

The Downsmen

October 2009



Sheaves of corn at sunset, Horton, Dorset
photo by Simon Barnes

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Middle School	Cranborne Middle School	517348
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Welcome to the latest edition of *The Downsman*.

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Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council

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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 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 December 2009
Copy Deadline is Friday 13th November

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.
 This publication does not endorse the products or services advertised within.

Clerk's Corner

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council, it was suggested that they have Aims and Objectives to bear in mind at all times during their term of office. The most popular suggestion was "to serve the community with the resources available to us within the best of our ability". This is now the "Council's Motto" and if you think at any time that we are not doing so, please let us know.

The new Bus Shelter has at last been erected and it seems very popular. Please let us know if you see anyone defacing it.

Street Lighting: It is intended that following the trial, the street lights in Main Road, High Street, The Hollow and Common Road will continue to be lit throughout the night. However, all others will be switched off at 12.00 midnight and come back on at 5.00 am.

Gill Martin
Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

NOTICE

Please note that the High Street will be closed to traffic on Sunday 8th November between 10.00 am to 12.00 noon to facilitate the Remembrance Parade of the 1st Woodcutts Scouts.

The following planning applications have been considered by the Parish Council

Pending

- 3/09/0679 - Sixpenny Handley Newsagents, 12 High Street** - Single storey side/rear extension to existing shop premises.
3/09/0678 - The Dairy Farm, Manor Farm, Handley Green - Change of use of farm building (A1/B1 use) to Micro Brewery (B2 use).

Decisions made

- 3/09/0397 - Dean Cottage., Woodcutts** - Demolition of existing garage/store. Extend on two levels to include new bedroom, utility and entrance area. Insulate and overclad existing single storey extension - **Permitted.**
3/09/0445 - Handley First School - Pre-school building and access ramp - **Withdrawn.**
3/09/0455 - 37 High Street - Two storey front extension to include balcony and single storey garage extension - **Refused.**
3/09/0488 - Common Road Car Park - Change of use of land from agricultural to use as a Community Car Park - **Permitted.**
3/09/0545 - Myncen Farm, 83 Minchington - Erect farm office, including WC, kitchenette & meeting room and hard standing for parking - **Refused.**

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

July

1st	£25	132	Mrs Poolman
2nd	£15	47	Dr Geddes
3rd	£10	74	Mrs Summers

August

1st	£25	24	Mrs Mereweather
2nd	£15	14	Mr Miles
3rd	£10	9	Mrs Rhodes

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.

RNLI 'FRONT PATH STALLS'

Held on August 29th and 30th at 46, High Street, Sixpenny Handley

Thank you to everyone who came to the stalls. The weather was fine on the Saturday, but on the Sunday we were almost in need of a lifeboat as we abandoned ship soon after lunch! It was cold, wet and windy.

However, over the 2 days (actually one and a bit), we made £360 which, under the circumstances, was pretty good. Several people, who could not get to the stalls that weekend, have requested to borrow the RNLI Christmas card catalogue to make their selection. Therefore it looks likely we shall reach £500.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sheila Bradley
(Secretary of the Blandford branch)

THE DOWNSMAN

Are you happy with the current layout of The Downsman? Would you like to see the layout and content of the magazine changed in any way?

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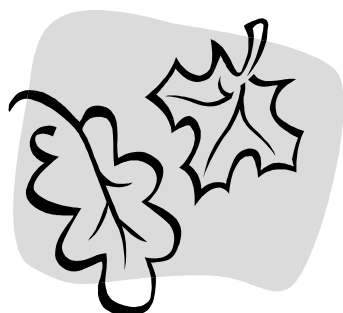
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A meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew's was held on 24th June 2009

A summary of agenda items

- Rev Mel Durrant discussed the Back-to-Church Sunday service, which is on 27th September at 9.30 am and also the Harvest service at 11.00 am followed by lunch in the church on 4th October.
- Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November.
- The current finance brief had been circulated and David Lockyer, Treasurer, is cautiously confident that by the end of the year we will be coping with the demands of the general account, out of which the 'Share' is paid.
- One of the project managers for the building works at St Mary's outlined the progress being made. We are awaiting the tenders for the work from 4 firms which have been approached by our architect on our behalf. Following our selection the next, and hopefully the final, step will be to apply for a faculty from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which will give us the go-ahead to start.
- On 10th October we hope to have a working party to deal with some of the minor items of maintenance mentioned in the quinquennial report.
- A run-down of forthcoming events was made. They will all be advertised.

Sheila Bradley (Secretary to the PCC)



S H R e D

We haven't had the summer we thought was coming in our direction; there has been plenty of rain and perhaps not enough sun. However our gardens have gone into overdrive with plenty of extra growth. Consequently SHReD collections have been very busy the last few weeks. No doubt in the next week or two there will be plenty of pruning to do and of course plenty of leaves to collect, as the trees begin to shed their leaves. Our collections will continue as normal during October and November, but will be reduced as we head towards the end of the year.

As I have said on previous occasions we do need more households to participate if our project is to continue as we are non-profit making, but we still have bills to pay. The yearly subscription is only £10 and our collection bags, which are available in the village shops (6 for £5), are very large and take a considerable amount of garden waste. Soil improving compost, wood chip and gravel are also available for sale. If you would like more information or have any ideas that you would like to share, please contact either myself or Simon Meadon. (552715)

Rita Taylor
(Company Secretary)
01725 552885

PRESS RELEASE

David Bourne will be releasing his new novel, "The Camel of Soloma" on Thursday, 22nd October at a charity signing event in support of the **Weldmar Hospicecare Trust**. The event will take place at Huckleberry's Bookshop, Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum between 7.00 pm—9.00 pm when David will be signing limited, numbered first edition copies. His first book sold out within the year and was highly commended by reviewers.

The "Camel of Soloma" combines mystery and suspense with wonderful portrayals of a Cornish environment that is both ancient and familiar. Only the bonds of love and friendship hold the characters together—until a single, desperate message brings a summons from the past. Compelling drama as events move towards their final, cataclysmic conclusion.

Further details from the Fundraising Office on 01305 215315 or Huckleberry's, 01258 458767.

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

Cranborne Chase Woodfair at the Larmer Tree, October 2009

As advance tickets sales get underway why is the AONB putting on the Cranborne Chase Woodfair at the Larmer Tree, on the Rushmore Estate in October?

The Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB wishes to create a great family day out where people can learn about and celebrate the fantastic woodlands and woodland heritage of Cranborne Chase.

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Visitors to the Woodfair will be able to see lumberjack displays (the Amazing Adams Axe Men), see large forestry machines in action, be in awe of the craftsmanship of greenwood workers, admire large timber framed building structures and discover more on sustainable living in the 21st century. All this is set alongside many cultural activities such as interactive theatre displays, traditional folk dancing, falconry (Mere Down Falconry), gun dog displays (Hamptworth Estate) and wagon rides through the autumnal woodlands of Rushmore Estate pulled by gentle giant Suffolk Punch horses.

People will be able to savour the flavours of many locally produced foods such as Cranborne Chase and Dorset Cheeses, locally produced sausages, English bison, locally baked goods from Child Okeford Farmyard Picnic Café and vegetarian lunches prepared by Fares Fayre and Pizza Dragon with their mobile wood fired pizza oven. All this can be washed down with a locally produced beer from Keystone Brewery or a Somerset Tricky Cider or coffee from Colonel Grumpy's Coffee Bus. Good times!

"We've got everything from enormous forestry machines to beautiful handcrafted works of art; you can have a go at archery, run about under our willow maze, paint a woodland flag or just enjoy watching the artisans keeping alive traditional rural skills", says Nicky Matthews AONB Woodfair Organiser.

Event Information

The Cranborne Chase Woodfair will take place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th October at the Larmer Tree near Tollard Royal. Tickets are available from www.woodfair.org.uk or by calling 08700 115 007.

Family tickets are £16, Seniors £5 and Adults £6 in advance, under 5's are free.

About Cranborne Chase West Wiltshire Downs AONB

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Cranborne Chase Woodfair

Nicky Matthews

Woodfair Organiser

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T: 01725 517417

Reporters and press photographers are welcome to attend the event. Provide advance notice and we will line up interviews for you.

Contact us for advance press photographs.

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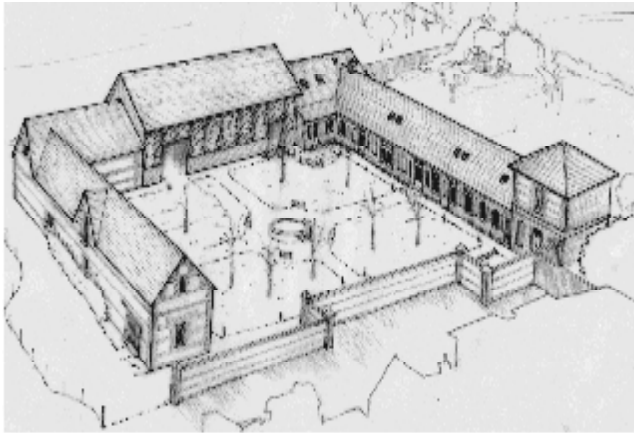
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WHIST

In the annals of journalism there is good news and there is bad news, and whist is not immune from either. So, to dispense first with the bad news I have to report that with effect from the opening drive of the 2009-2010 season, Wednesday, 2nd September [and which will have been played by the time you read this in The Downsman] the entry fee will increase from £1 [which it has been for more years than I care to remember] to £1.50 per person. This increase has been forced upon us due to rising costs in providing prizes for the whist and the draw. Tickets for the latter, however, will remain unchanged at .50p a strip.

And now the good news. For the past three seasons [at least] the maximum prize awarded to the player returning the highest aggregate score at the end of the season has been £20, but this is set to increase to £30, with second and third places receiving £25 and £20 respectively, followed by a decreasing scale down to 10th place, with the customary "fiver" going to whoever returns the highest individual score, regardless of overall placing, but with the proviso that he/she attends a minimum of 12 drives out of the 18 competitive rounds, the final of which will be held on May 12th. The season will end a fortnight later, the 26th, at which prizes will be dispensed. The Christmas Drive will be held on Saturday, December

19th, and this event will not count towards the competition.

Furthermore, it is hoped to repeat [probably in the August of 2010] the hugely successful Regular Attenders Drive which was held for the first time this August as a gesture of 'thanks' for the loyal support given by the 40 or so players who attend the Sixpenny Handley drives throughout the season. Admirably organised by Chris and Doug Haskell this event was put on free of charge and in addition to the usual plethora of prizes for the whist and draw, Paul Phippard [Chase Manor Catering] was on hand to provide a magnificent selection of cold snacks and sandwiches, plus tea and coffee.

In the event, 34 players attended and at the end of the evening, Gerald Trickey came out top with a score of 173, followed by John Davis [who, with Nora, set aside time each fortnight to 'shop' for the prizes] on 171, a mere point ahead of Betty White, 170. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Stuart Haskell.

Very sadly, regular stalwarts, Sam and Marge Poolman could not be present due to Sam being laid low with illness and the best wishes from all present go to Sam [and Marge] for a return to better health.

Finally, as indicated above, we have around 40 regular players, though

not all may be present for each drive and throughout the 2008-2009 season the average number of tables in play was in the region of between eight and nine. Ideally, in order for Sixpenny Handley Whist to prosper a norm of 10 tables need to be fully occupied at each drive. Therefore, I appeal to the readers of this column that if you like to play cards, then do come along to the Village Hall and join in the whist. Three drives will have been played by the time you read this report, but including the remaining rounds of the contest, plus Christmas and the final drive of the season, you will have the opportunity to play on 17 occasions. The prizes on offer are truly excellent and as outlined in my second paragraph the monetary rewards at the end of the season is certainly not insignificant.

BRIDGE

The highlight of the summer was the annual get together at Brian and Sheila Bradley's house in the High Street. The weather was perfect; likewise the organisation in the capable hands of Trish Chorley and Sheila, plus the food and wine on offer could not be faulted. The bridge that followed was both relaxed and friendly - that of a more competitive nature being resumed at the Sports' Pavilion the following week.

Bill Chorley

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS

Ken Brearley is the East Dorset Outreach worker for the volunteer centre.

His aims are simple:

1. To support all charitable organisations in East Dorset.
2. To recruit volunteers and find placements within these organisations.
3. To work with the East Dorset Community Partnership and Dorset Community Action to offer assistance to the organisations in the form of networking, finding volunteers, training, funding and general advice.

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k.brearley@volunteeringdorset.org.uk

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"Have we missed you", or can you suggest anyone.
If you would like to attend the Monthly Day Centre please contact us.

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

Major Symonds' observation that Major Upton's A Company had been '*lost almost to a man at Maltot*' evokes memories of *Great War* proportions in terms of casualties sustained, though I suspect that some [possibly the majority] survived as prisoners of war. Nevertheless, the 10th of July 1944 was a terrible day for the 4th Battalion as the Roll of Honour that concludes this final part of Harry Neave's profile shows. This sacrifice of lives is commemorated by memorials to the Dorsets in the villages of Eterville and Maltot, for the people of Normandy, who themselves suffered greatly in the weeks preceding the Allied breakout, continue to honour the memory of the servicemen who laid down their lives in the liberation of France.

The *Battle of Normandy* was one of the hardest fought campaigns of the Second World War for upon its outcome hinged the success or otherwise of the entire Allied reason to bring peace to Europe and to eradicate once and for all the scourge of Nazism that had cast its dark shadow over much of the continent for the past decade. In the minds of those who took part in this crucial battle are events that will never be erased; for Les Perret that cataclysmic moment when a rocket exploded in an orchard outside of Eterville on a hot July day in 1944 was as vivid as had it been yesterday when he told it to me just a few years ago.

This year was the 65th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the titanic struggle to hold the beachheads ahead of forcing victory. Watching the television pictures of the veterans who, still in some numbers, crossed the Channel to the now peaceful shores of Normandy the emotions of those past six decades and more flooded to the surface time and time again, either through direct interviews with those who were present at the time and by the thoughtful commentaries from military personnel and historians of the twenty-first century. Few, I suggest, could have watched without a moistening of the eyes as '*their stories*' of pain and sacrifice ultimately ensured for us a peace free from the threat of invasion and subordination.

It is in this context of '*sacrifice*' that I now present as full a picture as possible concerning the soldiers from the 4th Battalion, Dorsetshire Regiment, who gave their lives around the villages of Eterville and Maltot in what in the overall strategy of the battle was just one more determined operation to expel the Wehrmacht from that part of France. Their graves can be found in four cemeteries while those whose remains could not be identified are commemorated on the Bayeux Memorial. All are recorded as having died on the 10th, but I admit to the strong possibility that others may have succumbed to their wounds in the weeks that followed.

Banneville-le-Campagne War Cemetery

5729492	Pte	ANDERSON James William	28 XII A 1
5726633	Pte	BADMAN Cecil Robert John	25 X C 24
14579780	Pte	BARNES Ernest Albert John	19 X A 26
5729048	Pte	BAYLISS Frederick William	27 XVI E 3
5735469	Pte	BLAKE Douglas Mark	21 X A 5
5731406	Pte	BOULTER William	31 VI C 12
14636501	Pte	CANNON Charles Victor	20 X A 28
6022774	Pte	COKER Alfred John	32 II B 23
5723939	LCpl	COOMBS Frederick William	32 II B 23
5630674	Pte	DAWE Clifford William	28 II B 24
6019548	Pte	ENGLISH Edward William	27 II A 25
5733161	Sgt	FOWLER Alan	37 X C 25
5726368	Cpl	GILL Ronald George	26 X A 11
14650113	Pte	HALLETT Robert John	20 X A 14
5729104	Pte	HARTLAND Douglas Haig	27 X A 25
14574411	Pte	JENKINS Henry Bernard	19 II E 6
5728380	LCpl	JENKINSON William John	24 X A 13
5630725	Pte	MAIDMENT Ernest Jack	31 X A 12
6017641	Pte	MARKS Arthur	21 X A 27
5618969	Pte	MAY George Charles Henry	23 X A 17
14512350	Pte	OLIVER Geoffrey	20 II B 27
5732675	Pte	PETTIGREW George	21 XII A 7
5625574	LCpl	ROSSITER Edward James	29 VI C 16
14543770	Pte	SARGEANT Harold George	20 II B 28
5727990	Sgt	SLAUGHTER Clifford Rowland	25 II A 28
6031874	Pte	STIMPSON Arthur	24 II B 25
243087	Lt	WATSON Roger Christopher Archer	22 II B 26
5734458	Pte	WILLIAMS William Edward	23 II B 29

Total 29 burials. The cemetery is located 10 kilometres to the east of Caen.

The annotations following the ages of the deceased show the cemetery plot reference, the row and grave number. This procedure of reporting follows throughout and it is at this point that I acknowledge fully the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site against which the details here reported have been checked. Concerning Private Hartland, in my years of researching military history I have often come across the sequence '*Douglas Haig*' and in respect of Private Savage [reported below] '*Kitchener*' both reflecting the sense of patriotism felt by parents whose children were born during the *Great War*. The service numbers that commence '57' [1st column] indicate the battalion's pre-war territorials many of whom have next of kin details pertaining to the county while the 8 digit sequences identify war enlistments and whose next of kin are countrywide.

St. Manvieu War Cemetery, Cheux

5735215	Pte	BARTLETT Roy	21 II G 1
14600540	Pte	BROWN Reginald Henry	- IX D 4
14636521	Pte	DEVEREUX Robert Edwin	36 I D 3
5729084	Sgt	DEWELL Joseph Edmund	28 IX D 10
5726097	Pte	NEAVE Harry Frederick Charles	28 VIII C 3
6026136	Pte	SAVAGE George Kitchener	29 IX D 12
14207108	Pte	WILKINSON William George	22 IX H 7

Total 7 burials. The cemetery is located 10 kilometres to the west of Caen.

Continued overleaf

Sequeville-en-Bessin War Cemetery

5630774	Pte	CAWSEY Frederick Kenneth	22	I	B	4
5734047	Pte	EVANS Ernest Michael	21	II	A	6

Total 2 burials. The cemetery is located between Bayeux and Caen and is roughly 14 kilometres from the former and 12 kilometres from the latter.

Bayeux War Cemetery

5735041	Pte	DYMOTT Leslie Gordon	29	VIII	D	22
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Bayeux Memorial

5728829	Cpl	BANKS Norman Richard	28	Panel 15	Column 2
5628864	Pte	BROAD Arthur James	32	Panel 15	Column 2
5734499	Pte	COPPIN Ashley Frederick	20	Panel 15	Column 2
14600510	Pte	COX Hugh William	19	Panel 15	Column 2
6031501	Pte	EVES Frederick Harry	21	Panel 15	Column 2
14584523	Pte	GRIFFIN George	18	Panel 15	Column 2
5731535	Pte	HORSPOOL William	31	Panel 15	Column 3
5730140	Pte	MEREDITH Herbert William	29	Panel 15	Column 3
5735233	Pte	PARFITT Edward Charles	21	Panel 15	Column 3
5625203	Pte	PROWSE William Howard	28	Panel 15	Column 3
6299111	Pte	SPIERS Roy George	33	Panel 15	Column 3
5620054	Pte	TUCKER James	25	Panel 15	Column 3
5726746	LSgt	WEBSTER Lawrence Bernard	25	Panel 15	Column 3
787447	Cpl	WELLS Ernest	36	Panel 15	Column 2

1 burial in the cemetery, 14 names commemorated on the memorial. Cpl Wells is shown as Column 2 but this may be in mistake for 3.

Thus, a total of at least 53 from the '4th' died that day of 65 years ago. The cemeteries in which they rest and the memorial to those who have no known grave are

maintained in perpetuity, and in immaculate order, by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and for that at the very least we must be thankful.

Bill Chorley

Postscript.

During a recent visit to The Keep museum I was permitted to look at a box of documents that constitute the records of the 4th Battalion. Up until 1944 a reasonably detailed account of the battalion's movements exists after which everything is rather fragmented. However, from the earliest of the diaries I noted that the code word that called up the likes of Les Perret and Harry Neave was 'CLIVE + ROBERTS', this being received by telephone from 43rd Division headquarters at 1445 hours on the 1st of September 1939 and within two minutes of its receipt had been relayed from Dorchester to 130 Brigade, again by telephone, while just over an hour later despatch riders sped forth with letters containing written instructions to company commanders. And, in that same afternoon, the Chief Constable of Dorset received word to allocate billets in Sherborne, Dorchester and Blandford for the expected influx of the battalion's soldiers. Then, at 1650 hours came the official mobilisation order from 130 Brigade. The next day, Saturday, Battalion HQ closed at Dorchester and opened in the same hour [1600-1700] at the Gloucester Hotel in Weymouth where it remained until 0800 hours on the 9th when it transferred to Verne Citadel Portland, by which time the battalion's strength is noted as 26 officers and 622 other ranks.

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TOP TREE TIPS

Topical Tree Tip

The hedge trimming season is now in full swing. The most common trimming and often the most contentious, causing more boundary disputes, bad neighbour relations and general sabre rattling, is our old friend *X Cupressocyparis leylandii*. Personally, I think *leylandii* is the most fit for purpose species ever developed as it is practically instant and easy to maintain and almost problem free. Diana and Ron, cherished clients, called me round to look at brown patches that have just become apparent this year. There are a number of reasons why brown patches appear on a cypress hedge and it is a simple process of deduction to determine what is happening: where are the patches and how low down and localised are they? If they are not actually killing the branch it could simply be light deprivation or a dog cocking its leg. Larger spreading patches causing dieback are more of a concern but can have a couple of different causes.

One probability is the cypress aphid (*cinara cupressi*) which can be controlled by the use a pesticide spray from May to October and the removal of any weeds close by as these would be good sites for the adult aphids to overwinter.

When thinking of this aphid the phrase “a lesser of two weevils” comes to mind because, compared with the alternative pathogen, its treatment and eradication is relatively easy. The alternative is very likely to be that omnipresent arboricultural nemesis, honey fungus. Positive identification as soon as possible is essential for effective control and this control is extremely invasive at the very least. If it is caught in the early stages simply remove the effected tree and the 2 either side. Grub out the roots, replace the soil and replant. However, at a later stage it is more effective to remove the hedge, roots, soil and all. You should then replant with a resistant species. The most effective suggestion I can give is root feed as this gives a boost to the tree's own defence systems and will often prevent any future problem from occurring.

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Although the NHS helpline states that the number of reported cases of swine flu have declined recently it is thought likely that the number of people affected will rise over the next few months, especially once the schools return. And so I have included at the end of this article some useful phone numbers and websites that you can contact for further help and I include a brief summary of the NHS guidelines.

Following is a brief outline of information gleaned from the NHS website.

What is Swine Flu?

Swine flu is a respiratory disease and has some elements of a virus found in pigs although there is no evidence of this disease circulating in pigs. Swine flu has been confirmed in a number of countries and is spreading from human to human which could lead to what is referred to as a pandemic flu outbreak.

How does Swine flu spread?

Flu viruses are made up of tiny particles that can be spread through droplets that come out of your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

When you cough or sneeze without covering your nose and mouth with a tissue those droplets can spread and others will be at risk of breathing them in.

If you cough or sneeze into your hand, those droplets and the germs in them are then easily spread from your hand to any hard surfaces that you touch, and they can live on those surfaces for sometime, usually up to 48 hours! Everyday items such as door handles, computer keyboards, mobile and ordinary phones and TV remote controls are all common surfaces where flu viruses can be found. If others touch these surfaces and then touch their faces, the virus can enter their systems and they can become

infected. That is how all cold and flu viruses, including swine flu are passed on from person to person.

As there is currently no vaccine for swine flu it makes sense to follow these guidelines:

- Always carry tissues
- Use a clean tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze
- Bin the tissue after one use
- Wash your hands with soap and hot water and/or use a sanitiser gel often especially when out in public places
- Disinfect all surfaces daily
- Set up a network of 'flu' friends who can help you if you get ill
- Keep up to date on the latest information on swine flu in the media or on the NHS website www.nhs.uk or call 0800513 513 for latest advice.
- If you get swine flu **stay at home**
- **Do not go to your GP surgery or local accident for emergency department unless you are advised to do so** or you are seriously ill because you might spread the illness to others. Ask a flu friend to go out for you.
- Check your symptoms with NHS Direct 0845 4647. If you are travelling abroad check www.fco.gov.uk/travel or call 0945 850 2829.

There are NHS leaflets available on Swine flu.

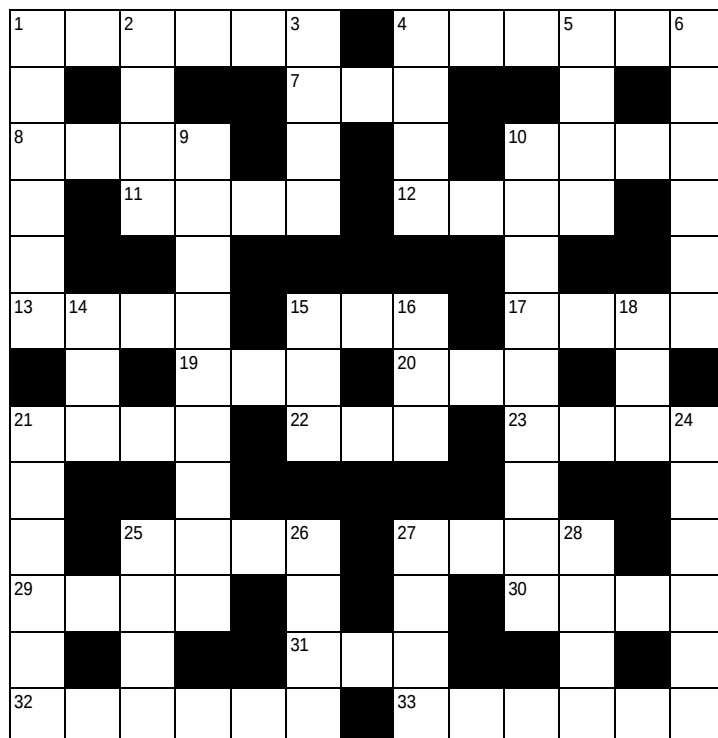
What are the symptoms of Swine flu?

Some of the symptoms are the sudden onset of **fever, cough or shortness of breath**. Other symptoms may include headache, sore throat, tiredness, aching muscles, chills, sneezing, runny nose or loss of appetite.

The trick with any infection is not to get it in the first place by taking

sensible precautions (as listed above) or by keeping your immune system strong with herbs and nutritional supplements. As an addition to orthodox medications the following are some herbal remedies and supplements that you may find useful and, therefore, it makes sense to take some of these in advance and stock up on these just in case!

- Start taking Echinacea herbal remedy now! to boost your immune system and help prevent catching swine flu.
- Another good herbal remedy to combine with Echinacea is Astragalus which supports immunity from viruses.
- Elderberry extract is proven as a herbal formula effective in preventing and reducing the effects of flu viruses and can be obtained in capsule form or as a syrup (called Sambucol) available from good health stores. I would also advise taking a herbal tea made by combining elderflowers in equal parts with peppermint leaf and boneset herbs to make an excellent tea that helps relieve symptoms such as runny nose, cough and sneezing, decongesting the nose and throat and to reduce fever and aching muscles. This tea can be taken at the dose of 1-2 teaspoons infused in a cup of boiling water for 15 minutes, strain and drink as hot as you can every couple of hours whilst symptoms persist.
- Nutritional supplement vitamin C – take 3 grams immediately on start of symptoms, followed by 1-2 grams each hour until symptoms subside. If this dosage causes diarrhoea then halve the dose to ½ – 1 gram each hour. If you have no adverse reactions to vitamin C it is OK to have up to 100 grams a day short-term during illness.
- The mineral supplement zinc at a dose of 50-100mg a day has also proved to have effective antiviral activity and is also available in lozenge formula ideal for dealing

GODFREY'S PUZZLE DEPARTMENT - A Simple Crossword by Godfrey Turner**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Potato snack in a bag
4. Very young child
7. Type of lettuce
8. A gutter for carrying off rain from a roof
10. Country at the eastern corner of the Arabian Peninsula
11. A double sulphate of Aluminium and Potassium
12. Gaelic name for Ireland
13. A snare
15. Small green vegetable
17. You have to change it regularly (up or down) when driving
19. A garden tool
20. Polynesian garland of flowers
21. Sicilian volcano
22. Indicates maiden name
23. Want or require
25. Cease, desist
27. Known facts used by a computer
29. Male sheep
30. And they lived happily after
31. Huge weight
32. Excessively sweet
33. Shared equally

CLUES DOWN

1. Orange coloured vegetable
2. A small island in the inner Hebrides
3. A trick or swindle: a fraud
4. of Wight
5. The peak of perfection
6. How steak should be after cooking
9. Herd of grey mammals
10. Initiate, cause to begin
14. Large rodent
15. Writing implement
16. Beer
18. Type of monkey
21. Optional items you get when you buy a car
24. Affectionately, fondly
25. Self-satisfied, complacent
26. Sorrow and compassion
27. Job finished
28. Its county town is Bristol

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with sore throats this dosage should only be taken short term until symptoms subside.

Other nutrients, which are best taken combined are ascorbic acid, green tea extract, lysine, proline, N-acetyl cysteine and selenium which are beneficial antiviral micronutrients to combat the influenza viruses of all types.

If you need help obtaining any of the above herbs and nutrients or if I can help with any advice if you are affected by swine flu then please do contact me.

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A Red Light District at Woodcuts?

Woodcuts is in reality a sleepy little backwater, but when it is visited by huge numbers of painted ladies, who set up camp for the summer, the whole situation is changed dramatically, especially as they are often spotted in the company of woodmen and gatekeepers. Mind you, they do brighten up the place and together with the red admirals, small tortoiseshell, commas, brimstones, meadow browns, fritillaries, three species of whites and the occasional blue, they have transformed this somewhat inclement summer with their wonderful colours, magical dancing and glorious, stationary displays.

Hopefully by now you have cottoned on to the fact, that the 'ladies' concerned are butterflies and are, despite the poor weather, in greater numbers this summer than we have seen for many years.

. . . however, since writing the above sentence, I have heard a meteorologist on the television tell us that we have had a summer of below average rainfall. It is hard to believe and I suspect that there are many arable farmers who have struggled to get their harvests in who will disagree with him. Whatever the case, we have certainly been blessed this year with a wonderful show of the butterflies mention above and several others.

I had at this point hoped to show some photographs of some of the species seen, but unfortunately because they would have only been in black and white, the results were not worthwhile, except in the case of the one pictured below, which is a male meadow brown which has fallen foul of an attack from a bird. This summer I have obtained a new camera with which this photograph was taken and it has made me more

aware of detail in such insects as the butterflies and moths and in flowers and many other natural phenomena.



This year's show of butterflies was tremendous but I obtained the camera too late to record earlier varieties such as the orange tip. However I look forward to next spring. Whether there will be such a migration of painted ladies next year as this, we will have to wait and see. To think that they come all the way from the edge of the Sahara in Africa, completing several life cycles on the way is astounding. Until recently I was not aware that no reciprocal migration was made at the end of the summer. Our next year's painted ladies will develop from eggs laid by this year's butterflies before they left Africa. The fact that there was a year of plenty here in Dorset this summer has no relevance to next year's numbers that will be seen here. There is no overwintering this side of the English Channel; in fact there is no evidence of overwintering in any stage of the life cycle anywhere in Europe.

The painted lady may seem to complete a marathon migration, but the Americans, of course, can go one better. The monarch butterflies actually start off in Mexico each spring and some reach the north of Alaska before they finish their journey. They also are known to take part in partial return migrations, but this is not the general rule.

In actual fact, it is not unknown for a monarch to be blown off course and end up on the wrong side of the Atlantic, on our shores. This was made very obvious to me last year, when I received a photograph of one taken on a buddleia in my niece's garden on the south coast of Cornwall. This year she made me more envious by sending me photographs of swallowtails she had taken while on holiday in Brittany. The swallowtails are seen in the UK, again on the south coast, and it was the same niece who, when holidaying up here, saw one on Hodd Hill two years ago.

When it is considered what butterflies have to do, to migrate at all, travelling north on the prevailing winds, reliant on dry, warm, sunny weather conditions, it is rather unreasonable to expect them to return against the wind and in cooler conditions. If the weather is favourable, there is no guaranteeing that they will not meet up with predators in the form of insectivorous birds. The above picture of a meadow brown shows how dangerous a butterfly's life can be. The meadow brown comes to rest on short grass and is easy prey to birds and I was amazed at the number of them, that I photographed with considerable damage this year. They weren't the only species affected - the small white appears to be the next worst damaged, but nothing like the 25-30% loss as in the above picture.

It is just nature after all. Insectivorous birds, such as the swift, swallows and martins have to be fed and are superb fliers, far more acrobatic and much faster than the butterflies in flight. I have of course been photographing birds as well as butterflies but to catch them flying is beyond my expertise, except in the case as shown here.

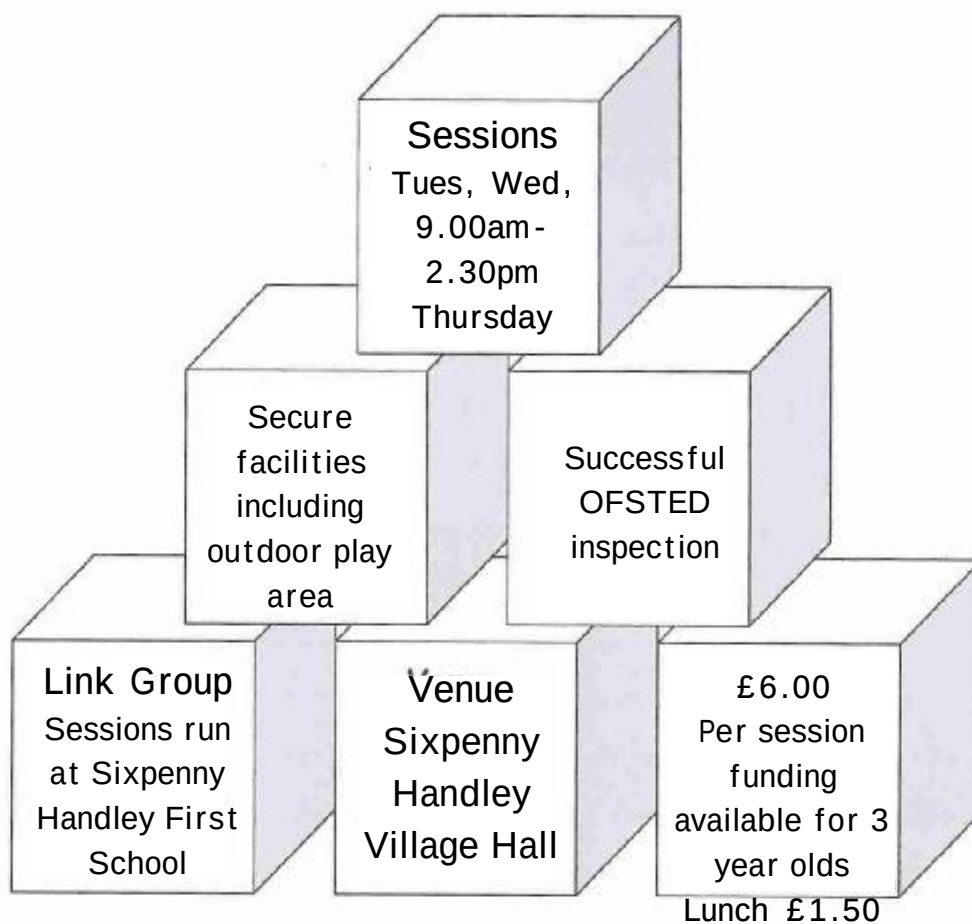
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This rather blurred picture is of rooks and I am afraid you will have to take my word for it. I just hope the editor is sympathetic and publishes it. I was in fact trying to take photographs of cloud formations for an O.U. course I am doing on the weather, and when I was running through the pictures afterwards, I discovered this one. If you look you can see something that I was intrigued by - two thirds down and two thirds across the picture, there is a bigger, darker blob, which interested me. With the limited expertise that I have grasped from reading the 178 pages of the instruction manual of the camera, I was able to magnify the particular spot to ascertain what it was. As you can see, (I hope), it is in fact a pair of rooks flying together. What I am not able to tell you is what happened on the next wing movements; when the upper bird



completed a downward wing motion and the lower flier actually raised its wings. Or was it simply a mirror image?

Whatever, I look forward to capturing more interesting pictures for the future, and who knows I may actually learn something from those 178 pages. If I can't, I will simply have to ask for help from the grandchildren. I would like to include more pictures but I don't want to upset the editor as I am already late with this article. (Deadlines are deadlines after all, can you see me grovelling?)

Thanking for reading this and I hope looking at the pictures, after all, much of the words will be rather meaningless without them.

God bless you!

Ted Cox
(September 2009)



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The spectre of swine flu continues to look over our shoulders and it is predicted that there will be a rise in the number of cases again this autumn and winter. A programme of vaccination is planned which will be on a much bigger scale than the seasonal flu programme. These two things combined mean that we have decided to put on hold our planned open meeting to discuss the future of a Patient Participation Group. We will instead look to hold this meeting in late January 2010. As soon as we have a definite date we will advertise it.

Newsletter:

A number of you responded to our August edition suggesting that future editions should be included in all the village publications. For various reasons, this is impractical but we do want it to reach as wide a readership as possible. There will continue to be a supply at reception in each surgery for those people who are passing. Alternatively, if you gave us a stamped addressed envelope we would be happy to send a copy out to you. For those of you who prefer to go on line you can always view a copy on our website www.sixpennydocs.co.uk

Registration changes:

An incident arose recently whereby we needed to contact someone urgently but the only phone number we had was out of date. If any of your details have changed recently and you think you may not have let us know, please do contact the surgery to confirm that we have your most up to date information.

NHS numbers:

Every person in England has a ten digit unique NHS number. Up until now you have been identified by your name, date of birth and address, but in the near future, if you visit a hospital it will be your NHS number that will be required. You will see it on repeat prescription slips and on any letter that we send to you. If you do not know it, please ask us.

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Firstly a very big thank you to the volunteers who helped set up and dismantle the Village Show – judges, stewards, table and tent erectors. Without their efforts it would not have been possible.

Those few who came to visit the village show were very interested to see the display of feathered friends and their chicks. Rather more interesting than the show itself, which this year suffered from very few entries. As a result the donation to Marie Curie Cancer Care was not what was hoped for. Anyway, many thanks to those who did enter and those who avoided the Steam Fair traffic to attend.

Cup winners were:

Section A - Vegetables – Brian Hansford

Section C – Flower Arranging – Elizabeth Scriven

Section E – Chris Oldfield

Section G – Children – Charlie Kleinschmidt

Section B – Flowers – Jan Gibb

Section D – Cookery – Joyce Waker

Section F – Photography – Steve Molnar

Next year the show will move back to the third Saturday in August which will be **Sat 21st Aug 2010** – put it into your diary now please. If you would be prepared to help stage this village event please contact Carole Wyatt. Without more help it is unlikely to succeed.

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Rob's Column



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

During August there was not a normal meeting, instead on the 10th August an American Supper was held at the home of Tony and Jan Gibb. The evening was well attended, each member brought a plate of food, so not only was there plenty to eat, but there was much chatting and laughter; in all a very social evening.

On September 14th Mrs Jocelyn Jenkins, a long term member of the W.I., gave a talk on 'Bed and Breakfast – the other Side'. It was gentle, often amusing and gave us a good insight into 'doing' B and B. She advocated reasonable pricing – being a good hostess – adaptability – word of mouth and the help of The Tourist Board. Mrs Jenkins recalled meeting Jonathan Dimpleby with a good deal of humour and the benefits of meeting and making friends with people from all over the world. Her comments about children – towels on the floor were but slight aggravations and totally counteracted by one youngster's first glimpse of wonder at the night sky in the country. I'm not sure that she convinced us all to do B and B – but we enjoyed learning about it.

Dates for the Diary

12th October: Mr Simon Curson: The Magic of Moths

22nd October: Autumn Council Meeting at Poole

28th October: Autumn Group Meeting at Melbury Abbas

9th November: Ms Annette Williams: The Wessex Influence – crafts

Anyone who would like more information or would like to attend a meeting please contact the Secretary, Bobbie Carter 01725 552042.

Ri-
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(Committee member)

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programme and will advise on how often to exercise.
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confident to start exercising independently.

Your instructor will also review your exercise
programme every 8 weeks!

For information on the cost of the GP referral scheme please
contact Carly Howard on 01202 821007.



Sixpenny Handley

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch September 2009



Sixpenny Handley

Thanks to modern technology and the enthusiasm of the rural team of Dorset Police based in Wimborne, we are now getting much more 'live' information about crimes and suspicious activity in our area. Often emails arrive at lunchtime alerting the Homewatch Coordinators – not just here but in all surrounding villages – to thefts or suspect persons and vehicles reported that very morning. This of course means that the chances of someone spotting the criminals on their way to, or even committing, their next crime are much higher, so it is always worth reporting untoward happenings straight away. The police guidance for doing this is:

Use 999 for crimes in progress.

Use 01202 222222 to give information or report an incident which is not an emergency.

As expected, there was the customary increase in crime locally through late summer and around the time of the Steam Fair. Nothing life threatening was reported but we saw the usual spate of shed breaks, diesel thefts, poaching and theft from farms. A laptop was also reported stolen from a locked commercial vehicle parked up in the Gussage St Michael.

Several thefts and attempted burglaries related to horses, stables and tack occurred in North Dorset and some have been solved as a result of information circulated to Homewatch schemes by the police – one as far away

as Yorkshire. This all shows the value of property marking schemes, reporting and information sharing.

Over the country as a whole non-violent crime has risen slightly, probably in response to the recession, as had been predicted. Locally, the 'Steam Fair' blip excepted, crime remains at a very low level.

Your Homewatch team continues to meet regularly, to liaise with Dorset Police and to keep the parish clearly signed as a 'Homewatch Area'. By delivering *The Downsman*, as most of our volunteers do, we also hope to stay in touch with the residents in each of our patches, so that we know you and you know us. If the low crime rate generally is anything to go by, the system seems to work.

Please talk to us if you have any crime related concerns, and of course to the police, using the numbers above, if they are urgent.

And finally, just looking ahead... with Winter approaching many people with oil fired central heating will be getting their tanks filled. Just remember that several hundred pounds worth of oil can be a tempting target for thieves. It is worth reconsidering the location of your tank if you are getting it replaced, or at least making sure it is hidden from obvious view and easy vehicular access.

Godfrey's Simple Crossword - Answers

Across:

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|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. Crisps | 4. Infant | 7. Cos | 8. Rone | 10. Oman |
| 11. Alum | 12. Eire | 13. Trap | 15. Pea | 17. Gear |
| 19. Hoe | 20. Lei | 21. Etna | 22. Nee | 23. Need |
| 25. Stop | 27. Data | 29. Ram | 30. Ever | 31. Ton |
| 32. Sugary | 33. Evenly | | | |

Down:

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|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| 1. Carrot | 2. Iona | 3. Scam | 4. Isle | 5. Acme |
| 6. Tender | 9. Elephant | 10. Originate | 14. Rat | 15. Pen |
| 16. Ale | 18. Ape | 21. Extras | 24. Dearly | 25. Smug |
| 26. Pity | 27. Done | 28. Avon | | |

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COUNTRY RAMBLES

The wildlife of today is not ours to dispose of as we please. We have it in trust. We must account for it to those who come after. KING GEORGE VI

Those of us who live in this area are fortunate to have the New Forest on our door step, which provides thousands of acres of woodland, bramble, bracken, open heather, rushes, streams and ponds, free and easily accessible. Though the New Forest is dominated by ling heather the other two species thrive: cross-leaved heath and bell heather. It's the tubular bell-shaped flowers of the bell heather that create the most vibrant swathes of purple, symbolic of heath and moor in late summer. My friend temporarily places 30 beehives in the forest to take advantage of the heather, as the bees produce a darker stronger honey with a heady scent.

The Forest ponies maintain dwarf swards of grasses, and August marks the flowering of dwarf gorse, which flourishes on the dry, acid heath. It's a miniature version of its more familiar cousin, but with a deeper yellow flower and a slight scent of coconut.

The lapwing was once a prevalent bird on the flat fields, but it has suffered a major decline in recent decades. The blame being placed at the door of changes in agricultural practices. As a ground nesting bird, the lapwing prefers rough grassland and spring-drilled arable fields, but the steady decrease in rough grass and the increase in winter- grown

cereals limits the availability of suitable nesting sites, as by late March the early- sown crops are too high for the birds to nest in.

Some five decades ago, lapwings were an every day sight on my way to school; large flocks of these gregarious birds would be feeding on the sparsely vegetated winter fields, and at many places both the lapwing and its cousin the green plover could be seen. Only later did I discover that green plover and lapwing were the species' official titles, and that everybody called them pewits.

The farmers recognised the pewits as friends, appreciating their efficiency at consuming crop damaging insects, while the more observant countryman had noticed the pewits knack of stamping their feet to bring earthworms to the surface, the worms presumably mistaking the vibrations for rainfall. Modern farming methods employ chemical sprays instead of natural pest control, probably at the expense of the lapwing's food supply.

So what does the future hold for the lapwing? Though its numbers have fallen significantly, the increasingly enlightened attitude of some landowners and the assistance of conservation bodies bodes well. So if you see and hear a few pewits savour the moment.

All through the summer there's a great raft of county and country shows that need support if they are

to keep going. They are great places for finding a bargain because you have a number of suppliers in one place, so comparison of quality and price is easier, plus there are always the show special buys. In addition they are great places for meeting old friends and swapping gossip, stories, news and jokes. Where else could you see livestock, ferret and lurcher racing, and clay pigeon shooting? In addition you can have a go at fly casting and archery and stroll through avenues selling comfortable wellies, tweed clothing and walking sticks.

At county shows, agriculture, horticulture and the world of the gamekeeper are mixed together, and most countrymen realise that it is a symbiotic relationship, each reliant on the other. Every square inch of our countryside is managed, often with country sports as the driving force. And regardless of one's take on hunting, shooting and fishing, it cannot be denied that their existence has a positive effect on the planting of woodland, the maintenance of rivers and streams and the management of the countryside. I don't know of any keepers, who are not keen and conscientious naturalists, a fact borne out by their displays at country fairs.

So make next year the year you support your local show or fair. We all whinge when traditions die out, so it's far better to be part of the country scene rather than see it disappear before our very eyes.

Richard Harwood

Mobile Library Schedule - Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

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

October 1st, 15th, 29th, November 12th, 26th, December 10th

1st Woodcutts News



18th September 2009

What Did The Scouts Do On Summer Camp?



So where did they go...?

Well, towards the end of August a handful of brave leaders from 1st Woodcutts Scouts took more than a handful of Scouts and Explorers (14 in total) to the Brecon Beacons for a week's camping and many more activities in a vain attempt to tire them all out.

...and what did they do?

To start with, there was canoeing, raft building, dingle scrambling, pony trekking and swimming. Then there were the visits to a coal mine, an iron works, St Fagan's, the national museum of Wales, Techniquet and the Green Man Music Festival

Dingle Scrambling?

A dingle is a steep sided gorge, which follows the course of a stream. The scrambling part involves challenges along the way: natural obstacles, mini waterfalls, pools, scrambles, pipe crawls, logs climbs and descents.

Techniquet?

Techniquet is an educational charity, based in Cardiff Bay. It operates exhibitions science theatre, planetarium and much more, shows intended to make science an accessible, comfortable, clear and highly enjoyable experience for all ages.



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

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

1st Woodcutts News

18th September 2009

Section News

Members of each of the sections are currently working hard to obtain challenge badges which can go towards obtaining chief scouts awards; Bronze award for the Beavers, Silver for Cubs, Gold for Scouts, and the Explorers will be able to get a platinum award.

Each section has recently welcomed new young members, and seen their older friends move up a section; the scouts have seen a big rise in numbers and have just set up a new patrol.

Events planned over the following months include an X-treme events day for the Beavers and wild camping on Dartmoor for the Explorers.

Other Activities

Cranborne Chase Woodfair 10/11th October

This year the 1st Woodcutts Explorer scouts will be at the Woodfair offering tree climbing, rope skills, and fire lighting activities for a nominal fee - be sure to check them out. For details of the Woodfair please check out the website <http://www.woodfair.org.uk/>

Calling all Servicemen

This year the Woodcutts Scouts would like to invite local current and ex-servicemen to join them on Remembrance Sunday. The Scouts will march up the High Street to the war memorial prior to the service in St Mary's. If you would like to join them please join them at Town Farm Workshops at 10:15 am. We would also like someone to sound the last post; we have a bugle, but no one who can play it. If you can, or know someone who can play the bugle please contact John Curtis.

1st Woodcutts Christmas service

Last year 1st Woodcutts held their first Christmas service at St Mary's. It was such a huge success that they've decided to repeat the event and invite the village. At last year's event hard-earned activity badges were awarded to Scouts and each section picked and sang their own Christmas carols, including Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer!

Fundraising

Over the past few months parents and friends of the Scouts have been busy giving up some of their time to raise a tidy sum of money for them. At the Endorse it in Dorset Festival another selfless bunch manned the well-stocked camp shop selling essentials to the masses.

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.

Fireworks

In the last edition we unfortunately gave you the wrong date for the fireworks - sorry! **The firework display this year will be on 7th November.** Gates open from 5:30 pm at Church Farm, Handley. This year's show will feature an earlier display for the very young starting at 6.00 pm, with the main display at 7:30 pm. Modestly priced tickets will be available from the usual vendors in the High Street and hot food and drinks will again be available.

This year we are opening the show up to other community groups in the village to provide some entertainment and raise their own funds. If your group would like to have a stall, please contact Rob Easton.



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Age 8-10½

Wednesday 6 to 7.30pm
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Age 10½-14

Monday 7 to 9pm
Rob Easton
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Age 14-18

Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm
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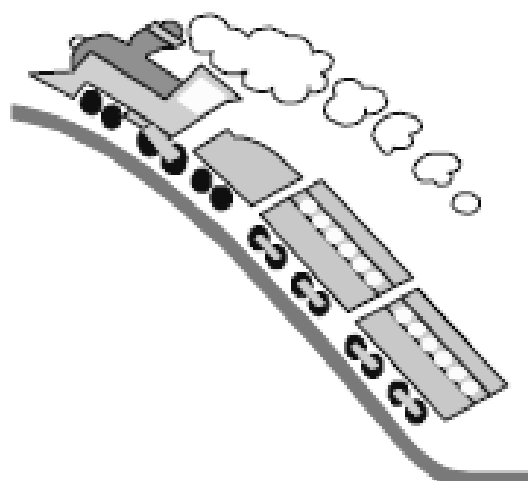
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ROB'S COLUMN

The Garden

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Life is sweet among the flowers,
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tiny spot
everybody loves to plant upon their
own dear plot.
Daffodils and tulips, pinks and
marigolds and stocks,
Roses, pansies, snow-white lilies,
crimson hollyhocks.

Never-ending pleasure in a garden
you will find,
happiness and deep contentment,
joy and peace of mind.
Here amongst the birds and
Blossoms troubles disappear,
life takes on a brighter hue,
and God seems very near
(By Patience Strong, 1962)

Waiter: "Are you the filleted
mackerel, sir?"
Customer: "No, I'm the lonely sole
with an empty plait, waiting for
someone to fillet."

I bumped into a mate I hadn't seen
for a few months. "You've put on a
bit of weight since I last saw you,"
he said. "I know," I said. "I've had a
lot on my plate lately."

I said to my doctor, "I've become a
can of deodorant." He said, "Are
you Sure?" I replied, "No, I'm
Lynx."

I used to have only one vice until I
met someone through a mutual
friend who sold me another for my
workshop.

Went to the library and a novel got
caught in the end of my trousers. I
thought, "That's a turn-up for the
book."

**Well, it's time to sort out the
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the annual Village Hall Auction.
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with viewing at 1.00 pm. Also
sale of allsorts in afternoon.
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your fancy. You may get it for
as little as £1. Again, many
thanks for your support in all
ways.
See you there.**

Rob

Obituary of the late Mr Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucrat red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair.

And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound, financial policies. (Don't spend more than you can earn). Common Sense lived by simple sound policies and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a class mate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, and his son, Reason. He is survived by his four step-brothers: I know my rights, I want it now, Someone else is to blame, and I'm a victim.

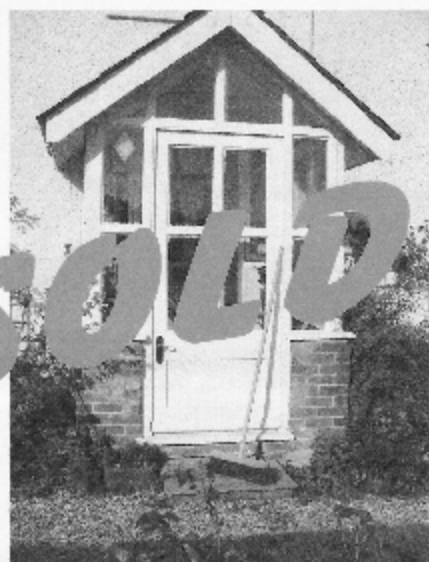
Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass it on, if not join the majority and do nothing.

(Article previously seen in The Times)

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What was in the news during August and September:

100 Years Ago (1909)

2nd Aug: King Edward VII gave his nephew-in-law, Czar Nicholas II, a welcome at Spithead honouring him with a formal inspection of the Royal Navy. Workers staged demonstrations in protest at the visit of the Czar.

9th Aug: Royal Commission report on whisky and other portable spirits. Recommended that only spirits distilled in Scotland from a mash containing at least 30% malt can legally be called Scotch Whisky.

4th Sept: First Boy Scout parade took place at Crystal Palace, London.

17th Sept: Rejection by the House of Lords of the People's Budget could put country on road to revolution, so said Herbert Asquith, Prime Minister. This follows indications that a majority of peers will oppose the Government's proposals as socialistic. Mr Asquith said, "We are eager to take up this challenge" and hinted at abolition of the Lords.

25th Sept: Captain Robert Scott acquired the 'Terra Nova' for South Pole expedition.

28th Sept: Confirmed in House of Commons that several of the imprisoned Suffragettes in Birmingham had been force fed. Home Office authorised action to prevent the women harming or killing themselves through self-starvation.

50 Years Ago (1959)

1st Aug: Report on teenage spending says young working men have about £5 a week to spend.

4th Aug: Barclay's became first British bank to order a computer for its branch accounts.

7th Aug: Buckingham Palace announced the Queen expecting her third child.

10th Aug: Violent storms lash south of England.

17th Aug: Sodium road lighting tested for first time.

18th Aug: British Motor Corporation reveal new compact four-seater mini car. Roominess was achieved by wheels placed at corners and engine placed sideways in front. Austin and Morris versions planned differing only in front-end look. Cars capable of 70 mph and will cost about £500, with purchase tax.

24th Aug: House of Fraser had enough shares to take over Harrods of Knightsbridge. Scottish accountant, Hugh Fraser, will now take over the emporium—By Appointment.

26th Aug: Earl's Court Radio Show opened with smaller and more economical models. Transistors being used in place of valves. Makers claim a battery will last up to a year in a portable transistor radio. Prices start at £23 for handbag sized model weighing 7 pounds.

8th Sept: Mr Macmillan announced General Election to take place on October 8th.

13th Sept: Stirling Moss wins Italian Grand Prix.

14th Sept: The Societ Lunik 2 space craft crashed into the moon, the first man-made object to reach the moon.

24th Sept: Rolls Royce launched its new £8,905 Phantom V.

25 Years Ago (1984)

5th Aug: Richard Burton, 58, actor and jet-setter, died.

14th Aug: BMX mania hits Britain, 10 years after starting in the US.

18th Aug: Clive Ponting, civil servant at the Ministry of Defence, was charged with an offence under the Official Secrets Act, relating to information passed on about the sinking of the Argentinian cruiser, General Belgrano.

1984 summer Olympic Games took place in Los Angeles. The British team achieved 5 Gold Medals, 10 Silver Medals and 19 Bronze Medals.

20th Sept: The National Gallery extension was rejected by the Environment Secretary. Prince Charles had previously likened it to "a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved friend".

26th Sept: Sovereignty over Hong Kong will revert to China in 1997, but the colony will keep its free enterprise system for at least 50 years after that. These were the key elements of an agreement initialled in Peking.

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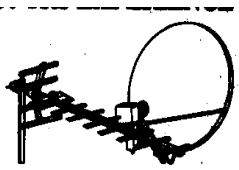
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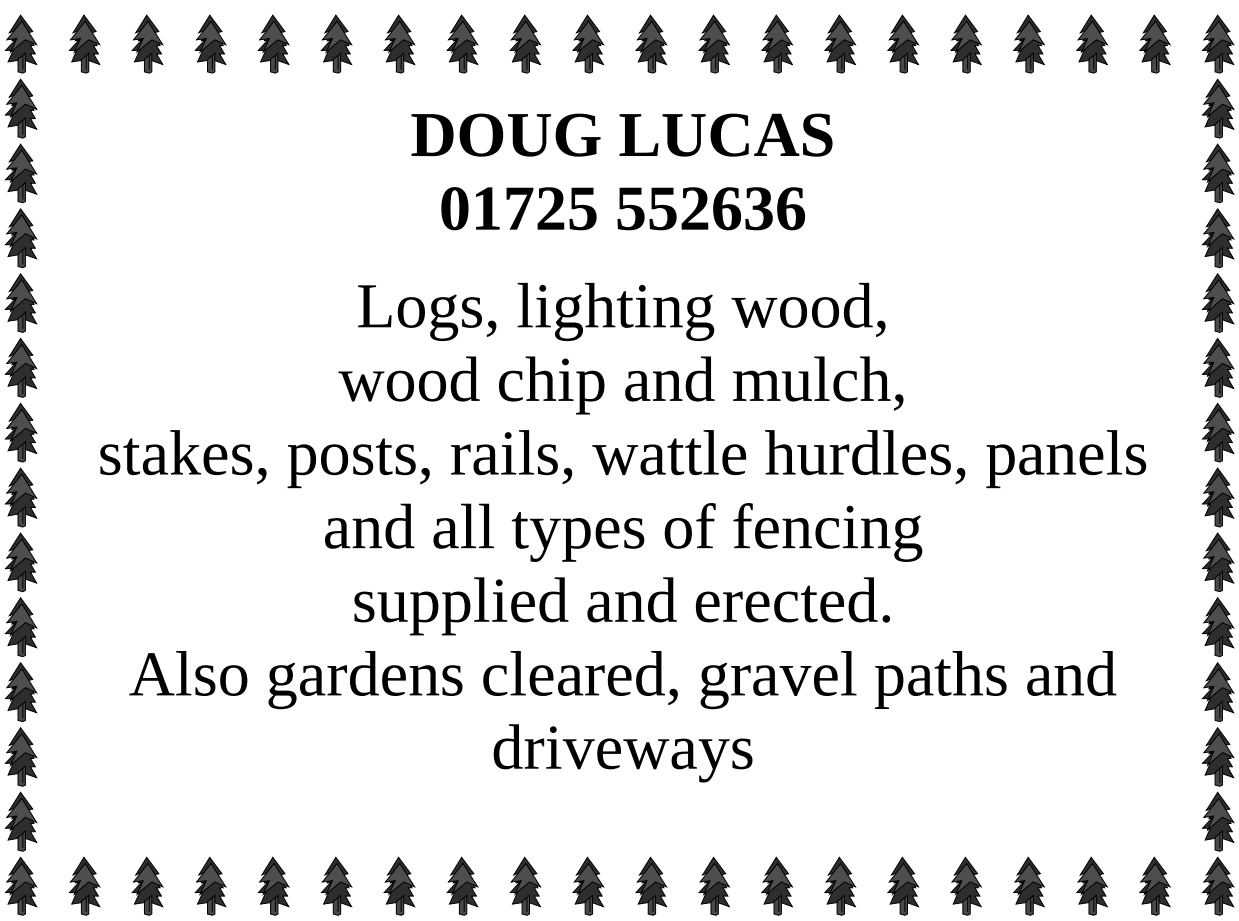
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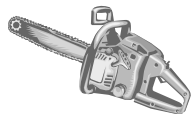
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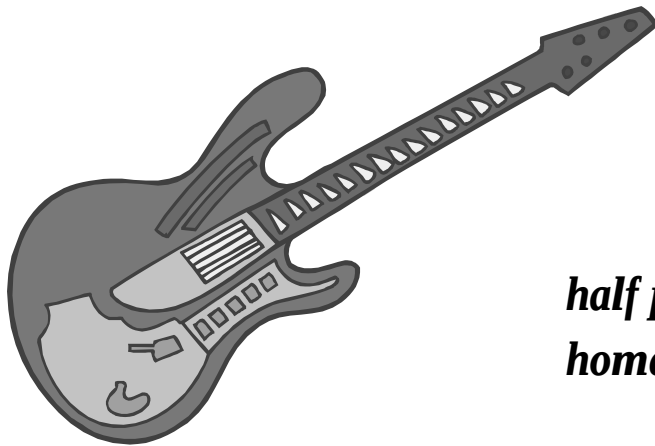
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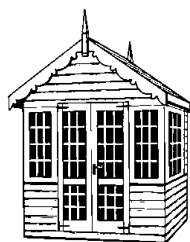
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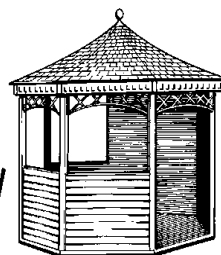
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