

The Downman

August 2009



Artist's impression of the new Scout HQ

The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge

Including: Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington
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St. Andrews, Gussage St. Andrew

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St. Cecilia, Blandford Forum

Priest	Rev. Father Dylan James	
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<u>Doctors</u>	Drs. Nodder, Morgan & Taubman	
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Dean Lane Surgery.....552500

1st Woodcutts Scout Group

Group Scout Leader	John Curtis.....	552397
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Explorer Leader	Andy Turner.....	552735
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Scout Leader	Rob Easton.....	552038
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Cub Leader	Andy Young.....	553166
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Beaver Leader	Denise Turner.....	552735
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1st Sixpenny Handley Rainbows

Unit Guider	Jacqui Tarran.....	552008
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Chairman	Carole Wyatt.....	552572
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Secretary	Tony Gibb	552704
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Treasurer	Paul Skinner.....	552785
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Bookings	Jaqui Blake.....	552306
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Sixpenny Handley Allotment Holders Association

Chairman	John Curtis.....	552397
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Secretary	Jane Laing	553146
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Sixpenny Handley Horticultural Show

Chairman	Brian Hansford.....	552468
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Secretary	Carole Wyatt.....	552572
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Entries	Tony Gibb	552704
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John Curtis..... 552397

Co-ordinators

Area 1 - Dean Lane	Don Penrose.....	552022
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2 - Lower Handley	Chris Stokes.....	552672
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3 - Upper Handley	John Clarke.....	552674
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4 - Deanland & N.E.	Charles Nodder.....	552292
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5 - West & South	Simon Meaden.....	552715
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Other Areas (These are separate Homewatch Schemes)

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Woodyates	Mrs A Adams.....	552675
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<u>Police</u>	Wimborne Station..	01202 222222/
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Schools

First School	Handley First School.....	552356
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Middle School	Cranborne Middle School	517348
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Upper School	Queen Elizabeth's School	
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Wimborne..... 01202 885233

The Chase Pre-School

Chairperson	Tilly Stevens.....	552046
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Secretary	Luci Phillips.....	552098
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The Chase Pre-School Link Group

Contact	Tilly Stevens.....	552046
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<u>Happy Nappy Club</u>	Alison Dunford.....	552415
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Claire Easton..... 552038

Naomi Booth..... 552430

Vikki Russell..... 552322

Sixpenny Handley W.I. (Formed in 1922)

President	Mrs Maggie Staplehurst ...	552795
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Secretary	Mrs Bobbie Carter.....	552042
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Sixpenny Handley Mother's Union

Leader	Jean Mayne.....	552692
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Secretary	Mary Macleod	552041
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Chase Community Friends

Chairman	Dr. Geddes.....	552395
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Secretary	Vic Hatton	01258 840671
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Sixpenny Handley Sports Association

Chairman	David Cross.....	552640
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Secretary/Treasurer	Tracey Lownds.....	552414
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Bookings	Bea Boyland	552805
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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

President	Brian Hansford.....	552468
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Secretary	Bea Boyland.....	552805
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Treasurer	Patrick Taylor.....	552187
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Handley Sports Club

Chairman	Mark Young.....	552741
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Secretary	Brian Hansford.....	552468
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Handley Sports U11s and U12s

Manager	Adam Day.....	01258 452481
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Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club

Chairman	Tracey Lownds.....	552414
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Membership/Treasurer	Sue Smith.....	552225
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Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

Evening Captain	David Cross.....	552640
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Secretary	Frances Churchill.....	552868
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Welcome to the latest edition of *The Downsman*.

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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.

Due to problems with production the Downsman Committee have decided that they can no longer entertain the insertion of flyers in future copies. We would also ask that contributors are requested to make every effort to meet the deadlines which are required to allow for printing, production and distribution by the publication date.

The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the
1st October 2009
Copy Deadline is Friday 18th September

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

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: The Parish Council has recently received a report of youths discarding beer cans in hedgerows at the Village Hall car park. Polite remonstrance produced abusive language, followed by a return some time later and the public dumping of what appeared to be domestic rubbish in the same place. The Parish Council and other volunteers have recently conducted litter picking excursions. Sixpenny Handley has entered the Best Kept Village Competition and judging is imminent. Normally litter is dropped thoughtlessly, which is one thing. This aggressive, intentional littering is quite another.

Reports are also coming in of drivers performing hand-brake turns in the Village Hall car park. The container by the shed at the Village Hall car park has been vandalised. One of the gates at the children's play area has been ripped from its hinges.

The police have been informed of these incidents. If you have any information regarding any of them please contact me, or a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council is striving to maintain your Parish in good order – please help.

PARISH MAINTENANCE UNIT: The PMU visits twice a year to rectify problems connected with Highways. Hedges are a recurring problem & their maintenance is the responsibility of the owner of the land on which they grow. Potholes, blocked drains and gullies etc. will be attended to if brought to the attention of the PMU. If you see a problem please report it to me, or any Parish Councillor, and we will see if we can sort it out. The PMU is next due in September and I shall submit a list to Highways in August; so now is the time.

Christopher Snape
Clerk to the Parish Council

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council

3/090455 - 37 High Street - Two storey front extension to include balcony & single storey garage extension

3/09/0445 - Sixpenny Handley First School, Common Road - Pre-school building & access ramp

3/09/0397 - Dean Cross Cottage, Woodcutts - Demolition of existing garage/store. Extend on two levels to include new bedroom, utility, entrance & carport. Insulate & overclad existing single storey extension

3/09/0473 - Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground - Erect storage building on bowling green perimeter

3/09/0488 - Common Road car park - Change of use of land from agricultural to use as a community car park to facilitate safe parking for Sixpenny Handley First School

3/09/0545 - Myncen Farm, 83 Minchington, Cashmoor - Erect farm office, including WC, kitchenette, & meeting room & hard standing for parking

Approvals

3/09/0025 - 2 Town Farm House, Dean Lane - Install solar panels on roof - **Permitted**

3/09/0287 - May Cottage, Handley Green - Single storey extension - **Permitted**

3/09/0254 - Garston House, Sixpenny Handley - Provision of dormer windows to second floor accommodation - **Permitted**

Greetings, Sixpenny Handley

I would like to take this chance to introduce myself. My name is Jamie Edge and I will be the new PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for the rural community working alongside PC Brittain. I have now been signed off for independent patrol, so you will be seeing a lot more of me with PC Brittain. So please feel free to come and introduce yourself or give the SNT mobile 07825 521735 a ring to get through to me or PC Brittain directly.

Jamie Edge

Village Hall Notes

The Committee wish to apologise to those residents of Common Road who were affected by a private party in the early hours of Sat 4th July. Regrettably the hirer did not know who his friends were as they left the area around the hall in a deplorable state, let alone played music beyond the midnight cut-off time. Sorry.

At the end of June the hall hosted a meeting of the Sowing Seeds Action Group. This project has almost £5M to invest in the Cranborne Chase AONB and North Dorset area over the next four years. People attending from all over the area were very complimentary about the facilities available in this village, which was nice to hear.

Considerable effort has been given to improve the cleanliness of the hall over the past weeks; more will be done during the summer holidays when the floor will be re-waxed.

The entertainments committee are finalising the films to be shown during the winter. Any suggestions should be made to Brady Turner, The Walnut Tree Gallery 552836

Events in the Hall

Monday 24th August*Artreach*

Indian Tie Dyeing and Resist Printing with Lal Hitchcock - Ages 7+
Contact : Brady Turner, Walnut Tree Gallery 552836

Saturday 5th September

Horticultural and Homecrafts Show -
Schedules are available in the village shops.
Contact: Carole Wyatt 01725 552572

Friday 18th September

Film Night – the first of the season - Watch for posters in the village

Friday 25th September*Artreach*

TG Collective - An evening of music and dance
See separate poster for details

Who cuts back hedges overhanging footpaths and roads?

It is the responsibility of the owner or occupier of any land or property to ensure that the frontage hedge or other vegetation growing on their land does not impede passage along the highway, which includes the carriageway, footpath and verge. Hedges should be cut back to the boundary or vertically above the rear of the footpath for a clear height of 2.2 metres.

What happens if the landowner doesn't take any action?

Where problems are identified, a letter will be sent from the Dorset County Council Area Highways Office. If the landowner does not take action within a reasonable time, the DCC Legal department will send a formal notice under sections 136 or 154 of the Highways Act 1980. Failure to comply with the notice will result in the work being arranged by Dorset County Council and the cost recovered from the landowner.

**A meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Sixpenny Handley
with Gussage St Andrew's was held on 24th June 2009**

A summary of agenda items

- With reference to the questionnaire sent out to parishioners, the timing of the services, 9.30 am and 11.00 am was discussed from the point of view of which would be better – Informal at 9.30 am and Traditional at 11.00 am. There was no consensus of opinion but a lively debate ensued.
- Kids' Club: The numbers have been fluctuating, partly due to the core of young ones having moved on to their next school. The formation of a young person's band was suggested.
- On Saturday, 1st August, 10.00 – 11.30 am, a meeting of all helpers will be held in St Mary's.
- The Churchwardens are to attend a workshop to help with the planning of a 'Back- to Church Sunday' service in September.
- Finance: David Lockyer (Treasurer) reported that the 'Share' had been reduced to £28,741. We applauded his persistent efforts to achieve this. Votes were taken to set our monthly 'Share' payments at £2000. It will be reviewed in 3 months' time.
- The committee was brought up to date with the re-ordering plans for the church. We are awaiting the detailed report from our conservator about the state of the wall paintings at St Andrew's. Work on the clock has begun and an auto-winder is due to be installed in the next two weeks. Other projects are nearing completion in their planning.
- Fund Raising and social events were outlined. They will be advertised as usual.
- The Dorset Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride will take place in September

Sheila Bradley (Secretary to the PCC)

**The Dorset Historic Churches Trust
ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE
SATURDAY 12TH.SEPTEMBER**

This is one of the most enjoyable ways to raise money for a good cause, and last year thirteen cyclists – families, groups and individuals from the Parish - took part. Please circle the date in your diary, and if you haven't been involved before, consider joining in the event on Saturday September 12th! In almost every church visited, parishioners leave food and drink for the cyclists (a particularly special chocolate cake at Tarrant Monkton last year!), so although you might not necessarily lose pounds, you can certainly gain £ £ £ £!

Posters and information will be available in the Church from the beginning of August, and I may be contacted by phone 516453, or by email: jfcu3@hotmail.com.

Those who take part, on a bicycle (tandem or mono), on foot, in a wheelchair or on a horse, will be helping to raise money not only for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust, but also the church of their choice. The great thing about this sponsored ride is that it is very flexible – you can visit as many (or as few) churches and chapels as you wish and start and finish at your choice of times. Those unable to take part in the actual ride can help out by staffing their local church to welcome visiting cyclists - and if that is impossible, anyone can be a sponsor!

Please consider how best you can have fun with this FUNd raising event!

John and Gay Cullingford (Sixpenny Handley)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 'You add. We multiply' 10th - 16th MAY 2009

The "seeding and harvesting" of the Christian Aid envelopes to 400 or so homes in the village realised the sum of £608.11 of which £329.89 was Gift Aided which added, under Gordon Brown's Gift Aid Tax arrangement, a further £72.58, bringing the total to £680.69. Last year's corrected collection was £655.85 (the Gift Aid total was incorrectly added to the total). So, better than last year by £24.84 – wow!

A heartfelt thank you for your generosity, especially in these difficult financial times, and when added to this figure is your personal donations made in other ways and in other places – a really tremendous effort. This will help so many disadvantaged people in the world in so many ways – if you wish further information and have an internet connection Google CHRISTIAN AID and you will get some idea of where your money goes. The charity works wherever the need is greatest, irrespective of religion or race and they invest in things that multiply and provide benefits for years to come.

Thanks again for your generosity as a Community and to the Collectors who made it all possible. Your gifts given with love will be received with love.

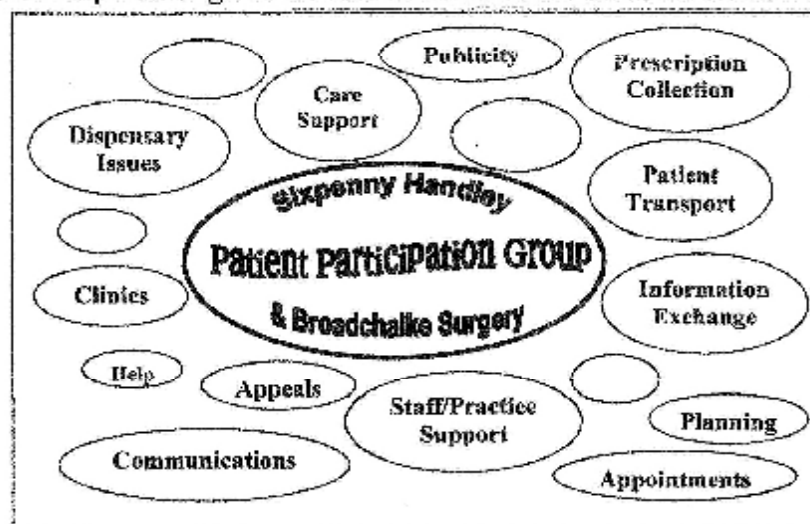
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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Sixpenny Handley and Broadchalke Surgery are holding an open meeting in the Autumn to discuss the setting up of a Patient Participation Group.

A speaker has been invited to come and explain how to set up and run a group which would operate for the benefit of all patients in the practice and the practice too.

The mind map below gives an idea of some of the areas of mutual interest.



It is hoped that many of you that are registered with the Practice will come along so that your views can be put forward. In the meantime more information is available on the Internet which indicates what a positive contribution such a group can bring to a community.

The date of the meeting and venue are to be advertised in the October Issue.

Sixpenny Handley Street Fayre 2009

Final total collected for the Community Fund

£3,217.87

Once again, very hearty thanks to all those who helped on the day, either before or after to help make everything a great success.

We, the committee, are already in the process of putting things in place for next year. If you have any ideas or are prepared to help set up or help run next year's Fayre, please contact myself or Maureen New on the numbers below. The more the merrier!!

We have contacted the eligible groups who may draw on the Community Fund and we will keep you informed in The Downsman of any awards made from the Community Fund after our AGM on Wednesday 2nd December 2009, which will take place at 'The Pavilion' Sixpenny Handley at 7:30 pm. Please feel free to come along and discuss with the Committee our future plans and aims for the Community Fund and, of course, The Fayre itself.

Once again, thank you to everyone for all your efforts.
We're really looking forward to next year!

Martyn Nash
Joint Chair, Sixpenny Handley Street Fayre Committee.
Maureen New 01725 552539 (Joint Chair)
Martyn Nash 01725 552348 (Joint Chair)

Treasurer's Report For Sixpenny Handley Street Fayre 23rd May 2009

The Street Fayre committee is now pleased to report the total funds raised at the Street Fayre on 23rd May.

All monies given by those who entertained or exhibited, helped with the raffle and tombola, the Community Groups who gave all their takings, others who gave their time, space, facilities to help make a successful day and the Committee with much support from many, raised £3,217.87 for the Community Fund.

In addition, amounts raised on the day by the individual Village Charities' own efforts (after the deduction of their donations to the Community Fund) were as follows: -

Chase Community Friends	£ 720.46
St Mary's Church	£ 529.11
WI	£ 145.00
Pentridge Church	£ 85.00
Bowls Club	£ 67.55
Happy Nappy	£ 6600
Handley Village Hall	£ 49.70
Rainbows	£ 31.80
<u>Total</u>	<u>£1694.62</u>

Finally Martyn Nash and his band Shoot the Moon raised £530.00 for the 1st Woodcutts Scout Group at an evening dance at the village hall.

This means a grand total of £5,442.49 was raised for the Community, by the community's efforts on the day.

Rosalie Adams. Treasurer Sixpenny Handley Street Fayre Committee

FLU and PNEUMOVAX CLINICS 2009

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

Everybody **aged over 65**

Anybody suffering from a chronic disease eg those at risk from

Chronic respiratory disease or asthma requiring repeated steroid inhalers

Diabetes

Chronic heart, liver or kidney disease

Immunosuppression,

Carers of ill or infirm people

We shall be running **CLINICS** in:

Sixpenny Handley

Tuesday	6 th October	2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Monday	12 th October	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	14 th October	9:30 am – 11:30 am

Broad Chalke

Wednesday	7 th October	2.30 pm – 4:30 pm
Friday	9 th October	9:30 am – 11:30am
Thursday	22 nd October	9.30 am – 11:30 am

No appointment is necessary

We will try and keep waiting to a minimum.

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

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT THE SWINE FLU VACCINE

More Life at Woodcutts

Due to government cut backs, it has not been possible to do a complete annual census here at Woodcutts. Despite this, there have in fact been quite a few changes that have been recorded, which can easily be noted without intensive study and investigation and are of some relative importance. In the past ten years there have been some quite noticeable changes to the human occupation here; that is in the ten premises accessed from Long Lane, Woodcutts, along with their transport systems as shown in the following table:

Year	Number of properties	Adult residents	Children	Vehicles
1999	10	17	7	12
2009	10	19	11	18

From the above figures, it can be seen that not only have the number of humans increased but the number of vehicles for each adult in the population has also increased from 0.71 vehicles per adult person to 0.94 vehicles. Hopefully, the full census can be completed at a later date in the year. However the main problem to be identified, that of the increased number of vehicles is important, as this will increase our carbon footprint here and could effect global warming locally. In fact, if the human population increase involves the advent of even more vehicles, the construction of new roads may become necessary, even to the extent of building a dual carriageway past 'Between Gates' to cope with rush hour traffic. This of course will require considerable excavations, but since there is a precedence for excavations in this area, it should not be a problem. If you are wondering what this precedence involved, it is quite simple. A gentleman called General Pitt-Rivers, who incidentally owned most of the land around here, dug holes all over the place. He used as his excuse an extreme interest in archaeology; nothing compared with the need for a new road here for the benefit of the local populace, so no problem with the planners is anticipated.

While thinking of archaeology, I must say what an enjoyable evening I spent with the Pentridge Church members on a visit to Marten Green's farm, where his museum of archaeological artefacts and country bye-gones are in themselves worth a visit in its own right, but together with a tour of the nature conservation work being carried out on his farm it became a fabulous occasion. Thank you to both Marten and his wife for a very special visit.

It is amazing the history of the area that has already been recorded, especially with reference to Cranborne Chase. Recently I have been reading 'A Chronicle of Cranborne and the Cranborne Chase' by T.W. Wake Smart. This was written in the early part of the nineteenth century

and first published anonymously in 1841, and gives a very good account of the history of the area over six centuries, especially that of the hunting and the friction between land owners, the Crown and the common people, including poachers.

Woodcutts is mentioned in the book, once on page 196, where Woodcutts is spelt as Woodcotes, and refers to a situation where one "William Weare was attached to answer to the plea of Thomas Topp, why he entered by force and arms his Close at Bridmore, and trod down and destroyed his corn, with certain cattle, cows, pigs and sheep, to the value of 100s., (£5.00 in today's money) and committed other offences to the damage of the said Thomas Topp, and against the peace of the Lady the Queen, on the 5th day of May, in the 19th year of the Queen's reign." Presumably this reference is to Queen Elizabeth the first and the year 1577. So it may be seen that Woodcutts was an important place in those days. There are other mentions of Woodcutts, spelt in a number of ways in the notes at the back of the book; mostly concerning poaching or offences concerning hunting (deer) with dogs and the neglect or otherwise of deer fencing and woodland management including coppicing. Reading parts of this book, especially the notes is very difficult, perhaps because of the legal wording used and also the antiquity of the text. Whatever there was then, it is the same today; namely a great interest in the wildlife of the area.

As I write, there are a total of ten blue tits and great tits devouring feed at our bird table. For several weeks now Paul next door has been telling me that he has had nuthatches visiting his feeding station on a regular basis, which has made me extremely envious. That is until the tenth of this month (July), when we had our first visits from this species. Since then we have had occasions when as many as three nuthatches have been seen at any one time here. It is wonderful to see how acrobatic they are, even compared to the tinier blue tits. They are, of course, the only British species that can actually walk up and down on a tree trunk; that is, on the downward reach to go head first. Even the tree creepers have to work from bottom to top and then fly back down to the bottom to start their climb up again in search of insects in the bark for their food, while the nuthatch simply turns around and goes headfirst down the trunk or, in our case, the peanut feeder.

There are often up to ten assorted tits, as mention above, feeding together but at the coming of the nuthatches they all disappear. This is not the case when the greater spotted woodpeckers appear, despite it being a much bigger bird with a potentially much greater weapon in its beak. It could be because the woodpecker family - mum, dad and two youngsters, are much more regular visitors who have been coming for a much longer period of time,

and that familiarity breeds contempt, but it is difficult to tell.

Another reason for feeling envious is that Paul, our neighbour, has pried flycatchers flying from the lime trees on the edge of his garden to feed on the flies accumulating in the damper shade under the lime trees. He also has a small garden pond, in which he has had frogs, toads and newts as well as a plentiful insect life, including dragonflies.

While mentioning insects, on Friday the 17th of July, I saw a group of painted lady butterflies flying during a sunny period just north of Bere Regis. I was wondering if this was the new generation preparing to fly back to Africa before the end of the summer, a reversal of that tremendous northward migration in May and June. Also on the same day, while driving along a narrow lane we were provided with an escort of three green woodpeckers for some one hundred yards (or whatever that is in metres) . . .

Sorry for the interlude, I hope I haven't kept anyone up, but sitting where I am I noticed a nuthatch on the bird table and I have been attempting to obtain a photograph of it, so far unsuccessfully. Incidentally, if I had successfully taken a picture you would have seen that I was wrong about all the smaller tits fleeing at the sight of the nuthatches as they now seem to have accepted them. So, since I am already overdue with this piece for the Downsman, I don't think I should wait any longer and I will say good-bye for now. Thank you for reading this article and God bless you all.

Ted Cox (July 2009)

N.B. Please note that I inadvertently put an 'h' in the word campion in my last attempt in the June edition of the Downsman. The red campion is a wonderful flower but not a champion.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY BOWLS CLUB

Come and join us at our

JUMBLE SALE

**in the
Village Hall
Saturday 12th September
at 2.30 pm**

**JUMBLE, WHITE ELEPHANT, TOYS, BOOKS,
NEARLY NEW, CAKES, PLANTS, ETC.**

REFRESHMENTS

and, of course,

A DRAW

Donations of jumble, etc., to

Derry: 01725 552681 Stella: 01725 552236 Pat: 01725 552591

Or bring to the hall between 10.00 am—12.00 noon

Admission 20p



CARDS



WHIST My prediction in the June issue of The Downsman that the first four places in the 2008-2009 competition were likely to be secure was somewhat awry as far as Doug Haskell was concerned. Holding second place behind David Brine, and only 15 points adrift, Doug had only to return his average for the contest of "161" and his placement was assured. Unfortunately, it was not to be and a quite disastrous "128" resulted in 7th overall with Gerald Trickey [164] elevated to 2nd spot and finishing a mere 7 points adrift of David who clung on to win, despite a below par total of 150. Nora Davis did just enough to finish 3rd, 2 points clear of Len Diggin who carded an excellent 171 [as did Ruth Hustings] to end the competition with an aggregate of 2553. Thus, the top 10 positions are:-

David Brine	2580
Gerald Trickey	2543
Nora Davis	2555
Len Diggin	2553
Ruth Hustings	2546
Stuart Haskell	2545
Doug Haskell	2543
Betty White	2538
Brenda Innes	2537
Kingsley White	2536

Doreen Leverton won the individual highest score for the competition [185], while the highest total recorded on the final drive, 173, was recorded by Chris Napier whom, it will be recalled, came out ahead of the field in the penultimate round.

In total, 35 players completed 10 or more competitive drives and a reasonably good average of 8 tables in play more or less equals that for the past few seasons. However, new players are wanted for what is an excellent evening's entertainment where the prizes awarded for the best finishers at the tables are duplicated for winners of the draw. On average, 10 prizes are set out on each of the 2 tables and at £1 for your whist card and .50p for a strip of draw tickets [and you can purchase as many strips as you wish], this must surely be excellent value for money.

Details of the 2009-2010 contest will appear in the next issue of The Downsman.

BRIDGE Never underestimate the card playing prowess of your partner, whatever your misgivings. This was brought home to me during a recent session at the Sports Pavilion when my partner, Chris Napier, bid on to 4 Clubs over strong calling by our opponents, Gillian Wadge and Eric Turner who were seeking to make a game in spades. I had opened a very light 1 Diamond and had ducked out of the auction following an overcall and support from Gillian and Eric. But, Chris persevered and in quite brilliant play landed her contract, even though I was only to table the 10 of Clubs in support. Then, to round off the afternoon we bid and made a small slam!

Bill Chorley

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

August 6th, 20th, September 3rd, 17th, October 1st, 15th



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TOP TREE TIPS

For this feature I will go to the mail bag and answer a very interesting question from Shane of Paddock Close. It is quite left-field but none the less thought provoking: he asked

"What is an Arborist?"

As far as I am aware this word has not made it to the dictionary. The actual word is arboriculturalist. It has been shortened for the sake of ease and brevity. People in my industry needed to distinguish themselves from terms like tree man, tree feller or tree surgeon. This is because anybody with a chainsaw, truck and gall enough to climb a tree can call themselves a tree surgeon. It doesn't mean that they know anything about trees.

Sylviculture concerns raising trees as a crop, hence forestry workers are called sylviculturalists and arboriculture concerns everything else about trees. Arborists work in both rural and urban environments and can be further sub-divided into four main groups; ground arborists, climbing arborists, consultant arborists and council arborists, also known as Arboricultural Officers. Ground and climbing arborists are at the sharp end of the industry and are the felling, cosmetic and remedial tree surgery experts. Consultant arborists, often thought of as boffins as being recognised experts in the field as they are concerned with tree surveys and inspections and are used as expert witnesses in court contentions and much more. Council arborists are the bureaucratic interface of the local planning department and the general population. Ground, climbing and consultant arborists are contractors available by contract hence the name contract arborists. Council arborists are not available by contract.

I hope this answers the question. If you do hire somebody and they call themselves an arborist you have a better chance that they know what they are talking about so you are less likely to be ripped off.

Paul McDermott
Director, Dorset Trees & Hedges
 07771 710919 / 01725 552985



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club



The results in the triples and Dorset men's league are very good this season and we hope that this will continue for the remaining matches to be played. In both leagues we are second. It is important that we do as well away as at home and winning on our own green is of course vital! Support is always appreciated for our home matches!

We always enjoy our friendly matches, and thank you to those who have provided draw prizes for these occasions and Doris for organising the draws.

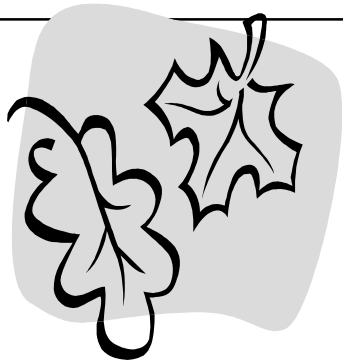
We, as the Bowls Club, took part in the Sports Association Open Day and quite a few people tried our sport and some have natural talent! Maybe we will see them again?

We also had our yearly afternoon with the CCF and everybody had a good time.

We will have our annual jumble sale on 12th September and help is always needed, along with draw prizes.

Enjoy the rest of the season!

Bea Boyland



S H R e D

SHReD Update

After a shaky start SHReD is now three months into its second year; there are some "green shoots", but we are very dependent on the support of the Community for its continued success. We have increased our membership, but we need to have more households involved, so I am appealing to those who use the service to encourage their neighbours to join us. There are still some people, who have not renewed their membership this year and I hope that this is just because it has slipped their mind.

The annual membership is £10. Bio-degradable bags are available for sale in the Post Office and Hardware Stores (6 for £5) and collection of green waste is early every Monday morning.

In the future it is our intention is to provide membership cards for those joining our scheme, but this will only happen when our financial situation allows.

Soil conditioning compost is now available for sale at very reasonable prices (including delivery). For bulk quantities please contact Simon Meaden, but for smaller amounts contact Rita Taylor. Those people who have already had the product have been very pleased with it. Woodchip is also available for sale. A shredding service is also available – this includes use of tractor/shredder with operator at £40 per hour.

Please be aware that the collection times may vary during the winter months and this will be made clear in the October Downsman.

If you have any ideas or would like to contribute in some way to the future success of this project please contact either myself or Simon Meaden (552715)

Rita Taylor (Company Sec) Tel:- 01725 552885

RNLI

Sheila Bradley's 'Front Path Stalls'
46, High Street, Sixpenny Handley

I can't believe that a year has passed since last August Bank Holiday weekend!

I am holding the 'Front Path Stalls' again for 'Lifeboats' on
Saturday and Sunday, 29th and 30th August, 10.30 am – 4.00pm.

Christmas Cards will be on sale as well as other good things.

Do please come as you usually do.

We raise a splendid amount for this superb charity.

In anticipation: Thank you very much for your support.

The Endorse It In Dorset Festival 09

This year's event will be running from the 7th August to the 9th August inclusive. If you have any queries or complaints please contact Mr G Cullen before or after the event on 0797 3737 935 or during the event please contact the control room on 0792 084 3448.

5726097 Private Harry Frederick Charles Neave
4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment
B Company, 6th Platoon
[Part 3]

Crouching low beside his Commanding Officer [Lieutenant-Colonel H E Cowie], Lance Corporal Butt, bugle in hand, waited for the signal that would commit A and B companies into battle. Their objective; to reach the village of Eterville and clear it of the enemy. The noise was deafening; from ahead the steady crump of bursting mortar shells while overhead Typhoons [mainly] roared back and forth ready to discharge their lethal underwing cargoes of rocket projectiles, and also clearly audible was the scream of incoming shells from the warships giving counter-fire from the nearby channel. To all this passage of war Cowie seemed impervious, his eyes firmly focused on his watch as he counted down the seconds to zero hour. Ahead lay a field of standing corn which would form the battalion's start-line and for many that day would be their entrance into eternity.

In close attendance to the two companies, led respectively by Majors Upton and G L Symonds, were a troop of recently arrived Crocodile flame-throwers and a squadron of Churchill tanks. Formidable though the latter might be and with an illustrious name to match, the Churchill required a particularly skilled and resolute crew in order to outfight their German counterparts manning the respected Mark VI Tiger. Nevertheless, the dull throb of their engines provided a certain reassurance to those anxiously waiting for the off.

At 0620 the strident sound of the bugle rang out and *"the Battalion rose to its feet as one man"*. First into the cornfield were the men of B Company and almost immediately an exchange of rifle fire could be heard by those strung out along the line of advance. The skirmish, for it came to little more than that, was brief and it is likely that it was C and D companies who took the first German prisoners of the day. Although unsighted at the start of the battle, the eastward advance of five kilometres or so to the outskirts of Eterville was quickly covered and apart from one or two casualties from shelling, both companies had fared well. The barrage was now incessant and Major Symonds ordered his men, all *"still in excellent formation"* to halt and seek cover until the Allied artillery fire ceased.

Talking a few years ago with Les Perrett, Les remembers his platoon, and that of Harry's, found themselves in an orchard bordered, he thought, by a stone wall. Enemy mortar and machine gun fire from the direction of Eterville was at the time showing no sign of slackening and it was patently obvious that if it continued they were going to have a stiff fight on their hands in dislodging their opponents.

Symonds, meanwhile, was watching for the tell-tale sight of blue smoke which he had been told would signal the cessation of the Allied ground and air bombardment. He had not long to wait and the order to advance into the village was given. It was at this point that tragedy struck his company for no sooner had his men commenced the rush towards the nearest houses that four fighters, possibly Typhoons, peeled off and *"dropped two bombs in the middle of my company whilst we were still in the open field. We could see the bombs falling so had time to lie down, but we suffered a number of casualties from these, including Sergeant Fowler [a pre-war territorial, married and from Swindon], who was killed, and all three of our No. 88 sets [radios] were put out of action."*

Naturally, this awful event was well remembered by Les Perrett for Harry Neave was quite literally only a matter of yards away from him, and though Major Symonds in his account of the action writes of an *"open field"*, Les believes they were still in the orchard when the explosions took place, killing his friend in the blink of an eye.

Despite this reversal of fortune, both companies not only got into the village and to their relief discovered that the majority of the defenders had withdrawn. It had taken the spearhead companies less than an hour-and-a-half to reach their first objective and B Company now progressed without too much difficulty to their next objective, a road beyond Eterville, thus taking the line of the sector advance that much closer to Caen and the Orne river.

With B Company halted and in the process of preparing a holding position, C and D companies reached Eterville and began the task of winking out the few remaining German infantry, while A Company, which had come up on Major Symonds' right and still supported by their Crocodiles, wheeled and headed on a southerly course for the village of Maltot.

Although their passage into and out of Eterville had been relatively straight forward, the position of B Company was far from secure. A mere 300 yards or so from the village, and due to the natural features of the land completely unsighted, a German counter-attack with tank support was being prepared. Already, enemy shelling of B Company's area was in progress and before Major Symonds could complete digging his slit-trench he was rendered unconscious from the blast of an exploding shell.

Coming round, he was gratified to find his wounds were being attended to by his Canadian second-in-command, Captain Ron With. It was at this point that the 7th Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment reached Eterville with orders to press on and capture Maltot. The events that followed are graphically described by the acclaimed military historian Antony Beevor in his recently published book *D-Day: The Battle For Normandy* [Viking, 2009]; *"While the 129th Brigade struggled up Hill 112, the 130th Brigade on the left captured Eterville and then advanced towards the village of Maltot. The 7th Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment and the 5th Battalion of the Dorsets, with their supporting tanks of the 44th Royal Tank Regiment, had little idea of the shock awaiting them. The 502nd SS Heavy Panzer Battalion equipped with Mark VI Tiger tanks, the largest and most formidable fighting machine seen on the western front, was converging on the same spot. Unable to see what was ahead, the Tigers of one company smashed through the hedgerow in front and found themselves facing four Shermans. The Tigers' 88 mm guns turned three of them into blazing wrecks in a moment. The fourth escaped using his reverse. The Dorsets*, unaware that the other battalion had withdrawn, were soon engaged in house-to-house fighting in the village. They learned the hard way that when clearing a building you had to go straight for the top rooms. If they went through a farmhouse and into the courtyard at the back, it was too easy for the Germans upstairs to throw down grenades and fire from the windows."*

It seems that both the 4th and 5th Battalions fought side-by-side in this action at Maltot.

Concerning this same encounter Major Symonds comments, *"There are few people who know just why the 7th Hampshires failed to capture Maltot, but I witnessed one of the reasons. They were due to pass through Eterville to attack Maltot as soon as we were firm in Eterville, and this they did. As soon as they passed through us they ran into the German counter-attack ... "I shall always believe the 7th Hampshire's attack on Maltot, coming when it did, saved my company from being completely overrun before we were probably dug in."*

Symonds [later to be decorated with the Military Cross] also remarks that he never discovered how Major Upton's A Company had fared in the attack at Eterville as later in the day they were *"lost almost to a man at Maltot."*

To be concluded
Bill Chorley

Postscript. Having reappraised the time-line reported in Part 2, I believe the first line in the right-hand column on page 17 should have read *"and by 0115 on the 9th"*, and thus the first line of the *Postscript* should be amended to read *"Up to 0620 on June 10th"*. In this third part of Harry Neave's profile, I acknowledge the invaluable writings of G J B Watkins who wrote the 4th Battalion's history [see the April 2009 edition of *The Downsman*] and whose reporting of Major G L Symonds description of the fighting appear in italics.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank everyone for their support
with our Sports Open Day on Saturday July 4th.

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

May				June			
1st	£25	69	Mrs D. Leverton	1st	£25	87	Mrs Burroughs
2nd	£15	2	Mrs Broadway	2nd	£15	91	Mrs M. Smith
3rd	£10	73	Mrs D. Day	3rd	£10	131	Mr T. Gibb

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.

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Saturday 12th September

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SIXPENNY HANDLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION



FAMILY FUN WALK

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Sunday 27th September
Start at the Sports Pavilion
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You will be given a map and a quiz to do en route and all correct answers will be put into a draw for a prize

All welcome, including well-behaved dogs

£3 adult / £1 under 16s

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

Proceeds in aid of the Sports Association



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

On the 21st May, Sixpenny Handley hosted the Annual Spring Group Meeting; there was a good turnout with 60 members attending. The speaker was Peter Craft, a professional Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies; he gave an interesting talk about his work at events, from palaces to pubs and stately homes to a marquee on the lawn. The competition - 'who would you most like to sit next to at dinner and why' – was won by Heather Eynon, who chose Guy Fawkes, with the present political situation in mind! There was an excellent buffet and raffle, rounding off a very good evening.

The June meeting was held at the home of Margaret Quinn, a W.I. member in Woodyates, chosen because of her wonderful garden. The members were able to visit two other gardens nearby, before settling down to watch the flower arranging demonstration by Marcia Bartlett. She imagined going on a walk and seeing a cottage garden, a wedding floral display in a church window and a woodland setting, and made three arrangements to demonstrate these beautifully. Even though the temperature was a little cool and we were unable to have the entire meeting outdoors, it was a worthwhile session.

On the evening of June 9th, 13 members with five husbands in tow went on a walk around Salisbury with Cathy Quinn, an official Tourist guide. It was a lovely bright evening and Cathy is certainly extremely well informed and amusing. We learnt a lot about our wonderful city and finished the day with a meal at the White Hart hotel.

On June 17th, there was an exhibition and competition at Sutton Waldron with regard to 'SOS for Honey Bees'. There were some interesting displays showing the plight of the bees. Sixpenny Handley's exhibit was both different and colourful, but came second, losing by just one point.

On June 25th, there was a group visit to Athelhampton House. It was a beautiful day and the gardens were colourful and well tended; a swan family totally ignored the closeness of the members! A cream tea was enjoyed in a wonderful hall, complete with minstrel gallery; a very sociable and successful outing.

At the July meeting, the members enjoyed a talk given by Mrs Susan Symes about her 30 year button collection, along with a marvellous display. She spoke passionately about the subject giving some historical facts, as well as making it at times very amusing. A very good evening, which was enjoyed by all.

Dates for the Diary

August 10th American Supper Chez Jan Gibb

September 14th Mrs Jocelyn Jenkins: Bed and Breakfast – the Other Side

Sixpenny Handley has a thriving Women's Institute, a fun loving group with many varied interests. If you would like more information or would like to come along to a meeting, please contact the Secretary (Bobbie Carter) 01725 552042

Rita Taylor (Committee member)

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.



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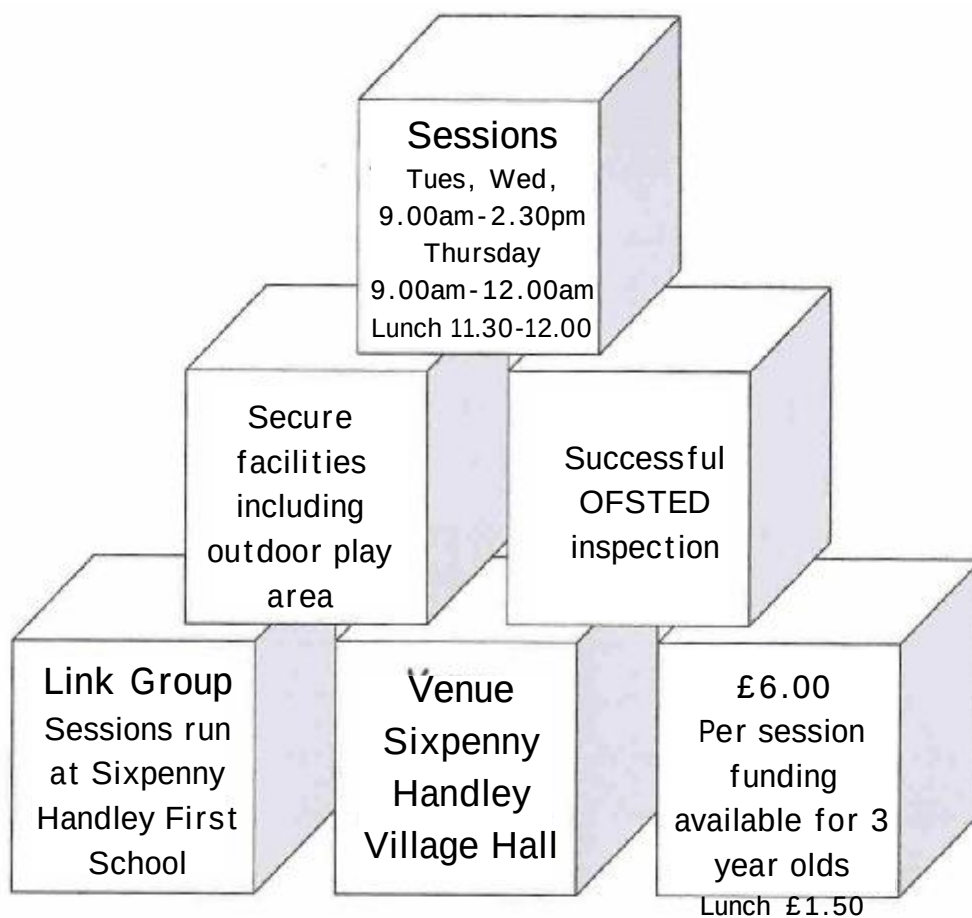
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The Chase Pre-School is a non-profit making organisation. Registered Charity No. 1033941.

THE CHASE PRE-SCHOOL

The academic year has whizzed along once again and here we are facing the end of the summer after a fun filled and exciting 08/09.

We returned from summer '08 with a Lottery grant to spend specifically on the outdoors. The *Awards For All* enabled the purchase of additional resources to enhance play outside. The playground was also painted by some hard working committee volunteers and so the children are outside playing and learning more than ever and everyone is truly thriving on all the fresh air.

For the very first time reception children were able to come to the pre-school after their mornings at school right up until Christmas. Both pre-school and school children were delighted with this arrangement and all benefited from the continuing relationships. It was also during the autumn term that invitations were sent out to the daddies of the children asking them to come and play. Some were able to do just that. Before the term was over we visited Myncen Farm to select and buy pumpkins. In November we invited the whole of the First School's reception class to come and play for a morning and early December we had a Very important visitor dressed in red and handing out presents! This resulted in some bemused children.

The spring term didn't lose pace. Visitors included a librarian loaded down with stories to read, two police women with a patrol car and all doors open along with a working siren!!! The Head Teacher from the First School also came to read to the children and parents spent time reading during the morning of World Book Day. The children cooked this term including, among other things, bread plaits, cheese straws, love heart biscuits, and pizza.

This first half of the summer term, even though only five weeks long, was dotted with extra fun. The children learnt and sang some French songs with a visit from some Year 8 Cranborne Middle School students. We all cuddled and learned about day old partridge chicks and this same half term the Assistant Head read the story on her visit from the First School.

The pre-school launched its first of three 'Stay and Play' sessions which offers parents the chance to join their child at the setting in order to play for the first hour or so.

The children had great fun joining the First School's African Arts Week activities where they were immersed in music, story and patterns of many countries of Africa. The final seven weeks of this summer term saw medals made for a June sports day, a visit to the First School for a story with the Head Teacher in the library and a trip to the church to learn about Christian Baptism. Families continue to feel welcome and part of their child's learning partnership with the staff involved after another four opportunities to 'Stay and Play'.

Throughout the academic year the children and their families have supported several charities; Children in Need, Marie Curie, and Meningitis in Children. This has involved planting daffodils, guessing teddy bear names and taking the children on a Toddle Waddle out round the recreation area in order to raise money for other charities.

It's soon going to be the moment to pack away the cupboard contents one last time and all rest over the summer break. The Chase Pre-Schools 'Link Group' has held ten sessions for the rising 5's going onto school in September and the new autumn term will arrive with the very real prospect of the pre-school moving onto the school site in the new year. The Chase Pre-School continues to thrive in the supportive community of the village and all the families involved. The register is looking extremely healthy for the forthcoming academic year and we look forward to learning with the new children on their arrival. Thank you to all for their support this year

1st Woodcutts News

15th July 2009

New Headquarters: A Step Closer To Reality



Plans for 1st Woodcutts new headquarters took another step towards being a reality as local builders were asked to tender for the contract to replace the current aging hut.

The current hut was converted from an old chicken shed to become the home of 1st Woodcutts Scouts. It has for more than 25 years done sterling service for the young people of Sixpenny Handley. During this period it has seen many repairs to its fabric, but hopefully patching it up will become just a memory.

East Dorset District Council gave the scouts planning permission earlier this year. The old hut will be completely demolished and replaced with a purpose built headquarters to allow the various sections to build on the success of the past.

The new headquarters will offer better facilities for the all sections of the scouts. The main attraction of the new HQ is a large hall for the sections to meet; large doors will open on to a veranda and directly on to the field. Improved facilities include separate showers and toilets for boys and girls, a purpose built kitchen, and a meeting room. A large parking area will take away the need for parents to park on the field.

Further details will be available in due course on the 1st Woodcutts website:

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

Section Round-up

Beavers

Two years after it was started the Woodcutts Beaver colony has proved to be an

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

overwhelming success. The colony is currently at its maximum of 24 children and has a modest waiting list. The Beavers have been recently been focusing on pursuits which will allow each of the beavers to be awarded activity badges.

Cubs

The Cubs troop continues to welcome children who have grown too old for the Beavers, as well as those new to scouting. The cubs is immensely popular with those attending, they have the best attendance records for any section in Woodcutts at an amazing 98%. Cubs are currently focusing on achieving their Bronze challenge, and many have recently completed their naturalist and home safety badges.

Scouts

The scouts are currently looking forward to the next batch of Cubs coming up through the ranks in September. Before that two thirds of them, along with half the Explorers will be off to the Brecon Beacons in South Wales for the summer Camp.

Explorers

The Explorer section goes from strength to strength. The current explorers, like their previous members, have done their young leaders training and helped with the Cub and Scout sections. Recent activities have included making hovercrafts from leaf blowers and survivorship skills which will come handy when they camp wild in Dartmoor in September.

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

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1st Woodcutts News

15th July 2009

Fundraising

Many of the current activities, as well as the building of the new HQ, would not be possible without the fundraising activities of the friends, families and the scouts themselves.

We must thank the following for their amazing efforts in raising money. Michele Austin for the pub night at the hut in March.

The Roundabout Baby and Toddler Group for their Sponsored "Toddler" Martin Nash and Shoot the Moon for an evening of Rock and Soul after the May Street fair.

Proghorn, Fat Drunk Stupid and Iain Laing for an evening of Cow-Punk and Punk karaoke (I think the village has a few budding Rock 'n' Roll stars).

Three of our parents, Lindsey, Sarah and Rachel who did a sponsored walk around the Purbecks.

LGO festivals for donating tickets to Endorse-It in Dorset Festival.

Parents, friends and scout leaders too many to mention for braving the rain at Larmer Tree Festival litter picking and marshalling cars in the car park.

A recent Grassroots grant from the Community Development Foundation has allowed the scouts to order £2000 worth of field kitchen equipment.

We'd also like to thank every one who has supported our fundraising activities making them the success they have been.

How you can help

You can also help us by donating old unwanted fabric, old clothes, towel and bed linen in any condition as long as it is clean. You can bring it up to the scout hut on any night one of the sections is operating, or alternately speak to Michelle Austin or Badger Meaden.

For those of you who shop at Sainsbury's or Tesco, when they ask you at the till if you want the Active Kids or Schools Vouchers, say yes! The vouchers can be used by the scouts for sporting equipment. If you have any, please give them to any of the section leaders, or anyone who attends any section.

Handley Firework Spectacular 31st October

On 31st October the skies above Handley will once more be lit up by fireworks. This year the Handley firework display will fall on All Hallows Eve, that's Halloween to you, so expect some seriously spooky happenings.

As well as the fireworks there will be a slide show displaying the scouting activities of the past year together with refreshments - the usual delicious sausages, burgers and soup.

As always, the plans for the display get more ambitious each year, with more and better pyrotechnics. Tickets will be on sale at all the usual outlets. More details will be released nearer the time.



Age 6-8
Wednesday 5 to 6pm
Denise Turner (Willow)
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Age 8-10½
Wednesday 6 to 7.30pm
Andy Young (Akela)
01725 553166



Age 10½-14
Monday 7 to 9pm
Rob Easton
01725 552038



Age 14-18
Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm
Andy Turner
01725 552735

Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
01725 552397

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Sixpenny Handley First School News

It has been a busy year at Sixpenny Handley First School. The children and staff have worked hard and much has been accomplished. We are all now ready for our summer break and look forward to starting our new classes in September. We have finished our enjoyable year with our summer trips, so read on.....

Robins visit the beach!

Dark clouds and gusty winds greeted the Reception children on the day of their school outing to Sandbanks beach. As the minibus left the school grounds heavy rain beat down, but it did not dampen the children's excitement. They chatted happily about what they might see and do. By the time Sandbanks came into view the wind had blown the storm clouds away and the sun was warming the air.

In school, the children had been learning about beaches and seas. They had prepared a list of possible sights they would see. Would they be lucky enough to spot all of them?

On arrival at Sandbanks the children quickly slipped into their beach clothes to investigate the sea shore.



They discovered they could draw in the wet sand before a wave would wash their handiwork away! They could collect buckets of water to make wonderful sandcastles and moats. They dug holes and discovered water below, found shells and sea weed as well as burying their friend's legs under heaps of sand. All too soon it was time to board the bus for the return journey to school. Not all items on their list had been found but lots more had been added. A wonderful windy day with sandy sandwiches and happy children but thankfully no rain!



Mini farmers having fun!

On Thursday 25th June Kingfishers class went on our summer trip to Longdown Activity Farm in Ashurst. When we arrived we met Farmer Brian who was ready to show us how to become mini farmers! We had a really busy, fun day with lots of animals to take care of and feed. The goats enjoyed their food and we served it to them on a plate! The kids had to be fed their milk with a bottle and they were very excited about that! We milked the cows, collected the eggs and fed the pigs. We held a rabbit and each had a tiny chick inside our hat...which was on our lap!



At the end of our exciting day we went on a very bumpy tractor ride and laughed and screamed a lot. We had an amazing day out at Longdown Activity Farm and some of us even fell asleep on the coach trip home.

Our trip to Rockbourne Villa

First, the Swifts watched a Roman film. Then the minibus came to pick them up and take them to Rockbourne Villa. Meanwhile, Heather was setting their Roman activities up.

After they got there, they had their snack. Then Heather took them on a tour around the museum. After that they got another tour, but it was around the excavation sites. When they finished their tour around the excavation sites they finally had their lunch. When they finished their lunch they got to go on the labyrinth, William, Josh and James completed the labyrinth, it was cool. After, they made Mosaics and did some rubbings. Then they got to handle Roman objects. It was a brilliant day out, thank you staff.



By William Laing, Year 3 Sixpenny Handley First School.

Maors Valley Country Park

Year 4 went to Maors Valley Country Park on a school trip on Friday 3rd July 2009. We did loads of exciting things. First we went on the play trail and climbed on the new spider's web and the beetle. After that we went on the train and saw a swans nest, but there were no eggs or swans near it. On the train we made it our mission to make as many train noises as possible 'Whoo whoo'!

After the train ride we all had a picnic under a shady tree because it was really hot. After lunch we went in the adventure play park. There was a big slide, zip wire, spiders web, swings, swing tyres, climbing rocks and more sides. Miss Bradshaw and Mrs Hewitt went on the big slide and both thought it was much easier coming down than it was climbing to the top! Last of all we had teddy ice-creams and unfortunately had to come back to school.



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Sixpenny Handley stars on stage

On Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd of July some of the children at Sixpenny Handley First School took part in a talent show, it was called 'Sixpenny Handley Stars on Stage'. The super presenters were Izzy Muspratt and Jack Arnold and the stage crew were Jacob Austin and Simon Jenner. Josh Regnart was in charge of the lighting and Libby Kemp the music lady.



The show went really well and all the children were superb performers! At the end of the show the teachers performed a song and dance from Hannah Montana the movie 'Hoedown Throwdown'. Mrs Wolstenholme sang the song and the rest of the staff were dancing! What a great show... everyone involved had a great time!

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Rob's Column

Memories

We went and we married a long time ago,
 We worked for long hours and wages were low.
 No TV, no wireless, no baths, times were hard
 Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.
 But if you were sick you were treated at once
 Not, "Fill out that form and come back in six months."
 No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,
 And we felt quite rich with a couple of bob.
 No holidays for us, no posh carpets on floors,
 But we'd coal on the fires and we didn't lock the doors.

Our children arrived, no pill in those days
 And we brought them up without any state aid.
 People were happier in those far-off days,
 Kinder and caring in so many ways.
 Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing,
 A night at the pictures was our mad fling.
 They were quite safe to go and play in the park
 And old folk could go out for walks after dark.
 No Valium, no drugs and no LSD.
 We cured most ills with a good cup of tea.

We all get our share of trouble and strife,
 We just have to face it—that's the pattern of life,
 But when we're alone and look back through the years
 We don't think of bad times and trouble and tears.
 We remember the blessings, our home and our love
 That we've shared them together, and thank God above.

Bread and Honey

Of all the meals you can buy for money
 Give me a meal of bread and honey.

A table of grass in the open air
 A green bank for an easy chair.

The tablecloth inwrought with flowers
 And a grasshopper clock to tick the hours.
 Between the courses birds to sing
 To many a hidden shining string.
 And neither man or maid be seen
 But a great company of green
 Upon a hundred thousand stalks
 Talk to us its great green talks.
 And when the merry meal is done
 To loiter westward with the sun
 Dipping fingers ere we go
 In the stream that runs below.

Of all the meals you can buy for money
 Give me a meal of bread and honey.

I bought a vintage red wine
 recently which was very
 strong. On the label it said,
 "Recommended for lying
 down." I drank it, and sure
 enough, I had to lie down.

A couple got married. It
 was all beautiful. The bride
 wept for joy, the groom
 cried with happiness, the
 bridesmaids were misty
 eyed, even the wedding
 cake was in tiers!

If you want the rainbow,
 you have to put with the
 rain.

There's a sign outside Kwik-
 Fit near me. It says, "We fit
 exhausts." They're right! I
 had a go on my daughter's
 Wii Fit and I was well
 knackered!

How do you make your
 man's eyes sparkle? Shine a
 torch in his ears.

I bought the wife a 1,000
 watt light bulb for her
 birthday. She didn't seem
 happy at first, but after she
 turned it on you should
 have seen her face light up.

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?"

A Thankful Heart

Take nothing for granted, for whenever you do
 The 'Joy of Enjoying' is lessened for you.
 For we rob our own lives much more than we know
 When we fail to respond or in any way show
 Our thanks for the blessings that daily are ours.
 The warmth of the sun, the fragrance of flowers,
 The beauty of twilight, the freshness of dawn,
 The coolness of dew on a green velvet lawn,
 The kind little deeds so thoughtfully done,
 The favours of friends and the love that someone
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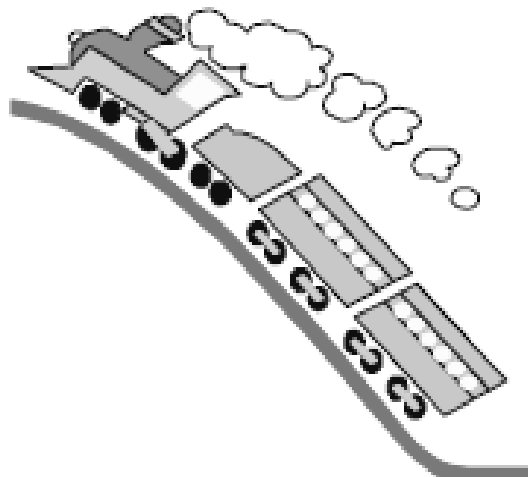
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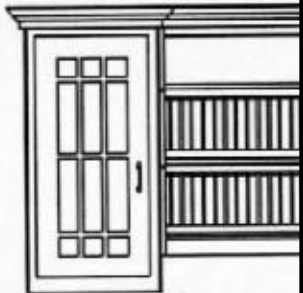


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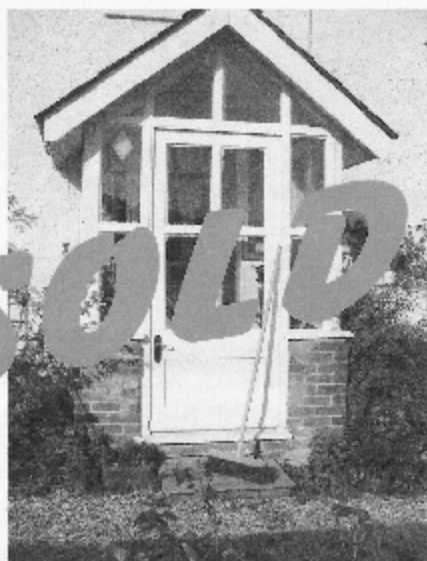


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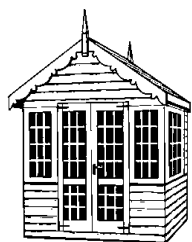
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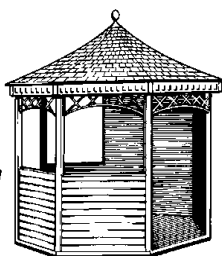
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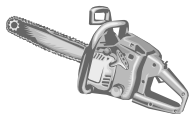
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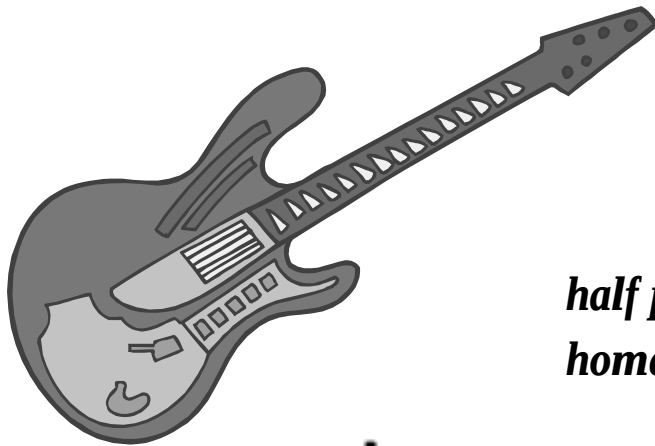
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