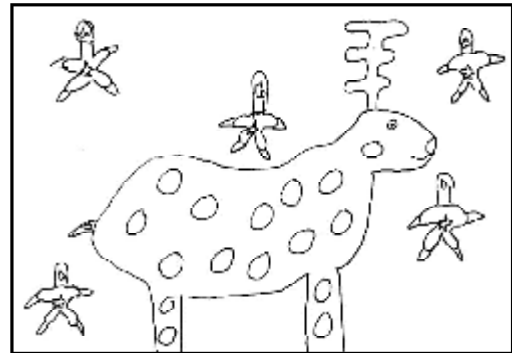
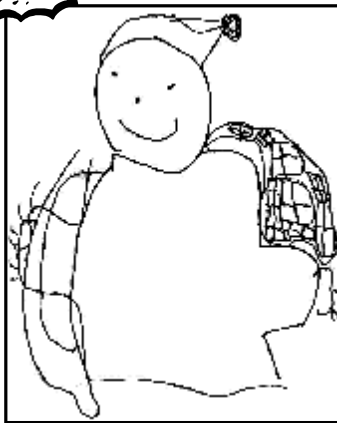


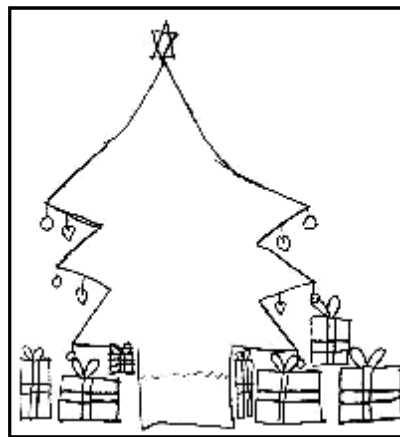
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Happy Christmas

from everyone at The Downsman



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The team at The Downsman would like to thank the Head Teacher, staff and pupils for all the lovely Christmas drawings which have decorated the front cover and which are shown throughout the magazine.



The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the
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Clerk's Corner

Disco — 1960s and 70s music - On **Saturday 6th December** in the **Village Hall** from **6.00 pm to 10.30 pm** to raise funds for Parish amenities. Caterers hope that you will **book early**. **Tickets for the event £7 each, including cottage pie and a glass of wine (or tea or coffee), will be available from The Shop, the PO and John Clarke.** **Entry without supper, £3.50.** Please come and have fun and help us to improve the Parish amenities — **what additional amenity would YOU like to see?**

Children's Play Area - Repairs have been carried out (at significant expense) and the play area is now fully functioning (just in time for winter!). **Please treat the area with respect and look after this valuable asset.**

Skate park damage - It would appear that the destruction of the dustbin may not have been deliberate, but **congratulations to the young man** who took the view "As the eldest of those present I will take responsibility and pay for its cost." Ten pounds is now en route to the provider of the bin. **Accidents do happen - please take care.**

Who pinched my pumpkin?
Congratulations to all those (and their parents) who pitched up, very well dressed and made-up, to claim their chocolate bar. "Something more sinister" then occurred; **someone made off with the illuminated pumpkin!!!** At 9.00 pm I didn't expect more "clients" and, had you knocked and asked, you would have been given the pumpkin, but, I'm sure, that would not have been nearly as much fun as **nicking it!!**



Book Swap - It is hoped to provide a book swap facility in the Parish Office — **further details below.**

Christopher Snape
(Clerk to the Parish Council)

From the Assistant Clerk

I am shortly going to open a small lending library in the Parish Office. It is hoped that people will swap one book for another, but if you haven't one to swap, this need not stop you.

At the moment, the Office is open on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon, and Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm. As soon as I have the shelving ready, I plan to also open on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

I will place a notice on the various notice boards when I have a date in mind and hope you will pay us a visit.

Gill Martin

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council

3/08/1101	- Orchard House, Pentridge - two storey rear extension.
3/08/0978	- Dove Cottage, Woodcuts - 1.5m post and wire fence and 2m gates.
3/08/1055	- 54 High Street - single storey rear extension

Approvals

3/08/0770	- Deanland Cottages, Deanland - two storey rear extensions. Permitted.
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To the Editor

Dear Margaret Thorne

A few weeks ago someone wrote in the church visitor's book that "Sixpenny Handley is not the only place with a funny name. We come from "LOWER UPHAM."

So I checked in the atlas. Yes, there is also UPHAM by itself near Bishop's Waltham in Hampshire. I therefore ask myself, "What is a Waltham and what does a bishop do with it?" Perhaps your readers can assist.

This letter gives me an opportunity to mention some of Sixpenny Handley's unusual local names. How many of your readers can place the two gates in addition to Sermal Gate; and where are 'White Scrapes', 'Piddle Hill', Spott's Green and the site of what was 'The Pound' for stray cattle? Probably not everybody can place 'Slaughter Lane' or remember, as I am able, eating mulberries off the tree before the bungalows, houses and the surgery existed.

In olden days, when nearly everybody had boots or shoes made locally, there were three village boot makers. I have located the site where one used to work – not in a shop but almost in the open.

Assuredly Richard Adlem knows about the Burial Road - when last used, I wonder?

The Shire Rack or Track marks important Parish and County boundaries. A very interesting few hours' walk is from Garston to Minchington Bottom. Why is there a stile in the middle of a field, no fence?

Finally, in what Parish is Bussey Stool? Farnham, Minchington, or Handley?

Yours sincerely

Victor Fryer (aged 99 years)

The Surgery, Sixpenny Handley

Please note that with effect from 1st October 2008 the partnership changed from
Drs Pelly, Nodder & Morgan

to

Drs Nodder, Morgan and Taubman

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

SHEILA DAWN SMITH**15th February 1952 to 20th September 2008**

My family and I would like to thank everyone who attended Sheila's Celebration on the 2nd October 2008. Sheila would have been overwhelmed with the number who attended, as we were. The love, support and prayers for Sheila, our family and myself during her illness were wonderful. Sheila and I found and drew great strength from this love and support.

Sheila loved to be with her children, grandchildren, family and friends, always willing to help anyone in anyway that she could. Sheila loved to have our children and grandchildren to Sunday lunch, preparing the meal with Lili - chopping carrots and laughing together will be a memory that will never fade.

Sheila, for thirteen years, had fought cancer, undergoing treatment that was physically demanding and tiring; this treatment seemed to stop the cancer and a period of remission, some three years. Remission was a word Sheila hated with a passion; Sheila said, "I pray for cure." Five years ago Sheila was told the cancer had returned and further treatment would be required. Sheila faced this with great faith, courage and strength.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters of love and support and the way you shared your memories of Sheila. This confirmed that Sheila was so loved and held in such high regard. Special thanks go to the doctors, nurses and carers of the surgery. Rev Mel Durrant, Rev Ron Wood, Rev Wendy Griffith, all who helped at the Celebration service, the Church Social Committee for helping at the house, and the Marie Curie nurses - they are Angels without wings.

Sheila wished the collection at the Celebration to be split between four good causes: the Doctor's Surgery, Marie Curie Foundation, Salisbury Hospice and the heating in St Mary's. The collection raised £1,129.50, and money is still being given.

I can only say thank you again for the support and love shown - the words "thank you" do not express fully what I wish to convey to you.

Graham Smith**HILDA RANDALL**

Hilda Randall went to sleep on 11th November, 2008. This is a very sad time for us.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the surgery and all of mum's friends and neighbours for the help and support through her last few weeks.

Good night, Mum. x

Jean, Pat, Helen, Peter and Rachel

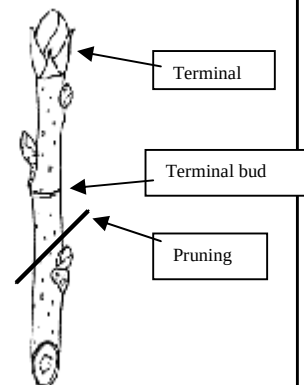
AN APOLOGY

The Editor wishes to apologise to Paul McDermott for the incorrect diagram which accompanied his article (Top Tree Tips) in the October issue of The Downsman. Also his 'Fruity Formula' should have been shown as four numbered points, rather than three bullet points and a straight paragraph beginning, "Now, prune back"

The correct diagram, plus the four numbered points are shown below. Apologies from the Editor are sent to Paul for any inconvenience caused.

Fruity formula.

1. The three d's. Remove dead, dying and diseased wood.
2. Remove watershoots. These are 1 year old twigs that grow directly on the larger limb systems
3. Remove rubbing and crossing twigs and branches.
4. 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.



Thank You

To the Patients of the Sixpenny Handley & Chalke Valley Practice

Dear Everyone

I can't begin to thank you for the wonderful party and presents that you gave me an astonishing ten days ago. It was a memorable way to complete my time as a doctor in the valley after, for me, nearly 25 very happy years.

The parties were a terrific occasion for me and to see so many of you there quite took my breath away; I was only sorry they didn't go on longer so I could have spoken to each one of you properly.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who contributed, not only to the presents but to the party as well and especially to everyone who gave their time and hard work to make it happen.

Jane and I are enjoying a complete contrast in the hills of South India but I am already looking forward to getting my real greenhouse when I get home. I spend most of my waking hours in my garden and to be able to extend that pleasure with a greenhouse is something that will serve to remind me of you everyday and I am truly grateful for such an overwhelmingly generous present. And the album with your kind and generous words I shall enjoy when the winter nights force me out of the garden before I am really ready.

I cannot express my gratitude adequately, but thank you very, very, much.

And thank you all for according me the enormous privilege of being your doctor and friend. I may no longer be the former; I look forward to being the latter for many years to come.

Jane joins me in sending our very best wishes

Hugh Pelly
20.10.08

Village Hall News

Hello again!

"One of the best shows ever" was the comment I received as people left the hall on September 18th after enjoying the Bournemouth Symphony Winds concert. About 80 people listened to some quality music, expertly performed. Thank you, Pat, for making this possible and please can we have more of the same.

Not many people turned up for the film show on 10th October. It was an American film, the dialect was very hard to follow, and I seem to remember having the same problem before.

The Kite Runner, shown on 14th November, was a good film. The sound has improved a lot (it will get even better). Not a very big audience, but we will keep going. The next film show is "**Mamma Mia**" on **5th December**. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Further films are planned for **January 23rd** and **February 20th**. Transport can be arranged.

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. Tickets £6.50 from the Box Office on 01725 552591.

January 5th, 7.00 pm. (Please note the earlier time). **Forest Forge presents "Jack and the Beanstalk"**. Follow Jack on his adventures up the beanstalk to another world as he tries to save his good friend, Daisy, the cow. Rip-roaring traditional fun for all the family at Christmas, whatever your age! Written and directed by David Haworth. Tickets £7, under 18s £5, family £20. Box Office 01725 552591. **Please note the early start time.**

After 30 year's service, we have finally dispensed with the old chairs and bought some new ones. I hope you like them. They should make watching a film or play a lot easier on the bones.

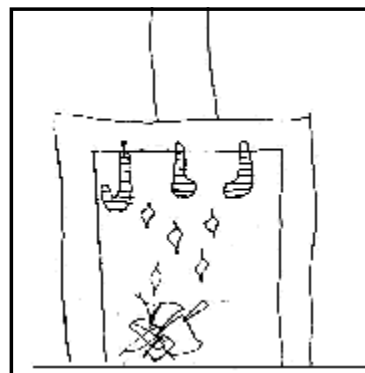
Rob's Auction. Another very successful evening. Well done, Rob. We made over £1,000 for hall funds. My thanks to everyone who helped on the day. Thanks, also, to everyone who donated their surplus bits and pieces. Thank you all again.

Now I would like to thank you all for your support over the last twelve months. I would like to wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Thanks for reading this.

Gordon Oxford (Chairman)

Email the Village Hall: villagehall@sixpennyhandley.org



A meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew's was held on Monday, 10th November 2008.

Summary of Agenda items:

- The Scouts are holding a Carol Service on Sunday 13th December at 2.30 pm.
- On the last Sunday of November, there will be a 'Healing Service' at 7.00 pm at St Mary's.
- The Alpha course has been a great success – exciting and challenging. We hope to run another early next year.
- Much of the meeting was taken up with a review and update of the proposed improvements to the facilities. The PCC voted on many of the topics in order for them to proceed further. All of them require further approval from the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) before any work can be undertaken. So far, the DAC has approved all our suggestions, in principle, and the next stage is to develop our ideas to gain full permission to go ahead. Obviously, they also need approval from the community. Repairs and refurbishment of the bells and the clock, the heating, the nature of the materials for the renewal of some of the floor and other topics were discussed fully.
- Installation of a low wattage heater for the organ at Gussage St Andrew's and of 4 13amp sockets for convector heaters in the body of the chapel were approved and the work will go ahead.
- Mr David Salmons (Churchwarden) would like a working party to clear parts of the churchyard where vigorous trees and shrubs are smothering wild flowers. Advice will be sought from an arborist.
- Forthcoming events include the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 29th November and the numerous ideas which are being planned for 2009. Thought is being given to an 'Open Gardens Weekend' next year.

Sheila Bradley (Secretary to the PCC)

Handley Sports Club '100' Club

DRAW NUMBER 7

£20	173	Richard Middlebrook, Sixpenny Handley
£15	80	Mr C. Snape, Sixpenny Handley
£5	188	S.N. Tough, Sixpenny Handley
£5	105	Mr T. Blake, Sixpenny Handley

DRAW NUMBER 8

£20	41	Stella Symes, Sixpenny Handley
£15	90	Rod Gatrell, Sixpenny Handley
£5	28	A.P. Luckham, Sixpenny Handley
£5	163	A. Henderson-Thynne, Deanland

DRAW NUMBER 9

£20	201	R. Edwards, Sixpenny Handley
£15	87	Mrs W. Judd, Sixpenny Handley
£5	166	D.G. Jones, Sixpenny Handley
£5	188	Mrs R.J. Princes, Cranborne

REMEMBER OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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Sixpenny Handley

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch November 2008



Sixpenny Handley

Dorset Police were represented at the recent Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Co-ordinators meeting by Police Community Support Officer Nick Torok. It was good to have Nick with us. Regular police attendance of our meetings is just one sign of how much better policing of our parish has become since responsibility transferred from Blandford to Wimborne. Although policing of the village and its surroundings is limited by resources to just Nick and PC Jane Brittain, who have to cover the whole Wimborne Rural area between them, in addition, of course, to 24/7 emergency response, their visible presence has been much more frequent and they are seen now in outlying hamlets where officers have seldom been spotted in years.

One example of this has been their recent 'Street Corner Meetings' in Woodyates, Pentridge and Gussage St Andrew, where they parked up for an hour or so to meet locals and chat about any concerns, crime information and feedback. There will be more of these meetings in future so look out for posters and flyers through your door. Our popular local 'special', Yogi Patel, is also going to be out more on foot patrol, both with Nick Torok and on his own, adding further to the visible police presence in the parish. Our warm thanks go to him.

Key to policing a large area with limited resources is the need to concentrate scarce resources in the most likely trouble spots. The Wimborne Rural approach is to work much more closely with the Homewatch teams in the area. By using existing local Homewatch Coordinators as their SPOC's (Single Points of Contact) they can keep well-briefed on what has been seen in the village and on the best places to keep an eye on things. The current SPOC's are: John Curtis for Handley, Simon Meaden for Minchington, Roy Elford for Pentridge and Ann Adams for Woodyates. The SPOCs recently attended a lunchtime meeting hosted by East Dorset District Council.

Another regular attendee of our Homewatch meetings is the Handley Parish Clerk, Chris Snape. His presence reflects the renewed emphasis on coordination. PACT (Partners and Communities Working Together) unites the efforts of local councils and the various public services. Local problems are often best solved by local solutions and one theme within this initiative, strongly supported by Dorset Police, is the idea of 'restorative justice'. An encouraging example occurred in Sixpenny Handley recently when village teenagers who has set fire to one of the new Parish Council waste bins were required by the police to pay for its replacement. But it was the sharp eyes of local residents who had spotted who the culprits were in the first place.

PACT has also raised funds for the purchase of a speed camera, which has been used in Sixpenny Handley lately with success. Most of those caught were local. Some escaped, chastened no doubt, with a warning. A few received fixed penalty fines. Speeding has been identified by local people as a major concern and not without reason. Recent monitoring in Common Road revealed an average speed of 42 mph in a 30mph area. Excessive speed doesn't just worry endangered pedestrians. One mother is reported to have thanked the police recently for stopping her daughter from driving too fast through the village. A further good example of everybody working together.

Generally, however, it has been a quiet period with reported crime at a low level. Thefts from parked cars have been up somewhat - which maybe just one more sign of tougher economic times. And on that topic, with Christmas approaching, the Police topical tip is not to leave presents under the tree next to the living room window. They may prove just too tempting to the wrong people and you don't want Christmas ruined before it starts. Take care,

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.

Stop Press

Sixpenny Handley Post Office

Good News At Last!!

The future of our Post Office comes hot off the press. In fact, we only received confirmation this morning that Sixpenny Handley Post Office is, to remain open. So perhaps we can now, get on with it! We would like to thank everyone who offered us not only warm wishes, but a great deal of encouragement and took the trouble to write to their MP etc. Your continued support, during what has been a very difficult time not only for us, but also for members of the community, has meant so much. This good news, which comes after a long three years of uncertainty, will enable us to move both the Post Office and shop forward to ensure its sustainability in the village for years to come.

I am pleased to say there was more good news announced last week. It was agreed in Parliament that Post Office Ltd. will continue to run the Card Account. I am sure many of you will be delighted. This is a very important decision, as without this account it was estimated that another three thousand branches would close due to lack of business.

Many of you are aware that when we had the refit we incorporated the Tea Room. This has been warmly welcomed and receives tremendous support from local residents. We now have All Day Breakfast on the menu and breakfast baps to eat in or take away. We have tried as much as possible to use local produce. Recently, we held the MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning when we served breakfast and raised over £136 for the charity. Debbie and Martyn Lovell of Green Weald Free Range Eggs kindly donated the eggs and John Clarke of Clarkes' Butchers also contributed, to the event. We would like to offer our thanks for their valuable contribution and, of course, everyone who came for breakfast on that day.

More good news and a message for the children

The really good news is that by popular request Father Christmas is coming to the Post Office once again this year. He will be here on **Saturday 20th December 2008 between 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm** bringing gifts for the children. Tickets will be available in the Post Office from December.

Father Christmas wrote to me last week saying that he needs a little help this year. He is puzzled about what to put on his sleigh on Christmas Eve. He wrote, "With all these modern things about, I find it very confusing. I am very old now and my memory isn't so good." I know that must be true, as he used to visit Steve and I when we were children and sometimes got mixed up, then! "Do you think the children would like to write me a letter and bring it to the Post Office in December?" I wrote back and said I was sure that you would. He was pleased and has promised that he will pop into the Post Office from time to time to read your letters. But don't forget to put your name on your letter.

It only leaves me to send everyone our very best wishes for Christmas and 2009.

Steve Preddy

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

SEPTEMBER

1st	£25	100	Mr A. Hunt
2nd	£15	98	Mr G. Marskell
3rd	£10	29	Mrs B. Styles

OCTOBER

1st	£25	136	Mrs Hornsby
2nd	£15	4	Mr F. Poolman
3rd	£10	132	Mrs M. Pulman

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.

Woodcutts and the Scottish Highlands

Who would ever try and compare the arable fields and the woodlands of Woodcutts to the Highlands of Scotland? Are there any similarities or are there just differences? The answer is very much in the way the question is looked at. The one certainty is that there is wildlife in both; somewhat different wildlife, but it is certainly there in both cases. At the beginning of October, Meg (Madge) booked a holiday for us at the Aigas Field Centre near Beaulieu, a few miles north-west of Inverness.

Neither of us had been to any part of Scotland previously, and weren't we in for a wonderful surprise. A brother-in-law who visits the Highlands every year, gave us a route to follow with copious notes. One of the notes was a 'very scenic area'. This was written on the map at Glencoe, and what an understatement this was. We had opted to drive up rather than fly, and how glad we were that we had made that decision. The weather was extremely kind to us on the journey up, and we saw plenty of the wonderful countryside and the wildlife.

We drove up the side of Loch Ness but were not given the opportunity of seeing any monster. However we were rather in awe of it, that is the loch, when we read that it was big enough to hold the population of the world ten times over, and contains enough water to fill every lake and reservoir in England. At its deepest at Urquhart Castle, it is 227 meters deep and we don't even have a shallow pond in Woodcutts. We do have three places where the road gets flooded after heavy rain, but there is no canal linking them, as the Great Caladonian Canal joins the east coast to the west coast. We also have the lane down to Gussage St. Andrew and Cashmore from here, which has lots of water running down it after a downpour. Mind you, there aren't any boats or water fowl on it, although we have the occasional dead pheasant which has been run over.

By the time we had reached our destination at Aigas, we thought that things could not get better, but how wrong we were. The house itself, was built by wealthy Victorians in the style of Balmoral, as a shooting lodge. It was here that we were to eat and meet Lady Lucy, our hostess and members of the staff (rangers), together with the other visitors. All meals were taken together at a long table in the hall, which sat some thirty people. The food and the company were excellent. Our very adequate accommodation was in log cabins within easy walking distance of the house.

After breakfast each morning we were taken by minibus on tours of the countryside, including the riverside, lochs, the coast, glens and mountainside to walk to vantage points to watch red deer rutting, fallow deer,

birds of all kinds including, sea eagle, golden eagle, kites, buzzards and other raptors, grouse, (we unfortunately were not to see capercaillie and ptarmigan), numerous water fowl and waders, crossbills and crested tits. We also saw where beavers had been working and the position of their lodge, an otter crossing a river, the common seal and grey seal on the coast, as well as a pine marten, not far from the house.

On our daily excursions, we were kept informed of the natural history of the sites visited, the history, the geology and archaeology as well as being shown the wildlife which our very competent rangers pointed out long before we were able to spot it. This was a naturalist's dream holiday and I hope that one day I will go back.

If we were away for the day, we were given packed lunches to take with us, which were very varied and extremely good. If we returned before four thirty, we enjoyed afternoon tea with homemade cake, followed at seven by a home cooked three course dinner. During dinner and in the common room afterwards, the day was discussed and as there were two different groups, comparisons were made. It was amazing how soon the natural world broke down barriers, and complete strangers were chatting happily together about the scenes and the day's experiences. The memories of this holiday will be with us for a long time, and the few paragraphs written here about it, are completely inadequate; to give it justice would require much more space than the Downsman could give me. Perhaps I should have made more notes and then I could have written a complete book on it.

Since returning home, I have not been able to stop reading about the Highlands. Firstly I read a book on the Highland clearances and then went on to read books written by John Lister-Kaye, the naturalist owner of the Aigas Field Centre. He is a great naturalist and his books are well worth reading, particularly if you are interested in the Highlands.

Returning home was quite a change, leaves were still greener and certainly the colours of the glens weren't duplicated here, nor did we have red deer stags roaring or a huge variety of waterfowls and waders and certainly no pine martens, but we certainly had lots of visitors to our bird table once we had replenished the peanuts and fat balls. Sitting on the settle at the kitchen table, looking south out of the window towards the apple tree, which lost its leaves several weeks ago, whose branches now act as a intermediate perch for small birds coming for food, I am ideally situated to see what species arrive.

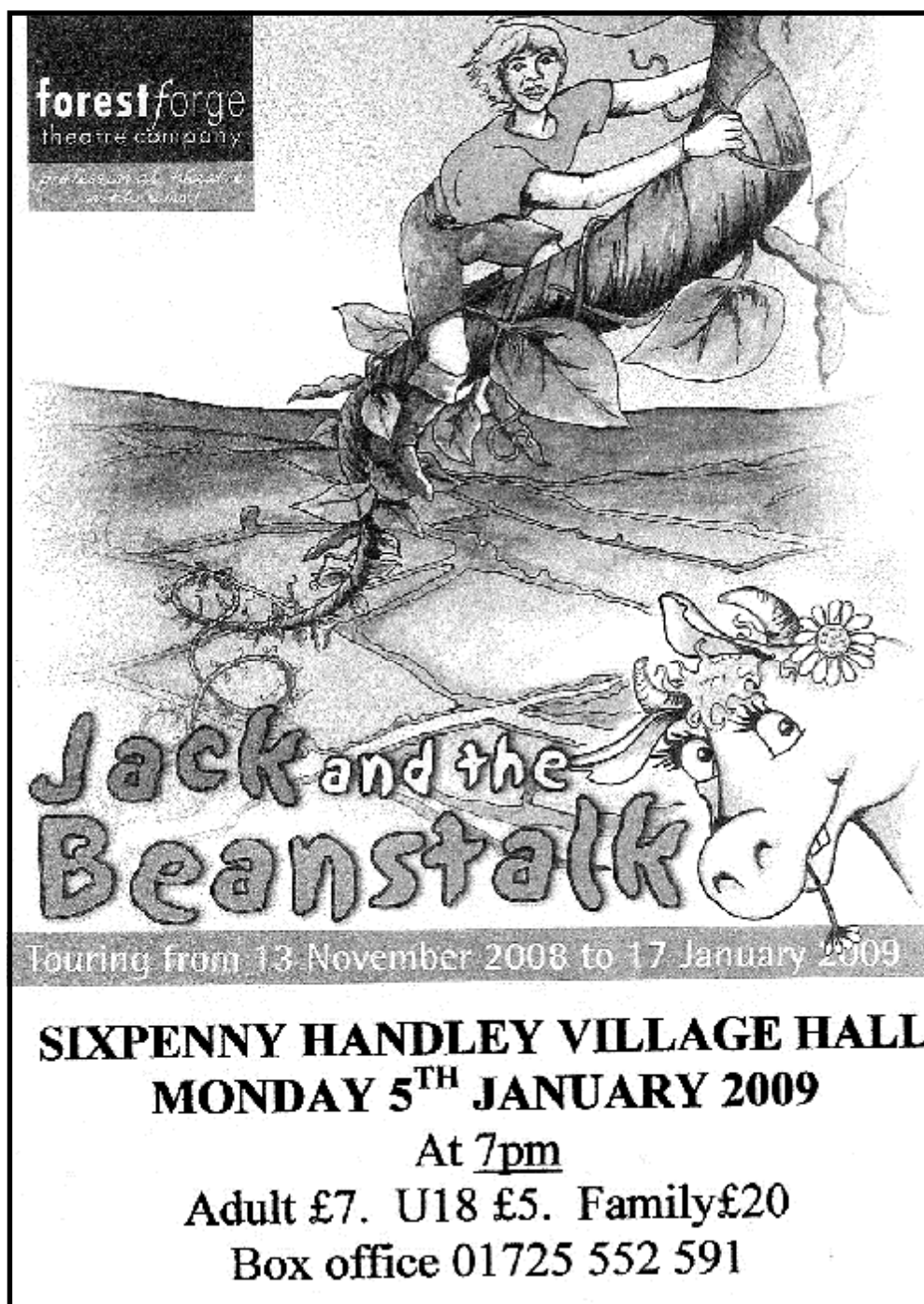
On the first three days of November we had a strange visitor, but we haven't seen it since. It was a female greenfinch which had a white hood, extending down to its shoulders. Obviously partly albino, it is different, which makes it a target for predators and possibly a pariah within its own species. Where it has gone we don't know; maybe it will return someday. Other visitors have included numbers of long tailed tits and what I believe to be willow tits, or could they be marsh tits? These two tits are so similar in looks and size, that it is difficult to tell them apart. Another surprise was to see a goldfinch on several occasions, feeding on the nuts

together with chaffinches and greenfinches. Other tits seen include blue, great and coal. We may not have crested tits but we do have a male and a female greater spotted woodpecker. We also have roe deer and the occasional stoat and weasel, so our wildlife may not be directly comparable to that of the Highlands, but there is plenty of it, if only it is looked for.

Now I must say thank you for reading this, and God bless you.

Ted Cox Nov. 2008

(I won't put the date, as you will all know that I am late again.)



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The Great War
4th August 1914 to 11th November 1918
and the achievements of Fabian Arthur Goulstone Ware
[17 June 1869 to 29 April 1949]

When I set out in 2004 to chronicle the lives of the servicemen commemorated on the village War Memorial I did not have any plan in mind to complete the first phase of my endeavour just ahead of the 90th anniversary of the armistice that brought some respite to the cataclysmic suffering of the nations involved. Even for those not particularly interested in military history one cannot fail to grasp the enormity of events that spanned those four terrible years of total war. No conflict previous, or since, has touched the heart of our towns and villages at such an intimate level. Barely a family in the land escaped the pain of losing a loved husband, son or close relation. It was a time when the harbinger of death was never far distant from the minds of both rich and poor alike for this was a war that encompassed all strands of our society.

In order to form an understanding of how twenty-three men from Sixpenny Handley and its environs came to make the supreme sacrifice it is important to remember that in 1914, the British Empire reigned near supreme across the globe. Critical to the continuing prosperity of the Empire and the influence that this gave to our island home was the Royal Navy whose protective strength ensured unfettered passage for our merchant shipping coursing the oceans in pursuance of trade. Such dominance was viewed with unease, particularly by Germany where despite the royal linkage between George V and the Kaiser [they were cousins] mistrust of intent was never far from the minds of their respective governments

This potent brew of suspicion of purpose between the major Powers of Europe culminated in the assassination in June 1914 of Archduke Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, during an ill-advised state visit to Sarajevo, capital of Serb-populated Bosnia. In the few weeks of peace remaining and in the face of intense diplomatic positioning within Europe the armies of the principal players mobilised. War was the inevitable outcome.

When it ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month of 1918, 5,152,115 service men and women from Allied Powers were dead, while casualties from the Central Powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria totalled 3,386,200* but, I advise, these figures vary depending on which of the many tables reporting the statistics of the *Great War* are used.

Casualties from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland approached a million dead and well in excess of that figure wounded. Registering for

perpetuity the names of the fallen was in itself a monumental task, a task which for the drive and determination of one man may never have been accomplished. Born at Clifton, Bristol in June 1869, Fabian Arthur Goulstone Ware was 45-years old in August 1914, too old to be accepted into the armed forces. A most learned man who had attended universities in London and Paris before embarking on a mainly educationally focused career, Fabian Ware on his return to London in 1905, from service in Africa where he had held the prestigious post of Director of Education on the Transvaal Legislative Council, was appointed editor to the *Morning Post*, a position he was to hold for the next six years.

Following his disappointment at being rejected for military service, and having stood down from being on the board of Rio Tinto Limited, Ware enlisted the help of Viscount Milner [under whom he had served in the Transvaal] and within weeks he found himself in France commanding a mobile ambulance unit.

At this point it is necessary to take a step back from the *Great War* and reflect on how the British Army had dealt with its dead in campaigns past. Sadly, it is an area of our military history that is not exactly covered in glory for in truth scant regard was paid to those who had fallen in battle [or who had died across the breadth of the Empire while on garrison duty]. In the awful aftermath of Waterloo in June 1815, the dead were collected and buried in huge pits though, I believe, efforts were made to separate the officer fallen from their men and either repatriate their bodies or erect suitable memorials. The Crimea War [March 1854 to February 1856] was little different and it was not until The Second Boer War [1899 to 1902] that public disquiet, mainly aired through articles in the national press, raised a general awareness of the neglect being shown towards those who had laid down their lives in the service of their country. Fabian Ware, as a newspaper editor during the early part of the 20th Century and who had been in South Africa in the immediate aftermath of the conflict there, was mindful that something needed to be done, particularly after arriving in France to find that the approach to the marking and recording of graves was little changed from times past.

Benefitting from a position of experience as an administrator, Ware set about badgering the field commanders [who probably regarded him as an infernal nuisance] and still working within the auspices of the Red Cross he set about coordinating the work of insisting that casualties should be correctly identified

and their place of rest noted. Such was his undaunted determination to oversee due recognition be given to the dead that in 1915, his work was officially transferred from the Red Cross to the Army with Ware himself being appointed head of the organisation that was now titled the Graves Registration Commission [GRC]. As a mark of the importance now being given to his department, Fabian Ware was appointed to the rank of Major General.

By the autumn of 1915, the GRC had registered over 31,000 graves, a figure that by the late spring of 1916, had risen to approximately 50,000 and this was before the terrible conflict on the Somme had begun. It was around this time that Ware began to give careful consideration as to how these graves would be maintained, once the fighting ended. Already, the more or less static nature of trench-warfare and the increasing weight of artillery bombardment meant that many of the graves dug immediately behind the lines were being destroyed. Nevertheless, he remained unflinching in his resolve and with the help of Edward, Prince of Wales and other influential personage, Ware wrote a memorandum on the subject and this was duly presented to the Imperial War Conference of 1917. As a consequence of this historic memorandum the Imperial War Graves Commission [IWGC] came into being on May 21st, 1917, by a Royal Charter, with the Prince of Wales appointed as its President and Fabian Ware its Vice-Chairman, a position he was destined to hold until he retired from the Commission in 1948.

These few brief paragraphs may imply that Fabian Ware's work was relatively plain sailing. Nothing, I fear, could be further from the truth for although a few of a like mind agreed his aims in principal many were vehemently opposed. One example will suffice to illustrate the barriers that he had to overcome and this was his insistence that officers' bodies would not be repatriated to the United Kingdom for private interment, neither should they be afforded separate

plots or memorial tablets. The maxim that they fell beside their men and they will be buried with their men prevailed in 1918, and has remained so ever since.

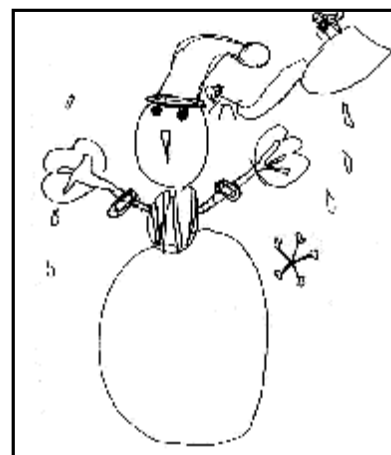
Finally, for this a subject upon which many books have been written, in the eventual establishment of the numerous cemeteries in which our glorious war dead now lie, along with the many memorials to those who have no known grave [and upon which are hundreds of thousands of names chiselled into the tablets], all maintained in perpetuity, the finest architects [Sir Edwin Lutyens 1869 to 1944] being to the fore were commissioned to ensure that those who made the supreme sacrifice for *King and Country* would rest for ever young in the proudest of surroundings.

So, for the families of our village who lost either husband or son [and in some cases two sons] some degree of closure has been made possible by the vision of that quite remarkable man, Fabian Arthur Goulstone Ware.

Bill Chorley

In preparing this article I acknowledge *Wikipedia* for notes concerning Sir Fabian Ware, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for additional material and *Sparticus Educational* for statistical data [indicated by asterisk] pertaining to casualties sustained in the *Great War*.

Ahead of preparing profiles for the three servicemen who died in the Second World War, I am grateful to the many *Downsman* readers who have commented on my writing, the most recent being Mike Dennis who telephoned me from Marnhull to say that Sapper Arthur New [see *The Downsman*, February 2005] married Margaret New [nee Hill] from Uley in Gloucestershire. Subsequently, Margaret was to marry Joe Rideout of New Barn.



The Elder Tree

The elder tree grows wild almost everywhere in Britain, and throughout Europe and parts of the Middle East. Sometimes just a bush, often a small tree, it flowers in June with sweet, heady fragrant, creamy-white multi-flowered heads forming umbels that are 5-6 inches in diameter. The flowers are succeeded by small round green berries which ripen into juicy purple-black berries, much loved by birds.

The elder is often unjustly considered to be merely a weed because of its habit of growing in hedgerows, woods and fields, but the elder tree is not as humble as might be imagined. The Greeks, Spanish, in fact most of Europe's ancient civilisations as well as the British have revered the elder tree over the centuries for its myriad medicinal properties. Every part of the elder has its own medicinal use. The higher above sea level it grows the more effective and powerful are its medicinal properties!

The flowers, brewed into a tasty herbal tea can be used to treat chest and upper respiratory tract infections and angina. Used as an external wash or liniment this same tea, when cooled can effectively reduce rosacea, and skin inflammation and is especially cleansing to the skin. A compress soaked in cooled elderflower tea helps eczema and for this the tea should also be drunk as well. Also beneficial for the treatment of burns, rashes, minor skin ailments and is said to diminish wrinkles – I haven't tried this yet!

A stronger brew of elderflower tea can be used as a mouthwash for catarrhal conditions of the mouth and throat and to help ease toothache. For flu, colds and fevers elderflower tea comes into its own and tea made from a half handful of elderflowers with a sprig of dried mint, this delicate tasting soothing tea drunk just before bedtime is a specific ancient herbal remedy that particularly benefits the lungs. Add a teaspoonful of dried boneset herb to ease the aches and pains of flu and help sweat out the virus, or instead add a teaspoonful of dried yarrow herb to encourage perspiration and help sweat out the cold virus and help ease bronchitis and catarrhal congestion.

Elder flowers soothe the lining of the respiratory tract, help dislodge catarrh from the chest and head and inhibit catarrh formation. Catarrhal deafness also responds well to elderflowers

Elder berries however, purify the blood and can be collected and eaten fresh in August and September, gently warmed in the oven with a little honey and other blue-black berries to release their tasty juices or made into a tasty jam or even tastier wine – a very pleasant way to get your daily dose of elderberries but don't overdo consumption of the berries as they are extremely laxative. The berries contain anti-

pneumonia properties as they are high in vitamin C and anthocyanins which give the berries their purple/black colour, this makes elder berries beneficial for the cardiovascular system like all other purple-blue-black fruits. The berries are also hailed as effective flu-fighters as they contain compounds that can inhibit the enzyme that the flu virus uses to penetrate the cell membranes of the respiratory tract. Hence, elderberry is a good preventative herb where colds and flu abound. Best taken at the start of symptoms they can reduce the duration of flu or a cold by 2-3 days! Elderberry capsules or tincture are easily obtainable from herbal stockists or from me.

The elder leaves contain mucilage – a soothing natural substance- which helps chest and lung problems. The leaves also contain flavonoids, which are good for our health generally. Elder leaves can be made into an ointment or cream by combining with Vaseline or a base cream to form an emollient media that is both healing and soothing. The leaves, made into a herbal tea are highly purgative and emetic, and also diuretic, but despite this are worth considering with careful use for shifting stubborn chest catarrh and coughs, and can also be used as a poultice or compress using cooled tea made from the crushed leaves to heal and soothe bruises, sprains, minor wounds and chilblains and has been reputed in ancient herbals as being beneficial for treating tumours using elder leaf ointment.

The bark of the elder tree is also purgative and emetic but also an effective wound healing remedy when applied externally as a wash made from boiling up pieces of bark in water. Elder bark tea is also beneficial for the relief of stubborn lung congestion and coughs as it promotes perspiration to sweat out a virus and clears toxins from the kidneys and bloodstream with its diuretic action.

So, I think the above says it all proving that the elder tree is a veritable medicine chest in its own right. If you, like me, are lucky to have one in your garden then it makes sense to take advantage of its natural healing properties rather than taking over-the-counter remedies packed full of man-made chemicals! The elder tree gives us a very useful set of herbal remedies particularly useful at this time of year. If you would like specific herbal tea, tincture or ointment recipes do give me a call.

Wishing all Downsman readers a very healthy, merry and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

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Book Review

Jumble Sales at the Village Hall provide the opportunity to pick up books on all manner of subjects, both in hardback or soft cover. Frequently, what is offered for sale is in good condition and at excellent prices. *Paper backs* usually go for 20p while the better quality hardbacks, often with their dust jacket, are priced between 50p and a £1, much depending on size. At the end of these events, a selection of the best of what is left either go off to charity shops, or are retained in the Hall for people to borrow from the bookcase just inside the main door. Recently I read a superb book by that doyen of thriller writers, Ruth Rendell, titled *A Sight For Sore Eyes*.

Briefly, the story concerns a young man called Teddy Brex and a girl of his age Francine Hill who despite very different backgrounds have in common a past spectre of death. Teddy is best described as a very damaged loner but with his talent to make items of beauty becomes transfixed with anything that he perceives as flawless. Thus, when he meets Francine who as a child was an unseen and silent witness to the murder of her mother and who has grown into an extremely attractive teenager the result is instant love. Tragically, it is a love affair doomed almost from the outset.

Ruth Rendell is an expert in writing about *damaged* persons and her description of Francine's overprotective stepmother descending into madness and, in the opening chapters, the inability of Teddy's parents to communicate and show any sort of affection to their infant son is a master class in descriptive writing.

Equally well worth reading is Joanna Trollope's 1988 novel *The Choir* which was adapted a few years ago for a major television serial. Beautifully written and the plot impeccably paced, *The Choir*, too, is among the books kept at the Hall.

It would be uncharacteristic of me not to include an

aviation title in this review and I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending Stuart Hadaway's *Missing Believed Killed – The Royal Air Force and the Search for Missing Aircrew 1939-1945*, Pen & Sword, 2008. At the end of the Second World War thousands upon thousands of airmen, the majority from Bomber Command, were still officially recorded as *Missing* and it the story of how the Missing Research & Enquiry Units went about the often gruesome task of tracking down where their aircraft had crashed and where those who had perished had been laid to rest. For the search teams allocated to what had been the Occupied Countries, the job was made slightly easier because of help given by people living in the area and who at the time of the crash may have had the opportunity in seeing for themselves if the crew had died and where the Germans buried them. This notwithstanding, the challenge facing the officer [a commissioned officer of flying officer [minimum] rank headed each team] was extremely challenging and no little stressful. Identification of the remains of the opened graves was given the utmost priority and even if the identity of the aircraft was known, coming to a conclusion as to the individual names of what was left of the crew was remarkably difficult. Often all that was left amongst the skeletal jumble were scraps of clothing, badges of rank and evidence of the person's aircrew category. Sometimes, an identity disk was found, though the material from which these items were made was prone to degrading, and if underclothing or shirts had survived, then a careful examination was made to see if a service number had been applied.

Stuart Hadaway is to be applauded in bringing into print this facet of Royal Air Force history which until now has received scant recognition. Illustrated plus six very useful appendices and a selected bibliography which identifies the various Air Class records consulted in the writing. For the researcher, this alone makes the cover price of £19.99 worth every penny.

Bill Chorley

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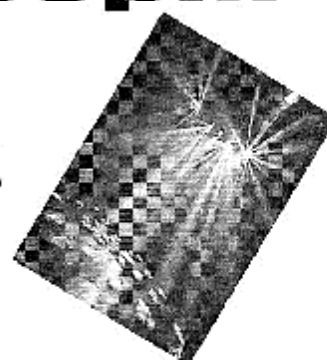
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WHIST

Six rounds have now been played in the 18-game competition for 2008-2009, and heading the table is Doug Haskell on 991 points, two clear of Gerald Trickey and six ahead of David Brine. Averaging in excess of 164 [Doug is shading an average of 165] in the context of the revised rules [see the last issue of *The Downsman*] this is extremely important for at the close of the contest in May 2009, players who have failed to attend any of the competitive rounds will have their “average” score added to their aggregate total. Already such a situation exists; Betty White has played in five rounds and has an overall points total of 795, thus her present “average” stands at 159 – six points off the pace being set by Doug. Assuming Betty competes in the remaining rounds and her “average” remains consistent, then “159” will be added to her aggregate total. As a point of interest, the average score of last season’s winner, Chris Haskell, was 161.

The highest individual score presently is 185 set by Jan Stern during round three, since when several players have finished the first half [12 deals] with a potential to better Jan’s score, only to fall away in the second half. Gerald Trickey and Zoe Pike were well placed in round six to exceed 185, having carded 96 and 93 respectively and if both had continued in the same vein, then a new highest total would have been posted. It was, however, not to be with Gerald finishing the evening on 168 and Zoe on 164, while best on the night was Marge Poolman on 171, a score when added to her previous aggregate was good enough to lift her into 5th place overall. Marge’s fine performance was greatly helped by participating in a 13-trick partnership with David Brine [169 and equal 3rd in points with Doug Haskell], while other respectable scores were made by Brenda Innes 170 and Wilf Jacobs 168. Wilf, at the time of preparing this column, lies 6th in the general classification with 961 points, while the next four prize winning positions are filled by Rita Austin [960], Zoe Pike [959], Sylvia Cox [957] and also on 957, Ruth Hustings.

So far this season, six competitors have recorded 13-tricks; Nora Davis [presently 4th overall], Doris Day [18th], Geoff Peach [6th in the table for players attending five rounds], Mary Penny [3rd in the section for players present at three rounds] and the aforementioned Marge and David.

The most rewarding factor has been attendance with an average of nine tables in play at each of the six drives.

Two more competition rounds are scheduled before the New Year, while on Saturday December 20th, Sixpenny Handley Whist will be hosting its annual Christmas Drive. This is a sumptuous occasion with high quality prizes for both the whist and the draw and it will be a most unfortunate player who leaves the Hall without at least one prize, such is the generosity for these events.

BRIDGE

A date for the Bridge Club diary is January 6th, 2009, when the Club’s annual lunch is due to be held at the Sports Pavilion. At the tables the partnerships of Gerald and Julie Trickey and John Davis and Tim Stevens continue to prosper with high finishes at Shaftesbury now being the norm, while Gerald and Julie recently returned a most creditable 2nd place at the Allendale Bridge Club, Wimborne.

Partnering Gerald, *your scribe* [in a rare excursion from Sixpenny Handley] attended a charity event at Blandford in late October where, playing north/south and with nine tables in play, we posted the second highest score of the afternoon. A very satisfying result.

Bill Chorley



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



Our Annual General Meeting was held in November and was very well attended.

The new committee for 2008 / 2009 is as follows:

President;	Brian Hansford
Deputy President;	Colin Mardlin
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Fixture Secretaries;	Jean Maidment / Sarah Churchill
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Committee;	Derek Goddard David Adams Clifford Miles
Social Secretary;	Valerie Martin

We now have our Presentation Lunch to look forward to on the 14th December and a few more matches before the festive season.

I hope you will all have a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Bea Boyland

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News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Some of the more agile members donned rubber gloves and helped at the Final Village Tidy-up before the judging took place in the Calor Gas Dorset Villages Competition in which Sixpenny Handley excelled.

The Autumn Council Meeting at The Lighthouse, Poole was much enjoyed and in particular the afternoon speaker, Lars Tharp, a regular on Antiques Roadshow, who kept us in fits of laughter. After a brief outline of his earlier years and how he became interested in antiques, ceramics in particular, he went on to mimic his fellow presenters and impersonated some of the antique collectors, who, having stood for as long as four hours, were then told that their prized possessions were virtually worthless! The face said it all.

At a Group meeting hosted by Shroton and Child Okeford, Mrs. Pat Goodwin presented an interesting insight into fashions of the 1920's. She had brought some of her amazing collection of original outfits, together with hats, handbags, gloves and shoes to match. We marvelled at the quality of the fabrics and the superb workmanship.

At the Institute Meeting in October, Richard Edwards recalled his experiences whilst working as a documentary cameraman, and how his enthusiasm for deep sea diving opened the door to work on underwater programmes and the difficulties and hazards these presented.

In November, Bonny Sartin – a member of the Yetties - had stories to tell of smuggling along the south coast in past centuries with the collusion of Law Enforcement Officers! Many smugglers have been immortalised in literature and song and Bonny read some relevant passages and also sang.

Rehearsals for the Christmas party entertainment are in full swing. An Institute craft group has been started and Sixpenny Handley W.I. are hosting the Beacon Group Advent Carol Service in St Mary's on 3rd December to which all are invited.

W.I. members wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year.

Dates for diaries

Wed 3rd Dec. St Mary's Church Sixpenny Handley; Group Advent Service. 7.00 pm
Mon. 8th Dec. Christmas Party. From 6.00 pm please
Sat 13th Dec. Dorset Fed. Carol Service; Wimborne Minster. 6.00 pm
Mon 12th Jan. Mrs. Annie Thom. A French Resistance Member. 7.30 pm
Mon 26th Jan. Craft Club. The Old Forge. 7.15 pm
Mon 9th Feb. Mrs. S Critchley. The Search for a Wreck in Patagonia. 7.30 pm

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There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day. Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? **John Harris**, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkingindorset.co.uk/ came into being.

www.walkingindorset.co.uk/ gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County. Details of more than 80 walks to download and print free, details of all the Dorset walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!

Horticultural and Homecrafts Show

Financial Statement

THANK YOU for supporting the Show - we are very pleased to report that with your support we have been able to make a donation of £300 to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

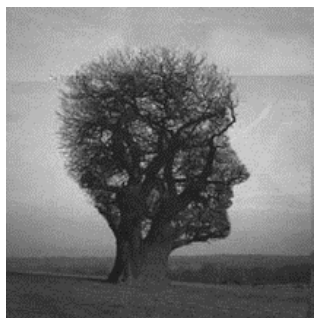
The date for the Horticultural and Homecrafts Show 2009 is

5th September 2009

So **grow** something, **make** something and **Show** it to help build a successful **2009 Show**.

Carole Wyatt

Top Tree Tips



This month's topical top tree tip is; **recycle your Christmas tree**. Most of my work is done in people's gardens and it is a very common sight to see a discarded tree behind the shed. I am amazed that there is no centralised recycling facility available and such a valuable resource is being squandered. Thankfully, Steve Judd from Church Farm has come to the rescue and has kindly agreed to make space available at the recycling centre for all those unwanted Christmas trees. This facility will be available until the end of January. The DTH chipper will munch its way through all the trees to create our versatile friend 'top quality wood chippings'. For the last 5 years DTH, in partnership with Greenways Tree Care, has made a concerted effort to recycle all our green arisings. We now have a range of soil conditioning products available to the retail

market (details available on request). If you have no way of transporting your tree to the recycling centre Uncle Ted and the SHReD heads will, for a small fee, pick it up from your front door.

Thank you for all the feedback from last month's Top Tree Tip about fruit tree pruning. As a result of your enquiries I have produced a definitive guide to all garden pruning techniques. This is available as a download via email from paul@dorsettreesandhedges.com or snail mail by sending a stamped addressed A4 envelope to The Downman's office.

Have a happy recycling Christmas.

Kind regards,



Paul McDermott
Director, Dorset Trees & Hedges

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News From The Troop

It has been a little while since the last 'News From The Troop', so we thought we should write and keep you up to date with what is happening.

At the beginning of September a new Explorer Unit was formed. Explorers is the next step on from Scouts and provides even more adventurous activities and challenges. The formation of the new unit meant that most of the older Scouts moved on up and left just eight Scouts. You can imagine that it has been some years since we have had such a low number, but we have been making the most of it!

Two new Patrols have been formed; the Badgers (being named after our own Simon 'Badger' Meaden) and the Falcons (this was Skip Rob's Patrol name when he was a Scout). New Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders have been appointed.

During the term we joined the Cubs and Explorers together for a Halloween party and recently had a small firework party, complete with jacket potatoes cooked in the fire. We were also very lucky to be involved in the Dorset Search and Rescue, DorSAR, weekend exercise at Tollard Royal. During the weekend 11 Scouts and Explorers camped over and were involved in the exercise. This involved getting lost in the woods and having Police and search dogs deployed to find us. We also had to act as members of the public that had been involved in a bus crash, complete with gruesome injuries mocked up by a make-up artist. This was the first time that a Scout Group had been asked to be involved with a DorSAR training weekend and we are very proud to have been invited.



This term we have been focussing on our Community and people and organisations that are active in it. Part of the activities was a visit to Blandford Fire Station and completion of the Fire Safety Badge. As we arrived at the Station we were met by two fire engines, complete with blue flashing lights and sirens. Unfortunately this was not a welcoming party, but the engines had been called to an emergency! This meant that the trip could not happen and had to be postponed to another night. However, not to be disappointed we jumped straight into the cars and drove to Tower Park for a night of Ten Pin Bowling. Not quite the night that had been planned, but we had great fun and we will visit the Fire Station again. Visits also planned for the coming term include a tour of Verwood Police Station and a trip to the RNLI at Poole.

Over the Autumn weeks our numbers have grown. We now have twelve Scouts and the two Patrols are full. We are ready to form the third Patrol and all young people between the ages of 10 and 14 are welcome to join us on Monday evenings between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

Skip Rob and all the Scouts

Sixpenny Handley Firework Spectacular

We would like to thank the many people that braved the driving wind and rain to attend this year's Spectacular. A great deal of effort is placed into the planning of the display, but unfortunately we cannot dictate the weather! However, we were very surprised to see how many people wrapped themselves up, donned their wellies and joined us to enjoy the display - despite the weather.

The Committee would particularly like to thank Handley Stores, Clarke the Butchers and the Post Office for selling tickets. Thanks, also, to Dave Court who provided the catering van and his services for the cooking of the burgers and, of course, to Steve Judd who has kindly let us use Church Farm for the last seven years.

We promise that next year we will be back with an even better display and we are already thinking of some new ideas for entertaining the crowds.

Rob Easton
on behalf of 1st Woodcutts Scout Group Committee

Sixpenny Handley First School News

Pupil's Conference in Verwood

Pupils from Sixpenny Handley First School took part in the Pupil Voice conference held at the Hub in Verwood. The conference was organised by EDEP (East Dorset Education Partnership).

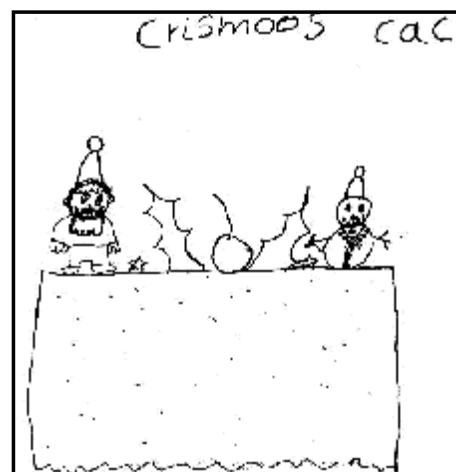
Once a term, pupils from schools in East Dorset come together and share their ideas and experiences with each other about school life. The theme for this autumn term conference was 'playgrounds'.

A workshop was organised where representatives from each school showed a photograph of an area of their playground that they particularly enjoyed, and an area that they would like to develop. The children wrote their suggestions and comments on 'post it' notes and placed them on top of the photographs displayed. This resulted in many ideas to take back to their schools to put forward to their own school council.

Christopher Hutchins and Lily Morley from Year 4 had the important job of representing Sixpenny Handley First School Council at the conference. Their teacher, Mrs Scammell, and their Teaching Assistant, Mrs Gatehouse, took them along for the morning which also involved voting for candidates to represent the whole of Dorset pupil council. Those candidates could then move on towards the Youth Parliament.

Other activities during the morning included a Skipping workshop by 'Jump to it'. All the pupils and some staff joined in, learning new ways to skip at play times. They showed one legged skipping, crossover skipping, skipping in pairs and Double Dutch.

The conference provided a fun and exciting way to exchange ideas and learn new play skills





Have you gone through your winter safety routine?

Seasonal advice from Dorset Fire & Rescue Service

Winter approaches and after a not so 'summery' summer we are no doubt preparing for colder weather to come.

It is this time of year when the central heating is turned back on, we get the electric blanket out of the cupboard, we prepare more hot meals and the festive season sees us using more candles and open fires. We also know that over the past months we have seen the cost of gas and electricity rise so the pennies don't go as far anymore. We are concerned that some may look to other means of keeping themselves warm and providing a light in the dark evenings and mornings.



For Dorset Fire & Rescue Service, 2008 has seen a terrible toll in fire-related deaths. In the main these fires have tended to involve older people, often living alone; the majority have been smoking around the time of the fire whilst the others have seen electrical heaters or blankets as being the cause.



Many accidental fires in the home could be easily avoided if we spend a few minutes to think about our safety and that of our relatives, friends and neighbours. Being aware of the dangers of fire and taking simple preventative measures, could help save lives.

- **Smoking.** Always use proper ashtrays and ensure that cigarettes are put out properly! At night, before going to bed, empty the ashtrays outside, preferably into a metal container. Do not smoke in bed and remember it is easy to be careless when you are tired or if you have been drinking.
- **Candles.** Always use a proper holder. Don't leave them unattended; position them away from curtains and fabrics and any other combustible materials and where they can't be easily knocked over by pets. Ensure you put them out completely at night
- **Lights.** Use common sense and keep lights **away** from combustible items like curtains and other fabrics. Check those Christmas lights and remember to turn them off when you go to bed.
- **Cooking** – (including chip pans and deep-frying). Never leave a saucepan on the heat if you are called away. Keep the top of your cooker clean and keep toasters away from curtains. Make sure the Christmas roast is not the Christmas toast!!
- **Heaters and fires.** Always position heaters at least one metre (3 feet) from combustibles such as furniture, curtains or clothing. Always use a fireguard for open fires. If you use paraffin or flammable liquid-fuelled heaters ensure that you store any fuel in small quantities and in containers only designed for flammable liquids in a secure area away from children; if possible in secure storage outside your premises. Do not attempt to refill any liquid fire whilst it is still turned on or hot.
- **Open Fires** – ensure that your chimney is cleaned especially if you have not lit an open fire for a long period. Have your chimney cleaned on a regular basis, especially if burning logs or wood frequently.
- **Overloaded or faulty electrics.** Be careful not to overload sockets - use the correct adaptor and fuse ratings. **Do not** plug an adaptor into adaptor. Always turn off electrical appliances at the wall and never repair damaged cables with insulating tape.
- **Electric blankets.** Have them checked at least once a year by a qualified electrician. Make sure that they are not rolled up whilst they are on.
- **CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARM.** Check the battery is working by pressing the test button. This should be done weekly. Do not be tempted to disconnect or tamper with smoke alarms during Halloween or other festivities.
- **Check your family, friends and neighbours are safe.** Do they have a smoke alarm? Would they need help and assistance to be alerted to a fire or get to a place of safety if a fire did occur? If so let us know. Dorset Fire & Rescue Service carries out **FREE HOME SAFETY CHECKS.**

Fires strike when you least expect them, often during the night, so ensure that you and your loved ones have an escape plan of what to do and where to go in the event of a fire. Be aware fire spread quickly but it is smoke that is the real killer. If you are asleep when a fire starts and you don't have an alarm to wake you, your chances of surviving are zero.



GET EQUIPPED. Smoke alarms are a proven life saver. Dorset Fire & Rescue Service can offer a free home safety check to priority groups. If you have no smoke detectors we can install, free of charge, a 10 year smoke alarm. We can also test existing alarms and replace them if necessary. We can also provide alarms with strobe lighting and vibrating pads for people who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Finally if you are unfortunate to experience a fire in your home, **GET OUT, CALL US OUT, STAY OUT.**

For further fire safety information visit www.dorsetfire.co.uk or if you would like to know more about free home fire safety checks please ring 01202 538282 or 01305 259660.

Have a safe winter

Nigel Williams
Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Striding Edge

❄ Christmas ❄

Concert and Ceilidh

Some of the songs performed will be from the album 'Borrowdale Johnny' followed by a barn dance

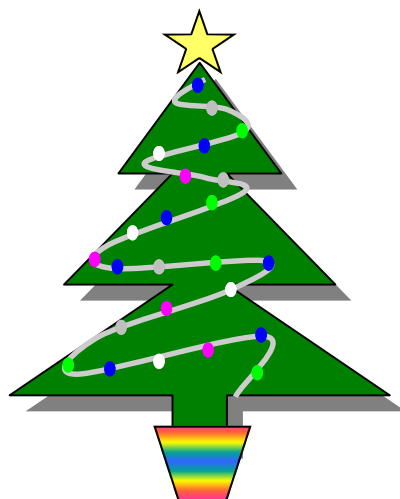
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Merry Christmas
And A Happy
New Year

SHReD



We would like to thank all members for supporting us through 2008 and encourage more recycling in 2009. Start with your old Christmas tree collection on Sunday 4th January 2009, £1 each tree. There will be various collection points around the village, see posters in shops for timetable.

**For further details contact:
Simon 01725 552715**

Dec/Jan/Feb collection on phone call basis

Christmas Tree Collection is open to non members as well.

Go on - RECYCLE give SHReD a try!



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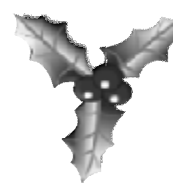
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A Remarkable Connection

A little while ago a friend gave me a small collection of bits and pieces he had found metal detecting in a field at Gussage All Saints. Amongst these, a small brass hinge, probably from an item of luggage, caught my eye as it appeared to have been inscribed. Closer inspection revealed it was the owner's name and home town, Sarum, engraved in fine copper plate script. However, I couldn't clearly decipher the name although the prefix of 'Gen' showed he was a military gentleman. I decided with the Sarum (Salisbury) connection it was worth leaving it at the museum there for David Algar to examine. I know from previous experience that David has a vast knowledge of artefacts, coins and history relating to the Salisbury area. I was not to be disappointed as David was able to provide me with a fascinating story regarding the owner of this seemingly mundane artefact.

The inscription read 'Gen Schrapnel SARUM. Henry Schrapnel was born in 1761 into a family whose home was at Midway Manor, Bradford on Avon. He had a career in the Royal Artillery rising to the rank of Major General. His invention of a devastating exploding shell was a major contribution to the success of the coalition against Napoleon in the Peninsular War. Apparently he spent about £30,000 of his own money on armament research and was never adequately compensated by the British Government. His name has passed into the language as a term for shell fragments. He is recorded as leasing the King's House, now the home of Salisbury Museum, in 1785. He was probably there for many years as the hinge probably relates to this period and he is unlikely to have been a General at the age of 24, although further research should sort this out. He died at Peartree House, Southampton in 1842 and is buried in the family vault in Bradford on Avon. It has taken some 200 years for this piece to return to the King's House!

Martin Green

Rob's Column

Breakfast

Of all the meals that glad my day
My morning one's the best.
Purveyed me on a silver tray
Immaculately dressed.
I rouse me when the dawn is
bright,
I leap into the sea.
Returning with a rare delight
To honey, toast and tea.

My appetite was razor edged
When I was in my prime.
To eggs and bacon I was pledged.
Alas! The march of time,
For now a genial old gent
With journal on my knee,
I sip and take with vast content
My honey, toast and tea.

So set me up for my delight
The harvest of the bee.
Brown, crispy toast with butter
bright,
Ceylon — two cups or three?
Let others lunch or dinner praise,
But I regale with glee,
As I regard with grateful gaze
Just honey, toast and tea.

Wife says to husband: "You never take me to any expensive places."
Husband says, "OK, get your coat on — I'm going to take you to the most expensive place in town."
"Where?" she asks.
Husband replies, "The petrol station!"

EVERY DAY'S A GIFT. THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE PRESENT

"That's the trouble having a wife who eats nothing but chicken before she goes to bed," said George to Arthur. "She always wakes up in a fowl mood."

Why you should row with your spouse

If you argue with your husband or wife you are likely to live longer than if you don't, according to recent research. Apparently, the occasional marital row is far better for your health than bottling up the tensions inside you.

A study of 192 marriages by researchers at a University of Public Health has discovered that couples who suppress their emotions are twice as likely to die earlier than those where at least one partner expressed their anger. As one professor explains, "Marriage must be built on." "Reconciliation after conflict." If you don't express your anger, but swallow your words, they can quite literally KILL YOU.

Life's a Puzzle

Life's a jigsaw puzzle,
we solve it day by day.
Bits of life were given
to use in our own way.
The pieces are so varied,
each one a different hue,
each from a different moulding
that's formed for only you.
At times you'd like to change them,
you wish for better luck,
but in spite of all your grumbling
you find, with them you're stuck.
But if you'll do the best you can
to solve life's puzzle here,
some day you'll be surprised to see
a picture crystal clear.

The world must be flat because I've been walking on the edge all my life.

Failure is just nature's way of saying, "Not yet, my dear."

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. The phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer it.

"It's the vicar, Mummy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mummy can't come to the phone right now, she's hitting the bottle."

A little girl was watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink when she noticed several strands of white hair in contrast to her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, mum?" Her mother replied, "Every time you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this for a while and then said, "Mum, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

Dentist: "I have to pull the aching tooth, but don't worry, it will take just five minutes."

Patient: "How much will it cost?"

Dentist: "It's £50."

Patient: "£50 for just a few minute's work?"

Dentist: "I can extract it very slowly if you like?"

A man walks into a hotel dressed in full medieval armour and asks the manager, "Do you have a room for a knight?"

REMEMBER:

Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up!

The Albion Christmas Band

Saturday 13th Dec. 2008

The legendary Ashley Hutchings is the founder of Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span and The Albion Band. He has brought together former members of the Albion Band (Kellie White, Simon Care and Simon Nicol) to present the perfect way to start your Christmas, with festive songs, carols, music and humorous asides.

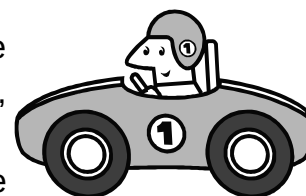
In previous years, this show sold out everywhere it was played. This year Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall is the only place in the whole of Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire where the show is being performed, so make sure you book your tickets early. Ebbesbourne Wake is 5 miles from Handley.

Tickets are £15. There will be a raffle as well as a bar selling wine, real ale and soft drinks. For tickets ring (01722) 780717 or visit www.ebbesbournefolk.co.uk.

Please can you Help

The Chase Community Friends needs drivers, especially in the Pentridge, Woodyates, Farnham and Handley areas, particularly on Thursday mornings.

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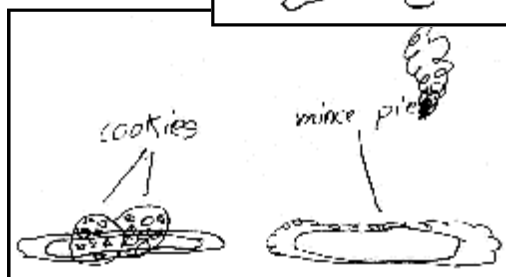
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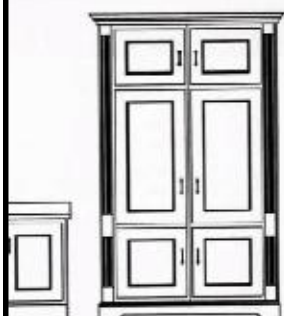


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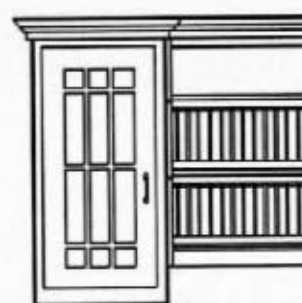
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For information please contact 01725 552404.

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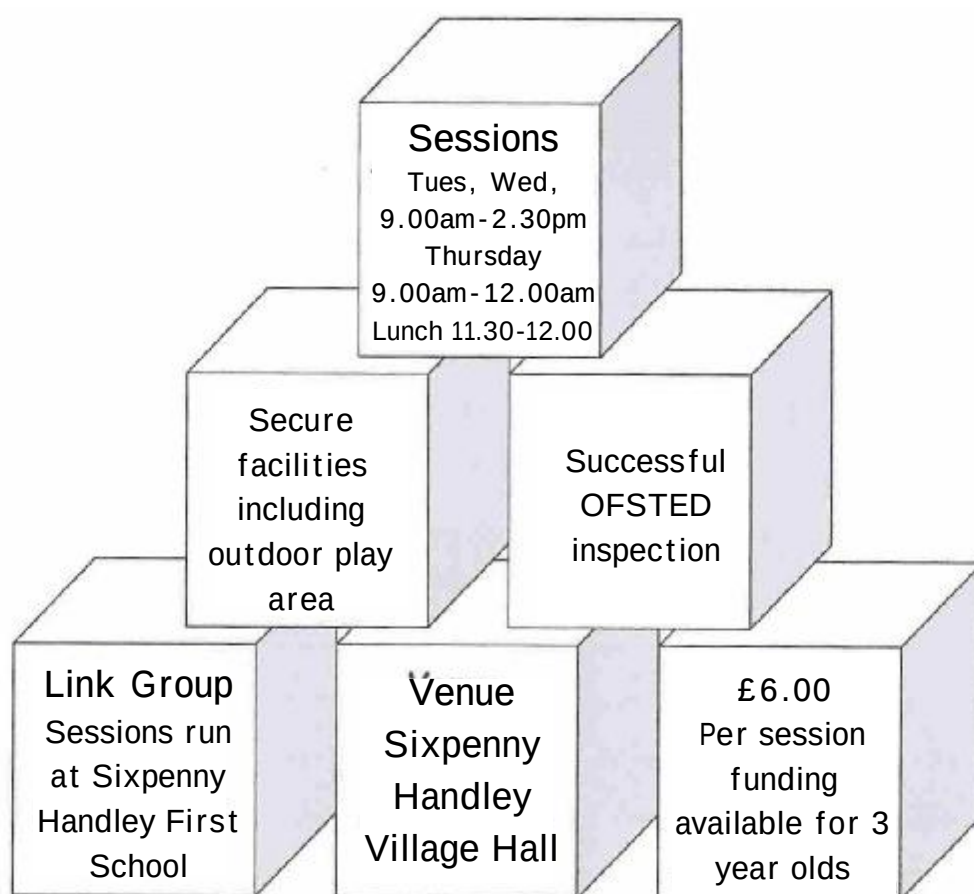
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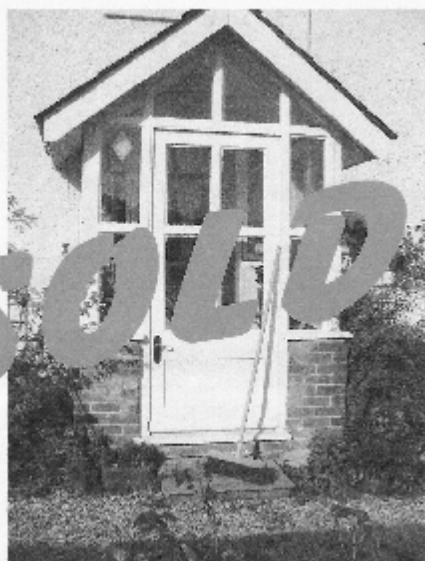
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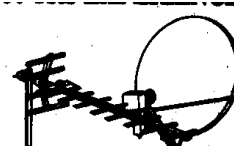
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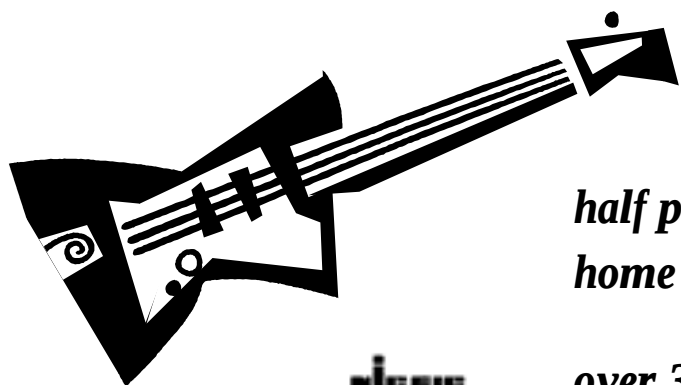
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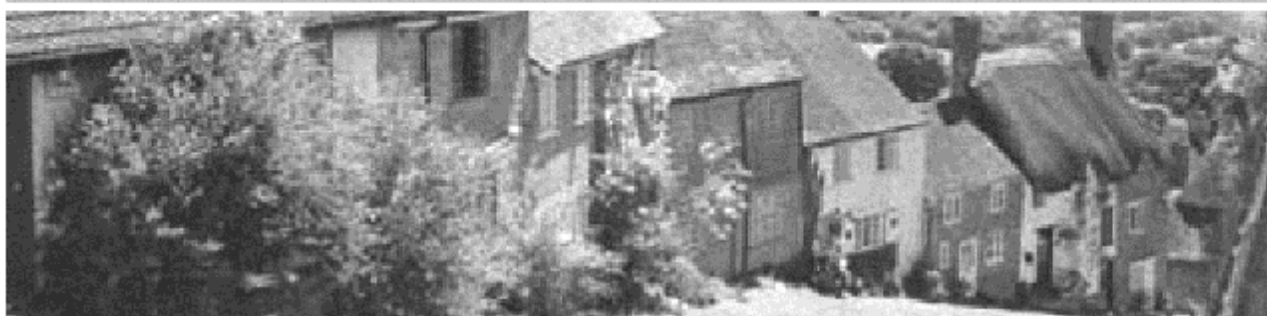
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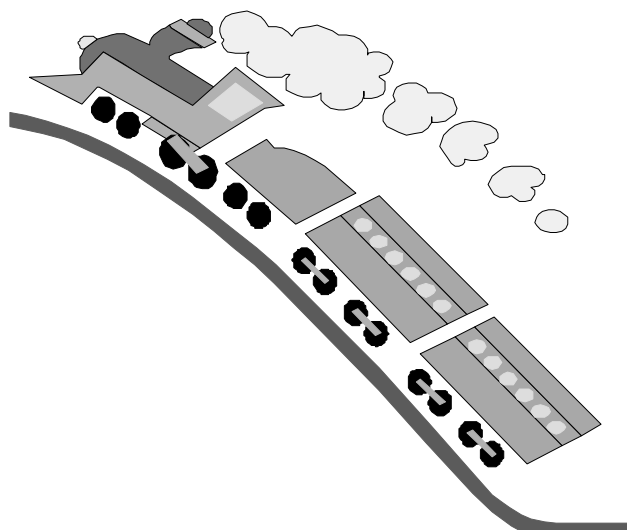
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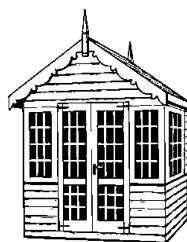
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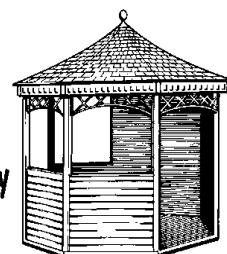
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