

The Downsmen

June 2010



Have you seen the red kite around the village?

Photograph courtesy of Mark Wolstenholme

**The Parish of Sixpenny Handley
with Pentridge**

**Including: Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington
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Vicar	Rev Mel Durrant, The Vicarage	
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Chairman	Carole Wyatt	552572
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Vice Chairman	Tony Gibb	552704
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	John Curtis	552397
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Chairman	John Curtis	552397
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Secretary	Jane Laing	553146
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Chairman	Brian Hansford	552468
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Secretary	Carole Wyatt	552572
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Entries	Tony Gibb	552704
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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
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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
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	Naomi Booth	552430
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	Lara Cooke	552153
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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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Beaver Leader	Denise Turner	552735
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1st Sixpenny Handley Rainbows

Unit Guider	Jacqui Tarran	552008
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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	Vic Hatton	01258 840671
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Secretary	Ann Henderson	552279
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Sixpenny Handley Sports Association

Chairman	David Cross	552640
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Vice Chairman	Patrick Taylor	552187
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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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Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club

Chairman	Tracey Lownds	552414
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Secretary	Frances Churchill	552868
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Ferndown Branch		01202 893838
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Out of Hours Service		08444 772022
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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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 to ensure your articles and news reach us
 (in Word, please — not pdf)

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The rates to advertise in **The Downsman** are:

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Quarter page - £5

Our offer of book 6 but only pay for 5 insertions continues with the annual rates (6 issues) being **£80**, **£50** and **£25** respectively.

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 they can no longer entertain the insertion of flyers in future copies.

The next edition of this magazine will be published on the
1st August 2010
Copy Deadline is Thursday 15th July
We would also ask that contributors make every effort to meet the deadline which is required to allow for printing, production and distribution

Views expressed in this magazine are those of our correspondents and contributors 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

We were very pleased with the Annual Assembly held in the Village Hall on 26th April and would like to thank all those who attended. It was a shame that the School and Surgery could not be represented, but their reports were read and noted. Thank you to the other speakers who gave up their time.

I have been asked to make a plea to dog owners in the village. Rob Jesse, who kindly empties some of our rubbish bins, has reported that he has been finding bags of dog faeces in with the rubbish instead of in the special bin positioned close by. Could this please stop as Rob is a volunteer and not being paid for his time.

By the time you read this, the Parish Council will have held their Annual General Meeting (due on 20th May) and also the Street Fair will have been held – hopefully both well-attended. We are arranging a Litter Pick Day on Saturday, 5th June, so anyone interested in helping, please let me know (we have some litter-pick sticks to make it easier).

Below is a list of planning applications received since the last Downsman was issued.

Recent Planning Applications

3/10/0261 - Pentridge Village Hall - Single storey extension.

Results of previous planning applications

3/09/0982 – Burley Road Farm - Demolition of redundant farm buildings and construction of new dairy, parlour and collecting yard building, bulk feed hopper and slurry compounding and underground silage effluent tank - Permitted.
3/09/1112 - 1 The Parsonage, Sixpenny Handley - Single storey extension - Permitted.
3/10/0043 - Appletree Cottage, Woodcutts - Single storey extension – Permitted.



You all made our day so special!

We would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone who gave us cards and gifts for our wedding on 15th May.
A huge thank you to The Shed who gave us the most wonderful Reception;
Clare from Sun Flowers;
Ian Keblay from Expressions Digital Photography
(photo, left, courtesy of Ian);
Martin and Shoot the Moon.
A special thank you to Mr Richard Adlem.
Also to my brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Bev, who looked after me the night before the wedding, and to both mums and dads, family and friends.

Sarah and Dean

Sheila's Quilt

I would like to thank everyone who made the Quilt Draw a great success. My thanks go to all family and friends who sold tickets; and to Steve and Chris at the Post Office, a special thank you - you sold so many tickets. Thanks also to all who bought tickets and those who made generous donations. Without your support, Sheila's wish for a new heating system at St Mary's would not become a reality. The total raised by the draw is a staggering £1,972. Money is still being donated so the £2,000 target may be reached.

The draw for the handmade quilt took place on the 4th April after the Easter Sunday Service and the quilt was won by Mrs Anne Reed.

Thank you, again, for your support.

Graham J Smith

Street Lighting Replacement Project

The Parish Council has recently been informed that a major replacement of the Dorset County Council's street lighting is being carried out with approximately 80 percent of the existing lighting throughout the County affected. This scheme is replacing either obsolete or structurally and electrically suspect equipment.

The column replacement part of the PFI (private finance investment) Contract commenced in March 2008 by Southern Electric Contracting (SEC) who, being the Service Provider to the PFI Contract, is responsible for replacing the street lighting identified by Dorset County Council in need of replacement within the criteria and specification of the project.

There is no cost to this Parish.

Why is this project taking place?

Road safety is the primary factor for the general public and road users by replacing of structurally unsafe and obsolete lighting columns. However other important criteria within the contract, such as substantial reduction in light pollution and energy consumption with the use of lower wattage fully electronic lamps and controls are two of the other main requirements of the project and once the project is complete the new lighting will result in a noticeable financial reduction in Dorset County Council's street lighting energy bill and maintenance cost.

Additionally the Parish of Sixpenny Handley has been selected as one of the rural locations to have part night lighting installed. This means the lighting will come on at normal lighting up times, half an hour after sunset, but will go out at midnight and come back on at 5.30 am until half an hour before sunrise

Which roads will be affected?

The replacement scheme is to be carried out in late summer hopefully all changed at the same time and prioritised by column condition. Some roads temporary deemed to comply will not be affected until the second stage which is between 2013 and 2018.

All residents affected with column replacement works in their road will be informed by means of an information leaflet through their letter box fourteen days prior to works commencing. Yellow marks will then be placed on the footpath showing the location of the new column positions.

On some roads additional lights will have to be installed to comply with the required British standard 5489 for road lighting, resulting in little choice over where the column will be sited. However there is some flexibility to ensure driveways and footpath access is not hindered. Where possible different wattage's on lanterns are looked at to try and increase the column spacing to try and avoid additional columns being installed.

Any roads or adjacent footpaths which are at present unlit, will **not** be lit under this project.

The project funding has already been set and it is therefore not possible to extend lighting as part of this work.

Any Complaints or queries concerning this project or work in progress must go direct to Southern Electric Contracting.

SEC free phone number 0800 068 4145.

or

Email : dorsetpfi@sec.eu.com

For up to date information contact The Dorset County Council website, www.lightsonindorset.co.uk

DEREK HAYTER

Ruth, Trudy, Peter, Bob and families would like to thank everyone for the cards and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of Derek.

A special thank you to Reverend Mel Durrant and Paul Skinner for the lovely service and to everyone for the generous donations for the Alzheimers' Society in Derek's memory, together with their continued support to Ruth.

Thank you, all.



Could you be a Governor?

If you are interested in helping children's education, and can volunteer some of your time, you could become a school governor in Dorset.

Sixpenny Handley First School
needs a Community Governor.
You need no formal qualifications,
but enthusiasm, team skills and
commitment are important

For further information or to discuss becoming
a governor contact either
Dorset Governor Services on 01305 224156
or the school on 01725 552356.

Closing Date: Friday 25th June 2010

To apply contact:

Mrs Jayne Alford
Clerk to the Governors
Sixpenny Handley First School, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury,
Wiltshire SP5 5NJ

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting saw Carole Wyatt re-elected as Chairman and Tony Gibb as Vice Chairman. Vicki Wyer has kindly agreed to take over as Secretary whilst Paul Skinner remains Treasurer and Jaqui Blake does Bookings.

The hall is now licensed for the sale of alcohol – anyone wishing to do so at a function must complete the new terms and conditions for hire and pay a small fee towards the licence (this is cheaper than taking out their own temporary event notice).

All hall users are requested to ensure that chairs are neatly stacked in sixes after use and that tables are replaced in their trolleys.

There was a useful discussion amongst the users about the possibility of extending the kitchen and the committee room to make them more useable. Work has now started on drawing up some plans before obtaining some quotations. Anyone with any ideas as to how to improve this area is asked to contact Tony Gibb.



THE CHASE GARDEN CLUB

Interested in gardening and meeting new people? Then why not come along to the "Chase Garden Club". We meet on the last Thursday of each month at 8 pm in the Sports Pavilion.

Activities include; Guest Speakers, Presentations, Raffle & Plant Sales and during the summer there are visits arranged to local gardens of interest.

To round off the year there is an annual dinner in January.

New members are most welcome, as are visitors.

Subscriptions; annual subs are £15 per person, or alternatively there is visitor charge of £3 for indoor meetings and £2 for garden visits.

Garden visits entail a modest entrance fee but does include refreshments.



For more information please telephone;

Gill Carter 01725 552030, Joan Saltmarsh 01725 516352 or Louise Walford 01725 516384

Are you interested in joining a live music club at the Village Hall?

I am looking at the possibility of starting a monthly live music club at the village hall.

I play the drums, and wonder if there are other singers and musicians in the area who would like a regular, informal get-together?

Style would be determined by who is available on the night.

Each musician would need their own equipment, and music or chord charts for anything they may want accompaniment to.

As I see it, people could play on their own, join in with others, or play in an ensemble if they choose.

My initial thought is to get together on a Sunday evening, 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm or thereabouts.

There would be a nominal charge to cover hire of the hall.

If you are interested, please phone me on 01725 516478 to discuss the idea.

David Heath

email: david@heathfamily.plus.com

This Village has entered the

DORSET VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

which encourages:

***Tidy and Litter Free Villages
Pride in Appearance, Protecting the Local
Environment, Public Open Space,
Public Buildings and Wildlife Habitat***

including:

***Churchyards, Village Halls, Car Parks, Bus
Shelters, Noticeboards, Recreation and
Play Areas, Seats, Approaches to Farms,
Shops, Pubs, Planted Areas, Verges,
Hedgerows and Streets***

*Please help us to keep this
village tidy*

***Valued Sponsorship, Donations and Prizes provided by:-
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Magazine and the Western Gazette***



**Dorset
Community
Action**

OPEN FARMSUNDAY

11.00 am – 3.00 pm on Sunday 13th June 2010

Where: Myncen Farm, 83 Minchington (turn right at Cashmore)

Local produce, see the archaeology, pigs and chickens
and understand how conservation can work alongside commercial agriculture.

Meet the farmers!

Have a great day out!



Thank you to everyone who responded to our advert. We have a full class of 22 doing a fitness class with Tanya in the Village Hall on Thursday nights. We have also arranged a meeting for people who were looking to find some similarly minded walkers in the village. Keep an eye open for more ideas coming your way. If you'd like to be added to our email list contact me: naomi@naomibooth.co.uk.

What mindless vandalism!

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club were shocked in early February by the mindless vandalism to the centre of the 3' tall box hedge that fronts the entrance to the bowls green.

It has taken some 10 years to grow and cultivate the various shrubs and plants that surround the Bowls Green, so please help us to identify who these offenders are, and maybe an example could be set.

Members of Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

DOG WASTE

Would dog owners please **NOT** deposit bags of dog mess in the black waste bins in the parish. Any bags must, by law, be placed in the special bins for dog waste which are red. It is not fair on those in our community who kindly empty the black waste bins of their own free will.

HANDLEY SCOUTFEST

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Saturday, 05 June 2010 17:00 - 23:30

Real ale and Cider Bar by Sixpenny Brewery

CITY STEREO THE ONE MAN SKA EXPLOSION... **ROBB BLAKE**

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MY PET
ALIEN



DJ Handley Hutch

Comper~~e~~ Chris Brown
(aka DJ Dapper Dan)

A One-day Cultural Festival

Raising funds for a new HQ for 1st Woodcutts Scouts

Tickets Available From CB Styles High Street, Handley:

18 and over - £10, 11-17s - £5, Under 10s - FREE



AUDIOBASE





News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

On April 12th Sixpenny Handley held their Annual Meeting. A new committee was elected and our President, Maggie Staplehurst, was re-elected for a second year. The cups for flower of the month and competition were presented to Rita Taylor and Heather Eynon. The Annual Cup competition was won by Lorna Starr for her jam-filled Victoria Sandwich. Refreshments followed with a beautifully decorated cake and drink to celebrate the 88th birthday of the W.I. here in Sixpenny Handley.

On April 15th Sixpenny Handley W.I. celebrated their birthday with a meal at the Rose and Crown at Harnham. The event was well attended and a successful evening was enjoyed by all those who went.

On April 22nd, 10 members attended the Spring Council Meeting of the Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. After the singing of Jerusalem, the morning began. Much of this session was taken up with the usual business, including the County Chairman's report and the presentation of the budget to May 2011, but concluded with two speakers, one from Heart Research UK and another from the National Pharmacy Association. The afternoon session saw the presentation of various cups and awards and a speaker from Taylor's Tea of Harrogate, but the final speaker was Erin Pizzey, who set up the first refuge in the world, in Chiswick, for desperate women and children escaping from domestic violence. She spoke about the history of the refuge and the work she is doing now. It was a powerful and passionate address and at times very emotional, her motto being 'to love the unlovable' and her religious view is that we are all God's children and we all are deserving of love.

On May 10th, the W.I. held their resolutions meeting. The single resolution to be put to the vote at this June's NFWI AGM in Cardiff is 'This meeting urges HM Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country'. After discussion the resolution was agreed by the Sixpenny Handley W.I. with 3 abstentions and 1 vote against. After the formal part of the meeting the members enjoyed some line dancing, which was appreciated by those who gallantly took part and those who watched on the side-lines. It was certainly a very social evening.

Sixpenny Handley W.I. continues to grow with one offshoot being the Craft Club which meets monthly and is at present making a patchwork bedspread (pictures below).

A W.I. Choir is soon to be started here in Sixpenny Handley, which is very exciting, so if the mood takes you and you would like to be involved in these new ventures, please get in touch.

Dates for the Diary

June 2nd AGM -Cardiff

June 14th Garden Meeting and Treasure hunt.

July 1st Group Outing to Cranborne Gardens

July 12th A Paddle along the Piddle: Mrs Anne King

There is no barrier to age, as the youngest member is in her thirties and the oldest is in her eighties. To attend a meeting on a trial basis, or for more information contact myself (01725 552885) or the Secretary Bobbie Carter.(01725 552042)

Rita Taylor
(Committee Member)



The Roebuck Inn

01725 552002

Tuesday Night: Steak Night Special

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

*8 oz Pan Fried Rump Steak
served with French Fries, Mushrooms, Onion & Tomato. £6.95*

Thursday Night: Fish & Chip Night Special

6.00pm to 9.00pm

*A generous portion of Cod in a Homemade Beer Batter served
with Chips, Peas & Salad Garnish. Eat in or Take Away. £6.95*

Or

*Homemade Beef Pie of the day served with French Fries &
Fresh Vegetables. £6.95*

Sunday Lunch

12.00pm to 2.00pm

*Traditional Sunday Roast. A choice of Tender Roast Beef or our
Succulent Roast Pork, served with Fresh Vegetables, Yorkshire
Pudding & Roast Potatoes. £6.95*

*A selection of Homemade Puddings all baked on the premises
£3.25*

*The Roebuck Inn
22 High Street
Sixpenny Handley
Salisbury SP5 5NR*



***Call your friends and join us for a great evening
of fun and prizes!***

THURSDAY 1st JULY

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM

START 7.30PM

TEA / COFFEE & HOME MADE CAKES

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE CHASE PRE-SCHOOL.
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1033941

Dad's Army

Britain's last line of defence, or "The thin red line".

The Homeguard, formerly the LDV (Local Defence Volunteer Force), was a more relaxed and humorous form of militarism as they were men drawn from all walks of life who were not eligible for military service. Many of them were in an elderly bracket, some with minor ailments, but all full of enthusiasm and eager to do their bit.

Many had done it all before in the 1914—18 war and took the matter seriously.

They drilled, handled small arms weapons, and fired live ammunition on the firing range on Martin Down. Fortunately the local belief, that if you could shoot rabbits you could shoot Germans, was never put to the test. Thank God.

Like most of the lads in the village, we had all joined the Army Cadet Force, and took part in exercises with the Homeguard. On several occasions the Homeguard did opposing exercises with the regular army. The locals had the advantage of knowing the countryside like the back of their hand, much to the surprise of many of the regulars taking part.

Most of the Homeguard parades and field exercises ended on a lighter note, usually terminating at about 12.30 pm outside the Roebuck Inn or the Hop and Barleycorn at Deanland.

This was a sort of belated NAFFI break, enabling the participants to take refreshment after the exertions of the morning.

Peter Bailey

Our established team of well qualified, dedicated and highly experienced staff welcomes you to Bright Sparks.
We have a lovely rural setting with ample indoor and outdoor space, enabling the children to explore and investigate their environment.
Watch your children blossom into happy, confident learners.

"Every Child Matters"

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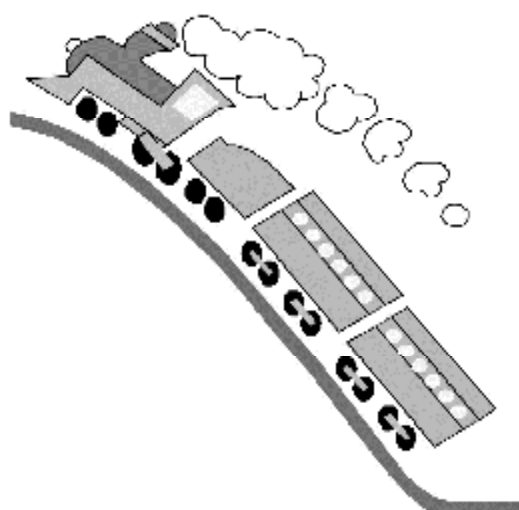
1yrs - under 8 yr olds

Nursery registered funding, 3 & 4yrs

1-2 yr olds £3.50 per hour
3-7 yr olds £3.00 per hour

Holiday Club Available

Bright Sparks



Nursery

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Established 1990

**"Bright Sparks Nursery school, provides high quality care for children.
The children make good progress in all areas of the learning."
*Ofsted report March '06***

Your child's well being is paramount.

**If you require any further information, to request a prospectus or to arrange a visit
please contact Angela, Karen or Nicky on 01722 781069
Email: brightsparksare@aol.com / Web site brightsparksnursery.net**

Evidence of Climate Change at Woodcutts?

It is easy to speculate about what we think is happening, or indeed what we think might happen. However, when there is conclusive evidence of what is occurring, in the form of an unadulterated photograph, there can be no disputing what is the *status quo* - we are in business. Unfortunately I cannot claim to have been the photographer of the picture below, but I can claim the bird feeder displayed as being in our front garden! The photograph was taken by my next door neighbour, Paul, just after six o'clock in the morning on the Tuesday after Easter while I was away on holiday. Paul had seen a large, white bird fly past his kitchen window at the back of the house and his interest was immediately raised. He is a true countryman and immediately realised that this was something unusual. He grabbed his camera, only to see the bird fly over the roof to the front of the house, where he discovered it a little later on the bird table in our garden waiting for the photo shoot. Unfortunately he then discovered his camera batteries were flat, but the bird was sympathetic and waited for his return with new batteries.



As is very obvious, the bird is a Greater Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo, a species not native to our part of the world. In fact, it is native of Australia and neighbouring islands; habitats much nearer the equator than this part of Dorset. So I suggest that it is a definite sign that global warming has come to Woodcutts; hence the title of this article, "Evidence of

Climate Change at Woodcutts".

Another avian visitor to Woodcutts recently is a Red Kite, which has been seen by many local people, including myself, and appears to have taken up residence here. Whether it is a single bird or has a mate it is too early to ascertain. It is a very majestic raptor and has given many wonderful displays of its ability to ride the air currents, circling and ascending and descending.



Another bird, the jackdaw, has been sharing the occupancy of Priory Cottages with its human tenants for many years. This year has been slightly different from

previous ones as they have been attempting to build a nest in our chimney. Being non-functional in its initial use, a concrete slab was laid over its outlet last summer to keep out the rain. This outlet had previously acted as the main entrance to the jackdaws' accommodation for at least eleven years, but now they do not understand why they can't open the door to what they consider is their maternity home. However, despite not being able to enter, they decided to continue building a nest. For six weeks now they have been piling sticks, moss and various other building materials onto the flat concrete slab in its very exposed position. This material of course, is very light and has little in the way of adhesives added to it which, of course, means that as soon as a breeze blows up all their building materials are blown off, ending in heaps on the front lawn.



Gosh it's exposed up here.

They are obviously very environmentally conscious, as they have used much of the material on more than one occasion, recycling bits and pieces blown down onto the lawn. Despite this reuse of materials we have still raked up two wheel-barrow loads of debris.

On telling my sister of the happenings, she innocently replied, "You would think that they would have twigged on by now." Then my brother, when told of the scenario, said, "I suppose they will have to branch out and move somewhere else". Even the Reverend Mel Durrant came up with the idea that these jackdaws must be "Bird brained"!

I have written much of this article in the farmhouse of my daughter at Fetcham, Surrey, a few miles north of Guildford, and had hoped to see and hopefully photograph the flocks of Ring Necked Parakeets that live around this area to show that global warming is occurring here as well as at Woodcutts, but unfortunately, no such luck.

Before leaving the subject of birds, I have got to tell you of two infrequent garden visitors we have had. The first, a yellowhammer, was here on a couple of occasions but did not stay long enough on either occasion to be photographed. The second was a bull finch, resplendent in its pink and blue-grey feathers of a male in the mating season. He stayed awhile eating the seeds from a

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dandelion head just a few feet from where I was sitting, but by the time I had fumbled for my camera he had flown. Although a beautiful bird, I hope he doesn't bring his friends to visit, as they can do much damage to the apple trees by eating the fruit buds.

It is as well that I have no other avian photographs as I must change course and talk about the wealth of wild flowers to be seen this year. I mentioned snowdrops in the last issue and what a wonderful show they had produced. Since then we have had bumper crops of celandines - possibly the best I can remember, daffodils in huge numbers, primroses in great profusion with wonderfully sized blooms, cowslips on the downland, particularly above Zig-Zag Hill on the way to Shaftesbury and on the slopes each side of the road north of Woodyates, and dandelions in prodigious numbers on almost every piece of grassland.

All the above flower species share the same inflorescence colour: yellow. There must be some relevance here, but I am not sure what it is. Other early wild flowers we have seen are the various violets, either white or blue, with all three local species being prolific this year. Now, in the second week of May we have a great profundity of white or pale blue flowers showing up, namely milkmaids, ransomes, wood anemones, stitchworts, jack-by-the-hedge, cow parsley and ox-eye daisies. Trees of many species have also flowered prolifically; the sloe (blackthorn), hawthorn (May), wayfaring tree, horse chestnut and all of the fruit trees seem to be blossoming in great profusion. Hopefully the late frosts will not damage these and fruit will be abundant this autumn.

One flower not yet mentioned is the bluebell. It is also having a bumper year and is transforming many areas of woodland in the area into beautiful vistas of a wonderful blue sheen.

Yet another very special and quite rare species, the snakes head fritillary, is also showing in superb form this

year, as the photograph shows. I did include a picture of it last year, but it is so superior this year that it deserves to be included here. This particular plant is self sown and has established itself between the path and the back north-facing wall next door. Its botanical name is *Fritillaria meleagris*, the generic name coming from *fritillus*, a dice box. This is thought not to refer to the shape of the inflorescence but to the chequered pattern of it, while *meleagris* comes from the scientific name of the guinea-fowl, because each section of the perianth looks like the pattern of the feathers of that particular bird.



So, you may say, what has all this to do with climate change and global warming? Well, all the above facts relate to the small piece of our world down the lane here at Woodcuts where, in the past eleven years of our residency, there has been a truly dramatic change. When we arrived, the twenty occupants of the nine properties here possessed between them nine vehicles - now there are fifteen vehicles and twenty-two occupants. So, in eleven years we have gone from 0.45 vehicles per person to 0.68 vehicles per person. This suggests that the CO₂ emission levels here have increased dramatically, hence the suggestion of localised global warming and the possible reason for the arrival of the cockatoo. We just hope that there isn't an influx of heavy goods vehicles to our area, because if there is, we might end up with ostriches 'flying' around Woodcuts. With this thought in mind, I must say goodbye for now.

Thank you for reading this and I hope it has encouraged you all to get your bicycles out.

God bless.

Ted Cox May 2010

Babies to School Age Children

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Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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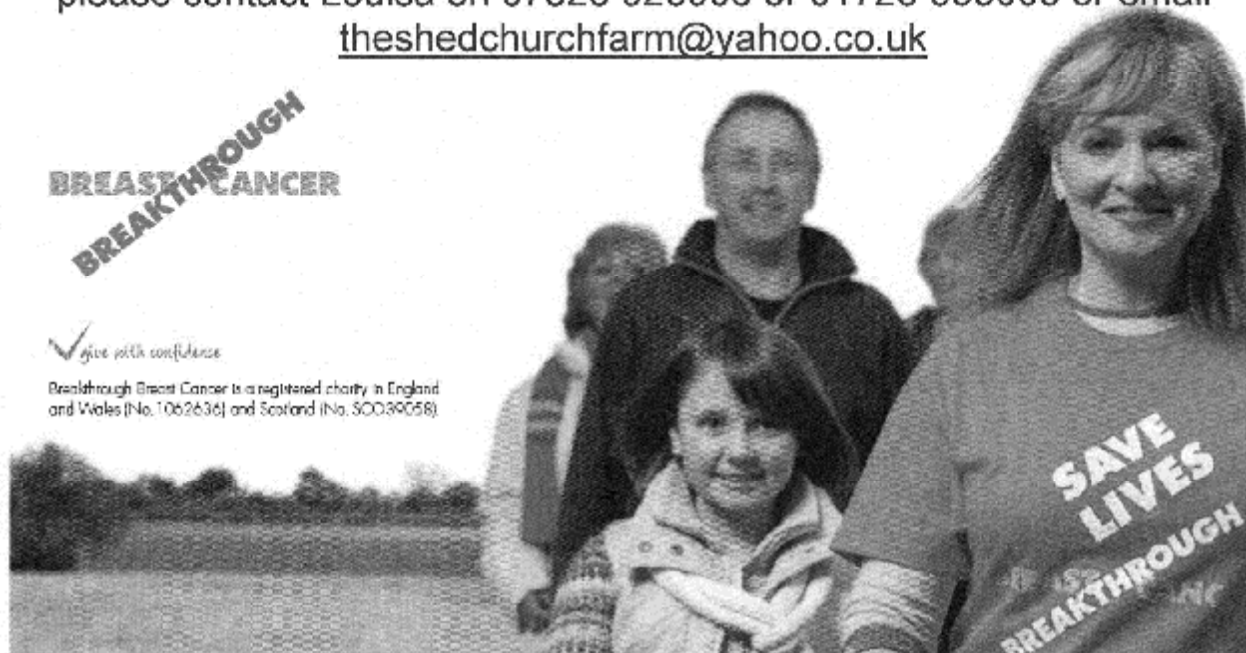
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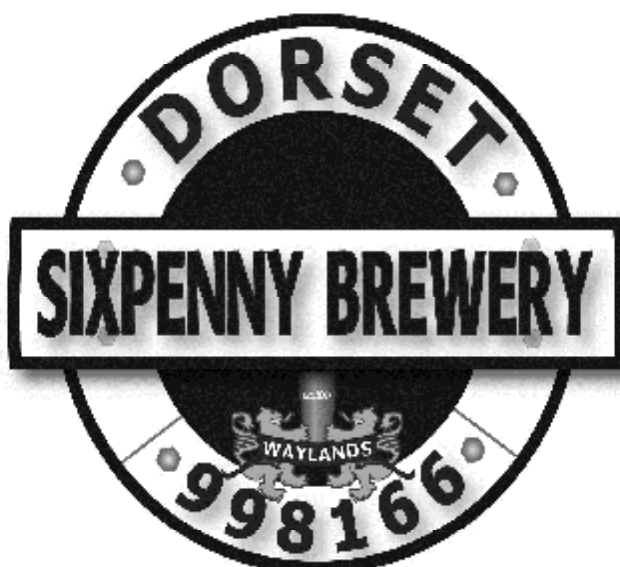
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A raffle will be held and provided sufficient support is forthcoming
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The event is to raise funds for 'Sixpenny Handley Sports Association'
and the quiz itself will be general knowledge based.

It will be helpful if contestants bring their own clipboard
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Entries should be telephoned to Bill Chorley on 01725 552776
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CARDS



Whist After seventeen keenly fought rounds [one round from the envisaged eighteen had to be cancelled due to inclement weather] Betty White who went into the final round as leader [albeit by a single advantage point] emerged at the end of 24-deals as victor by the narrow margin of two points over Gerald Trickey who has been in contention, and rarely out of the leading trio, throughout the competition. A spirited effort by Stuart Haskell to overtake the two leaders came to nothing but a fighting final round in which he netted 167 points was sufficient for him to displace Susie White from third to fourth in the table but with Betty and Gerald carding 169 and 168 respectively Stuart was unable to close the gap over his two rivals.

The keenness of the contest is mirrored in the fact that at the halfway point it was Stuart who held sway with 88 points while Betty had increased her aggregate margin over Gerald by six points. However, Gerald then began to reduce Betty's lead and at the end of deal 22 he was three points to the good over Betty and seemingly on course to take the title of Whist Champion for 2009-2010. But then good fortune deserted him and a disappointing twelve from the last two deals saw his lead vanish as Betty retook the lead with a ten and a six.

But overall on the night it was Nora Davis who came out on top with a magnificent 181 and but for a three on the penultimate deal may well have edged Betty out from the highest individual score for the competition of 182. Furthermore, Nora came to within ten points of gaining a top-ten finish while Doreen Leverton was next best on 170 [97 first half but a disappointing last twelve netting just 73 points]. Thus, the final placings for the 2009-2010 contest reads as follows:

Betty White	2755	and highest individual score	182
Gerald Trickey	2753		
Stuart Haskell	2736		
Susie White	2725		
Stuart Combs	2724		
Chris Napier	2714		
David Brine	2713	2008-2009 Champion	
Mary Braithwaite	2709		
Kingsley White	2708		
Peter Braithwaite	2703		

Betty's average over the seventeen rounds comes out at a shade of 162 points per round and the only other contestant to break into the '2700' points area was John York who finished with an aggregate of 2700.

Details for the 2010-2011 competition will appear in the next issue of *The Downsman*.

Bridge On the Tuesday prior to submitting this column to the editor the best attendance of the year arrived at the sports' pavilion with seventeen of the club's nineteen membership taking part in the afternoon session. The highlight of the play was a 7 No Trump auction bid and made by your scribe - Nora Davis being his partner for the occasion. During the eight weeks since reporting last 3,000 plus scores have been returned by six players [Peter Braithwaite; John and Nora Davis; your scribe and Gerald Trickey].

Bill Chorley

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

March

1st	£25	87	Mrs Burroughs
2nd	£15	70	Mr & Mrs Pettitt
3rd	£10	120	Mrs Poolman

April

1st	£25	103	Mrs Broadway
2nd	£15	107	Mr Jermyn
3rd	£10	15	Mr Chorley

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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 for those who come after. KING GEORGE VI

The clocks have gone forward and we are able to enjoy that evening work hour. I find this time most productive probably because I set myself a task, concentrate on the job in hand and work hard to get it done in the time available. I find it ideal for all those bits and bobs things that I somehow don't seem to find time for at the weekend.

The swallows arrived at the beginning of April. There's a saying that one swallow doesn't make a summer, but after a winter like we have just experienced, even a single swallow is a welcome sight. March swallows are recorded every year in the UK, with most sightings on the Isles of Scilly or the south coast. However it's not until the first week of April that the birds start to arrive in any numbers, though severe weather or strong winds in the Mediterranean can delay their arrival here by several days.

Swallows are remarkably faithful to the site where they were born. Since you last saw them they will have flown a round journey of some 12,000 miles to South Africa and back. First to return are the males, with the longest tail streamers, and they will sing to attract a mate. About 10 years ago a pair of swallows made a home and successfully reared a brood in our front porch, a process they repeated for the next 4 years, and then suddenly they stopped. We have left the old nests in the hope that they might attract another pair with no result, until this year when a pair of Robins has moved in, and they seem to be sitting tight on a clutch of eggs.

A new study by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has charted the return of ravens to the English

lowlands. According to the study, during the past 20 years the birds have spread eastwards from the Welsh borders to the Midlands. By 2005 they had spread as far south as East and West Sussex.

At the back of the house we have a hedge that runs the length of three large fields. When we first came here 30 years ago there were three old unused badger setts in this hedge. Then about 10 years ago the smallest of them showed signs of activity, three years later they occupied the middle sett, and now, judging by the excavations, the largest sett in the bluebell wood has tenants. Badgers, like some members of the weasel family, use an unusual breeding system involving delayed implantation. Most cubs are born underground in February, where they remain for the next eight weeks. Now at the beginning of May they will be taking their first look above ground, and if you are lucky you may see them at dusk on mild dry nights.

Rare species and habitats in the New Forest are to benefit from a conservation agreement, launched last week by Natural England. This will provide £16million over the next 10 years to help safeguard the traditional grazing methods that shaped its unique wildlife. The New Forest is the largest lowland heath in Europe and boasts the finest deciduous woodlands in Southern England.

Finally a gardening tip: leave a full water can in the greenhouse or poly tunnel overnight, and use this to water in your seeds or seedlings that you are transplanting. This avoids giving them a shock of cold water from the tap or water butt.

Richard Harwood

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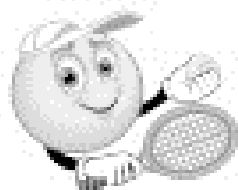
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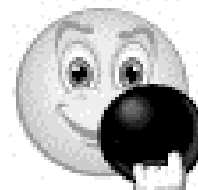
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Sports Day



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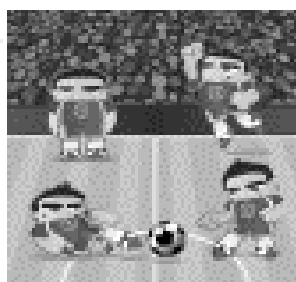
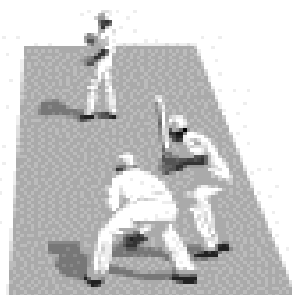
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Dean Lane	3.50 – 4.05
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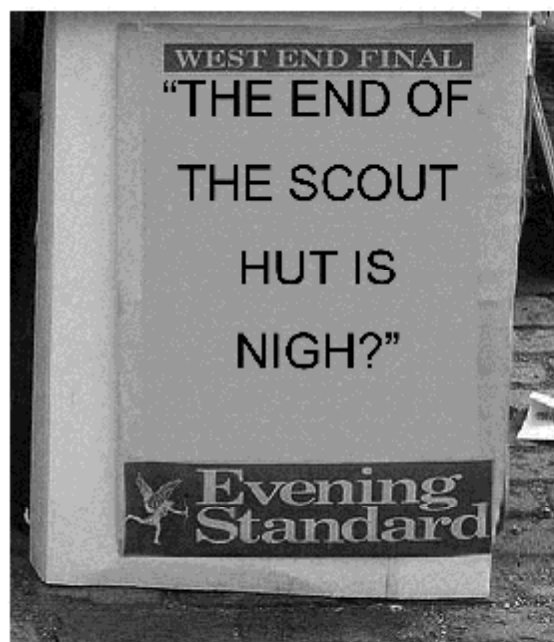
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1st Woodcutts News

16th May 2010

A New HQ For The New Year?



New Scout HQ is a Step Closer!

1st Woodcutts are looking forward to their last summer in their current scout hut. The team masterminding the building of the new HQ are looking to finalise plans in early September.

The project plan will include support from the County, District and Parish councils the District Scout Association and other local groups who will rent the HQ for meetings.

As previously reported, the current scout hut has been on site for nearly 30 years. It is in a poor state and desperately needs to be replaced.

Preliminary Steps

In preparation for the build there will be some activity on site prior to the demolition of the current hut. On May 22nd soil samples will be taken and a survey will take place.

The Electricity Board will also be on site later in the year to move the electricity pole.

Darts night

The recent annual darts evening at the Village hall was another successful event raising money for the new HQ. The eventual winner of the trophy was Simon Wallworth, Handley's more sophisticated answer to Phil Taylor.

The event was supported by Wayland's Sixpenny Brewery, whose fine ales were drunk dry during the course of the evening.

Over £800 was raised. Next year's event is in the early planning stages and may be one of the first social events in the new HQ

Keeping to a Budget

In these times of recession the Scouts have been working hard to make every penny count. They have convinced a parent to volunteer their skills in project managing the rebuild, and have looked at every aspect of the build to ensure they always get value for money

Raising Funds

The healthy reserves built up following a number of successful fundraising events have been boosted by a number of recent grant applications.

Grant applications

Further grant applications should come to fruition very soon. The scouts hope to get substantial funds from The Big Lottery Fund, A Landfill Community Grant and Grassroots Fund. The rebuild team aim is to have all successful applications by the end of the summer to allow the project plan to be submitted by 10th Sept.

Future Events

To build up funds, we are planning many more events over the next year including "Handley Scoutfest", see the next page for details.

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

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1st Woodcutts News

16th May 2010

Brownsea Island Camp May 2010



In August 1907, Lieutenant-General Robert Baden-Powell took a group of boys to Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour for what became recognised as the world's first Scout camp; the event is regarded as the real origin of the worldwide Scout movement.

Over the May bank holiday weekend it was the turn of the 1st Woodcutts Beavers, Scouts and Cubs to follow in the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors. Early on Saturday morning the Scouts and Cubs headed to Sandbanks to take the ferry across to Brownsea Island where they stayed until Monday afternoon. On Sunday they were joined for the day by the 18 excited Beavers.

Over the course of the weekend the Scouts and Cubs enjoyed being let loose exploring the island looking for elusive red squirrels. They also got a chance to try their hand at archery, orienteering, low-ropes course and fishing. The Beavers learnt about environmental art, creating images from the natural things they could find in the woodland, and went hunting for mini-beasts vying for the most legs on a mini-beast or the slimiest slug. Their afternoon was rounded off with a stroll on the beach and an ice lolly before reluctantly boarding the ferry home.

Other Activities

Handley Scoutfest 2010

On June 5th a mini music festival takes place at the Village Hall, raising money for the Scouts. Handley Scoutfest is billed as a one-day Cultural Festival; five local musical acts will appear on stage: Middlenamekill, My Pet Alien, Robb Blake, Gambling Hearts and City Stereo. The event is supported by Sixpenny Brewery and Dave Styles Audiobase PA.

The doors open at 5pm, with the first band on at 6pm. The final act is at 10.20 pm, and doors close at 11.30 pm. Compare for the evening will be Wimborne's Dapper Dan, and in between acts there will be a DJ spinning a selection of top tunes to keep the atmosphere going. A bar is available for those over 18 and soft drinks for the younger attendees.

More details are available on Handley Scoutfest's very own Facebook page; just go to www.facebook.com and type in Scoutfest in the search box. Tickets are available from C&B Styles in Handley.

Handley Street Fayre

For the third year running the scouts will have been on hand to ensure safe parking at the Street Fayre. The Scouts would like to thank all of those who used the parking in John Clarke's field and continue to support scouting in Sixpenny Handley.

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

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Age 8-10½
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Andy Young (Akela)
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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
Andy Turner
01725 552735

Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
01725 552397

Local History

ANCIENT:

The "Shaftesbury Arms" was an old Coaching House at East Woodyates, which was situated on the main Blandford to Salisbury road and believed to have had historical interest. It is reputed to have been the last resting place of the Duke of Monmouth whilst fleeing from the disastrous battle of Sedgemoor, Weston Zoyland, Somerset in July 1685. With him were three others: Lord Grey, Anton Buyse (Dutch) and Richard Holliday from Shaftesbury who acted as a guide, bringing them safely through the Cranborne Chase to this Woodyates Inn despite the scouring of the southern counties by the Sussex Militia.

It is said that during the night of 6th July 1685 all four, disguised as shepherds, proceeded across country to the village of Cranborne, where they split into two parties.

Earl Grey and Holliday were captured at Holt in the early morning of the 7th July.

Buyse and Monmouth were captured in the morning of the following day, 8th July, at the edge of Horton Heath. The Duke was found hiding in a ditch under an ash tree. This spot to this day is still known as the Monmouth Ash, and a public house of that name still prevails in that area.

Monmouth and Early Grey were interrogated in a house at Ringwood and duly transported to the Tower of London, where Monmouth was beheaded at Tower Hill on Wednesday 15th July 1685. It was a rather barbaric affair carried out in public.

Earl Grey, however, had procured a pardon on payment of a large sum of money to the value of £40,000.

A tragic end to a protestant rebellion in defiance of the Catholic King James 2nd.

MODERN:

My interest in the "Shaftesbury Arms" began late in the summer of 1940 during the Second World War. The old coaching inn had been taken over and was being used as the headquarters and billets by a searchlight unit of the British army.

The searchlights and the technical paraphernalia were set up in a field on the other side of the road opposite the inn.

As a young teenager, living in the village of Sixpenny Handley, I was always eager to improve my financial

status which I did by delivering Telegrams after school or at any other free time.

The Post Office at that time was at the top end of the village and was situated in a downstairs room at the end of the house opposite the War Memorial. The room was separated by a counter and a wire mesh screen and on the wall was a large round clock which was visible from the road. It was not unusual to see someone looking through the window to check the time of day. The owner and postmistress during the war was a Miss Edith Adams.

Telegram messages were sent from one post office to another on a primitive form of a single tape machine. The message was then written on a special form and despatched to a given destination, usually incurring a wait whilst the recipient responded with a written reply.

In those days, private telephones were rare, most users being mainly people in a business of some sort.

This part time activity of mine often meant cycling four country miles to deliver to the army at this former Woodyates Inn, for which I was paid the princely sum of 1 shilling 7 pence (old money). After reporting to the guardroom just inside the main entrance, I would have to wait for a reply. The soldiers were always friendly, and I was often given a mug of hot tea, made with tinned milk. Very acceptable on a cold day!

After the end of the "Luftwaffe" bombing raids on this country, the army moved on. The Women's Land Army then took over the site until it was demolished about 1950.

A stone tablet and plaque now stands on the grass verge on the former site of the Shaftesbury Arms. It refers to a re-enactment of a journey in August 2005 to commemorate the news of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar in Spain in 1805. News was transported by post-chaise (form of lightweight carriage drawn by two horses at a fast pace) from the port of Falmouth in Cornwall to the Lords of the Admiralty in London. The Dorset leg of the journey took in Portesham, Portland, Weymouth, Dorchester, the Crown Hotel at Blandford and the Shaftesbury Arms at East Woodyates, then on to the Guildhall at Salisbury and finally London.

Peter Bailey

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Rob's Column

The First Warm Day

The first warm day - O lovely phrase
After the dreary winter days
To wake one morning with a start
And know deep down within your heart

That Spring has blossomed overnight
With all her shining lamps a-light.

The sun's bright warmth on earth
and sky,

A little warm wind going by,
To look and find a rub of green
Poking its nose up through a screen
Of matted grass and sodden ground
With triumph, like a bugle sound.

The first warm day - how hearts are
stirred,

How sweetly flows the spoken word
In happy greetings to a friend.

Above the road the tall trees bend
Like ladies at a royal tea
Bowing before great company.

A thousand hearts rejoice and sing
To greet the first warm day of spring
Has it arrived yet - I think not.

Yesterday I committed a crime! I did
some fly tipping,, but it was no use.
When I got back home the little
swines had flown back to the kitchen.

What am I?

I saw you toss the kites on high
And blow the birds about the sky,
And all around I heard you pass,
Like ladies skirts across the grass.

I saw the different things you did,
But always you yourself you hid.
I felt you push, I heard you call,
I could not see yourself at all.

O, you that are so strong and cold,
O blower, are you young or old?
Are you a beast of field and tree
Or just a stronger child than me?

The wind.

Quick Drinking

Having just finished a hard day's work, a man went into a public house, walked up to the bar and said, "A pint of best, please." He downed the drink in no time at all and slapped the empty glass on the bar. "Same again!" he called. He was served with another pint which he dispatched with equal haste. "Do you always drink like that?" enquired the curious barman. "Only since my accident," replied the man sorrowfully. "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that," said the barman. "What did you do?"

The man looked round before answering to make sure no-one was listening. "It was last Wednesday," he said. "I knocked a full glass over."

(Must have been drinking 6D Best - too good to waste! All the best to Waylands Sixpenny Brewery for the future).

I asked my mate, "How come you can read in the dark?" He replied, "I attended night school for 5 years."

I went to the opticians today. I said to him, "Do you think I need glasses?" He took me to the door and pointed up in the air and said, "What's that?" I said, "It's the sun." He replied, "Well, how much further do you want to see?"

Sometimes I wonder, "Why is that Frisbee getting bigger?" And then it hits me!

If owls get caught in the rain are they 2 wet 2 woo?

Getting up early didn't do the worm much good, did it?

Chocolate

It's not all bad news. Experts have discovered that chocolate can actually be good for you. So here's some of its health benefits:

Mood Booster: there's scientific proof that chocolate can boost your mood thanks to a compound called Phenylethylamine.

Heart helper: according to a study by Harvard University, chocolate can be good for your heart thanks to the cocoa in it because it improves blood flow.

Pressure's off: Italian research says that dark chocs can help lower blood pressure and also improve how the body processes sugar, which is good for diabetics.

Better than Blueberries and wine: dark chocolate is even better than the super fruit or a glass of red wine when it comes to levels of antioxidants, properties that help the body fight off disease.

Skin heaven: researchers in Germany found cocoa can improve the appearance of skin.

Brain buzz: a US study found that chocolate improved memory and reaction times.

Muscle Magic: a study in the US says chocolate may be beneficial to your workout.

Stroke Beater: eating small amounts of dark chocolate each week has been linked to a 20% to 45% reduced risk of having a stroke.

Clot Buster: there's evidence that eating dark chocolate can stop clots in the same way as aspirin.

Cough for it: scientists at Imperial College, London, claim ingredients in chocolate may help treat a tickly cough.

(Keep Cadburys going - it's our heritage, not Kraft. They're Kraft by name, are they Kraft by nature? - Taken from a daily paper)



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18th and 19th September 2010

TEA TENT

The tea tent is raising money for Breast Cancer and The Dorset Kidney Fund, two incredibly deserving charities, so please help if you can.

Would you be prepared to bake cakes, biscuits, or savouries to sell at the tea tent at this year's Country Fayre? All contributions really would be gratefully received. Collection of goodies can be arranged if necessary.

We are trying to arrange a rota well in advance, so that no-one has to be "tied to the tent" all day. So if you are willing to lend a hand to serve, waitress and tidy up, we would love to hear from you. Aprons etc will be provided; we hope that as well as working hard for good causes we will have fun doing so. If you are a cheery, happy, personable person we need you, and your friends! Please make contact with one of us, or send the slip below so we can draw up a rota.

Many thanks

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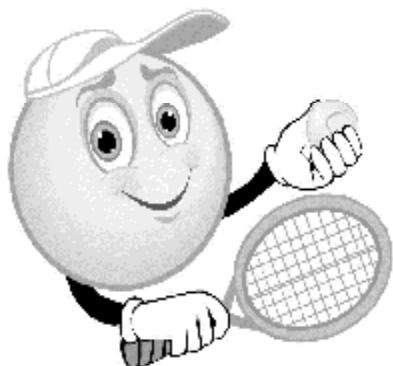
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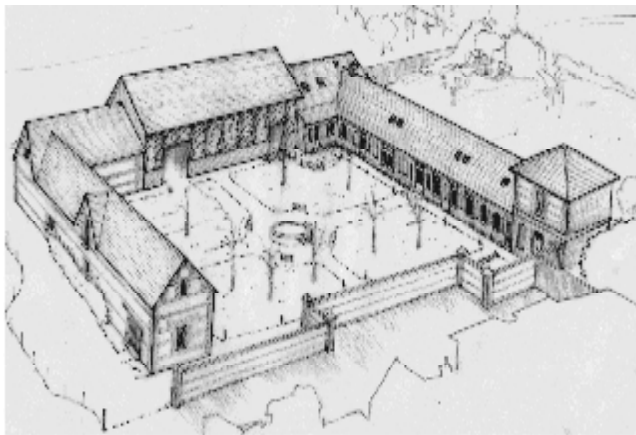
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We hope that this brief introduction tempts you to call. Book 24 hours in advance and come and visit. You will be made very welcome!

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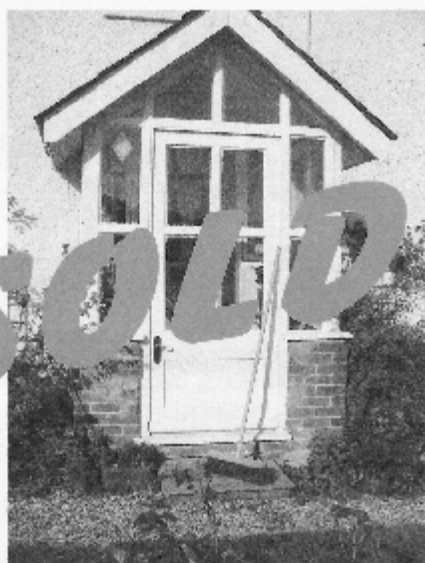
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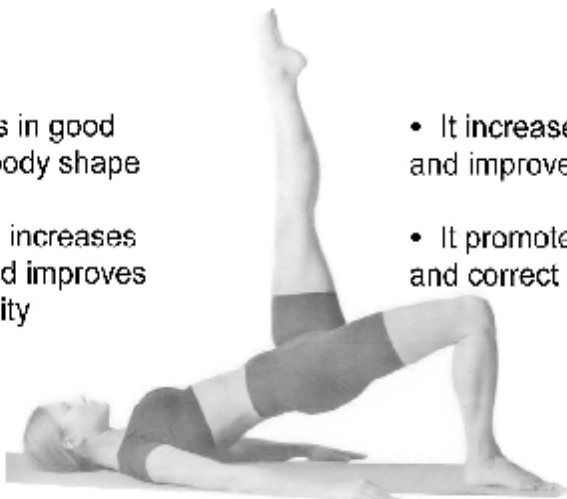
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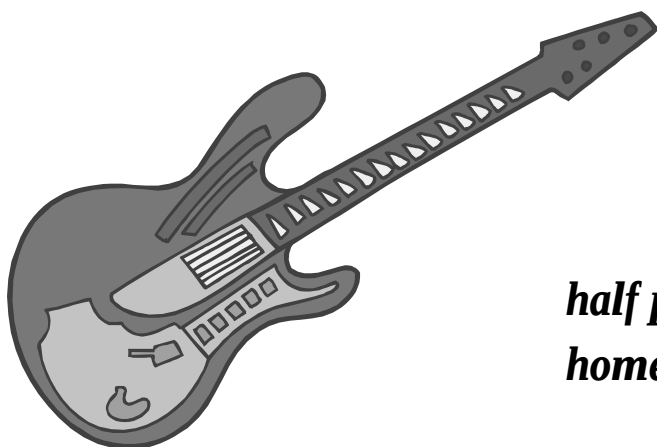
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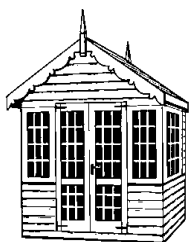
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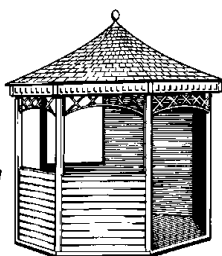


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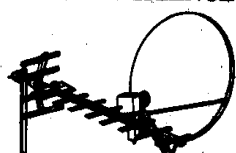
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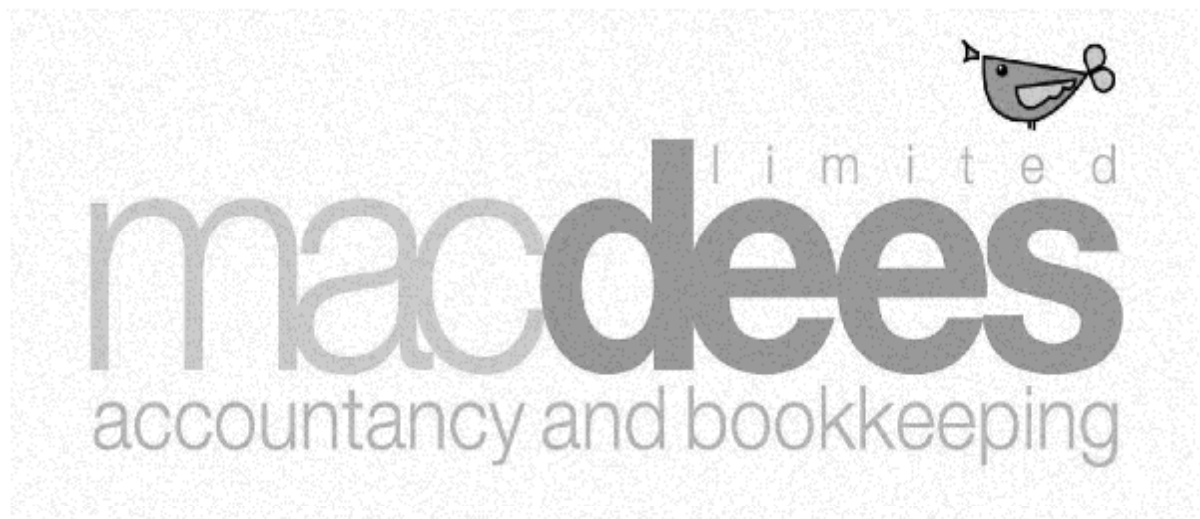
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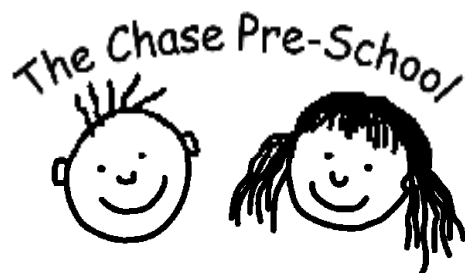
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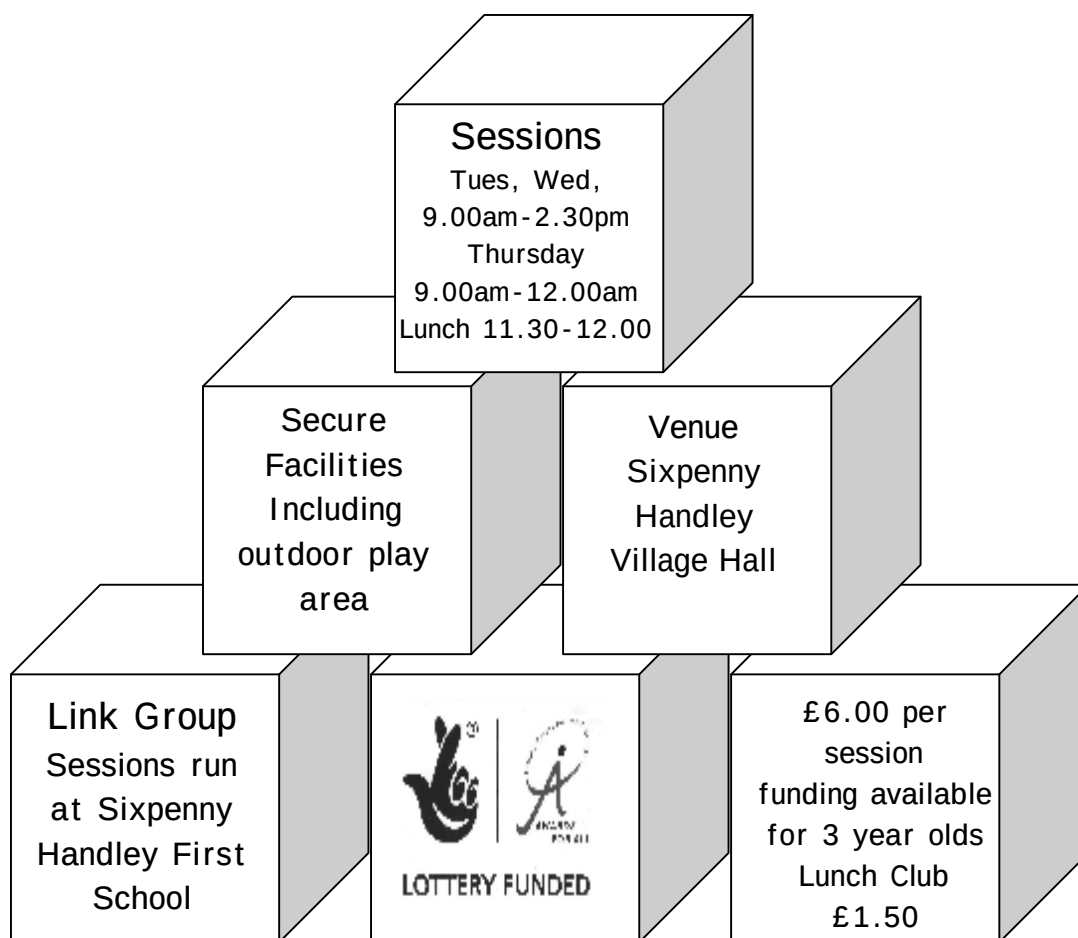
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