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 with Pentridge Parish Council**

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to ensure your articles and news reach us in
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Clerk's Corner

STOP PRESS

The 2008 Sixpenny Handley Spring Fayre. In the last issue I was remiss in not thanking some key elements of 'The Day'. John and Ann Fury at the Roebuck made a significant contribution. John arranged the box-car racing and donated a gallon of beer as the prize. Many thanks to all those who took part. John organized the bouncy castle and two stalls, gave away six meals and, by allowing public use of his facilities (31 lavatory rolls), saved the fund from the necessity of hiring Portaloos. Stephen Judd donated a week's camping, and Michelle gave a free hair treatment. Maidment & Carter did a great job with their games, as did the Tennis Club with its refreshments and The Sports Association, assisted by Dave Swift, with the BBQ. Steve & Chris at the PO kindly baked & donated French bread sticks for sandwiches. John Gorton raised a lot of money with golf chipping and the Styles family helped generously in many ways. Thank you, Godfrey, for all of your valuable input. And **Sarpenela** was spelt incorrectly – please excuse me - 'twas a Clerk's error, not an Editorial error! If there are still benefactors that I have missed, please forgive me.

Thank you all for your support. Do you want it to happen again next year?

DAMAGE

Continued vandalism at the children's play area has resulted in it becoming unfit for use and thus it has been closed for most of the summer—a great disappointment to many young people and to their parents. The Parish Council will shortly arrange for repairs and I ask once again that everyone respects the facilities which effectively you own. Those who lit a fire in the skate park shelter, destroying a dustbin in the process, have been identified and should receive a visit in the near future. I estimate that, in the three years I have been your Clerk, the Parish Council has spent in excess of £10,000 on clearing up after vandals. **What a waste.**

Christopher Snape
(Clerk to the Parish Council)

At the end of August there was a blockage in the High Street storm water drain which caused a very unpleasant smell and subsequent back-up. Fortunately the problem was reported in time and resolved before the situation got any worse. If everyone uses common sense and are responsible about their waste disposal these sort of incidents should not occur. A reminder from the Wessex Water Important Information sheet which is received by everyone each year tells us not to flush it but bag it and bin it to avoid blocked pipes drains and associated plumbing bills. Please put the following in your bin:

- Contraceptives, disposable nappies, plasters incontinence pads, female hygiene products. colostomy bags and bandages.
- Wrap razor blades carefully in paper and put them in the bin and return medicines to the surgery pharmacy. Syringes and needles should be returned to a healthcare provider.
- Do **NOT** pour fat from cooking down the sink as it can cause blockages when it cools. Let it cool and pour it into a container before putting it into the bin.

If your property or neighbourhood is experiencing a foul water problem, ring the Sewerage Floodline on 0845-850-5-959 (24 hours)

Dorset Best Community and Best Kept Village Competitions

Cllr Simon Meaden and Cllr Tony Gibb recently attended the award ceremony at Sturminster Marshall for the Dorset Best Community and Best Kept Village competitions and are very pleased to report that the village did rather well and collected the following awards:

Best Community Village: Overall Runner Up
Winner Best Business Category
Winner Judge's Special Prize

Best Kept Village: Overall WINNER of Large Village Category
EDDC Award
Dorset County Council Plaque

These awards resulted in total prize money of £550 which will be spent in the community with also £75 in garden vouchers from the East Dorset District Council for the Best Kept Large Village.

The certificates can be viewed in the Post Office and Clarke's the butchers.

Congratulations to all concerned, with particular thanks to those who helped host the judges of the BCV – it paid off!

Tony Gibb

PARISH WELCOME LETTER

The Parish Council has produced a Welcome Letter with general information for people moving into the parish.

If you know of someone who might benefit from receiving one please call the Parish Office on 552211 or Tony Gibb on 552704.

The postmen have kindly offered to hand them out.

DO YOU NEED TO LOOK SOMETHING UP ON THE INTERNET?

There is free broadband, Internet access available in the Parish Office

Tuesday 1000 - 1200
Thursday 1800 – 1915

Help is available
Provided by the
Connecting Dorset project

EILEEN MILES

As a past long-serving member of our Parish Council I felt that I could not let this moment pass without paying tribute to Eileen a long serving member of our Parish who sadly passed away on Tuesday, 8th September

I first remember Eileen from some 20 years-plus ago when she was a member of a group of people who were busy raising money to provide a play area for the children of our community. They were negotiating with the Council over the provision of a site and I remember very well Eileen very strongly putting her point of view forward. The group was successful in raising the finance and the play area was constructed on the site of the present play area in the Sports Field.

There was a Parish Council Election soon afterwards and Eileen put herself forward for election and was successful in getting elected, so was to begin a long period of devoted service. Eileen was a very strong minded person and always put her views forward very forcefully but always accepted the majority decision with good grace. One of her strongly held beliefs was over planning and what she thought was best for our community - this led to her finally becoming Chairman of the planning sub committee, a post she held until she lost her seat at the last Parish Council Election. Another thing that she felt strongly about, and fought very hard for, was public transport and as our representative on the Public Transport Forum, fought tooth and nail to keep a bus service for our parish and it was through her efforts that we still enjoy this service. I and all present and past members of the Parish Council will remember Eileen with great affection. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her, but her wisdom will remain with us for ever.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Clifford, Catherine, Jamie and Jodie at this sad time.

Clifford, Catherine, Jamie, Jodie and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages of support in their time of bereavement. Please take this as a personal acknowledgment.

John Curtis

Eileen was a dedicated Parish Councillor for many years and in her time of Office became Chairman of the Planning Committee. Her dedication to duty and purpose was always uppermost in her thoughts. Planning was what she really enjoyed and made every effort to examine the plans fully. Decisions were not always easy to make, but Eileen made a stand for what she believed to be right.

After an illness bravely borne she passed away on Monday 8th September and is now free from any pain. At this sad time, we must not forget her devoted husband Clifford and family and offer them our sincerest condolences.

Pauline Bailey-Wright
Chairman of Sixpenny Handley Parish Council

I remember Eileen as a friend and when I was Clerk to the Parish Council especially her interest in Planning and Countryside issues.

I remember also her interest in flower arranging, both in the Club and her Church. When I was Chairman of the Flower Show, Eileen's time as Secretary of the Flower Show enabled the Show to prosper.

I endorse whole-heartedly the sentiments expressed by others in this obituary.

Brian Hansford

ALEXANDRA SHERMAN

Died 13th September 2008

Alexandra was 34, and her home had been here in Sixpenny Handley for all but two years of her life. Alexandra was completely deaf, completely blind and mentally handicapped, but she was nevertheless a much loved local character, as was evidenced by those that filled St Mary's Church on Monday 22nd September for her memorial service.

We would especially like to thank all those who have supported and comforted Rosemary and myself through these tragic times, and especially to the staff at Sixpenny Handley surgery who so generously took care of the catering arrangements at our home following the memorial service, and left us free to meet so many of those who came to say goodbye to Alexandra.

Rosemary's Canadian nephew, Andres Garin, wrote the tribute below to Alexandra which is not just very moving, but also provides some challenging thoughts for everyone.

Nick Sherman

When someone dear is lost, we have the natural tendency to look back upon their life to see what can be learnt from their experience. What you may ask can one learn from Alexandra? After all, her disabilities prevented most of us from communicating effectively with her. Yet, I believe that people who had the patience and interest to observe Alexandra learned a great deal from her. We learned some profound lessons about the human condition – lessons that cannot be learnt from books or at school.

Three important lessons come to mind.

The first lesson relates to the true pleasures of life. Alexandra enjoyed simple things – a good meal, a glass of wine, the warmth of the sun, a good laugh and, above all, the company of those who loved her and cared for her. Ultimately, such simple things are what make us most happy. In an age when all comes pre-packaged and with a price tag, it is fundamental to remember where true value lies – and this Alexandra knew instinctively.

Alexandra's second lesson relates to human nature. Alexandra was a pure spirit – a true innocent. Gentle and sweet, she never bore any other soul malice or ill will. She was incapable of evil. We are all born in the same pure state of innocence in which Alexandra lived. Over time, and under the influence of an imperfect world, we lose our innocence. Alexandra reminds us, however, that innocence and purity are not alien to the human condition. Rather, true innocence existed within each of us as we came to this world. We cannot reach back and recover our lost innocence, but we can realize that the potential for good remains with us always and that nothing prevents us from striving to live free of malice, jealousy, prejudice and ill will as Alexandra lived.

The third, most important, lesson learned from Alexandra relates to the true nature of love. Alexandra's silent kisses teach us that true love need not be heard or seen but can be merely felt. For this was how Alexandra experienced Rosemary and Nick's unconditional love for her. She could neither see it, nor hear it, but felt it with her always. This is the most powerful expression of love – love that cannot be detected by the senses, but is felt in the soul.

Unfortunately, my children will not be able to learn these profound lessons from Alexandra herself. My promise to Rosemary and Nick is that I will teach these lessons to them and the memory of Alexandra's lessons will not be lost.

Village Hall News

Hello again!

Already the nights are drawing in and our thoughts at the village hall are looking forward to some entertainment to ease the long winter evenings that we all know are coming. By the time you read this we shall have listened to the Bournemouth Symphony Winds - as I write this, half the tickets have already been sold and there is still a fortnight to go. . . . let's have a look to see what else is on.

The Film Show on Friday 10th October: "SMART PEOPLE" (15) - starring Denis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker (Sex and the City), Ellen page, Thomas Hayden Church and Ashtion Holmes. *Lawrence is a widowed, brilliant and self-absorbed literature professor who has alienated his son and turned his teenage daughter into an acid-tongued student.* This combination produces often comical, sometimes heartbreaking consequences for himself and everyone around him. Doors open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. Tickets £5 - pay on the door, no need to book. I hope you like it.

Rob's Auction - Saturday 18th October: usual format. Bring your goodies in the morning, start 9.00 am. View in the afternoon, start selling at 6.30 pm. We will pick up big items - just ring. Bric-a-Brac, book stall and refreshments on sale all day. Draw. Ring me on 01725 552 591 for more info.

December 11th, 7.30 pm: Concert and Ceilidh by "Striding Edge". Last winter, long-standing Cumbrian folk band, Striding Edge, took their new album, "Borrowdale Johnny" out to rural communities all over Cumbria and County Durham. At most venues, a concert set started the show, but in the second half, the performance moved into barn-dance format with an expert caller guiding participants through the dances, with solo spots continuing from the performers. Audiences can, of course, just sit back and enjoy the whole evening, but be warned: Striding Edge's Ceilidh nights are infectious! I hope you will like it.

January 5th, 7.00 pm: (please note the earlier time) - Forest Forge presents "Jack and the Bean Stalk".

Has anyone seen the square table that lives in the foyer? It's gone walk-about!

Thanks for reading this.

Gordon Oxford (Chairman)

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council

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| 3/08/0745 | - Stickley's Barn, Minchington - convert outbuildings to form games room, shower room and mezzanine to first floor. |
| 3/08/0746 | - Stickley's Barn, Minchington - erect two storey extensions to south and west elevations. Refurbish and resite granary. |
| 3/08/0753 | - 19 The Orchard - rear conservatory. |
| 3/08/0770 | Deanland Cottages, Deanland - two storey rear extensions to both (demolish existing extensions). |
| 3/08/0773 | - The White House, 44 High Street - erect garage. |

Approvals

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| 3/08/0543/FUL | - 2 The Cross, Frogmore Lane - erect garage. |
| 3/08/0581/FUL | - 54 High Street - single storey rear extensions. |
| 3/08/0584/FUL | - 4 Keats Meadow - erect conservatory (amended 9th June 2008) |
| 3/08/0708/FUL | - 8 Littlefield Lane - erect two storey extension. |

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew's was held on Wednesday, 3rd September 2008.

Summary of the Agenda items

- Rev Mel Durrant said that a 'Talent Scheme' is going to be introduced to gain some more money for our 50K Challenge (which has made a good start). He will explain the scheme at the Barn Dance and at the Harvest Service. Leaflets will be available with all the details.
- The Alpha Course begins on 1st October – leaflets giving information are at the back of the church.
- Once again, the thorny issue of the difficulties of paying our 'Share' to the diocese came up. A letter will go to the 'Fairer Share Review Group' asking that a study of our situation be made as a matter of some urgency. We feel that we should be in a lower price band. The PCC voted to make a payment now and more at the end of the year after we have reviewed our financial state. It is unlikely we shall meet the sum of money requested.
- Planning is proceeding for the tasks outlined in our 50K Challenge. We have submitted an informal proposal to the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) which is the first major step completed. The next one is the formal proposal and hopefully this will lead to full approval by the Diocesan Chancellor, who will then grant us the necessary 'faculties' for starting the works.
- It was suggested that some information be put on our website (www.handleychurch.org.uk) about where our parish stands in relation to the benefice, deanery, diocese, etc. - a good bit of education for everyone.

Sheila Bradley (Secretary to the PCC)

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Woodcutts loses Peruvian Embassy!

It has been a great diplomatic shock to find that the Peruvian Embassy has been taken from Woodcutts. There was obviously some worry that this would happen when Tim moved his Inca Alpaca Stud. It is a great cultural loss, too, that the community here suffered, and we shall miss the ambassador who was, incidentally, an Australian. The diplomatic world moves in very mysterious circles!

However life must go on, and as I write we are into our third day without rain, which must be a record for this summer. I feel really sorry for the arable farmers who still have acres of corn to cut. The wheat price is down and falling to below £100/tonne, and is likely to fall lower as the quality of the wheat cut is of low bushel weight, poor milling quality and in some cases badly sprouted in the ear due to the high rainfall. If you want to feel sorry for these farmers, now is the time to do so. They not only have to contend with their own market conditions but also those of Europe generally where there has been an above average harvest.

It is not only the farmers' crops that are affected, those of the hedgerows aren't much better either. There may be a lot of blackberries about for example, but generally they are smaller than usual and very uneven ripening. I have been hoping for some sunshine so that I can pick some better quality ones to make some blackberry wine, but I think I am just going to have to take a chance and pick regardless. The same applies to elderberries, which make my favourite wine, but these have ripened so unevenly, with the birds taking the ripe ones before the green ones change colour in the same bunch. Again I am going to have to make do and pick regardless, but as with grapes harvested under less than perfect condition, the resultant wine suffers.

While talking about elder berries, I must mention a few facts about the elder tree generally. It never grows very big, but big enough for Judas to have hanged himself upon it, hence its name in Kent, the Judas Tree. In some folklore it is said to be the wood that the cross was made on which Jesus was crucified. It also has many connections with witchcraft, and despite the fact that it grows like a weed it was very important to the Celts. It likes to grow in damp places, where there is a high nitrogen content in the soil, so it is often found in hedgerows around old cottage gardens, because the old cottagers didn't have **SHReD** to take their garden waste away, so they put it under the hedge to rot down. They are also found around old farm buildings particularly near to where old muck heaps were. The elder in the past was known in Dorset as God's Stinking Tree, as it was thought to be a tree of death, or was it because it was next to the muck heap? Whatever, I can put up with that, as its berries make a very fine wine in my book.

Now, what else is happening in the countryside at the moment? Certainly, the swallows are gathering to prepare to fly south for the winter. This morning, (15th. September) I counted over thirty on the telephone wires in Gussage St. Andrew. Where on earth did they congregate before the coming of the telephone and electric lines? Here at home we had a brood of swallows that only flew the nest a fortnight ago; it doesn't give them much time to prepare for their flight to Africa. In The Telegraph last week there was a picture of fledglings in a nest - the third brood - how on earth they are going to be ready in time for migration, goodness knows! The weather conditions have a lot to answer for.

The weather has seriously affected the butterflies too. They only appeared on the days the sun shone; it certainly didn't give them much time to feed and lay eggs this year. The Brimstones, for example, are usually the first to appear - this year very few were about until August, while Red Admirals, Peacocks and Lesser Tortoiseshells have been practically non-existent. The one variety that is in fairly high numbers is the cabbage white and we could do without them. I did see a large number of Marbled Whites this year in mid summer and over the last few weeks there have been Meadow Browns and Speckled Woods, but all in all, things have not been good for butterflies this year. As I look out through the kitchen window I can see two Brimstones on the flowers under the apple trees, but two butterflies don't make a summer. In fact it hasn't been a good year for anything or anybody, except for the slugs and snails - they are about in their thousands! Goodness knows what the potato crop is going to be

like when it is lifted this autumn. There will also be a problem with the autumn sown cereals and oil seed rape unless huge quantities of slug pellets are used. These, of course, cost money and farmers who will be strapped for cash because of this harvest won't be in a position to pay out for them. What it means over all, is higher and higher food prices for all of us.

I can't finish on a low note, so I must mention our apple crop. It is the best we have had on the trees planted some eight years ago. Now we must hope for a couple of good weeks to ripen them off so that they store well. There is nothing better than eating your own apples at Christmas.

On that note I will wish you good-bye until next time. Thank you for reading to the end and God bless you.

Ted Cox

THE CHASE PRE-SCHOOL would like to pass on our enormous thanks to the organisers of the Endorset In Doset Festival. Although the weather and conditions were appalling, our cake stall managed to raise a fabulous £150. We would like to congratulate you on a successful event and give special thanks to Simon Meaden who looked after us on the day!

The Chase Pre-School

RNLI News

The Front Path Stalls held on August 23/24th in aid of the RNLI were a huge success – even better than last year. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us. The total stands, at the moment, at an amazing £604.10p. Some orders are still coming in for Christmas cards. If you were unable to visit us in August and would like to borrow the catalogue to order yours - 'in the comfort of your own home' - it is available. Please give me a ring and I will drop it into you. There are other items in the catalogue as well as cards.

Sheila Bradley (553133)

THE "PELLY PARTING PARTY"

Saturday October 4th 2008
Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall and Marquee

5:00pm: Tea
or

7:00pm: Barn Dance with The Hambledon Hopstep Band

PAY BAR

FOOD(small charge)

ALL WELCOME - PATIENTS PAST AND PRESENT

Any enquiries, offers of help or donations towards a gift to
Liz Wiltshire. Tel: 01722 780235. Email: bizzielizzie505@yahoo.co.uk
or Burrswood Broadchalke Salisbury SP5 5HP

Donations can also be made at Broadchalke Post Office,
shops in Sixpenny Handley and Coombe Bissett shop

It would be a huge help to have some idea of numbers attending
for both Tea and Barn Dance please

Donations to Liz by 15th September please

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 100 Club Winners

JULY

1st	109	Mrs L. Coombes
2nd	31	Mrs Gibson
3rd	12	Bowls Club

AUGUST

1st	121	Mrs J. Newman
2nd	87	Mrs Burroughs
3rd	34	Mrs W. Judd

The 100 Club is run in aid of the Village Hall.

If you would like to join for £1 a month, please contact George or Bea Boyland on 552805.

Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

Dear Cricket Fans!

The season has drawn to a close, but as I write this we still have one match to play v. Hyde CC.

Overall, the season has been a fairly good one, although the Wednesday Ranston League side have struggled this year. The Sunday side have done well with five wins and a tie from eleven games.

For those of you who have been hanging on to the edge of your seats since the last copy of 'The Downsman' wondering if the Wednesday Ranston League side stayed up or were relegated on the last day of the season. . . I can give you good news!

Although the team lost the crunch game against Ashmore, we managed to stay up in Division 2 on run rate! Phew!!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the players, the ladies who have contributed to the teas and supporters who have been associated with us this year.

Your help has been outstanding. Hopefully, we'll get better weather for next summer and an improvement in the results!

Simon

TABLE-TOP SALE

We, (Angie Snape and Sheila Bradley)
are supporting the church's '**TALENT SCHEME**'
by holding a table-top sale on

SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

in the **White House Yard** (next door to 46, High St., Sixpenny Handley)

We are certain that lots of people have things to sell
and lots of people like to browse and buy.

To bring your goods to sell will cost you just £2 for the pitch – all the money
you take will, of course, be yours. There will be a cake stall.

If it rains you will be under gazebos.

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE PHONE:
Angie 553001 or Sheila 553133**

Private William Thomas Chaldecott (72314)
Royal Defence Corps
Formerly {21488} 12th Reserve Regiment of Cavalry

On the 1st April, 1910, an intake of 207 Sea Cadets reported to the Kriegsmarine barracks at Kiel to begin six weeks of intensive training in drill and basic infantry skills. Among the intake, and one who would prove to be amongst the keenest, and with soon recognised leadership potential, was Robert Heinrich Ramm, a 20-year old from the village of Klein Daberkow in the State of Mecklenburg and north of the railway that runs from Neubrandenburg to the port of Szczecin. In size, Robert's village in 1910 was smaller than Sixpenny Handley.

Eight years later and now promoted to the rank of Oberleutnant and in command of the U-boat *UB-123*, Ramm was making slow passage through the Irish Sea, his crew no doubt looking forward to returning home from a patrol that had taken them north of the British Isles and out into the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean before running south and slipping into the Irish Sea. By approximately 9 a.m. on the morning of October 10th, 1918, *UB-123* was lurking a few miles off Dublin and in a sea area that was constantly patrolled by Royal Navy destroyers. However, during the past 24-hours storm force winds had lashed the area forcing the navy to withdraw its ships towards Anglesey and the shelter of Holyhead harbour. Thus, hull down in a choppy sea and keeping a wary lookout Ramm caught sight of a smudge of telltale black smoke in the direction of Kingstown Harbour.

Since first light the crew of the Royal Mail Steamer *Leinster*, registered to the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, had been busy with the myriad of duties that preceded each sailing; passengers were embarked, the mail and the sorting staff came aboard, checks were made on the ships life rafts while below decks the engine room staff attended to the procedures that would bring the *Leinster's* propulsion units into life. Overseeing this busy scene was the ship's master, Captain William Birch, then 61-years of age and from his photograph the archetypal sea captain with his weathered face framed by a trim dark beard. Although Dublin born and married, he had settled his family on Anglesey and now, undoubtedly, he was looking forward to making the familiar crossing to Holyhead and a reunion with his family.

With his officers reports to hand and satisfied that all the pre-sailing checks had been completed, Birch gave the order to cast off and a few minutes before 9

a.m. the *Leinster* slipped her lines, a deep reassuring rumble from her engines as she edged away from Carlisle Pier. Slowly and with her bows pointing towards the open sea those on board with duties to occupy them settled into the routine of what should be a familiar passage to Anglesey.

In total the *Leinster* was carrying 771 souls of which the majority were military personnel [493], including Private William Thomas Chaldecott formerly of the 12th Reserve of Cavalry but now assigned to the Royal Defence Corps. William was among a very mixed bag of servicemen representing units of the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and Dominion forces plus a sprinkling of American army personnel.

Amidships were 22 civilian postal workers already busy in sorting the sacks of mail that had been brought to the mailroom within the last couple of hours. Although the gale force winds had abated the air had a very distinct autumn chill which, as the ship cleared the protection of the shore, left only a few hardy passengers on the upper deck gazing at the spume whipped up from the passing waves. In the upper works the look-outs equipped with their binoculars maintained a silent vigil, sweeping back and forth as the ship held to its near due east course.

Roughly an hour after her departure the *Leinster* was off the Kish Bank when either a lookout or one of the passengers sighted the wake of a torpedo approaching the vessel from the port side. But before any action could be taken, the missile sped ahead of the bows and was lost to sight. However, any thoughts that this may have been a single shot were dispelled within seconds when a gout of water accompanied by a massive explosion leapt skywards from amidships. The *Leinster* had been struck a mortal blow and though the wheelhouse was able to respond to Captain Birch's order to come about the vessels end was nigh. In the area of the post sorting room the carnage was awful for when the torpedo struck the blast was such that a sizeable hole was ripped out of the starboard side and this was followed by an overwhelming surge of sea water flooding the compartment from which only one man escaped with his life.

Meanwhile, with engines slowing the *Leinster* completed her turn through 180 degrees but her bows were now well down and the command to lower lifeboats was given.

This frantic activity was being witnessed by Oberleutnant Ramm who now ordered the firing of a third torpedo for though he could see that his victim's bows were low in the water there was still a chance that the ship might be able to reach the nearest beach and thus be salvaged. With the *Leinster* barely making way the *coup de grace* was administered and it was in the detonation of this third missile that the majority of fatalities occurred.

As well as the observations of Ramm, the alarm had been raised ashore and, it is recorded, a fleet of 200 ambulances were hurrying to Victoria Wharf.

From those survivors already in the water come reports of seeing the ship wreathed in smoke and flame and settling bow first. Now came the battle for their survival; the lucky ones were in the few lifeboats that had been launched but many, including William Birch, were in the cruel sea, their limbs rapidly being cramped by the bitter cold. Some were dragged into the lifeboats but the sea state was such that it was becoming difficult to see anyone who was still swimming or clinging to the flotsam that littered the surface. For several agonising hours rescue boats out from the nearby ports scoured the wind swept waters for survivors but to little avail and it is now believed that at least 529 of the 771 passengers and crew perished that bleak October day in 1918. Captain William Birch was found but as he was being lifted from the sea so his life ebbed away.

For the remainder of the day a steady stream of both large and small boats returned to Dublin carrying pitiful cargoes of injured passengers and crew. Some were able to be released almost immediately to local hotels, but many were taken to St. Michael's Hospital where they were received by teams of doctors and nurses. But, as was to be expected, the dead outnumbered the living and in the days that followed, as more bodies were washed ashore, funeral services were held in many towns and villages along Ireland's east coast. The largest concentration of burials, all military, took place in Dublin's Grangegorman Military Cemetery where 144 were laid to rest.

The loss of the *Leinster* was, without doubt, one of the heaviest losses of life at sea during the *Great War*. Awful though it was Ramm had done his duty and thus satisfied he resumed his northerly course.

Nine days [some sources say eight] after the sinking, by which time the next of kin of those

who perished had either been informed, or soon would be, *UB-123* came to an area in the North Sea known to the Allies as the Northern Barrage and which had been heavily mined. For Ramm and his crew, believed to number 35 in total, their passage through this dangerous stretch of water was never completed. The time is not recorded and in the official list of U-boat losses merely a single word marks their demise "*mined*".

One month after these twin tragedies the terrible conflict that had engulfed the major powers of Europe [and latterly the United States of North America] for the past four years came to an end.

Not a town or city and, it is thought, only a handful of hamlets and villages across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom escaped the consequences of four bitter years of slaughter. Thus the community of Sixpenny Handley and its immediate surrounds had much to mourn for as recounted in my first profile published in the August 2004, issue of *The Downsman*, 23 would lay down their lives. For Arthur Chaldecott, described in the 1901 Census as a *Journeyman & Baker* residing at Pentridge, and his wife Selina the war had cost them the heartache of losing not only two of their five sons but in 1915, Albert Chaldecott died at the early age of 16 [there were two daughters from the marriage, Dorothy May and Agnes].

To the best of my knowledge, William's body was never recovered [he is not listed among the 144 service burials in Grangegorman Military Cemetery] and his name is commemorated in perpetuity on the Hollybrook Memorial at Southampton.

And so the years slipped past and come September 1939, Great Britain was again at war with Germany. Arthur would not live to witness a second victory for he died in March 1942, at the age of 72, survived for the next four years by his widow Selina. Both are buried in St. Mary's Churchyard, their funerals being conducted by the Reverend W J James and E H Edwards respectively.

Bill Chorley

I am indebted to Josephine whose grandmother, Florence, was Arthur Chaldecott's younger sister. I also acknowledge the official web site dedicated to the loss of the *RMS Leinster* from which I have been able to construct my narrative of events.

St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley,

St Andrews Chapel,

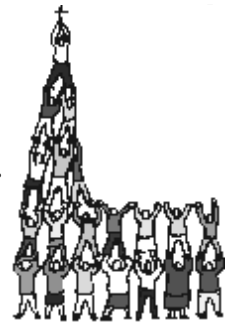
Gussage St Andrew



UPDATE – our plans are being considered by the

Diocese and we expect to be start making formal planning applications soon.

Please see the notice boards at the back of the church for more details.



**Thank you for all you have given,
but we are not there yet!**

This month we are launching a **TALENT SCHEME**

We will give you a **loan of £10** to use your skills & time
to increase it as much as possible for the 

If you would like to take part & need more information please
contact Margaret on 552608 or Sheila on 553133



Freedom to Enjoy Life!

Do you value your independence and worry about not being able to summon help in an emergency? Have you ever been threatened or a victim of crime either in your own home or business premises? Do you have family or friends who might be in this situation?

Well – help is at hand in the form of **Lifeline** – an emergency alarm service provided by East Dorset Housing Association.

Lifeline is a small unit which can be linked to your existing telephone. It works with a simple-to-press pendant worn by the client around their neck or on a wrist strap.

In an emergency, when the button on the pendant is pressed it will automatically send a message to the **Lifeline** unit which will put a call through to the Control Centre where a friendly highly trained operator will deal with your emergency. The Control Centre is manned 24 hours a day every day of the year.

The operator can see from the computer screen who is calling and who to call for help – a neighbour, family member or the emergency services. Since the **Lifeline** is a loudspeaker phone, our trained operators can talk to you and give reassurance wherever you are in the home to let you know help is on the way. In a business or crime prevention situation the call centre would listen, observe and take any appropriate action so as not to put the service user at any further risk until help arrived.

To install **Lifeline** into your home, you need a telephone socket and a nearby electric socket.



If you would like more information or a free demonstration of **Lifeline**, please contact Alma Goddard or Kim Armstrong on 01202 864224 or 01202 864225

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SMART PEOPLE (15)

Starring: Denis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker (Sex & The City)
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Friday 10th October, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Tickets: £5

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COFFEE MORNING

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Sheila Bradley's
46, High Street, Sixpenny Handley

Wednesday, 29th October

10.30am – 12 noon

EVERYONE WELCOME

Raffle / Bring-and-buy / cake stall

Book Review

With Christmas approaching and the associated long winter evenings, now is the time to consider what may be worth reading as opposed to a nightly diet of television. This will not be a comprehensive review of all the latest titles, but a mere *snapshot* of some of the books that I have read over the past few months and which may appeal to readers of *The Downsman*.

First, as an escape from almost daily research into matters concerning Royal Air Force history, I have turned to a well received trio of thrillers written by Peter James, all based on Brighton and featuring Detective Superintendent Roy Grace and a black detective Glenn Branson. As is common with this *genre* the two main characters feed off each other and their relationship, although underpinned by the same desire to solve the crime, is at times *fraught*. Both have problems with life away from the police force; Grace's wife without any hint of being unhappy disappeared from what he regarded as a stable and loving marriage, while Branson's wife, having persuaded him to give up being a night club bouncer to do something better with his life now seems to resent the frequent unsocial hours that comes with life as a detective sergeant. However, it is the strength of plot that I have found compelling, particularly in the first book *Dead Simple* a quite macabre story of a young man about to be married who becomes a victim on his stag night of a practical joke played on him by four of his five friends and where he finishes up buried alive in a coffin. What follows is a truly gripping suspense story for within minutes of driving away from the scene their van is involved in an horrific crash which leaves three killed outright and one in hospital where, eventually, his life support machine is switched off. How Grace and Branson, in their subsequent interviews with the grief stricken bride to be and an equally concerned best man, unpick what lies behind this seemingly inexplicable disappearance of a successful young businessman provides a first class read. The two books that have followed, *Looking Good Dead* and *Not Dead Enough* maintain the standard, though I thought the second was written with, perhaps, a film in mind and therefore lacked some of the suspense of the first. Fortunately, the third is well up to pace and a fourth *Dead Man's Footsteps* should not long be appearing in paperback form. In hardback the publisher is Macmillan while the paperback versions are from Pan Macmillan and at £6.99 are excellent value.

Equally excellent in value is Giles Whittell's *Spitfire Women of World War II*, published by Harper Perennial at £8.99. Whittell's book provides an excellent account of the women that joined the Air Transport Auxiliary [ATA] and who, along with their male counterparts, flew thousands of aircraft from the factories either direct to operational squadrons or, as in most cases, to the many maintenance units that were established to store aeroplanes in readiness for issue. Sited roughly midway between Salisbury and Amesbury is High Post, today a golf course covers much of the land which during the Second World War was home to one of the largest concentrations of Spitfires in the United Kingdom and into which the young ATA pilots flew their charges. However, *Spitfire Women* is not really a story of flying but more of the wide spectrum of personalities that came forward and against all the intransigent attitudes of the Air Ministry and some members of the public who just could accept that women were capable of flying military aircraft [the minimum requirement, initially, for applicants was 500 hours solo flying], proved their worth. Sadly, some died in proving their worth; Amy Johnson [perhaps, to the public, the best known women flyer of the 1930s] and Margaret Fairweather to name but two. Whittell also gives a very sympathetic account in respect of those who came from overseas, principally from America, to help in this vital work that helped to ensure victory in 1945.

In a different sphere and very much in the manner of books that I require for my aviation research, *The Battle of France Then and Now* by Peter D Cornwell who sub-titles his work *Six Nations Locked in Aerial Combat September 1939 to June 1940*. Profusely illustrated the book reports a day-by-day account of the period known as the *Phoney War* followed by equal treatment of the aftermath of the German *Blitzkrieg* [lightning war] that fell upon the west in May 1940, and culminated in the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force, along with several thousand French servicemen, from Dunkirk, though daily coverage is extended up to June 24. As both the main and sub-titles imply, this is a detailed account of the air war and, I suggest, is perhaps the definitive account of the casualties sustained by the squadrons of the Advanced Air Striking Force and the Air Component of the British Expeditionary Force, plus the peripheral involvement of the major air commands – Bomber, Fighter et al. Detailed coverage of aircraft losses from the other air forces involved are also reported, while the profusion of photographs lifts this book into a class of its own. A price of £44.95 is, I agree, very costly but in years to come this will be a book that will gain in value and be highly sought after for, I suspect, the production run will be fairly limited.

Finally, a three-volume set of books from New Zealand written by fellow researcher Errol Martyn and poignantly titled *For Your Tomorrow*. Volumes 1 and 2 identify all New Zealand, either born or raised in that country, who died between 1915 and 1998, while the third book in the series reports their biographies, a typical entry will show his service number, date of birth and where, education details [not in every case], his first employment, followed by a breakdown of his service training and postings up to the time of his death. Some, tragically, warrant only a few lines while others demand in excess of 30 lines in order to provide a full picture of their life.

Presently, I do not have details of their cover prices, but anyone wishing to find out further information should contact me on 552776.

Bill Chorley

FLU and PNEUMOVAX CLINICS 2008

The Government has recommended that the priority groups for this year are:

- Everybody **aged over 65**
- Anybody suffering from a chronic disease, eg. those at risk from:
 - chronic respiratory disease or asthma requiring repeated steroid inhalers
 - diabetes
 - chronic heart, liver or kidney disease
 - immunosuppression
- Carers of ill or infirm people

We shall be running **CLINICS** in:

Sixpenny Handley

Tuesday	7th October:	3.00 pm— 5.00 pm
Wednesday	8th October:	9.30 am—11.30 am
Monday	27th October:	7.00 pm—8.00 pm

Broad Chalke

Friday	3rd October:	10.00 am—12.00 noon
Monday	13th October:	9.30 am—11.30 am

No appointment is necessary
We will try and keep waiting to a minimum

If you are a priority (see above) and cannot attend any of these dates,
please telephone Sixpenny Handley Surgery

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

October 2nd, 16th, 30th: November 13th, 27th: December 11th



CARDS

**Whist**

Before outlining the details of the 2008-2009 Competition, an explanation as to why I inserted an asterisk against some of the names in the table; the reason is that it identifies those players who were in successful 13-trick partnerships.

2008-2009 Sixpenny Handley Whist Competition

1. The Competition will take place between Wednesday, September 3rd 2008 and Wednesday, May 13th 2009, and will consist of 18 competitive rounds.
2. The qualifying rounds will be played on Wednesday evenings, play commencing at 7.30 pm, on September 3rd and 17th; October 1st, 15th and 29th, November 12th and 26th, December 10th. January 7th and 21st, February 4th and 18th, March 4th and 18th, April 1st, 15th and 29th and May 13th. Entry fee for each round: £1 [provisional].
3. Qualification for prize money, including highest individual score: attendance at a minimum of 10 competitive rounds.
4. Unavoidable absence from a competitive round. Providing the player attends the minimum of qualifying drives will, after the 18th round, have their aggregate score divided by the number of rounds attended and an *average* score entered against each of the rounds missed.
5. Prize money will be distributed as follows:

To the player returning the highest aggregate score, including any averages:	£20.00
To the player returning the second highest score, including any averages:	£17.50
To the player returning the third highest score, including any averages:	£15.00
To the player returning the fourth highest score, including any averages:	£12.50
To the player returning the fifth highest score, including any averages:	£10.00
To the player returning the sixth highest score, including any averages:	£7.50
To the player returning the seventh highest score, including any averages:	£5.00
To the player returning the eighth highest score, including any averages:	£2.50
To the player returning the ninth highest score, including any averages:	£1.75
To the player returning the tenth highest score, including any averages:	£1.00

To the player returning the highest individual score, subject to a minimum of 10 attendances but not necessarily placed in the top 10 finishers:	£5.00
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Total prize money:	£97.75
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Bridge

Congratulations to John Davis and Tim Stevens who since the last issue of *The Downsman* came top in a recent Duplicate Competition at Shaftesbury. Playing in their customary East/West pairs and with, from memory, in the region of 14 tables in play their average score was the best of the day. Finally, despite inclement weather, Brain and Sheila Bradley hosted an excellent Bridge Club barbecue which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Bill Chorley

CHANGES TO SURGERY SESSIONS

From 1st September 2008

In order to meet the needs of patients who are not able to get to the surgery in normal opening hours, this surgery is offering a small number of extra appointments at the times shown below.

The service is for routine appointments booked in advance. These are at the times shown below. To book one of these appointments, please telephone the surgery between 8.00 am—6.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The new session will be held on:

Monday evening starting at 6.30 pm at the Sixpenny Handley Surgery

It will also be possible to collect medication during this time.

If you need to be seen urgently before 8.00 am or after 6.30 pm Monday to Friday, or at weekends, you should call the **Out of Hours service**. The telephone number for this service is **0845 600 10 13**.

Important

For emergencies you should attend the Accident & Emergency Department of your local hospital or dial 999.

An emergency is a critical or life-threatening situation: for example, chest pain or suspected heart attack, head injury, severe loss of blood, severe breathing difficulties, loss of consciousness, deep wounds, suspected broken bones.



OPEN HOUSE

at The Vicarage, 60 High Street, Sixpenny Handley

Saturday 1st November 10.00 - 4.00

Come and have a cup of coffee or tea & a look at the Traidcraft goods.

You will be able to buy everything you need for Christmas:

Christmas cards, wrapping paper, decorations, gifts, Christmas cake
and pudding (or ingredients to make!)

and everyday goods such as tea, coffee, cereal, biscuits, chocolate, pasta, rice -
even toilet rolls and kitchen rolls!

Everything on sale is guaranteed to have been produced in safe working conditions
and the workers have been paid a fair wage.



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Some members submitted items of craft work for display in the Dorset W.I.'s section of an Arts & Crafts Exhibition held in Bovington Middle School in early August. The organisers of this event were very impressed by the standard of our work.

The weather could have been better on the evening of August 11th when we met for an American Supper at the Old Forge. This is a very informal, annual get together, this year complete with a fire in the grate!

Later in August and, thankfully, on a fine evening, 20 people went on a walk around part of Salisbury. The tour guide pointed out many historical features and also kept the group amused with her ideas and solutions on the way the city should be run (bring back the stocks was one suggestion). Supper was taken at The White Hart Hotel.

The Institute Meeting in September found members admiring beautiful slides taken around the world by a talented amateur photographer, Mrs. S. Brown. Her commentary was detailed and to the point, whilst the pictures were a clear illustration of her artistic ability, particularly where shadows and reflections were featured.

The skittles team won the Annual Group Skittles Competition which took place at Tarrant Gunville. Four teams from the Institute took part in the first round of the Dorset Federation Quiz. No results have been published as yet.

Please phone the Secretary, Bobbie Carter, 01725 552042, for further information about this friendly, informative, caring and fun loving organisation.

Dates for Diaries

Mon. 13th October	Mr. Edwards – Experiences of a Documentary Cameraman
Thurs. 23rd October	Autumn Council Meeting, Poole
Wed. 29th October	Autumn Group Meeting, Shroton
Mon. 10th November	Mr. Bunny Sartin – Smuggling along the South Coast
Wed. 3rd December	Group Advent Service – Sixpenny Handley
Mon. 8th December	Christmas Party

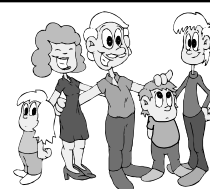
Institute meetings are held generally on the second Monday in the month in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to Secretary: 01725 552042.

The Sports Association want to thank everyone who supported and gave their time to the Sports Day on 5th July. Despite howling gales, over £900 was raised in aid of the Sports Association, which was fantastic. It gave a real opportunity for the various clubs to get together and for all ages to participate in bowls, cricket, football and tennis. A football match was held and many took part in bowls. A youth cricket game was held but, alas, the Football v. Cricket team match was cancelled due to rain. Many children played tennis and it is hoped that new members will join the clubs. Bob Walters, the North Dorset MP, also dropped in after a busy schedule to support the day.

The Sports Association are hoping to repeat the day next year, probably in May.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

FAMILY FUN WALK



Join us on a family fun walk around Handley and enjoy the glorious Cranborne Chase on Sunday 26th October



Start at the Sports Pavilion between 9.30 am – 10.30 am

You will be given a map and a quiz to do en route
and all correct answers will be put into a draw for a prize

Refreshments will be provided back at the Pavilion at the end of the walk

All welcome, including well-behaved dogs

If you feel unable to take part in the walk but could volunteer as a Marshall,
please contact David Cross on 01725 552640

£3 adults / £1 under 16s

Proceeds in aid of the Sports Association



SHReD

There are now in excess of sixty current, paid up members using the facilities that **SHReD** offers. Compostable material is now only collected in the bags that can be purchased either from the Post Office or the Hardware Shop, (Neither shop receives any remuneration for selling these bags on **SHReD's** behalf, and we thank them for it.) If material is too large or too voluminous to go into bags, then please give us a ring on the numbers below and special collection arrangements will be made. Bags are sold at the current price in order to cover the cost of the collection round.

As can be seen below, we now have on our site a shredder, which was purchased with the help of a grant of £7,500 from AONB, Cranborne. We are extremely grateful, but now we must raise more money to purchase our own tractor to drive it so that we can become more independent.



Because of the cost of the machine we must ask members to be careful what they put into the bags, no stones, bricks or pieces of metal please, not even pairs of secateurs. (If the owner of the pair of secateurs found in a bag on the collection of Monday 8th September wants to reclaim them, then ring one of the numbers below.)

For more information please ring Ted Cox 552801 or Simon Meaden 552715.



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29th November

2.00 - 4.00pm

in the Village Hall

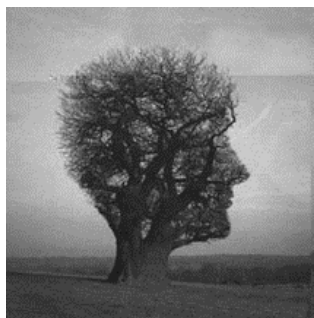
LARGE SELECTION OF **CHRISTMAS** FUN!

Cakes – Cards – Teas – Crafts – Games- Tombola –
Christmas Tree Lucky Dip – Presents –
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Entry only 50p



Top Tree Tips



The commonest DIY disasters I come across are tree mutilations due to bad or misguided pruning techniques, of these the most frequently abused being fruit trees. This issue's 'Top Tip' is an introduction to fruit tree pruning; I can give you a formula and some basic principles which should give you confidence enough to competently prune for better quality fruit and flowers.

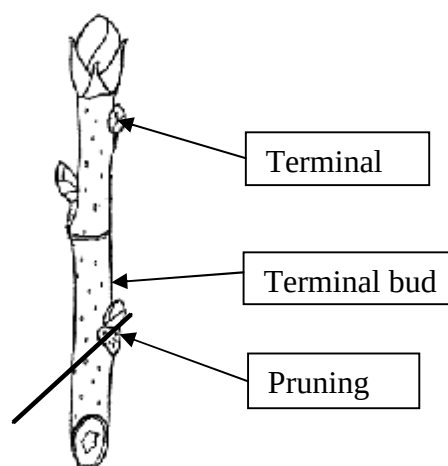
When to prune: Avoid pruning in spring and autumn and never prune stone fruits whilst in flower. You can prune in summer, but winter is preferable because it is easier to see the shape of the tree.

Basic principles: For apple trees it is important to ascertain whether you have a tip or a spur-bearing species. Tip bearers fruit early and the bigger fruit bearing buds are found on the tip of the new wood (to prune follow steps 1-3 of the formula). Spur bearers are more common and the fruit buds are found on the old wood of the twig - they are bigger than the other lateral buds. Old wood is growth from previous seasons and is found below the terminal bud scar. The basic principle is to concentrate the tree's energy into the production of fruit and flowers and to do this prune below the terminal bud scar into the second or third year's growth.

Fruity formula:

- The three Ds. Remove Dead, Dying and Diseased wood.
- Remove watershoots. These are 1 year old twigs that grow directly on the larger limb systems.
- Remove rubbing and crossing twigs and branches.

Now, prune back to a bud behind the terminal bud scar on the second or third year's growth. This part is discretionary; generally prune to the third year's old wood because it will create a spur system on a part of the branch that has better weight bearing capabilities, and removal of any fruit bearing buds on the second year's growth will stimulate more energy into less fruit therefore better quality.



As a result of this year's wet summer, I can safely predict that apple and pear scab will be more of a problem this season. Scab is a fungal infection which over-winters in the leaf litter. As with all such diseases you must rake up all the leaves and burn them. This is not the end of your problems - next spring you will have to spray the tree every 10 – 14 days from bud burst until July with a fungicide. I recommend 'DITHANE' as it is readily available over the counter and is reasonably priced at about a fiver for a box, enough for 6 treatments.

Pruning for fruit and flowers is simple to learn but tricky to master. The knack is locating the terminal bud scars and building a good spur system and with practice it becomes second nature and you will become a prudent pruner. **If you have any questions on this or you have any other arboricultural queries, please feel free to contact me, paul@dorsettreesandhedges.com.**

Paul McDermott, Arboricultural Specialist



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1st Woodcutts Summer Camp – Explorer's and Scouts

Well, it is some time since we updated you and we have loads to tell you!

Firstly, the District Camp in May where, along with the Cubs and Beavers, we took the other Scout Groups to task by firstly winning the 'Wide Game' which meant chasing round looking for leaders with either postcards, stamps or pens to sign the postcards with, then posting as many postcards as possible. The prize went to the Group with the best average which, of course, was Mighty, Mighty Woodcutts!! The second task was a bit more of a challenge, but with a well thought-out design, some clever Scout engineering and a little fine tuning involving paper towels and some cooking oil, we again won. The 'Rocket' was fired along a line as far as possible whilst getting it through a paper target. Our answer – plumbing tube, wire for the line and a very, very big elastic band! See, we do think it through. The Scouts also got to canoe, climb and abseil, archery, orienteering and as part of the camp fire songs Rob, Si and Kellie provided a fire juggling, Fire Poi demonstration all capped off with a fire eating act!

In June, a group of Scouts and Explorers managed a morning's climbing at Dancing Ledge near Swanage followed by one of Andy's 'short' walks along the coastline. Many thanks to Julia and Chris Stokes who made sure we got there and back safely - and they had a go at climbing! The walk was finished off with well earned ice cream in Worth Matravers.

With grateful thanks to the **East Dorset Community Trust for a grant of £800** towards tents, cookers, tables and chairs, we were soon looking forward to our Summer Camp. This was in the Peak District, Derbyshire and was, hopefully, going to be without the rain. So, at the end of August, 18 Scouts and Explorers with 7 leaders and 1 very enthusiastic Group Scout Leader (Skip - first time in too many years to mention but...) set off. We also had Willow and Nick along to provide the cooking expertise to ensure we ate well and together with a mountain of cakes and buns from Dee and several parents and guardians, these would see us through the 'in-between' meals. Thank you to everyone for these special treats.

So, in two minibuses and a car full of kit we set off northwards to the Hope Valley which we all hoped had dried out by the time we arrived. We arrived just in time for tea and, of course, a rain shower! Not all that bad though, as we did have a hut to retreat into while we ate and planned our first outing. Rob had heard that the Tinsley Cooling towers next to the M1 were being blown up at 3.00 am. Andy gave us the choice of a 7 mile walk on the Sunday or stay up late and watch the towers being blown up. That took some thinking about but, of course, the towers won! We were woken around midnight and headed off to the Meadow Hall shopping centre, about an hour away. We had to wait nearly two hours, but this flew past, especially with the nightlife on show around us! Finally, the horns were sounding off, we looked towards the towers and - bang, bang - that was it – a massive puff of smoke and they were gone – well, nearly - we could see a spike of concrete as we left. So it was back to our campsite, arriving about 4.30 am and off to bed until lunchtime.

Sunday – we were up in time for brunch - sausage, eggs, baked beans and toast - before continuing on our programme, which was a trip down a Blue John cave where we encountered witches' shadows as well as sheep, ostriches and more than a few stalagmites and stalactites plus some really unusual spiders on the way out. Once back out in the open we took a short walk up Mam Tor (the shivering mountain). It was cold and windy but, hey, this is up North! Some of us even thought we had left England!!! From here we saw all the hills and valleys we would be encountering over the coming week.



Monday was an easier day as all of us had had a good night's



sleep, catching up on Saturday. We visited Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, which is a resorted factory come museum of the Sheffield steel industry. Here they produced scythes right from smelting iron ore through to the sharpening on millstone grit wheels powered by giant water wheels. The museum also gave an insight into how the workers and owners lived, with a '2 up 2 down' cottage and the owner's house both furnished as they would have been in the 1800s. Following a short Diabalo demonstration from Rob and Preed outside the shop, we headed off into the hills for lunch and onto Hathersage. This village

had two unique things for us; Little John's grave, and of course we had to get a picture of Big Bosie lying next to the grave to see how big he was, allegedly! The most fun for all of us was an open air swimming pool. The water is a constant 80 degrees C. That was great, except for the wind blowing across the pool!! A camp is not a camp unless we have a Fish'n'Chip supper and tonight was the night - we were all soon tucking into fish'n'chips back at our campsite - a great day.

Tuesday was different again, with a 12 mile cycle ride around the Ladybower reservoirs – the Dambuster Dams. We split into 3 groups, fast, fastish and 'we'll get there'! The last group included Skip who was a little cautious about setting off but was by no means the last back, proving that the hare is not always the quickest and does it really matter if you get there anyhow? The ride was a mixture of road and tracks with some 'fun' bits for those who wanted a little more. Preed did get a puncture and was overtaken by the last group in the first half of the circuit although it did end up with Preed being in the first three back so he did make up for it later. It was then down to below the Derwent Reservoir dam wall for lunch.

This was in a large open field which prompted some games, with a group funny walk which ended in heap, through to integrated Leap Frogging which had us all in stitches – not literally, although maybe a few bruises where you did not expect. For the second half of the day Preed, Big Bosie, Si and Nick ran an assault course competition which involved each team getting across the obstacle course as quickly as possible with two pans full of water - the quickest, with the least amount of water lost, would be winners – you had to be there to see it! The points for this were added to the 75 Bands photo competition run the night before which Tent 3 won so with the scores for the assault course added it was still tent 3 leading but how would this end?



Wednesday had everyone talking as we were off to Meadow Hall, this time to go inside and shop! Each tent had a leader with them for safety along with a treasure hunt to complete. We had 2 hours to complete the hunt and then meet for lunch. Where was Starbucks? Is there a Disney Shop? What is the weirdest toy you can buy? Plus more questions and tasks to take us around the complex. It's a mile long so will 2 hours be enough? The answer was, 'yes'. Time in the complex is by the pound and not the mile!! We all met up as arranged and had our completed hunt questionnaires checked. We got the sugars – brown and white, napkins and the weirdest toy which ranged from false chest hair to a voodoo husband doll – hey, I know which one I would choose. So it was lunchtime. Normally we have a picnic but today was different. We had to eat in the food hall – so much to

choose from. Each of us was given £5.00 and sent off to buy our meals. We all sat together eating Kentucky, Burger King, Chinese, Spud-u-like whilst watching the videos on the 40 foot TV wall – heaven. After lunch Andy asked us all to follow him to see a better view and he ran off upstairs, eh? When we got to the top he asked us all to stand next to the person we wanted to see the view with, eh? He then gave each of us a ticket to Vue Cinema for Hell Boy 2!! The leaders had this planned for weeks and did not let on, so off we went to watch the film. What a day.

Thursday was THE adventure day, a trip down south to near Matlock for rock climbing, caving and scrambling. You had to complete two of the three and it was your choice. A group stayed at the Black Rocks for the morning scrambling, whilst a group headed off climbing and the others went down a disused Lead Mine. Three hours later we all arrived back at Black Rocks to share stories about what we had all done and then go off for our second adventure – scary stuff but all great fun. Tea tonight (we're up T' North and yer ave dinner at t'dinner time lad!) was a BBQ, home made burgers, sausages, vegetable kebabs and Bakewell Pudding from 'ye original Bakewell Pudding Shoppe' yum! Some were heard to say, 'I don't like that', but still managed a second helping! The evening activity was another competition which was a quiz run by Rob. Again, Tent 3 won but as the points were based on questions answered it meant that the week's competition was up for grabs by any tent.



Friday was back outdoors, boots on, waterproof packed just in case and we headed off for a short walk. Each tent team set off to walk over Carl Wark and Higger Tor, two small hills about a mile away. Rob and Andy headed off for the final food buy and would meet up with us for lunch (t'dinner). An hour later saw Andy back on Carl Wark, helping Preed, Hannah and Si pull Alice's foot out of a hole – actually it was her leg and more of a cave! But thankfully everyone, the whole group, kept their heads and did the right thing, staying calm, getting help and working together; we all then completed the walk to the mini buses. No harm done, just a few muddy shirts and a story to tell - oh yeah, and confirmation that Alice will probably stick to riding horses!! Lunch proved to be entertaining with the locals – a small group of sheep - who had developed a taste for anything other than grass. Strange, everyone ate lunch a bit quicker than normal that day. We then headed onto the top of Stanage Edge. This gave us a chance to look back at the view we had from Mam Tor on the Sunday, only six days ago but we had done so much. Here, Rob tested each tent team's map reading knowledge as part of the week's competition – who would win? The last surprise of the day was to walk through a natural cave which became a balcony half way up the cliff face. Back from the walk, we packed all the tents and our kit, loaded them onto the minibuses. Using tarpaulins we put up sleeping shelters for the last night, this meant we did not have to dry the tents out – and yes, it did not rain all week!!! With the shelters set up, fire alters were lit and the mega chicken cook-off began. The week had been a lot of fun for everyone and we intended to finish off in that way, and seven chickens spatch-cooked and seasoned were eagerly awaited along with salads, bread and corn on the cob. We gathered around the fire for camp songs and prize giving – the tent prize was close right up to the last event with Tent 1 led by Preed coming first, closely followed by Tents 3 and 2. Jess proved over the week that she was more than worthy of best Scout on camp. Finally, the singing could begin. Skip gave a rendition of Black Bird and we all had our own verses to 'Quartermasters Stores' and 'You'll Never Get to Heaven', but the last song had to be 'Mighty, Mighty Woodcuts'!



A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped this happen; the committee, Akela manning the emergency line, Scout families and most of all the Scouts and Explorers who made it a successful summer. So whether it's a week in the Peak District, on the Dorset Coast or as part of a District camp you can certainly say Woodcuts is MIGHTY MIGHTY!!

We are now starting our autumn programme with a trip to Brownsea, joint Halloween and Christmas Parties being planned, night walks as well as the Fireworks display, Remembrance Day and a load more fun.

There have been some Scouts moving up to Explorers and so SCOUTS now have some places available. If you are interested in joining Scouts and are between 10½ and 14 give Rob a call. EXPLORERS aged 14 - 18 now meet on a Wednesday from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm - call Andy, although not as much space is available.



Rob, Andy and the Orrible Lot

REMEMBER OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



The outdoor season has now ended and despite adverse weather conditions in many cases, the club has done well in the leagues. The men's team, playing in Dorset League Division Three, finished in third position with 61 points, ahead of Verwood with 59. Next year we shall have to visit Shaftesbury and Gillingham. In the Westbrook Mixed Triples League, the club finished in fourth position. We played our last match of the season at Gillingham which was a friendly, and won on all four rinks. A few of our internal matches are still outstanding, but by the time this goes to press, they should be finished.

The indoor Short Mat Season starts in the middle of September and the club is hoping for great things this season, playing in the Blackmore Vale League. Practice is on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm when there is no League match and also on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 pm. Why not come and join us if you are interested in playing.

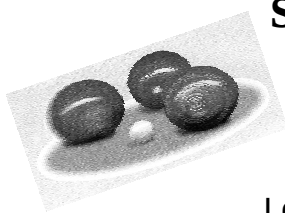
Jumble Sale: many thanks to all those who supported our Jumble Sale on the 6th. About 50 people came to buy, which is half the usual number we would expect. However, the Treasurer says the club should end up with a profit of approximately £210, well down on usual expectations.

Some dates to remember: the club **AGM** will be held in the Sports Pavilion on **Thursday 6th November at 7.30 pm**. We shall be voting for club officers for the coming year and if you wish to put your name forward for election, please do so when the nomination papers are sent to you about the 20th October.

Quiz Night: the date for this popular event (it will have a Christmas flavour as usual) has been changed and will now be held on **Saturday 22nd November at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Tickets are £6 from Val Martin - tel: 01725 552607 to book.

Presentation Lunch: the annual Presentation Lunch will be held at Drucilla's, Horton Road, Horton, on **Sunday 14th December, 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm**. Members will soon receive menus, etc. from Val Martin.

Bea Boyland (Secretary)



SIXPENNY HANDLEY BOWLS CLUB

is looking for new members

Looking for something to do in the winter months?

We are always looking for new members, so why not come and see us
and try our indoor shortmat bowls and find out
what an enjoyable game bowls can be.

We are in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 pm,
and on Sunday afternoons at 2.30 pm.

Contact any of our members, or Bea on 552805.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY'S 2008 HORTICULTURAL & HOMECRAFTS SHOW

We asked you to give your support by showing something you have grown or made and that is exactly what you did.

A great big thank you from the organisers to all those who exhibited this year – without you there would have been no show, and the village hall would have looked very empty. It was wonderful to see the full array of all those different exhibits filling the hall - there were record entries in both the Art & Photography and the Cookery sections this year. This is what the Cookery Judge, Wendy Trevennor, had to say about the standard of entries:- *"The hardest part was that, in many of the classes I judged, the standards were very high, and choosing winners was difficult..... The lemon drizzle cakes, the bread and the scones were all classes that attracted very good exhibits.... There were two classes, the savoury flan and the sausage rolls, which had only one item – both were excellent. I awarded the full 20 marks to half a dozen exhibits, which is quite rare."*

To all those who helped the evening before the show and on the day itself, another very big thank you. These events can only be staged with the help of a small platoon of people, and a lot of effort is put into setting up the staging and erecting the gazebo, which isn't helped when it is pouring with rain. Fortunately, the day of the Show turned out fine, and the stall holders were able to ply their trade in pleasant weather.

With the combined help of those who visited and money from the entries, teas, stalls etc., a reasonable profit was generated. This will mean that a better contribution this year will be made to our supported charity, Marie Curie Cancer Care.

2008 HORTICULTURAL & HOMECRAFTS SHOW WINNERS

Section A - Vegetables & Fruit

Harry Tucker Memorial Challenge Cup & Show Medal (Classes A1 to A20): **Robin Parsons**
Voucher For Best Exhibit In Section: **Robin Parsons**

Section B - Dahlias & Autumn Flowers

Jill Coate Memorial Challenge Cup & Show Medal: **Julie Peacock**
Show Certificate For Best Exhibit In Classes B1 to B11 (Dahlias): **Julie Peacock**
Voucher For Best Exhibit In Section: **Julie Peacock**

Section C - Floral Art

GS Clarke Challenge Cup & Show Medal: **Elizabeth Coombs**
Vase For Best Exhibit In Section: **Elizabeth Coombs**

Section D - Cookery

Challenge Cup & Show Medal For Most Points In Classes D1 to D20: **Joyce Waker**
Second Prize For Second Highest Number Of Points In Classes D1 to D20: **Steve Barrett**

Section E - Hobbies

Challenge Cup & Show Medal For Best Exhibit In Section: **Lyn Watt**

Section F - Art & Photography

Challenge Cup & Show Medal: **Grace Jackson**

Section G - Children's Homecraft

Children's Challenge Trophy & Show Medal: **James Turner**
Show Challenge Certificate For Highest Number Of Points In Section: **Rebecca Mann**



Some of the prize winners from this year's Horticultural Show

SIXPENNY HANDLEY HORTICULTURAL & HOMECRAFTS SHOW

The winning ticket for the Christmas Cake and choice of decoration was No **47**. The lucky winner was Tricia Collins of Sheasby Close who was very pleased. Another chance to win a fully decorated cake will be on **Saturday 29th November** at St Mary's "**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**" to be held in the Village Hall. Tickets will be £1 each. The amount collected and passed to Marie Currie Charity was £53. Thank you one and all.

David Salmons (Sometime Baker)



LONG SERVICE AWARD

Brian Hansford, who has been Secretary of the Handley Sports FC since 1954, receives recognition of his long service from the Chairman of the Dorset County Football Association Ltd, Mr John Masters, at a recent ceremony at the HQ at Hamworthy during their Annual Presentation evening.

Prior to the presentation they had found a screen showing Handley Sports League position at that time which was interesting showing Handley sports in a better position than Liverpool in their League.

1st WOODCUTTS SCOUT GROUP

It has been 25 years since I last attended summer camp and I thought that things would have changed beyond all recognition - some things have, such as having the use of a computer, mobile phone and being able to use the plastic to administer funding of food provisions and activities, which all went to help the leaders to run an efficient ship. Another difference to my day was having girl scouts on camp as well as boys. I have to say that the youngsters of today are just as enthusiastic as they were in my day - they were absolutely brilliant in every way and I found that I wasn't so much out of touch as I thought that I would have been, the standard of leadership being second to none (as I knew it would be). It was an honour and a privilege to be amongst such exalted company and I hope that, god willing and with the blessing of the troop, to be able to attend again next year. Thank you, leaders, but more importantly, scouts, for giving me such a warm welcome and such a fantastic time, a memory that I shall treasure for a long time.

Group activities for the future are as follows; a trip to Brownsea Island, Halloween party, Bonfire night spectacular, Remembrance Day Service, Carol Service followed by leaders and Committee Christmas dinner, Christmas party for the young people, Gang show at the village hall, (towards the end of March) and a family camp at Butchers Coppice, Bournemouth, as well as the usual activities at the HQ. As you can see, we have a very busy time ahead!

We are continuing with our pursuit of providing a new HQ which is even more desperate as we now have 84 members within the group. We have now appointed an architect who is drawing up a new plan to suit our needs. Having already received planning permission for an earlier application, we shall have to seek amended planning approval. We are researching and applying for grant aid and have already been lucky to receive £5,000 from the EDDC. This project is likely to cost somewhere in the region of £220,000. We have already received two donations from people within our parish and we would be very happy to receive other offers of financial support or any other offers of help, especially with fund raising as we have to raise at least 25% of the total cost. This is a very defining moment within the history of the group - we owe it to the young people of our parish who attend Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts on a regular basis and to the dedicated leaders who give of their time so willingly.

Yours in Scouting,

John Curtis GSL

And finally . . . the Scouts now have a Bugle and we are looking for someone who is able to play it and would be prepared to play the Last Post at the Sixpenny Handley Remembrance Service. Failing that, is there anyone that would be able to teach one of the scouts to play it?

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Please support your local Scouts

Handley Sports Youth Football Club



We have had a busy summer with the football in Handley. We now have two teams, Under 10s and Under 12s, competing in leagues. The U.12s are the team I have had from the start and are now entering their 4th year. However the U.10s have been put together this summer after several training sessions and flyers going up in different surrounding areas.



The Under 10s have now been together for about 8 weeks. We train on Saturday mornings 9.30 am - 10.30 am. At the time of writing, we have played just the one game, which was a friendly, to give the boys a chance to experience what matches will be like as all, bar one, have never played before. They did fantastically well, going away from home to Heathlands in Bournemouth and drawing 2 - 2 in an eventful game. For a group of lads drawn together from different schools and places, several never having met before, and at the time of playing the friendly had only trained four times, the team were excellent and were unlucky not to get the win. Ben Barnes has the recognition of scoring the team's first-ever goal after a good move from a corner involving Dan Wise and Ben Smith. Heathlands soon equalised, but the boys never let their heads drop and just before half-time, after a great run from George Best, (yes you read right), Ben Smith was left to tap in from a few yards out. Into the 2nd half and the boys tired a bit, but continued to play well and battle for every ball. However, Heathlands equalised with a little help from a very laid-back referee. In the last minute George made a fantastic save, but as he wasn't the keeper Heathlands won a penalty. Fortunately, Elyis Forbes denied Heathlands the win with a great save and with that the final whistle blew.

U. 10s only play 7-a-side matches and we have 11, but we are always looking for players to improve the team, so if you are in Year 5 at school please don't hesitate to come to training.

Although they have been together for four years now, this is also a completely new season for the U.12s as it is their first season in 11-a-side football on men's pitches.

We started training about eight weeks ago and do their training straight after the U.10s, from 10.30 am – 12.00 noon. To get as much preparation for 11-a-side football, we have played three friendlies in the last few weeks. Firstly we played Colehill Sports and won 1 - 0 with a goal from Christian Gully-Smith. For our second game we went away to Ringwood Rangers who were another team that had gone to 11-a-side the year before so had a year's experience, so to go away to them and come back with a 7 - 3 win was some achievement. Brad Sando scored 4, Christian 2 and Alan Griffiths rounded off the scoring. Our last game on 31st August was against Wool & Winfrith and again got the winning 2 - 1 goals from Tom Brown and Harry Bullmore. It's good to have done so well as the boys will need to go into the season full of confidence as we have been placed in a very hard league seeing as we are a year behind all the other teams.

The U.10s start on September 20th away to Gillingham Town, and the U.12s are at home to Dorchester Town Raiders on 14th September. Both these games for the teams are the hardest possible starts as both are the best teams in our respective leagues.

The U.12s are at home on October 5th in the Dorset Cup with an 11.00 am kick-off and support from the village would be much appreciated. The U.10s, however, haven't had much luck fixture-wise and the first six games are away and they don't get to play at home until October 26th so being their first ever home game any support would be appreciated. That also is an 11.00 am kick off.

If you feel you can help us in any possible way - a child wanting to play, sponsorship for kit or anything else, please get in touch with me or come to training on a Saturday and you will be very welcome to join and see how you get on.

Contact me on 01258 452481, 07748 127369 , DorsetHSFC@aol.com

Adam Day

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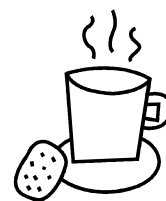
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Home Watch News

Wimborne Rural



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Hello and welcome to an update from your Wimborne Rural Safer Neighbourhood Officers.

I am pleased to report that the Great Dorset Steam Fair passed off very smoothly from a policing point of view & has been hailed a success from all concerned.

The event celebrating its 40th year was held at Tarrant Monkton & attracted up to a quarter of a million people, including 25,000 campers.

Officers dealt with a whole range of issues during the event including lost children & traffic collisions. In total only three people were arrested. Two were detained following a successful operation mounted in conjunction with Dorset Trading Standards, where a significant quantity of counterfeit goods were seized & one person was arrested in connection with a public order incident.

21 crimes were reported during the course of the five-day event, which is a drop of 25 per cent on last year. The vast majority of crimes related to thefts from tents & stalls.

Operation Elder which ran for 10 days before, during & after the Steam Fair had the aim of reassuring the Tarrant Valley & wider communities & proved to be very successful.

Within this operation there was a highly successful security element provided by the Crichel Estate, which included mobile patrolling of many areas thought to be at increased risk of crime.

A designated travellers site, situated on the outskirts of the event, once again proved to be highly successful. More than 80 caravans took advantage of the site and its facilities, set up and managed by Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Council.

Summer has come & gone & the evenings are now drawing in, so perhaps its time once again to consider safety on the road. Motorists should be checking their car lights & cyclists should be checking their bike lights. Also it is advisable to do routine checks on all other components to make sure that all vehicles are in a safe and roadworthy condition.

Every Autumn & Winter I see many cyclists, some dressed in dark clothing, riding along with no lights. It is surprising that there are not more reports of accidents & near misses.

Wimborne Rural SNT PACT (Partners And Communities Together).

The PACT priorities for our rural areas are:

1. Speeding
2. Fly-Tipping

These are the issues that were most frequently raised at our surgeries conducted throughout the villages & from responses gathered from face to face surveys. The PACT panel is made up of representatives from the local authorities, service provision agencies etc & they will be taking a joint agency approach in trying to address these issues. From a Police perspective we have begun to address the issue of speeding by increasing our speed management checks & have to date been both advising motorists of their driving behaviour & issuing tickets as necessary.

The next PACT panel meeting is due to be held on 17/09/2008 where all current issues will be discussed.

As Wimborne Rural North's Safer Neighbourhood Team, we cover a very large area encompassing from Wimborne in the South to Sixpenny Handley & Woodyates in the North & from Mannington in the East to Witchampton & Manswood in the West. Wimborne Rural is aptly named insofar as the nearest large town to the neighbourhood is Wimborne, and the surrounding landscape is rural substantial areas of farmland. Two estates cover a large area of the neighbourhood - Crichel Estate and Gaunts Common Estate.

Crime Prevention Advice

One of the most feared crimes is burglary. The threat of being a victim of crime in the home is bad enough. But to be subjected to a crime on a second or subsequent occasion increases the fear of the victim and other householders in the area. The quiet enjoyment of the community can therefore be damaged.

Most householders have and some time felt the fear of crime, with the elderly and vulnerable most at risk. It makes sense to tackle crime in an effective way by reducing and preventing crime before it happens. Traditionally the Police have been seen as the experts and yet every householder working together with the Police can do their bit to reduce and prevent crime in their homes and reduce the fear of crime.

As part of our role we would encourage householders in our Neighbourhood areas to contact us with a view to us conducting a crime reduction survey within your household. Rarely do people have any idea how a burglar operates or thinks and they have little knowledge about basic crime reduction measures that can help prevent a burglary. Most domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists. The criminal picks a house that looks unoccupied, has little or no obvious security and where they think they won't be seen. If enough householders in an area take the necessary steps after acting on the advice from the survey then the opportunist criminal will be forced to look elsewhere, therefore day to day burglaries will reduce and the well being of the neighbourhood will increase.

Contact Information Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Neighbourhood Team

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East Dorset Rural Home Watch
Chairman-

Andrew Dickie: 01202 822576

Crime Statistics

Here are some brief figures for the period 01/06/2008 – 01/09/2008

In all there were 35 reported crimes throughout the rural area.

12 were theft of various items

2 thefts of vehicles

Other main crime groups included thefts from vehicles & criminal damage

As we have had some thefts from motor vehicles, please give some thought to your vehicle security. Our rural areas are statistically very safe but leaving car windows open and/or valuables on display is inviting crime.



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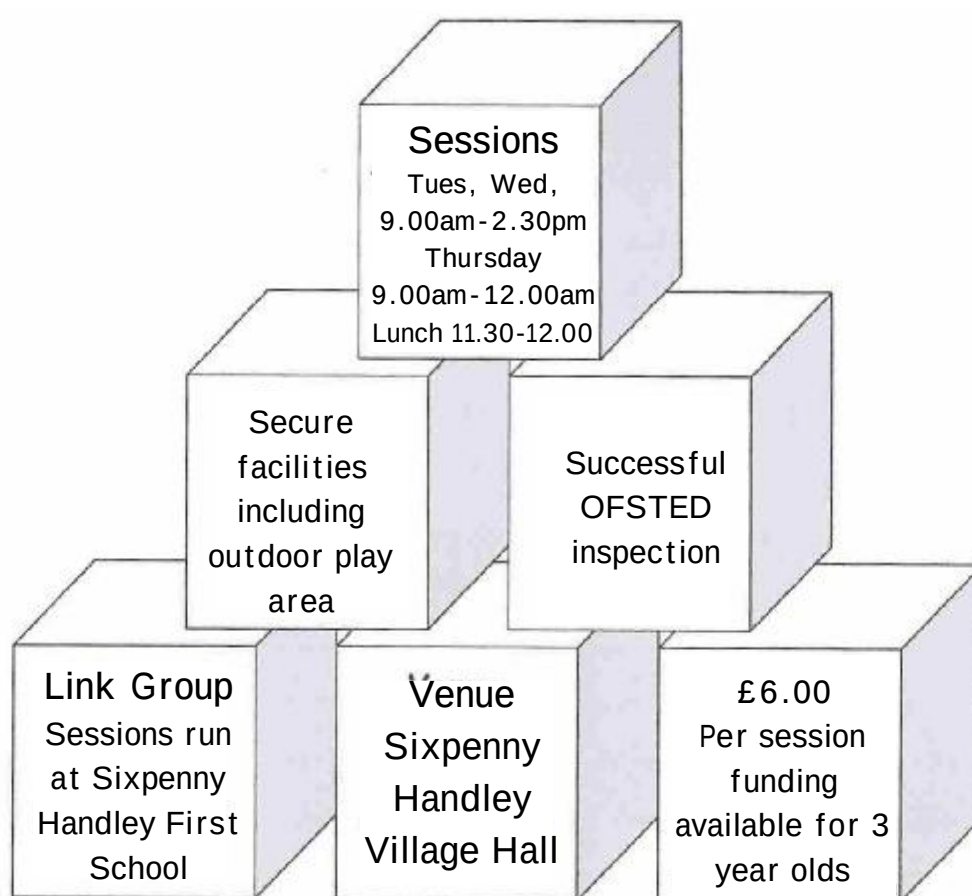
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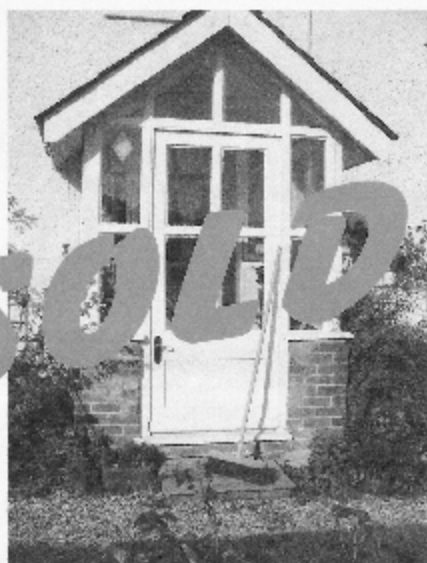
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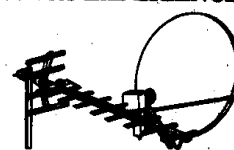
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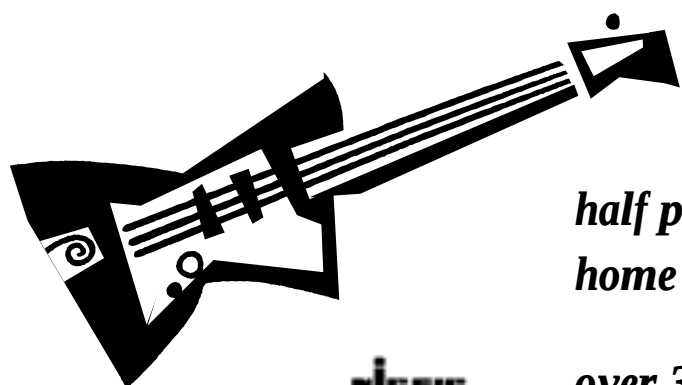
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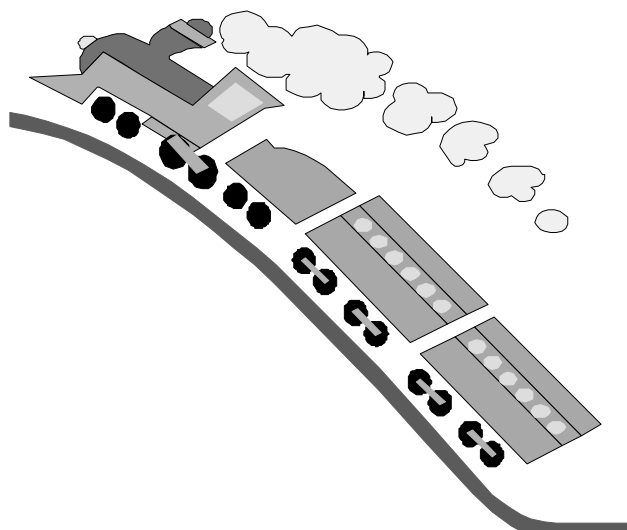
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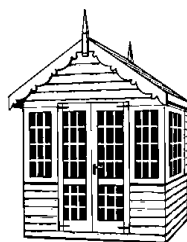
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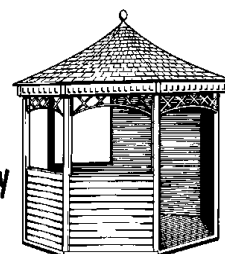
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