from the village had been reported missing since early morning and a police search had been underway for most of the day. She spoke about her work in the Safer Neighbourhood Team and its latest initiative – PACT – Partners and Communities Together. A copy of her report is attached to the minutes.
3. Cllr Chick updated the meeting on the progress to date concerning the Parish Plan, started in October 2005 with the formation of a Steering Group. Questionnaires were sent to all households and businesses in the Parish asking for proposed improvements. Consolidation of the answers produced a first draft and working groups were set up to research specific topics, e.g. Youth, Transport, Health, etc. The groups contacted relevant organisations & authorities to investigate the viability of proposals. Periodic meetings were held to discuss findings. In April 2007, a consultation event was held in the Village Hall, with the Parish Plan in draft. This was publicised by the Ferndown Town Cryer and attended by over 100 people. Some useful feed-back and comments were made and these were considered within the context of the Plan. Between April and November final drafting and editing took place and the plan was delivered to every household in early December 2007.

The Parish Plan was instrumental in the provision of a skate park for the youth & it is proving a rallying point for the Community.

The Parish Plan has now been adopted by East Dorset District Council and the Parish Council which is currently creating a computerised copy with a realistic timescale, which can be updated and reviewed at regular intervals.

4. Mr Rob Jesse then gave an update on the Parish History Book that he is currently compiling. He had a display of photographs of objects that had been discovered in the area. He invited those present to inspect his efforts and he invited constructive criticism and additional contributions in the form of village snapshots and snippets.
5. With the permission of the Vice-Chairman, the Clerk made an impassioned appeal to all those present for maximum involvement and representation at the High Street Fayre on May 31st to raise funds for St Mary's Church, 1st Woodcutts Scouts and Sixpenny Handley Sports Association.

The Vice-Chairman thanked PC Jane Brittain and the other speakers on behalf of the Parish. She thanked parishioners for attending and she suggested that they inspect Mr Jesse's book over refreshments.

Sat 14 & Sun 15 June
Bowerchalke
Flower Festival
"All Things Bright & Beautiful"
Holy Trinity Church
1pm – 5pm
Festival Service Sunday 10am
Open Gardens
Admission £4 includes all gardens
Tickets from Village Hall
Teas
at Village Hall & Ebble Thatch
THE WILTON BAND WILL PLAY ON SUNDAY
Plant Stall
 Contact: 01722 780068

CHALKE VALLEY PLAYSCHOOL
 Lottery No. SL0043 Charity No. 1029398

The
Great Duck Race
 2008
Sunday 15th June
2:00pm
 Longbridge Field, Broad Chalke Village



First Prize £100, plus other prizes
 Ducks available from Broad Chalke Shop
 or from Playschool parents

**BBQ, Refreshments, Coconut Shy, Side Stalls
 and Much More!**

Supporting the Chalke Valley Playschool
Registered with Salisbury District Council for the purposes of the Lottery and Amusements Act 1976

Drs Pelly, Nodder & Morgan
 The Surgery, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 5PA
 Tel 01725 552500
 Dispensary 01722 780105

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR WORKS!

A major refurbishment of the administrative area in both the Sixpenny Handley and Broad Chalke Surgeries will be starting towards the end of May 2008.

We apologise for any disruption this may cause

**If you need to request a repeat prescription during
 May and June,
 please put your order in at least a week earlier than usual.**

If you have any concern about your supply of medication during this time please discuss it with a dispenser or receptionist.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY HORTICULTURAL & HOMECRAFTS SHOW

Saturday 13th September

VEGETABLES & FRUIT:

4 White Oval Potatoes
 4 Coloured Potatoes
 4 Onions from Sets
 4 Onions from Seeds
 8 Shallots - Pickling
 8 Shallots - Culinary
 4 Carrots - 4" Tops
 4 Globe Beetroot
 A Pair of Marrows - not to exceed 15"
 6 Runner Beans
 2 Cabbages with Roots
 4 Ripe Tomatoes (outdoor or indoor)
 A selection of Chillies
 A collection of 4 different Vegetables
 1 Lettuce with roots
 3 Courgettes - not more than 7" in length
 An Exhibit of any other Vegetable not listed in 1-16
 3 Cooking Apples
 3 Dessert Apples
 A Collection of Fruit - 3 Different Kinds
 Heaviest Pumpkin
 Heaviest Potato
 Longest Runner Bean
 Longest Stick of Rhubarb
 Most Misshapen Vegetable

COOKERY:

Lemon Drizzle Cake (to recipe)
 Loaf of Brown Bread - 1lb Size
 4 Lemon Curd Tarts
 A Swiss Roll
 3 Shortbread Fingers
 Cherry and Coconut Cake (to recipe)
 A Vegetarian Flan - 8"
 5 Sausage Rolls (Puff Pastry)
 4 Cheese Scones
 5 Flapjacks

DAHLIAS and AUTUMN FLOWERS:

Dahlia - Giant Decorative/Giant Cactus - 1 Bloom
 Dahlia - Large Flowered Decorative/Cactus - 1 Bloom
 Dahlia - Med Decorative Flowered-Cactus - 3 Blooms
 Dahlia - Small Flowered Decorative - 3 Blooms
 Dahlia - Small Flowered Cactus - 3 Blooms
 Dahlia - Waterlily Types - 3 Blooms
 Dahlia - Pompon - 3 Blooms
 Dahlia - Collerette - 3 Blooms
 Bowl of Dahlias - Mixed or Alike (arranged for effect)
 Any Other Type of Dahlia - 1 Bloom
 Dahlias Grown for Garden Decoration - any 3 stems
 Chrysanthemum Spray - 3 Sprays
 Chrysanthemum - Any Type - 3 Sprays
 Penstemon - 3 Stems
 Mixed Vase of Garden Flowers - 7 Stems
 Fuschia in Pot - Max 8"
 Gladiolus - 1 Spike
 Gladiolus Butterfly or Primulus - 1 Spike
 1 Specimen Rose
 3 Roses - Any
 Michaelmas Daisy - 3 Stems
 Foliage Pot Plant - Max. Pot Size 8"
 Flowering Pot Plant - Max. Pot Size 8"
 Succulent or Cactus - Max. Pot Size 8

Loaf of White Bread - 1lb Size
 Victoria Sandwich using 3 Eggs - 7" tin
 Jar of Strawberry Jam - 1lb or 12oz Clear Glass Jar
 Jar of Raspberry Jam - 1lb or 12oz Clear Glass Jar
 Jar of any Other Jam - 1lb or 12oz Clear Glass Jar
 Jar of Jelly, any Variety - 1lb or 12oz Clear Glass Jar
 Jar of Lemon Curd - 6oz / 12oz or 1lb Clear Glass Jar
 Jar of Chutney - any size Glass Jar
 Jar of Marmalade - 1lb or 12oz Clear Glass Jar
 Moist Chocolate Cake (to recipe) - Men Only
 Bakewell Tart

HOBBIES

Classes:-

Hand Made Greeting Card
 An Embroidered Item - using various stitches
 A Piece of Cross Stitched Work
 A Decorated Cushion - any medium
 An Item of Patchwork

An Article Made from a Metre of Material

An Article of Tapestry
 A Decorated Flower Pot - up to 12 inches
 A Stuffed Toy - any material
 An Exhibit Made of Wood and/or Metal

CHILDREN'S HOMECRAFT - 4 to 10yrs

Classes:-

Miniature Garden - any container

A Scarecrow - maximum height 3ft.
 Picture of an Animal or Animals, < 20cms x 30cms

3 Jam Tarts
 A Necklace made from Pulses or Sweets
 A Posy of Garden Flowers in a Small Jar
 A Decorated Egg Cup
 Best Dressed Teddy
 A Gingerbread Man
 A Rubbing on any subject

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

Classes:-

A Sketch - "A Sign Of The Zodiac"
 A Painting in Watercolour, Oil or Acrylic
 A Landscape Photograph
 A Photograph on the theme of Water
 A Photograph - "The Beauty Of Trees"
 A Photograph of a single bloom from your Garden
 A Drawing - "Local Architecture" - in Charcoal, Crayon
 A Photograph - "New Arrival"
 A Collage based on the theme of Birds

FLORAL ART

Classes:-

An exhibit with the theme "Twisted, Tangled and Tied"
 An exhibit on the theme "Autumn Mists" - with figurine

An exhibit with the theme "Out Of Africa"
 An exhibit with the theme "Days Of Wine and Roses"
 An Arrangement incorporating a Bird Feeder

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Mobile Library Schedule

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

Woodyates – Cobley Close	2.25 – 2.40
Back Lane/St Mary's Close	3.00 – 3.20
Roebuck Inn	3.25 – 3.45
Dean Lane	3.50 – 4.05
Sheasby Close	4.10 – 4.30

June 12th, 26th, July 10th, 24th, August 7th

Show Recipes

Cherry and Coconut Cake

6oz	Butter	5oz	Sugar	
8oz	Plain Flour	1 tsp	Baking Powder	
3	Eggs	4oz	Glacé Cherries	
2oz	Coconut	Approx. 2tbs Milk		Approx. 8" Cake Tin

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat eggs and add gradually. If the mixture curdles, add a little flour. Sieve flour and baking powder. Add coconut. Halve the cherries and toss into the flour mixture. Then fold into the creamed mixture. Add sufficient milk to produce a dropping consistency. Put into a greased and floured tin and bake in a slow oven - 150°C/ Gas Mark 2 - for 1hr to 1½hrs until firm to touch.

Moist Chocolate Cake

5oz	Self-raising Flour	6oz	Soft Margarine	
3	Large Eggs	6oz	Caster Sugar	
3oz	Drinking Chocolate	3tbs	Boiling Water	1 x 8" Cake Tin

Grease and line tin. Mix all the ingredients together in one bowl. Stir gently to begin with until combined. Beat for 2 minutes. Transfer mixture to the prepared tin and bake in the centre of a moderate oven (150°C/ Gas Mark 2) for about an hour until well-risen and firm. Leave cake in tin for 5 minutes, then turn onto a wire tray to cool. Slice the cake through the middle and fill with the Butter Cream when cool. Coat the top with plain melted chocolate.

For Butter Cream - use 2oz Butter, 4oz icing sugar sieved, 2tsp hot water, vanilla essence. Beat butter until soft, gradually beat in icing sugar, water and essence to taste.

For Topping - use 4oz plain cooking chocolate. Make as directed on packet. Quickly spread on sponge as it sets and swirl with a fork.

Lemon Drizzle Cake

5oz	Self-raising Flour	2tbs	Lemon Curd
4oz	Caster Sugar	4oz	Margarine
2	Large Eggs		Rind and Juice of 1 lemon

Mix together flour and margarine by rubbing. Add beaten eggs, lemon curd, caster sugar and grated lemon rind. Cook in a 1lb rectangular tin at 350°F/180°C/Gas Mark 4 for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and pour the lemon juice and two table spoons of melted caster sugar over the top. Return to the oven for a further 5 minutes.

1st Woodcutts

Wow, what a great time to be a member of the Woodcutts Scout Group. Current numbers stand at eighteen Cubs with more on their way in the next few weeks. Terrific enthusiasm from the children, loads of support from the parents, lots of recognition from our District Scouting organisation and our Group Scout Leader has just been awarded the top honour in Scouting in recognition of his achievements here over the last 50 years, congratulations John.

Last May Bank holiday weekend we took our group, including 16 Cubs, to the East Dorset District Scout camp at Buddens Farm near Wareham. There we joined 400 plus other young people from Scout Groups all over East Dorset and the children took part in a range of activities including kayaking, archery, abseiling, orienteering, pioneering, air rifle shooting and backwoods cooking. Oh and then there was the small matter of the rocket building competition .. which we WON!! We also won the wide game organized on the Saturday night. All of the guys from Woodcutts behaved fantastically, a fact which was noted and commented on by many at the camp. I was particularly proud of all the newest and youngest members of the Cub pack, many of whom had never camped before. They all embraced the experience with enthusiasm and were a credit to all.

Right, what else is going on? Well I'm sure most people are aware of the major fund-raising project we are undertaking at the moment in order to try and replace our ailing Scout Hut. One of our enterprising parents, Michelle Austin, has come up with a scheme for raising cash via the collection of aluminium for scrap. The main source of this would be drinks cans (beer cans of course are included so I have been doing my best to assist the cause, but we do stress that we only wish to encourage sensible drinking!!!! J). But it's not just cans, anything purely made from aluminium is required. For example, we have just arranged to collect the frame of an old greenhouse, we have also been given a damaged pair of aluminium steps and some saucepans. But the cans are the main thing, drink 'em, crush 'em flat and get them to us please. There is currently a collection point at the post office, but you can always pass on any you have to me. Michelle has arranged for the Coca Cola company to provide us with collection boxes which we hope to issue soon to the Cubs and Beavers to take home. With a little bit of effort we have a great way to make a tidy sum which will all be ploughed back into something of benefit for our local children.

Well I reckon that's it for now. If anyone has any great ideas for fund raising or would like to become actively involved with helping please feel free to contact me.

Cheers for now.

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News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

April Various crafts were featured in the many items that adorned the tables at the Exhibition in the Village Hall to mark the end of the 85th year of the W.I. in Sixpenny Handley. A detailed diary of this year is nearing completion and the finished pages were on display along with old records of meetings, letters and photographs. It was disappointing that so few local people came to see the crafts and peruse the hand written books containing many interesting facts and figures about life in the village from 1922 to the present day.

At the Annual Meeting eight of the committee were re-elected. Sheila Bradley, who decided not to seek re-election was thanked for her dedication over the years. Jan Gibb remains President. The diarists were congratulated on their superb effort and members look forward to reading the completed volume.

Esme Isaacs, Dorset W.I. representative for the Associated Country Women of the World, outlined the functions of this organisation. The latest project for which we will be collecting, is to enable women leprosy victims in remote Indian villages to become self-sufficient after receiving training in livestock management and thereby no longer being reliant on begging.

Cups were presented to:

Lorna Starr	-	Her poem for Annual Competition
Jan Gibb	-	Monthly Competitions
Rita Taylor	-	Flower of the Month

The President and Mrs Win Judd then cut the 86th Birthday Cake, kindly made by Sheila Bradley.

The birthday meal at the end of April found 28 members at Druscilla's having a most enjoyable time.

May A secret ballot held in April has shown that a majority of members are in favour of singing Jerusalem at all Institute Meetings. This will start in June.

A report on the Spring Council Meeting was read by the Institute representative, Jean Maidment.

The two Resolutions chosen for inclusion in the business at the June A.G.M. in Liverpool were discussed and found favour. They are:

- Ban on trawling of the seabed bottom
- Inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill.

President Jan Gibb will be attending this meeting on our behalf.

By way of light relief Lorna Starr taxed our brains with an horticultural quiz which was devised by her grandmother in the 1920's and put to yesteryears members' of Sixpenny Handley W.I. Our winner was Hazel Brewer.

Dates for Diaries:

9th June	Mr Clive Greenaway	Life as a Driving Instructor
25th June	2pm Group afternoon	Larmer Tree
2nd July	2pm Kingston Lacy with Lyndhurst	
14th July	Mrs Stone	Calligraphy
11th August	The Old Forge	American Supper

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

SHReD

Since the last issue of the Downsman, exciting things have been happening to **SHReD**. To start with, it is now a company limited by guarantee, which we hope to have charity status for in the near future. Officially we are now **SHReD** (Handley) Ltd. and have our own bank account.

On the 24th. April we were awarded a grant of £2,000 by the East Dorset Community Partnership. This will go towards collection costs and a shredder, which is a very necessary piece of equipment.

At last bags are available for purchase at the Hardware shop and the Post Office, in the village. We hope that garden waste will now be only put out in these bio-degradable bags. If this is not possible, please tell us when you ring to say you have something for collection. It has been mentioned that the bags aren't of sufficient quality, especially for lawn mowings, please try them, time will tell. If it is possible, it is suggested that filled bags should be kept dry prior to collection. You aren't being sold inferior bags; you are paying for the cost of collection of your garden waste.

Garden waste, such as woody material from hedges or trees, which is too large to be put into bags, can be collected. A small contribution will be expected to be paid for the collection for such materials. If in doubt, please ring as below.

As the collection round, (every Monday from 8.00 pm onwards) is developing you are asked to continue to ring 24 hours in advance, so that the best route to follow around the village may be selected.

We now have close on 50 paid up members on the books, if you haven't paid your £10 annual subscription, please could you do so by handing it to the collectors on a Monday morning, or send it to Ted Cox at 2 Priory Cottages, Woodcutts, Salisbury, SP5 5RR. Cheques to be made payable to **SHReD** (Handley) Ltd.

For collection or advice please ring Simon Meaden on 552715 or Ted Cox on 552801

ROB'S COLUMN

Agricultural Proverbs

Wet May
 Long hay.
 Cold may and windy
 Barn filleth up finely.
 Rain in May
 Is good for corn and bad for way.
 Shear your sheep in May
 And you'll shear them all away.
 Who sows in May
 Gets little that way.
 Ne'er cast a clout
 Till May is out
 A swarm of bees in June
 Is worth a silver spoon.
 But a swarm of bees in Jul
 Isn't worth a fly.
 Who doffs his coat on a winter's day
 Will gladly put it on in May.

Cut your thistles before St John's Day
 And you'll have two instead of one.
 When the glow-worm lights her lamp
 Then the air is always damp.
 Before St John's Day we pray for rain
 After that we get it anyway.
 June damp and wam
 Does the farmer no harm.
 A cold and wet June
 Spoils the rest of the year.

Well after three years of badgering, fund-raising, sighting, planning, ordering, costing, meetings, the village has a few rubbish bins for the High Street. But one only lasted one night. "It was in the wrong place" says a resident and was removed the next day. Is this community spirit? I think not.

I read an interesting article that said the way to achieve inner peace was to finish all the things you've started. So I looked around the house to see all the things I'd started and hadn't finished this morning, before going to work...

I finished off a bottle of red wine, a bottle of beer, a box of chocolates, a packet of biscuits and a tub of ice-cream. You've no idea how good I feel!

A man inserted an ad in his local newspaper: "Wife wanted".

Next day he received 100 letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine".

Heard about the man fired from the pepsi factory? He tested positive for coke.

Computer warning

A dangerous virus is going around. It is called W.O.R.K. If you received W.O.R.K. from your boss or anyone else do not touch it. This virus wipes out your life completely. If you should come into contact with W.O.R.K. go straight to the nearest pub and order the only known antidote, which is called B.E.E.R. Please forward this warning immediately to at least six friends. If you realize you do not have six friends you are already infected and W.O.R.K. has taken control of your life.

A man was walking down the street and he met a small boy. The man asked the boy his name. The boy replied, "Six and Seven Eighths". The man asked him why his parents had given him such a strange name and he replied "They just picked it out of a hat".

Is it possible for an ice-cream company to have its assets frozen, a clock repairer's to be wound up or a lingerie company to go bust?!

Mary had a little lamb, then the doctor fainted.

Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you're up to.

I had a ploughman's lunch the other day. (He wasn't very happy.)

A man's got to do what a man's got to do. A woman's got to do what he can't.

Many thanks to Ron C. for the following poem:

I'm Very Well Thank You

"I'm fine – how are you?
There's nothing whatever the matter with me;
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze;
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

All my teeth have had to come out,
And my diet I hate to think about;
I'm overweight and I can't get thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

And arch supports I need for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to go out in the street;
Sleep is denied me night after night ...
But every morning I find I'm all right;
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Old age is golden, so I've heard said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,

With my ears in a drawer, and my teeth in a cup,
And my eyes on a shelf until I wake up;
And when sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

The reason I know that my youth is all spent,
Is my 'get up and go' has got up and went;
But I really don't mind when I think, with a grin,
Of all the places my 'get up' has been.

So I get up each morning, and dust off my wits;
I pick up the papers and read the 'Obits';
If my name is not there, then I know I'm not dead,
So I eat a good breakfast, and go back to bed!

The moral of this, as this tale doth unfold,
Is that for you and for me, who are now growing old,
It is better to say 'I'm fine' with a grin,
Than to let people know the shape we are in!"

The Vestry Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin with Gussage St Andrew

On Sunday, 20th April 2008, after the Morning Service, the Vestry Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin with Gussage St Andrew were held. This was followed by a Parochial Church Council Meeting with the newly elected members. The only item on that agenda was to make appointments to the various offices. A full list is on the Church porch notice board.

Vestry Meeting:

At this meeting the Churchwardens – Mr David Salmons and Mr Graham Smith were re-elected for a further term.

Annual General Meeting:

Four new members were elected and welcomed to the PCC: Mr John Cullingford, Mr Michael Dyer, Mr Mark Wolstenholme, Miss Carole Wyatt.

Mr D Salmons and Mr Paul Skinner confirmed their willingness to continue as Diocesan Synod representatives for a further term.

There followed the list of sidespersons, the Electoral Roll report and the inventories report of St Mary's and St Andrew's.

Mr David Lockyer (Treasurer) presented the year's accounts. The downward spiral referred to in the 2007 AGM has been arrested, which is good news, but still the routine income is insufficient. Once again, he stressed the financial gain to us by taxpayers gift-aiding monies, i.e. filling in the yellow envelopes. Sad to say, we have probably missed out on about £500 tax rebate by some contributions not being gift-aided.

Every 10-20 years some major maintenance work has to be done and over a longer time span really big repairs and updating become necessary. We are conscious of the need to pass on the churches to the next generation in good shape.

There followed the secretary's report then the report on the Chapel at Gussage St Andrew, given by Mr John Davis. He said the attendance is going up. To help with the services he appealed for an organist/pianist to play once a month. New fabrics have been acquired thanks to a generous legacy. Mr Davis thanked everyone who maintains this beautiful Chapel.

The Vicar's report:

This was quite long but full of exciting ideas for the improvement and enhancement of our churches. Copies of this report in full are available in the Churches. It maps out a vision for the future involving several projects. We will need the money to support them and the £50K Challenge appeal has been launched.

Sheila Bradley
Secretary

Saturday 28th June 7.30pm

Following the successful concert last autumn
don't miss the



CONCERT by the



ENCORE SINGERS from Dorchester

in St Mary's Sixpenny Handley

Musical Director: **MARGARET DURRANT**

A completely new programme, but still featuring Songs from the Shows
plus old & new favourites!

Tickets £6.50 to include Pimms, strawberries & cream



on the vicarage lawn after the concert.

(in the church if wet - but it's not going to be!)

from Margaret Durrant at the vicarage 552608



Open Day

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Wednesday 18th June 2008 10.30 am - noon

All welcome for a morning of fun!

For enquiries please phone 01725 552098



CARDS



Whist. Following a season of seventeen competitive rounds during which the lead changed hands several times, Christine Haskell who had made the running since early March [albeit at times by quite a slender margin] finished quite comfortably by posting a 167, thirteen points better than her nearest rival Len Diggin, to secure the championship crown for 2007-2008 with an aggregate score of 2740 points.. Despite a disappointing 154, Len held on in second place [2706 and only the second player to pass the 2700 barrier] while Gerald Trickey returned an excellent 175 [highest score in the final round] to edge Stuart Haskell out of third spot, their final totals being 2687 and 2682 points respectively.

Stuart Combs [2677], Marge Poolman – a past double champion – [2670], Sylvia Cox [2669], Arthur Alabaster [2668], David Brine 2666] and Arthur Austin [2655] occupying the remaining places in the top ten prize winners, while Sylvia Thorne's round 15 posting of 186 proved good enough for the highest individual score of the championship. For the next issue of *The Downsman* I will prepare a table on the lines of that shown below for the bridge.

Bridge. Since my last report Club players have participated in bridge competitions at Shaftesbury and Wimborne, Gerald and Julie Trickey scoring well at both venues while John Davis and Tim Stevens have more than held their own at Shaftesbury with top three finishes in the East-West pairings. Meanwhile, at the sports pavilion twelve sixteen deal sessions of *Chicago* took place between the first week in January and the end of March, and in alphabetical sequence the eighteen players who have put in an appearance at these events achieved the following:

	Played	Total Points	Highest/Lowest	Average score
Brian Bradley	3	5660	3490/570	1890
Sheila Bradley	10	19680	3490/910	1970
Peter Braithwaite	10	14110	2180/790	1410
Bill Chorley	11	22610	2910/730	2050
Trish Chorley	2	4220	2540/1680	2110
John Davis	10	20690	3230/880	2070
Nora Davis	10	17790	2670/520	1780
Norman Foulsham	8	10430	2660/730	1300
George Marskell	5	9380	2460/1600	1880
Sylvia Marskell	5	8250	1810/1400	1650
Peter Martin	9	10340	1540/730	1150
Chris Napier	8	9050	2550/370	1130
Tim Stevens	12	24840	4070/960	2070
Gerald Trickey	11	17810	2180/530	1620
Julie Trickey	10	16510	2230/320	1650
Eric Turner	11	17430	2900/650	1580
Gillian Wadge	7	9960	3050/570	1420
Ray Wise	2	2950	1490/1460	1480

Although a dearth of slam bidding at Handley, Tarrant Gunville has enjoyed a plethora of such plays with the majority succeeding.

Bill Chorley



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



It seems a long time ago since we had our Blackmore Vale Day at Sherborne. Both teams did very well that day and we even had to play each other, which the A team won with 1 point!

We are now well into our summer season. We started on the 27th of April with a friendly against Cranborne and we won that by 7 points, so that was a good start! Even the rain kept off and we had a little bit of sunshine.

We played a match against the County Patrons and although we lost overall we won on 2 rinks and it was a very pleasant afternoon, with a tea and a raffle afterwards.

As I am writing this we have only played a few league matches and have not done too well yet, but we will get better after a bit more practice, especially on grass!

I hope you can all come to our roll-ups as often as possible, as it can only help to improve our standards!!

Our players of the month were Doris Day for March and Brian Hansford for April.

Many thanks from George to those who helped him with the green.

Bea Boyland
Secretary

Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

Well, here we are again. Spring has sprung and the sun has been out, remarkably! However Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club haven't quite been as hot as the weather!

We've played three and lost three, including the first round of the cup. Oh well, there's always next year's cup to look forward too!

The fixtures are coming thick and fast over the next few months and for a full list please have a look at the fixtures lists that are up in the village shops.

If you fancy a game please call Simon on 552294 or David on 552640 or just come and spectate and enjoy the sunshine!

Thanks,
Simon

<http://sixpennyhandley.play-cricket.com>



Handley Sports Youth FC



Since the last *Downsman* we have as usual had a busy period with the Youth Football. We had one last match too finish the season off. We went away to Piddle Valley Pumas which for us was quite fitting as over the last 3 years of Mini-Soccer we had always competed well with them but too date had beaten them 4 times out of the 5 times played. There was some sentiment in this match as it was too be our last ever Mini-Soccer match. We were about to finish our third season since forming. The game was one to remember. The game was dominated by goal after goal but we came out on top winning 8 - 4. Harry Bullmore took his final tally to 42 goals in the 18 league games with 4 in this match; Brad Sando taking his final tally to 19 with 2 goals; George Best scoring a good goal and one from Tom Brown which in my opinion was our Goal of the Season.

All this meant that we confirmed our spot as Runners Up. 7 points behind first place but a massive 18 clear of third place. Overall we had a fantastic season winning 14 out of the 18 games, recruiting 3 or 4 more quality players which was important as we are going to 11 a side next season.

Since the season finished we arranged one 11 a side match. We need all the practise we can get going into it next season and made a good start winning 1 - 0. Our goal was from Christian Gully Smith, who we will not have again until August, but when we do we will now be playing on the full size pitch at the Recreation Ground.

On into May and we had to start preparing for the Charity Football Tournament we were hosting at the Recreation Ground. We were putting this on at the beginning with all proceeds going to Cancer Research due to myself and my brother Josh in the team losing our nan Jill Walters to the illness in late January. However later on during organising the event another of my players, Tom Brown, tragically lost his sister Joannah Brown who was an avid follower of Tom and the team in a car accident so I decided we would split the proceeds with the chosen charity of the family and their choice was Sport Relief.

It soon began to fall into place with all the teams we needed soon signed up and confirmed. We wrote to local companies and received some fantastic raffle prizes back which included several family tickets. Most of the other raffle prizes were from excellent donations from the parents. We had lots and lots of help from Mark Young, Stu Haskell and myself lining out the pitches on the Thursday night before. On the day of the event the support and help that I received was amazing and very much appreciated. We had two referees, Ron Jermyn and Stu Haskell, that gave up their whole day to do it. They had 28 matches to referee between them. Several mums did many of the stalls on the day and made substantial amounts on each of them. The dads were there with me from earlier on in the morning putting up the tents, carrying tables out to pitches etc. Overall it was very much a team effort and the day couldn't of gone any better. We started the football at 11am and the day came to a close around 4pm with the raffle and trophy presentation. Sturminster Marshall won the Tournament and Colehill were Runners Up with our team missing out on Runners Up by one goal!

At the end of the day many visiting teams commented that they had enjoyed the day and thought it had been run well, which was very encouraging for me and the parents that had contributed. The best part of the day though was when we added up our final total made from the fundraising. We have made £1336 through our stalls and the boys' sponsorship task which is fantastic and has made our efforts very worth while.

I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, friends and anyone that helped make it all happen on the day. Without the help that I received it wouldn't have been possible.

As usual I am still looking for new players for both teams. Under 12s will be 11 a side next season so the more players the better.

The new team Under 10s will be run by myself and Martin Best. The age for this is quite specific: the boys/girls must be at least aged 8 by Sept 1st.

Please just come along and see what you think. I have as yet no confirmed dates of when we will go back to training next season but as always please get in touch with me.

Adam Day

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The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council

3/08/0202 - Stickley's Barn, Minchington - convert outbuilding to games room, shower room & study with mezzanine at first floor

3/08/0203 - Stickley's Barn, Minchington - demolish & erect two-storey extensions on South & West elevations

3/08/0196 - Yew Tree Cottage, High Street - erect garden shed

3/08/0332 - Monks Cottage, East Woodyates - raise & re-clad roof, side addition

3/08/0407 - Hazelmere, Dean End, Woodcuts - 1.9m fence & electric gates

3/08/0490 - Tudor Cottage, East Woodyates - reform roof & erect detached garage

Approvals

3/07/1665 - Winterborne Cottage, Minchington - single storey ground extension

3/07/1731 - Monks Cottage, East Woodyates - change to holiday let - raise & re-clad roof & rebuild side addition - **Refused**

3/07/1739 - Inn on the Chase, Cashmoor - installation of sewage treatment plant

3/08/0080 - Mycen Farm 83 Minchington - erect farm office, WC, kitchenette & meeting-room & parking area - **Refused**

3/08/0206 - 16 St Mary's Court, High Street - single-storey rear extension & 1.5m brick wall to North & West boundaries

3/07/1627 - 13 & 14 Pentridge - erect sheds, garages & pair of semi-detached dwellings

3/08/0146 - Handley Park - erect garage

3/08/0196 - Yew Tree Cottage - erect garden shed

3/08/0202 - Stickley's Barn - convert outbuilding to games room, shower room & study with mezzanine at first floor - **Withdrawn**

3/08/0203 - Stickley's Barn, Minchington - demolish & erect two-storey extensions on South & West elevations - **Withdrawn**

3/08/0332 - Monks Cottage, East woodyates - raise & re-clad roof, side addition - **Withdrawn**

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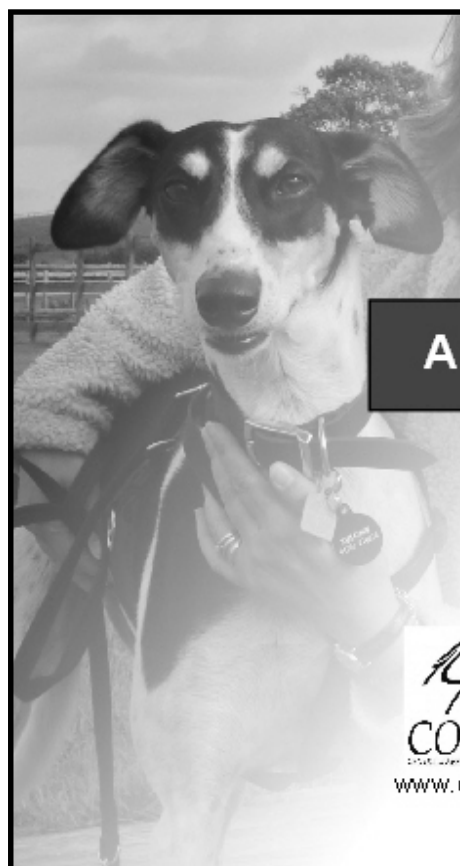
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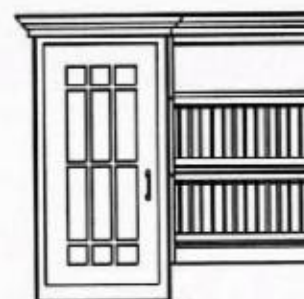


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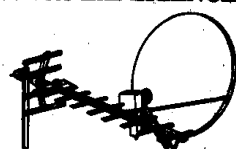


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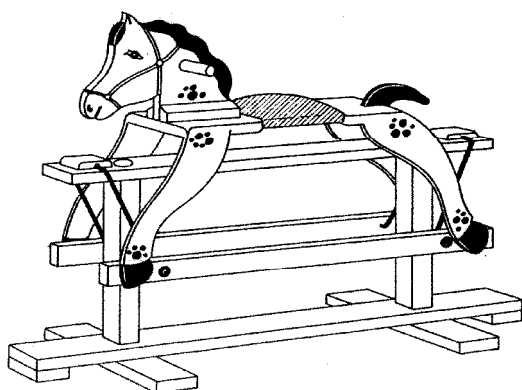


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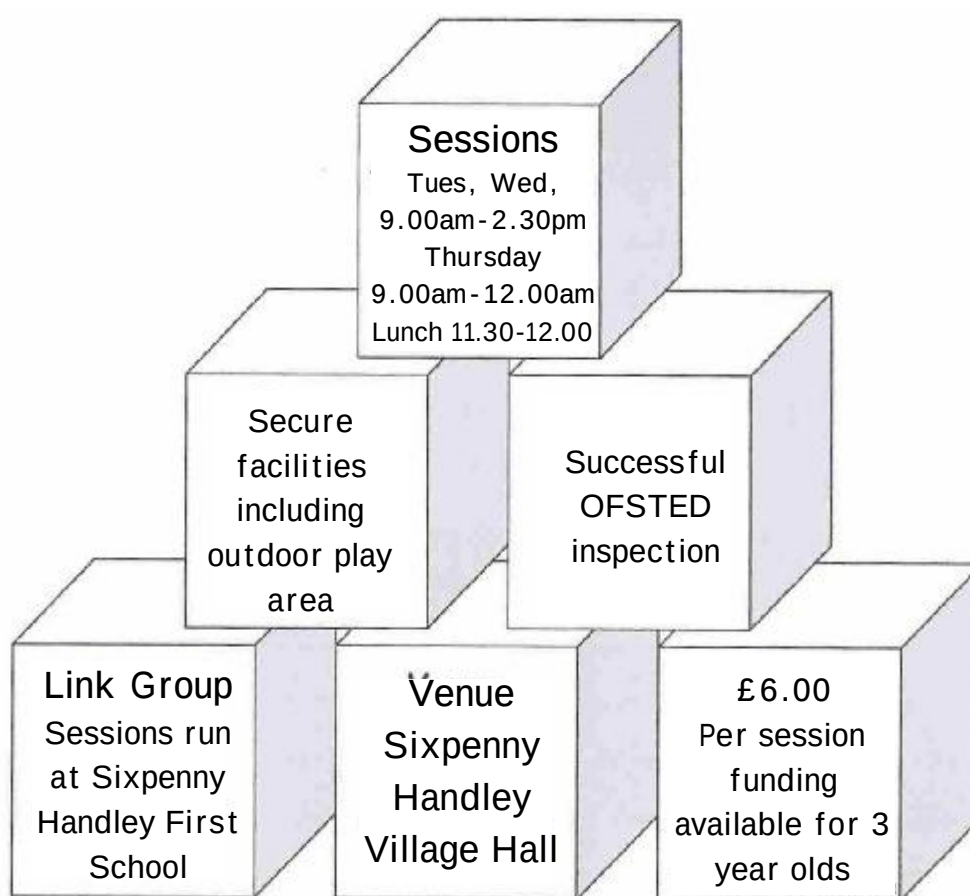
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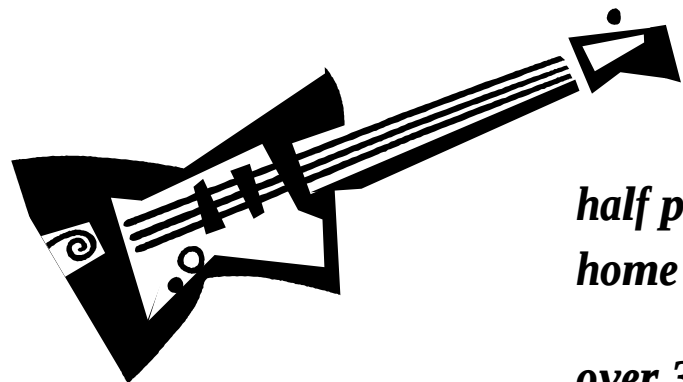
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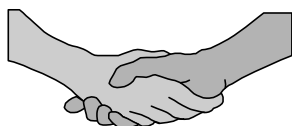
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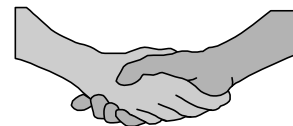
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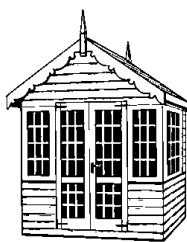
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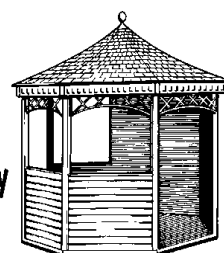


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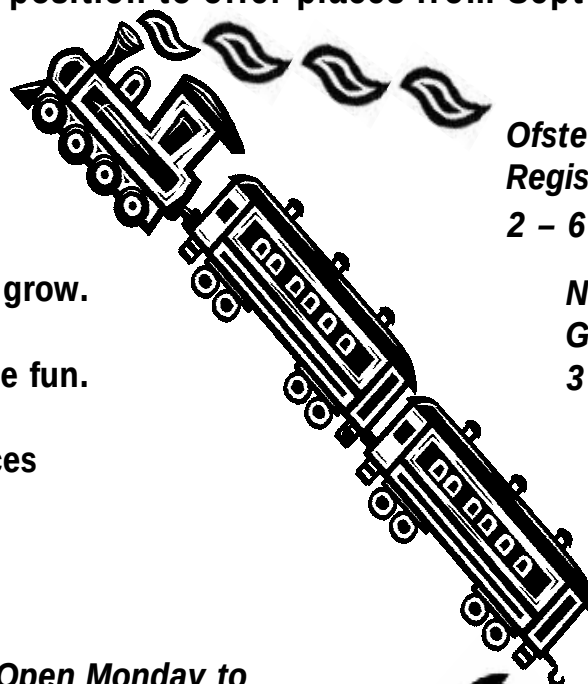
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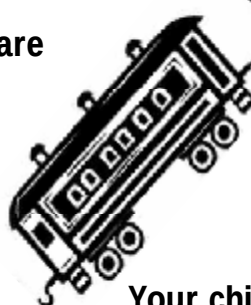
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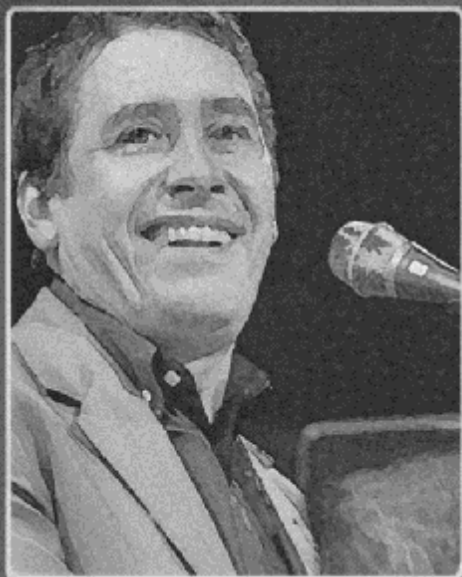
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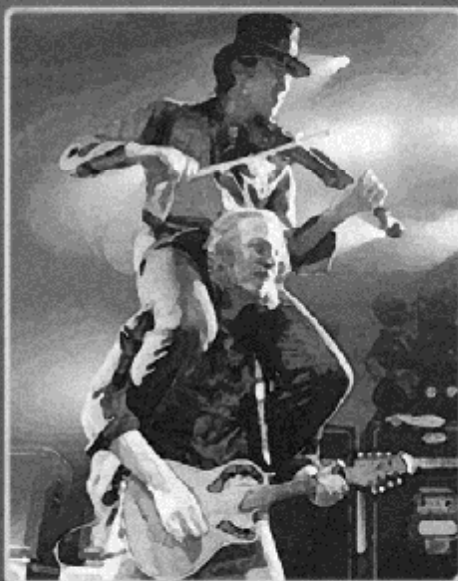


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