

The DOWNSMAN

April 2009



Grape Hyacinths photographed in the village in the snow

The Parish of Sixpenny Handley
with Pentridge

Including: Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington
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The magazine offers excellent value in reaching your local customers.

We currently deliver **The Downsman** to approximately
 700 households within the parish.

The Downsman team would like to offer a 'thank you' all its contributors, advertisers and readers for your ongoing support and encouragement which is gratefully appreciated. The team is made up entirely of volunteers who freely give up their time to produce The Downsman and in this regard the Editor would also like to extend her personal thanks to the team for their continued efforts in helping to run the magazine.

The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the
1st June 2009
Copy Deadline is Friday 15th May

Views expressed in this magazine are those of our correspondents and do not necessarily reflect the opinions held by the Editor or Members of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council.
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Clerk's Corner

The Model Publication Scheme. The Parish Council has adopted the scheme. I am struggling with implementation. I repeat that if you think the Parish Council may hold information that you would like to see, visit the office, or call me at home.

SHReD needs more members & will advertise elsewhere in this issue. This is a noble & worthwhile recycling effort which should eventually produce cheap bi-products; SHReD currently has wood chippings for sale and hopes to have compost by the end of the season. **Please support Ted Cox (552801) and his team.**

The 2009 High Street Fayre - Saturday 23rd May. More details are available elsewhere in this issue. **Let's try to make it a success again this year.**

The Sixpenny Handley Horticultural & Homecrafts Show (The Flower Show) will take place on Saturday 5th September. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with The Show. **Please support Carole Wyatt (552572) and her team.**

Vandalism. The most recent casualties have been the **external lights at the pavilion**; both seriously damaged and the **rubbish bins at the pavilion and the skate park**. Money is going to be tight for the foreseeable future. **Please help the Parish Council to save money – the Parish Council will try to spend it wisely for everyone's benefit.**

Crime. In these straitened times the police expect an increase. Lock things up; do not leave valuables in open view in your car; report **crime in progress on 999** and that which has **already occurred, or any suspicions you may have, to PC Jane Brittain on 07825 521 735, or 01202 222 222.** PC Brittain wants to hear from you; statistics produce patterns which will help the police in crime prevention. **Under the Partners & Community Together (PACT) scheme your Single Point of Contact is John Curtis (552397); if he is unavailable contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor. If you have a problem contact someone.**

Dog mess. The Parish Council has agreed with East Dorset District Council that the children's play areas at the recreation ground, the Village Hall and Mulberry Court shall be **dog exclusion areas**. It has also agreed that **dog owners should clear up after their dogs throughout the built up areas of the Parish.** Please do not leave plastic bags used for this purpose in the hedgerows; faeces will decompose, plastic bags take very much longer!! **On the recreation ground, clearing up is extremely important and dogs should be under close control.** It is hoped that the Parish can "police" this matter ourselves and not involve East Dorset District Council and fines. **Please cooperate and ask others to do the same.**

**Christopher Snape
(Clerk to the Parish Council)**

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

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council

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3/08/1346 – Scout HQ, Handley Common - erect new Scout Hall (demolish existing).

3/08/1377 – Garston Bungalow - Erect dwelling (demolish existing bungalow and garage) and detached carport/store.

3/08/1349 – 37 High Street, Sixpenny Handley - Two storey front to include balcony and single storey garage extension.

3/08/1391 – 44 High Street, Sixpenny Handley - Change of use of outbuilding to annexe and new carport.

3/09/0035 – Land off High Street, Sixpenny Handley - Erect two dwellings.

Approvals

3/08/0958 – Chapel Farm, East Woodyates - Change from mixed use to a stud farm, involving the conversion of an existing barn to office, an existing barn to staff accommodation, the erection of new stables, barn and the formation of a new vehicular access – **Refused – To appeal.**

3/08/1271 – Dean Cross Cottage, Woodcutts - demolition of existing garage/store; extend on two levels to include new bedroom, utility, entrance and carport. Insulate and overclad existing single storey extension – **Refused.**

3/08/1301 – Garston Bungalow - front, side and rear extensions, raise roof to provide accommodation in roof-space. Erect detached carport/store – **Permitted.**

3/08/0745 – Stickleys Barn, Minchington - Convert outbuildings to form games room, shower room with mezzanine at first floor – **Permitted.**

3/08/0746 – Stickleys Barn, Minchington - Erection of two storey extensions on South and West elevations. Refurbishment and resiting of granary building – **Permitted.**

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Dates for your diary:

12th May: **AGM** - at the Sports Pavilion, 7.00 pm

4th July: **Combined Sports Open Day** - come along and try your hand at cricket, tennis, bowls or football. Refreshments and much more.

27th September: **Fun Walk** - walk through the Chase and see the beautiful autumn colours. 9.00 am—1.00 pm.

A.G.M.

May 12th

7.00 pm at The Sports Pavilion

ALL WELCOME

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew's was held on Monday, 9th March 2009.

Summary of Agenda items:

- Rev Mel Durrant listed the forthcoming services for the remainder of March and for April, including Mothering Sunday and the Easter services.
- He expressed pleasure at the returns of the questionnaire given out 2 weeks ago.
- The financial state was discussed followed by feedback from the 'Outward Giving Review Group'. This looks at the charities we support. There was discussion about how much we can afford and members received a list of the 12 charities suggested. A vote was taken to agree to pay £150 to four charities and £100 to eight, with a view to a top-up each January, subject to our financial state.
- Detailed reports, including more precise costings were given on the 're-ordering' of St Mary's and St Andrew's. Many topics were covered – bells, clock, mains drainage, toilet, floors, heating, sound system and the wall paintings (at St Andrew's). Considerable progress has been made and positive action is now in the foreseeable future.
- A list of Fundraising and Social events was issued. They will all be advertised in the 'Downsman' and elsewhere.
- Delight was shown to hear that Mr Paul Skinner will be ordained in December this year.

Sheila Bradley (Secretary to the PCC)

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

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

**The Parish of Pentridge is to meet in St Rumbold's Church, Pentridge
At 7.00pm on Tuesday, 21st April 2009**

and

**The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew
is to meet in St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley
after the 9.30 am service (approx 10.45 am)
On Sunday, 26th April 2009**

Nominations for the Office of Churchwarden together with
A seconder and the signed agreement of the Proposed Person should be made in writing to be received at
The Vicarage, 60, High Street, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury SP5 5ND
Endorsed "Churchwarden Nomination (parish....)"
To be received at least two days before the appropriate meeting.

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

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

Village Hall News

Hello again!

Mr Bond got lost on his way to the Village Hall on February 20th, but he sent the "Duchess" instead. This was a good costume drama with an excellent story that everyone seemed to enjoy. The attendance was about average.

Forest Forge came up trumps again on March 5th with the play "A Clearing". A near full house listened intently as the story unfolded. The acting was good, the scenery did not change much, but from the comments everyone seemed to be surprised at the quality of the show. Well done, Forest Forge. This was the last show from Artsreach for this season. For those people who have seen all four shows, please tell your neighbours how good they were. Many thanks to Pat (Box Office) and to Carole and her helpers in the kitchen. Now we have got to start all over again next winter.

On Sunday, 8th March, we had a Spring Clean Up morning at the Village Hall. Ten volunteers made the place shine by lunch time. Thanks to everyone that took part.

The Village Hall **Spring Jumble Sale** will take place on **Saturday, 18th April at 2.30 pm**. For more information, phone Stella on 01725 552236 or Pat on 01725 552591.

The Village Hall **AGM** will take place on **Thursday, 23rd April at 7.30 pm**. This is an open meeting and I hope you will be able to join us. I have a vacancy for the post of Vice Chairman. If anyone is interested in helping to run the Village Hall, this is a good position to start with. Please give me a ring on 01725 552591 if you would like more details.

Thanks for reading this.

Gordon Oxford (Chairman)

Email the Village Hall: villagehall@sixpennyhandley.org

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

New Bookings Secretary

Mrs Jacqui Blake

16 Town Farm Place

Tel: 01725 552306 email: villagehallbookings@sixpennyhandley.org

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

A.G.M.

on

23rd April

at

7.30 pm

ALL WELCOME

St Mary's Church Sixpenny Handley  Challenge



COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

10.00am-12.30pm

16 ST MARY'S CLOSE,
SIXPENNY HANDLEY

BRING & BUY – RAFFLE –CAKES

COFFEE& BISCUITS

£ 1

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to ensure your articles and news reach us

Sixpenny Handley Spring Fayre

Saturday 23rd May 2009

Sixpenny Handley is holding its 2nd Spring Fayre

We hope to continue the success of last year and raise more funds for the village. This year, there will be no particular beneficiary as all proceeds will be placed in an accountable community fund. This will not only help fund next year's Fayre, but will be there to help all clubs and organizations within the Parish should they need support.

We are sure, as last year, that everyone will help put on a good show, and with this in mind we are appealing to you all to run a stall, bake a cake, donate a raffle or tombola prize or offer your assistance in running an event on the day or your help in clearing up afterwards.

A form will be delivered to you shortly and is also available from the **shop** or **Post Office**. Please fill this in with your intentions and return it as soon as possible to:

Walnut Tree Cottage, 7 Littlefield Lane, Sixpenny Handley

Alternatively, you can call

Martyn on 01725 552348 or **Maureen on 01725 552539**
to instantly book a pitch for your stall or to get further details.

Nearer the day, please arrange for all gifts and donations to be delivered to the address above.

Let's make this year's Fayre even bigger and better than last year's.

Many, many thanks - let's make it another fantastic day!

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Great Expectations in Woodcutts

The following is no work of fiction and is told truly. It starts with the unexpected, but hardly unbelievable, it must be said. During the first week of March 2009, a council lorry and a van, complete with a complement of workers equipped with pneumatic drills, shovels and wheelbarrows appeared in the lane here at Woodcutts. They quickly went to work where holes were obvious in the road surface, dug and cleaned them out and refilled them with tarmac, consolidating same with vibrating plates. (These are not like dinner plates, but I don't know what else to call them.)

The puzzle is WHY? Why have the council spent money on our lane, particularly the section known as 'Between Gates'? Is something about to happen which has to be kept quiet for security reasons? For example, is our P.M. Gordon Bennett, going to entertain the new American president Mr. Alabama, and wants to show him some of the more beautiful parts of the U.K.? After all 'Between Gates' is a very special place and has quite a history.

Why, I hear you asking, is this part of the lane called by such an unusual name? It goes back to the days before cottagers owned motor vehicles and walked everywhere. The lane in question simply served six cottages and Champs Farm, the latter also had its own entrance from another lane to the north. Because the occupants of cottages did not need vehicular access, it did not matter that they either had to open gates or clamber over them to traverse down the lane. For this reason, the lane down beside the garden of the Manor Farm was not fenced on the field side, which meant that the land could be grazed right up to the garden wall, and of course the expense of a fence was saved. It simply meant that a gate either end of this section of the lane was necessary to ensure any animal grazing in that field could not wander. The section of the lane in question became known as 'Between Gates'.

Now I hear you asking, why all this chattering about 'Between Gates'? What interest can a short piece of lane have? The answer is that it was made famous by the late Shep, (Jock) Meehan. Who, some of you will ask, is Shep Meehan? Well, Shep was the Scottish shepherd working on the Rushmore Estate for many years, who spent his retirement at Woodcutts in one of the cottages mentioned above, together with his wife until her death and then by himself until his demise.

Shep or Jock, as his birth qualified him to be called, was renowned for his shepherding ability and by his liking of a *wee dram*, despite the fact that he was a diabetic which obviously cramped his style. He was a very generous man and loved company. Because of this, every Friday evening he took his wife to bingo in the

village hall at Pimperne. This meant that while waiting for the bingo to finish, Shep had very little alternative but to wait in the Farquharson Arms, especially on dark, wet evenings.

One particularly dark and wet Friday evening in November, Shep waited patiently in the bar of The Farquharson Arms right up until closing time, so that his wife was not forced to hurry back from bingo. When he got to his car, she was waiting for him, seated inside, watching torrential rain beating on the wind-screen. Shep put in the keys and turned them; nothing happened so he tried again but no response - the battery was completely flat. What to do? By this time the pub's lights were out and the doors securely locked. Mrs. Meehan did not drive so it fell upon her to push. So in the pouring rain she pushed until the engine roared into life. Shep revved the engine, turned on the lights and wipers and made a slow journey up the Salisbury road taking great care so not to stall.

He turned off the main road and made his way up through Dean to Woodcutts and only stopped when he arrived at the first gate, at 'Between Gates'. He waited for his wife to get out as she normally did and open the gate, after a short period he turned to her to see why she was not doing so. It was then that he realised why she wasn't getting out. She hadn't got in - he had left her at Pimperne in the pouring rain. He reversed up, turned round and made his way back to the pub, where his drenched wife awaited his arrival. She never forgave him for his mistake and as he survived her by several years, I hate to think what the reunion was like. This, of course, was the reason for 'Between Gates' being so famous, nothing whatsoever to do with Bill Gates.

So you see, every small place has a history, but you must now be brought up to the present by hearing what has happened and is happening in the countryside around here now.

What three wonderful days we have had, starting with Friday 13th March. On my journey to Shaftesbury I saw hawthorn leaves open at the bottom of the Zig-Zag. The previous Tuesday I had seen the same just south of Wimborne. On my return from Shaftesbury, just as I was reaching Tollard Royal, I was lucky enough to see five hares cavorting in a field to the north, in wonderful sunshine. They were milling around at great speed and every so often, two would separate off to involve in fisticuffs. On arriving back at Woodcutts, I saw my first dog violets in flower near the Manor. Then in the hedgerow of my vegetable garden I found white violets in flower.

Saturday morning was spent in the garden and the

afternoon watching rugby. Sunday lived up to its name and was truly a sunny day when butterflies were about. Six beautiful, pale yellow brimstones visited the garden, one of which actually entered the summerhouse where Meg (Madge) and I were drinking coffee. It was rapidly joined by a large bumble bee, just one of several paying us a visit that day. Sunday was also a great day for English rugby, with the national team beating France by 34 – 10.

Other points of note in the past week have been the sight of sky larks at two different spots in the locality, and the appearances of both greater spotted and green woodpeckers in the area. Neither had put in an appearance for a few weeks. Previous to this date a single nut hatch visited our feeders on 15th of February and shortly afterwards Paul saw it next door. We

haven't seen it since. On the flower front, celandines were seen out for the first time on the south west facing bank at the end of the lane on 21st February, some three weeks later than last year. They like the snowdrops and now the daffodils, although being later, have put on a wonderful show. The snowdrops although a month later than previous years have been wonderful, perhaps the best ever since I have lived here.

I am sorry I have taken so long to write this, I hope you haven't been kept waiting. At least I have not stopped for a coffee but I will be having one now. Thank you for your patience and reading to the end.

God bless you all.

Ted Cox

SHEASBY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Do you live in Sheasby Close? Are you interested and concerned about the small piece of land at the rear of Sheasby Close? Would you like to see this turned into a community Garden? If so, we need volunteers who will be prepared to help get the plot back under control and continue to maintain it. If you feel able to help with this, please contact me so that we can contact the East Dorset Housing Association with our suggestions.

Amanda Saglam email: cmdr.amanda@yahoo.co.uk

St Mary's Church Sixpenny Handley  Challenge



OPEN GARDENS

in **SIXPENNY HANDLEY & DEANLAND**

SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

– more information in the next issue of The Downsman

HELP NEEDED! If you would like to **open your garden**, or are willing to help in any way with the organisation of this very special event please contact Bobbie Carter on 552042



SHReD

Your Community Green Waste Recycling Service

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.

SHReD

The new financial year starts on the 1st April and all subscriptions for the year are now due. Subscriptions are to stay at £10 per household per year and the price of the bags will remain the same; that is £5 for six, 140 litre bio-degradable sacks available at the Hardware Shop and the Post Office. The two shops concerned handle these bags free of charge, for which **SHReD** is extremely grateful.

For senior citizens with small gardens, a joint subscription will be considered.

Please join up and support this environmentally sound, local project. SHReD needs YOU.

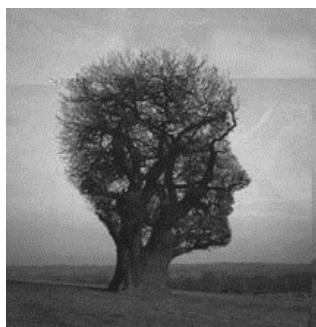
To pay, you can drop your subscription in to Mrs. Rita Taylor, at 2 The Orchard, Sixpenny Handley, or if you want to send it by post, please send it to:-

SHReD, c/o Ted Cox, 2 Priory Cottages, Woodcutts, Salisbury, SP5 5RR

Cheques should be made payable to SHReD (Handley) Ltd.

If you are a member please consider getting friends and neighbours involved - we need more members if we are to survive.

Ted Cox



TOP TREE TIPS Bleeding Canker

The most important question being asked of arborists at the moment concerns the threat to the horse chestnut population in the UK; are we facing another tree pandemic like Dutch Elm disease?

We are looking over an abyss at another potential disaster on the scale of the Dutch Elm disease pandemic. This time, it is the horse chestnut that faces catastrophe. Mild winters and wet springs have contributed to the ease of the infection that causes bleeding canker. The disease has taken such a hold that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find an uninfected specimen. If you have a chestnut tree in your garden check for rusty red to yellow brown and black patches on the trunk. There is also a sticky liquid that oozes dark and translucent residue. The cambium layer (inner bark) is orange brown and as the patches grow and multiply the cankers girdle the tree which can cause its eventual demise. If you have these symptoms on your tree, this is just the beginning of your problems - the tree's natural defence systems are weakened making it susceptible to secondary infections. Common secondary infections include defoliating insect larvae and honey fungus. This fungus is responsible for more tree deaths than any other pathogen apart from pandemic agents. You would have thought that this was bad, but no, it gets worse! Chestnut trees under stress and in decline shed large limb systems which is known as sudden or summer limb drop. A tree inspection by a trained arborist is essential for insurance purposes. As far as the law is concerned you are considered to be an expert on your trees and ignorance is no defence, therefore you are liable for any litigation and the insurance company will not consider sudden limb drop to be an 'Act of God'. At the moment there is no cure for bleeding canker though field trials of a new treatment called Conquer look promising. It sounds like a snake oil treatment to me, being prepared from garlic and injected into the vascular system of the tree. The only proven management option I would recommend is remove the 3 D's – dead, dying and diseased wood, and a judicious reduction of the remaining crown working with the tree's defence system stimulating new growth and vitality. Hopefully, the disaster of a pandemic can be avoided because a lot of difficult lessons have been learnt from the last fiasco of Dutch Elm disease and I am confident that DEFRA are on the ball this time.

Paul McDermott
Director, Dorset Trees & Hedges



KING OF KINGS KIDS' CLUB

Saturday April 4th

Arrive from 9.45am
10.00 am - 12.30 pm

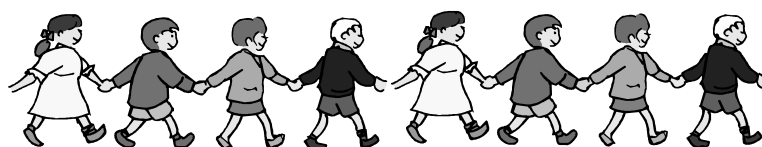
St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley

A chance to have some fun, play games and make stuff
while we learn about King Jesus & Palm Sunday



All children are welcome
Under-fives please bring an adult
Book now – places are limited!
Please phone Maureen Lockyer on

01725



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SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

JUMBLE

SALE

IN THE

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SAT. 18TH APRIL
at 2. 30 p.m.**

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DRAW**

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5726097 Private Harry Frederick Charles Neave
4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment
B Company, 6th Platoon
[Part 1]

When analysing the Allied victory of the Second World War, historians frequently remark on three crucial errors of judgement on the part of Adolf Hitler, though such errors were not necessarily recognised at the time. The first was the Fuhrer's decision (in part having been persuaded by Herman Goering to allow his much vaunted Luftwaffe to administer the *coup de grace*) to halt his armoured divisions short of Dunkirk thus allowing the bulk of the British Expeditionary Force, along with thousands of French and other Allied forces, to be evacuated by the Royal Navy and a flotilla of small ships under appalling conditions from the flat open beaches that are a feature of this part of north-western France. Then, a year on and with plans for the invasion of the United Kingdom shelved (at least for the time being), Hitler committed his forces to war on two major fronts when he ordered the implementation of *Operation Barbarossa* (the invasion of Soviet Russia). Ultimately, this decision would have far more reaching effect than his misjudgement at Dunkirk but when in December 1941, in the wake of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour that drew America into the conflict, he declared war on the United States of America. Secretly, for none dare openly oppose their Fuhrer's decisions, the senior generals at the heart of the German High Command must surely have realised that the promise of a *Thousand Year Reich* was coming apart at the seams and it would only be a matter of time before such dreams of unprecedented power would be dashed as the Allies co-ordinated their plans to reverse everything that had been achieved so far in Germany's conquest for a Nazi dominated Europe.

It is now necessary to take a step back in time to the early hours of Friday, September 1st, 1939, when German armour and infantry supported by an umbrella of fighters and bombers rolled into Poland; the war that would engulf Europe and, eventually, most of the globe had begun. That same infamous day, His Majesty George VI put his signature to the order for the embodiment of the Territorial Army and, as a consequence of telegrams swiftly despatched and delivered, by nightfall officers and men of the 4th Battalion the Dorsetshire Regiment were in hastily ordered buses travelling throughout the county which by Saturday afternoon would disgorge their passengers at a camp set up at Weymouth. Some years ago, in conversation with the late Les Perrett, Les told me his call-up arrived by hand of the village constable as he attended to outside painting at the village school and it is likely that Harry Neave was also peaceably employed when his *call to arms* came.

For the better part of the next five years both would do their soldiering at various locations in the South of England and it was not until June 14th, 1944, a Wednesday, that orders were received at battalion headquarters instructing the 4th Battalion to proceed to France. Thus, the Bexhill camp was struck early the next morning and the "*marching party*" proceeded towards Southampton where they embarked aboard the *Pampas* during the 19th. Under normal conditions, the Channel crossing would have been

made in a matter of hours but the weather conditions throughout the area in June 1944 were absolutely atrocious. The Normandy landings a fortnight earlier had been something of a miracle and even now as the 4th Battalion prepared to join the fray the advance out of the beachhead was quite limited.

Eventually, all was ready and the *Pampas* slipped her moorings only to steam into weather so horrendous that for the next four wretched days the ship could proceed no further than Spithead. Meanwhile, the battalion's "*vehicle section*" had sailed two days previous from Tilbury and had been subjected to a constant barrage of shelling as it passed through the Strait of Dover. Eventually, their vessel arrived off Arromanches on the 20th only for further series of frustrating delays and it was not until the afternoon of June 25th that both parties were united a kilometre or two north of Bayeux. Twenty four hours later and in pouring rain the battalion set off in an easterly direction, halting between the recently liberated villages of Vienne-en-Bassin and Saint-Gabriel. To the south-east lay the city of Caen, one of the key objectives for capture on the day of the landings but still firmly held in enemy hands. Although far removed from the bitter trench engagements of the *Great War* the *Battle of Normandy* was no less intense with the Wehrmacht only giving ground after the hardest of battle and even then would counter-attack at every opportunity.

The battalion's next move was southwards, crossing the main road from Bayeux to Caen and relieving a Canadian unit holding a rear area near the village of Putot-en-Bassin. All around them lay sickening evidence of recent heavy fighting; hundreds of dead cattle lay in the surrounding fields and the pitiful moans of cows heavy with milk but with no one to attend them made for a sombre setting.

It was not long, however, before orders arrived for the "*4th*" to advance southwards in the direction of Cheux where the 5th Battalion Devon and Cornwall Light Infantry were engaged in fighting off stiff German resistance which included tanks. Such was the gravity of the hour that B and C companies were placed under temporary command of the "*5th*"; Harry Newman and Les Perrett were now in the thick of war. At the same time, A Company and D Company moved off to the south as reserve companies for a counter-attack with Churchill tanks spearheading the thrust. In the hours that followed what is frequently described in military journals as "*the fog of war*" was all too apparent; tanks, infantry from other units criss-crossed the area until at last it was announced that 11th Armoured Division was forming up in readiness for a move towards Noyers. The banks of the River Odon were a mere stone's throw away. Then came instructions for the two reserve companies to double up with their colleagues who were still under temporary command of the "*5th*", while the battalion commander, Lieutenant-Colonel H E Cowie assessed the situation at Grainville where remnants of two Scottish battalions were astride the road. Throughout this tense period enemy shelling was almost continuous.

Shortly after midnight on the 29th, the 4th Battalion took over from the 5th Devon and Cornwall Light Infantry and by midday on the last day of June they had been joined by the 5th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment and their near geographical neighbours, the 7th Hampshire Battalion.

Thus far, the "4th" had escaped lightly; a handful of men had sustained minor injuries but no deaths had been reported from within the battalion. This state of affairs would alter dramatically during the next fortnight as the 4th Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment was fully committed to the *Battle of Normandy*.

To be continued.

Bill Chorley

Note. I am indebted to G J B Watkins, author of *From Normandy to the Weser* (undated) from which the chronological sequence of dates has been taken.

Charity Cycle Ride in aid of The Motor Neurone Disease Association and Salisbury Hospice

Saturday 20th June

Provisional details as follows:

Riders to be sponsored, or make a donation on the day
11.00 am start

30 miles (approx) on road route
To be followed by barbecue and party— location to be confirmed.

Offers of assistance would be gratefully received.
Watch out for more details shortly.

David Heath

07825 745025

david@heathfamily.plus.com

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

January

1st	62	£25	Mrs J. Weston
2nd	71	£15	Mrs D. Leverton
3rd	142	£10	Mrs A. Gray

February

1st	28	£25	Mr R. Steel
2nd	129	£15	Mr & Mrs Parsons
3rd	71	£10	Mrs D. Leverton

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.



Do you have a little spare time and would like to help a local charity?

The Chase Pre-School
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The Chase Pre-School was established over 30yrs ago and is a thriving village charity benefiting all the local children.

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Show Secretary
Sixpenny Handley Horticultural & Homecrafts Show

Supporter Ref: 7813542

19 February 2009

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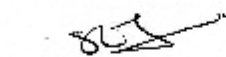
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I have arranged for you to receive our supporter newsletter *Shine on* in the near future, where you can read about news and events across Marie Curie Cancer Care and in your local area. If you would like to know more about what we do in the meantime, please feel free to contact me on the number given above.

Thank you once again for supporting Marie Curie Cancer Care.

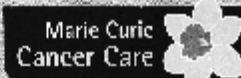
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"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives."



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You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and being that Friday 15th May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day and what a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

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Sixpenny Handley First School News

Year 3 and 4 pupils of gave up their Saturday on 7th March to pack bags for customers of Tesco in Blandford. The children wrote to Tesco offering their services to raise money for Cancer Research to support their Headteacher, Mrs Clare Hewitt, who is running the London Marathon on 26th April for this charity. The children, supported by school staff, packed bags between 10 am and 4 pm, raising the amazing sum of £871.30. *"I am incredibly proud of the children for all their hard work and the positive comments we received from customers of Tesco. Cancer Research is our chosen school charity and one very close to my heart following my mother's recent diagnosis of cancer. I know this money will be appreciated by the charity".*



Mrs Hewitt with her bag packers

"It was awesome", Jack

"We earned lots of money for charity and we felt proud", Selina

Bag packers in action with a member of school staff

"It was good and I am glad not many people had eggs!", Isabel

"It was quite hard work", Beth



Car delivery service!

"I felt happy because I was helping people", Jacob

"It was good practice for our own shopping", Libby

Mrs Hewitt is still collecting donations for her Marathon run, either through the school or via her website: www.justgiving.com/clarehewitt2.

1st Woodcutts News

12th March 2009

New Scout HQ gets Planning Approval



After more than 25 years of unbroken service 1st Woodcutts ageing scout hut on Common road is to be replaced. On the 26th February 1st Woodcutts received the news they have been waiting for nearly two years to hear.

The current 1st Woodcutts hut, a former chicken shed, was erected over 25 years ago. In that time it has seen countless local youngsters go from little cubs to tall scouts. The old hut has been repaired on many occasions, but it will soon be beyond repair.

The local troop has been saving hard, and

has built up a £25,000 nest egg; they are in the process of applying for grants and planning fundraising events help pay for the bill for the new HQ. The first big fundraising event was on the evening of 15th March, a darts jamboree at the hut.

After many months of planning the local scouts placed their planning application with East Dorset District Council at the end of 2008. East Dorset has now given the scouts the thumbs-up for the much needed purpose-built HQ. The troop now has three years to turn the paper plans into reality.

Beavers and Cubs Help Motivate the Nation on GMTV



Explorer Scout Leader Andy Turner
"Speaks to GMTV and the Nation"

Cubs from 1st Woodcutts, together with the Handley First School staff assembled early in the morning at the village school to help get the nation motivated. Head teacher Mrs Clare Hewitt opened the

doors to the GMTV crew and the cubs early on a cold January morning.

A live link to the London studios allowed the cubs to join Mr Motivator in his mission to "get the nation moving".



If you didn't catch the cubs live on the day you can see the troop and school staff in action online at

<http://www.gm.tv/index.cfm?articleid=32978>

1st Woodcutts Scouts, Handley Common, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury. SP5 5NJ

<http://www.firstwoodcutts.org.uk>

1st Woodcutts News

12th March 2009

Firework Success Despite Wet Weather

In November 2008 across Dorset and Wiltshire the majority of firework displays were a damp squib or cancelled. But in Sixpenny Handley a wet November evening failed to put off the brave 1st Woodcutts Scouts who once more put on a superb display of pyrotechnics.

Those who braved the weather were rewarded with a dazzling display lasting over 30 minutes and kept warm with hot soup, tasty burgers and hot dogs.

The Scouts would like to thank all those who came to the display despite the rain. Even at this early stage of the year Rob Easton is already planning this year's sparkling spectacular.

Family Camp

1st Woodcutts will be having their first family camp this coming May Day bank holiday weekend. The whole group, beavers, cubs, scouts explorers and their families are off to Butchers Coppice Camp site for a weekend of fun-filled activities.

Butchers Coppice is a 7½ acre campsite, close to Bournemouth and Poole. It has been owned and run by Bournemouth Scouts since 1932 and is operated entirely by voluntary staff.

Scouts and families will have the chance to experience a wide variety of activities including climbing, abseiling, archery, assault course, fire lighting, air rifle shooting and woggle making.

<http://www.butcherscoppice.org.uk/>

Spring Fair & Music at the Village Hall

The scouts will be at the Handley Spring Fair on 23rd May manning stalls and helping with the parking. After the fair finishes Martyn Nash's band will be playing a fund raising gig at the Village Hall.

More Music at the Village Hall

On June 5th two local bands are playing the village hall in support of the 1st Woodcutts. The gig will feature Pronghorn "The UK's N° 1 hillbilly, hoedown, cajun, cowpunk band" together with Fat Drunk Stupid's justifiably famous punk Karaoke. FDS describe themselves as "Probably the worst punk tribute band in the world", but are almost certainly the finest punk tribute band in the Universe.

You can check out each band on their websites:

www.pronghorn.co.uk and www.fatdrunkstupid.com



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Age 8-10½

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Andy Young (Akela)
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Age 10½-14

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Rob Easton
01725 552038



Age 14-18

Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm
Andy Turner
01725 552735

Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
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CARDS



WHIST With the 2008-2009 competition moving into its last third of matches, the trio of players that have dominated the first dozen rounds continue to do so with Gerald Trickey showing an aggregate score of 1959 after 13 drives and with the very consistent David Brine in close contention on 1955. Doug Haskell occupies 3rd place with 1932, having slipped slightly as a consequence of a run of below par scores that has cast him adrift from the leading duo. However, all is far from lost and, of course, at the close of the competition the “average” scores of competitors who have missed matches has to be taken into account and, at the time of writing this column, Ruth Hustings and Betty White who have been unavoidably absent on 1 and 2 drives respectively, if they continue in their present form, will be placed in the final 10 positions.

Presently, 28 players are qualified, having competed in the minimum of 10 drives but this number is expected to rise before the end of the competition in May. For the first time in over a decade, a round [the 11th] had to be cancelled due to inclement weather but with Spring on the way it is highly unlikely that this unfortunate occurrence will be repeated.

Returning to the proceedings of round 13 [held on a bitterly cold evening, March 4th], of the present top 10 players Len Diggin, who arrived to report that Ashmore was nestling beneath a fair covering of snow, returned a very creditable 172, though it was Broad Chalke and Women’s Institute stalwart Mary Penny who showed the field a clean pair of heels by carding 180, a full 7 points ahead of her nearest rival, and friend, Shelia Steel. Kingsley White also returned 173, but was placed 3rd after taking the 12th deal score into consideration – Sheila making a 9 to Kingsley’s 8; likewise, Fred Denham, who also logged 173, finished 4th having made a 6 on deal 12.

Len, as reported above, was next best followed by Betty White [169], Bill Peach [165], Chris Spencer [164] and Ruby Jacobs [162]. Minor awards went to Daphne Killeen and Geoff Peach, while 160 plus scores were recorded by David Brine, Ruth Hustings and Brenda Innes.

BRIDGE The weekly meetings at the Sports Pavilion continue to attract sufficient players to ensure at least 3 tables in contest and since the turn of the year 1 table has been reserved for rubber bridge with the remainder playing *Chicago*. As observed in past columns, several of the regulars play at Shaftsbury and more than hold their own in the Friday afternoon *Duplicate* matches which regularly attract in excess of 60 competitors. Recently, Gerald and Julie Trickey [both are very well placed in the individual championships for Lady and Gentleman players] pulled off a small slam in Clubs, the only pair to do so and thus scored a *top* [as well as gaining useful points in the slam contest]. John Davis and Tim Stephens are the other principal *visitors* from Sixpenny Handley and have been very well placed in the East-West pairings.

Bill Chorley

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR BOWLS CLUB?

Our outdoor season is starting on 26th April

We always welcome new members

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For more information, contact any of our members or Bea on 01725 552805



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



I think we all enjoyed our indoor season, which is now coming to an end. We have not done as well as we hoped in our leagues, but we all enjoyed playing. We have now got our finals day in Sherborne to look forward to on the 19th April.

The singles and pairs competitions were, as usual, good fun and Clifford did very well in the singles with Sarah as runner-up. Congratulations also to Doris and Clifford who won the pairs.

The Carpet Bowls Club of Fontmell Magna visited us. We played a match and everybody enjoyed it. Another match will be arranged for the autumn and maybe some of them will come and try outdoor bowls with us this summer.

Our outdoor season will start on 26th April with a friendly match against Cranborne, with a tea afterwards.

I will send everybody the new fixture list and all the details we need for the season as soon as I have done it.

A few dates to remember:

Barbeque: July 25th

President's Day: August 15th

Jumble Sale: September 12th

Good luck for the new season.

Bea Boyland

St Mary's Church Sixpenny Handley  Challenge

Easter Sunday

12th April

3.00- 5.00pm



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£3.50 for scones, jam & cream (or piece of cake) and a pot of tea.

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

April 2nd, 16th, 30th, May 14th, 28th, June 11th

A Life, Not a Job

Sarah Lownds is a Reiki Master/Teacher, Holistic Therapist, Meditation and Workshop leader and founder of Sarpenela Natural Therapies Centre. She has many years' experience in the world of natural therapies and healing. Her journey began while spending eleven years in the Middle East, working with other cultures and their methods of natural healing.

Sarpenela Natural Therapies Centre is now in its ninth year and looking forward to celebrating its 10th birthday in January 2010. The centre has evolved steadily over the years and is an ever-increasing haven of peace and tranquillity. Sarah says, "It always pleases me to see clients just let go the moment they walk through the doors of Sarpenela."

"Being a holistic therapist is such a pleasure; I feel very blessed to be able to work at something I love so much - it is a way of life not just a job. There has to be commitment to the sort of work a therapist is expected to do; I can't see it would work any other way. Watching people grow on all levels of their well-being is a reward in itself, but the pleasure in seeing clients taking responsibility for their own health and happiness is so inspiring."

"I started out in the spa industry in Muscat, Oman, managing the Spa at the 5-star Al Bustan Palace 5 Hotel for seven years, before moving to manage a spa that was set up for the Royal Family of Oman. This was a wonderful experience and opportunity. Spas are very glamorous and have great benefits for relaxation and a pamper, but they are, I feel, a quick fix. The work I do now as a Holistic Therapist is so much deeper and fulfilling, but it was only through being in the spa world that my interest for health and well-being started. Having the opportunity to work with other cultures and their healing methods was a gift, enabling me to learn so much."

"During my last few years in Oman I lived in a traditional Omani fishing village with no other expatriates. This, once again, gave me a real taste of the Omani culture and way of life. I was accepted into their lives after a while and became part of their community. Community is very strong in the Islamic world and I learnt from these amazing people the meaning of being 'rich'. They had nothing, they were very poor, but the wealth and richness they had was something that money just couldn't buy - they took care of each other, had such integrity and dignity. This is something I have always tried to maintain as a Holistic Therapist - it doesn't cost anything, but means so much."

The years of experience I have serve me well and the rewards are immense. Last year (29th November 2008), The Times Body & Soul supplement featured Sarpenela in an article, which recognised five affordable spa retreats in the UK under the title 'You can't beat a retreat'. This has been a big thank you for a lot of hard work but a love, passion and life style I wouldn't give up for the world.

A Life not a job.

Blessing, Sarah

New Forest & Hampshire County Show Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th July

Yes, it is getting towards that time of year again – time to think about booking a stand to show your wares at this County Show, booking hospitality to celebrate that anniversary or to reward your best clients, or simply booking the dates in your diary – Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th July. This year ticket prices have been held for the third year running and, to encourage children to come and enjoy this wonderful agricultural show full of events and entertainment, we are offering from now until June 30th, a free child's ticket with every adult or senior citizen ticket purchased. There will not be any other discounted advance tickets.

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News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

A big thank you to all who supported the Jumble Sale in February. The early spring weather brought out the crowds and it was a most successful fund raising event.

The February speaker was Mrs Critchley, an enthusiastic traveller and a friend of Blashford Snell, the explorer. She recounted time spent with him in Patagonia with his expedition, searching for the wreck of The Wager, a naval supply ship which was lost in a violent storm in 1744. At this point in the saga there was a power cut in the hall. Quite unperturbed, our speaker continued by torchlight, and following the movements of survivors in inhospitable terrain was not the easiest of tasks. However, the power was restored in time for a showing of the final slide; the wreck, which had been discovered on the last day of the trip.

In March, Mr Downs, the brother of one of the members, told us about an horrific experience he had whilst doing National Service in the RAF and on secondment in Canada. The opportunity to hitch a lift to California with the US Airforce presented itself and Mr Downs and a friend grabbed the chance. The plane crashed leaving many dead. Our speaker and his friend, in spite of injuries, managed to save the life of one man who was on fire, and each received a US Gallantry Medal and their names are on a plaque at the site of the crash.

DATES FOR DIARIES

April 20th: Annual Meeting. Cup Competition. Election of Officers

April 28th: Birthday Meal

May 11th: Resolutions Meeting and Entertainment

May 21st: Group Meeting at Sixpenny Handley

May 23rd: Stall at Wins Yard, Street Fayre

For more information please ring Bobbie, Secretary, 01725 552042

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**ZION TRAIN, SHAM 69 confirmed for Endorse it in Dorset Festival '09 plus
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Endorse it in Dorset prides itself on offering a real alternative to other music festivals in the area. People can expect a mixture of ska, dub, punk and more from top quality festival acts.

The latest names to be confirmed are: Zion Train, Sham 69, Eat Static, Tragic Roundabout, Back to the Planet, Eat Static, Port Erin, Lucky 7's (funk band with full brass section that brought the house down at Glastonbury last year in the Avalon field), Monkeyrush (featuring Fil from Back to the Planet), Moosehead, Peeping Toms and Hipfandango.

These are added to a line-up which already boasts bands including Pronghorn, Farmageddon, Toupe, Flipron, Cash Converted, SubGiant, Guns of Navarone, Hobo Jones and The Junkyard Dogs, The Boot Hill All Stars, Cracked Actors, Who's Afeard and DJ Dapper Dan.

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Endorse it in Dorset is bucking the trend. Where other festivals are increasing their prices, tickets for Endorse it in Dorset 2009 have been reduced to give as many people as possible the chance to enjoy a festival this year. Last year an adult weekend ticket was £75, which compares to £68 for 2009. And, in order to keep the 'old school' festival vibe that our visitors like most about Endorse it in Dorset, just 2500 tickets will be released this year.

Ticket information: prices include three day entry, weekend camping and car parking.

Adults (over 16 years)	£68
Children 11-16 years	£35
Under 10 years	£10 - the first 200 U10s tickets are on sale for £2 each
Family (2 adults + 2 children)	£190
Camper van/ caravan	£20 weekend supplement

Tickets can be purchased from the festival website www.lgofestivals.com.

Iain Laing, Marketing Manager for Endorse it in Dorset 2009, says:

"Where else can you get three days of quality live music, proper beer and punk karaoke set in beautiful countryside for under £70 and not have to worry about finding a baby-sitter? The Endorse it in Dorset festival is a big family party – and everyone's invited!"

For more information, interviews and images, please contact **Iain Laing** on **07740 957729** or email marketing@lgofestivals.com

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says, "Help, my wife is in labour."
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this her first child?"
The man replies, "No, this is her
husband."

If it's called rush hour, why does
everyone move so slowly?

Dear Nurse!

Nurse, oh nurse,
I've got a pain
And I think I need a bedpan again!
Nurse, oh nurse,
oh please come quick9
And bring a bowl 'cos I feel sick.

Nurse, hey nurse,
the doctor has been
And given me an enema,
isn't that mean!
I'm clean on the outside and
clean on the inner,
Tell me, dear nurse, what time
is dinner?

Nurse, *Hey Nurse!*
I've run out of water
And my tummy is all of a flutter.
I've done something on my sheets
I didn't oughter
And sister thinks I'm a nutter.

Here comes nurse,
I can hear her, I'm certain,
Her face contorted with strain
As she cautiously peeps behind
the curtain
And says, "Bloody Hell!
Not you again!"

Why is it called 'after dark' when
it's really 'after light'?

Somebody complimented me on
my driving today. They left a note
on the windscreen. It said,
"Parking Fine", so that was nice.

You don't learn anything by doing
it right.

A man goes to the doctors and
says, "I keep thinking I'm an AA
man."
The doctor says, "I think you're
heading for a breakdown."

Dark Island

I'm watching the dark island
In the moonlight's gentle glow.
From scented cliffs, to the ocean
below

I see the spirits of the rock
Who lived there long ago.
Their ancient hearts are beating
With the tide's eternal flow.

Empty hillside dwellings,
A shattered window frame,
Tombstones from another time
Are all that here remain
Beside a restless ocean,
Beneath a flying sky,
Our island home is empty,
I hear the spirits sigh.

No more the running children,
No more are stories told,
The chimney now is smokeless,
The hearth is chill and cold.
But patiently I'm waiting as purple
lupins blow,
While spirits tell me stories
Of their struggle long ago.

A lion, a bear and a chicken are
discussing who's the hardest.
The bear says, "When I growl the
entire forest runs for cover."
The lion says, "That's nothing.
When I roar, everything in Africa
shakes with fear."
The chicken thinks for a while then
says, "I only have to sneeze and
the whole world panics!"

No-one is rich enough to buy
back their past.

I was walking along the pavement
and saw a sign that said, 'Pavement
ahead closed. Please use other
side'. It really made me cross.

A toothless termite walks into a
pub and says, "Is the bartender
here?"

I love it when it snows. My garden
looks like everyone else's.

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I still haven't worked out how I am
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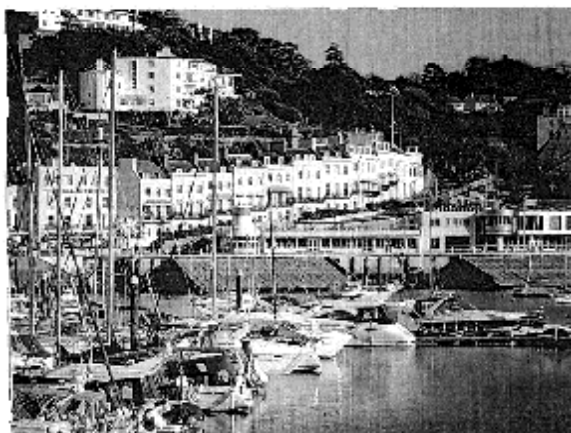
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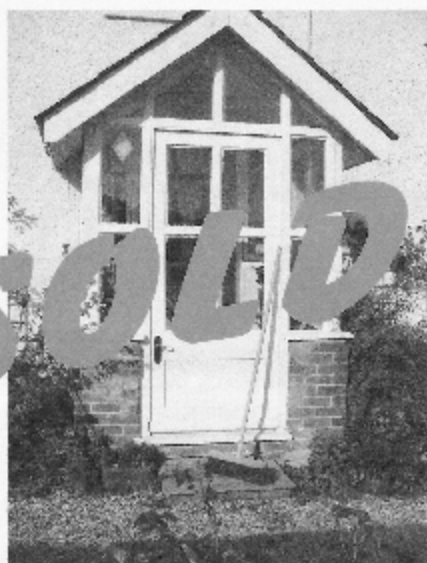
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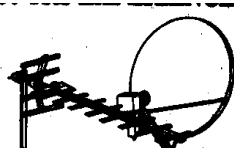
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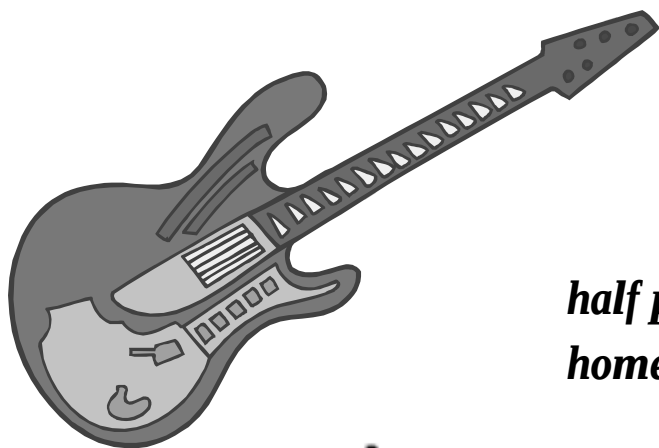
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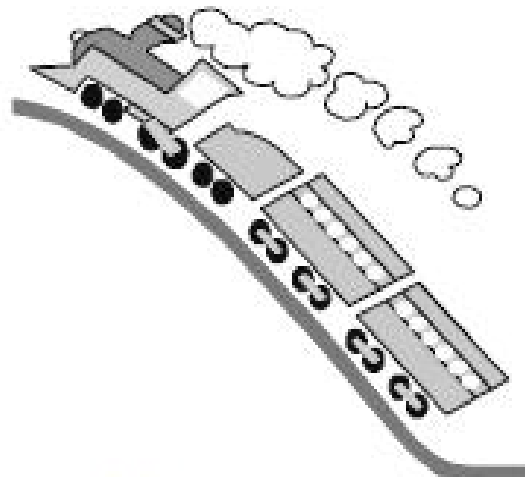
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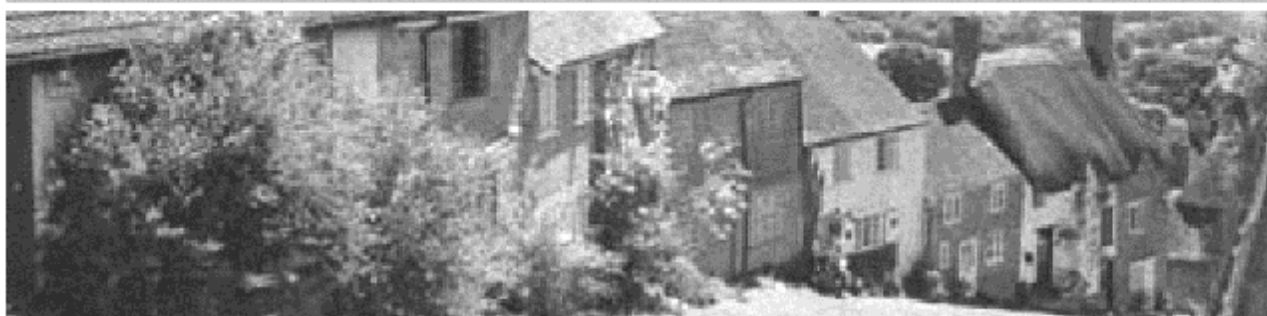
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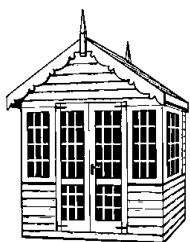
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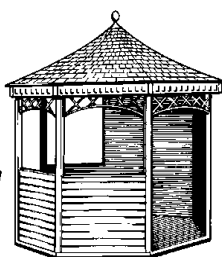
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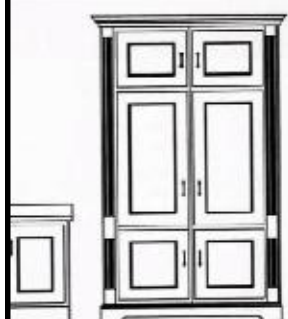
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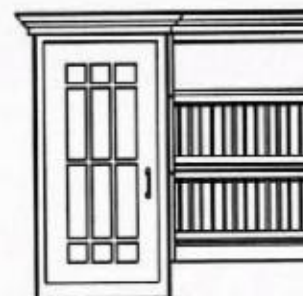
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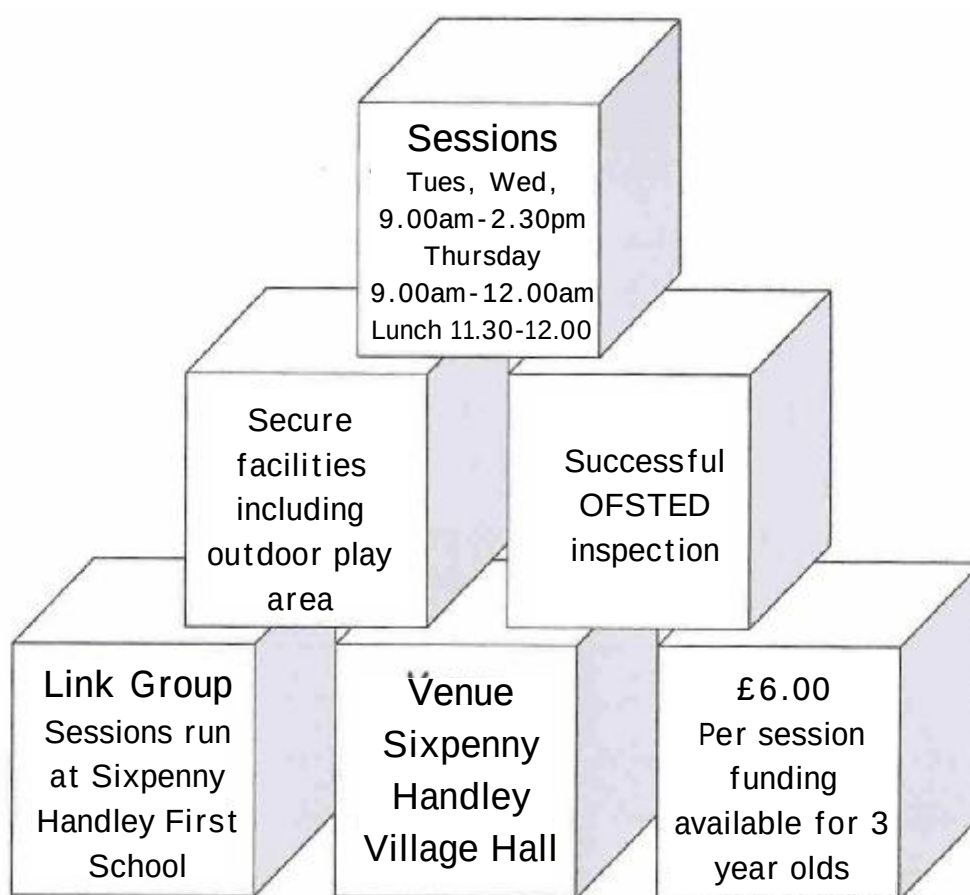
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The **coffee morning** will be held at the **Pavilion** at the sports club every **Thursday** morning at 10.15 am to 11.45 am.

For information please contact 01725 552404.

Please continue to support the coffee morning.

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**For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,
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We are always looking for new volunteer drivers in all areas that the CCF covers - please phone to find out more.

Will people who want to use the volunteer car drivers please give as much notice as possible

The Downsman

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DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
1 Apr	Shred subscriptions due	13	30 Apr	Chase Garden Club Mobile Library	12 25
2 Apr	Mobile Library	25	11 May	W.I. Resolution Meeting	27
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12 Apr	Flowers and Cream Teas, St Mary's Church	25	14 May	Mobile Library	25
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18 Apr	Jumble Sale, Village Hall	7 & 15	16 May	Dairy House Plants Table Sale	27
20 Apr	W.I. AGM	27	17 May	Dairy House Plants Table Sale	27
21 Apr	Pentridge Parochial AGM	6	21 May	W.I.	27
23 Apr	Village Hall AGM	7		Handley Spring Fayre	9
25 Apr	St Mary's Coffee Morning	8	23 May	Shoot the Moon Party Night, Village Hall	29
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