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**Sixpenny Handley
Community 'Splash'
Day**

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Welcome to the latest edition of *The Downsman*.

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As the new editor of the Downsman, on behalf of all the readership and those involved in it's production I would like to thank Margaret for all her work with the magazine. I would like also to thank everyone who has wished me well in this new venture. I am very new to this type of publishing having only had previous experience publishing websites (which have the huge advantage of being changeable as soon as a mistake is spotted!).



Advertising Costs

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

We regret that flyers cannot be distributed within the Downsman.

As to the job Margaret says it takes her three evenings to edit the whole thing, but I think she has had practice, so I have given myself a week to learn all about MS Publisher and do the job... if you receive this in the first week of August I have conquered the challenge!

If you have anything you would like in the next issue of the Downsman be it advert or editorial please see the dates below and how to send me the copy.

Naomi Booth

Please email
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to ensure your articles and news
reach us
(preferably in Word, please)

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

Clerk's Corner



The Parish Council has been busy responding to a variety of issues in the Parish. We are pleased to have come to an agreement with the residents of Deanland to retain and maintain the Deanland

Telephone Box. The residents at Woodcutts are giving some thought to what they may like to do with their redundant box. Unfortunately, the box at Woodyates was stolen last year. We are also progressing with plans to install some additional play equipment at the Recreation Area; we are currently getting quotes together to agree who will supply and then we can arrange funding. We are also in discussion with the Allotment Association to erect sheds and the Bowls Club to erect a new Clubhouse and hopefully you will have noticed the newly painted Bus Shelter by the Parish Office and repairs to the Bus Shelter in the High Street. With the recent Jubilee Celebrations, we were very pleased to have been able to supply children in the Parish with a commemorative mug and councillors visited both Sixpenny Handley First School and Cranborne Middle School to present them to the children. We were also pleased to be asked to help at the First School Fete last month. After much discussion and advice and thought, the Parish Council responded to the Core Strategy pre-submission Consultation Document. The rural parishes of East Dorset also responded jointly as all are concerned about sustainability and development of the countryside over the next 15 years and felt very strongly that the document should be sound prior to submission to the Secretary of State.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Parish Council website for up to date information

www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

The Parish Council meets three times a month. Our agenda's and minutes are published on the website and agenda's are displayed on the local notice boards. If you have something you would like to talk to the Councillors about, please do not hesitate to drop into the office on a Tuesday morning or Thursday evening when Gill is available or contact us on the above number, or alternatively just come along to a parish council meeting. Please note meetings may be subject to change so it is always best to check.

New Recycling and Waste Service arriving in the Spring

Presentation Sixpenny Village Hall 6:30pm
Wednesday 28th November 2012

Residents of Sixpenny Handley, Pentridge and the surrounding area will receive a new recycling and waste collection service in the Spring. All of the partner councils in the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP), including East Dorset District Council, have approved the shared service, which aims to boost recycling rates and save councils £2m. The service will be provided by the DWP on behalf of district councils and will be introduced across Dorset in phases, with the first phase commencing this autumn in Christchurch and parts of East Dorset. There are currently 12 different collections across Dorset's six districts. By working together with one service, councils will drive down buying and management costs, enabling them to re-invest money in other frontline services. Increasing opportunities for kerbside recycling could also help push Dorset's recycling rate over 65%.

Households will receive the following service as standard:

- A weekly food waste collection using a seven-litre kitchen caddy and a larger, lockable container
- A fortnightly recycling collection using a 240-litre wheelie bin for paper and cardboard, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, cans and aerosols, a 55-litre box for glass and a small bag for batteries
- A fortnightly refuse collection, using a 140-litre wheelie bin

Households will also have the option of a fortnightly garden waste collection, using a 240-litre wheelie bin (for an annual subscription of £35) or a reusable bag (£25).

The new service is designed to be flexible. The DWP will work with households whose circumstances mean that the standard service is not workable. Households that have no outside space, require extra bin capacity or need help moving bins will be able to request a non-standard service or assisted collection. Households will be sent a leaflet early in the New Year explaining what will be changing and how to apply for a non-standard service. The DWP will be giving a presentation about the new service at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall starting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 November 2012 where people will be able to see the bins and speak with staff.

For more information about the new waste service, including a list of frequently asked questions, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset or phone 01305 221040. **THANK YOU**

Thank You

Liz Coombs and Stella Olsen sincerely thank all those involved with our **Fashion Extravaganza** on 14th June, to Travelling Trends for providing such a good show, our stunning models Becky, Caroline, Diana, Fiona, Gail and Lucy, our helpers Amy Hannah, Kate, Lynne and Maureen. Ben and Richard for their invaluable help with the chairs.

Finally to all of you who came on a very wet evening and enthusiastically supported the cause. We are pleased to announce we raised

£950 for Breast cancer Care.

Hope to see you all again at our Christmas Coffee morning in early December (date to be confirmed).

THANK YOU MARGARET

After over four years at the helm as Editor of the Downsman, the committee are exceedingly grateful to Margaret Cornish for all her hard work.

Also grateful thanks go to her husband John who has looked after the advertising for the last three years.

Margaret was presented with a rose and garden vouchers by the chairman of the Parish Council at the meeting at the end of June.



Dear Downsman,
I would just like to thank everyone who came and supported Open Farm Sunday at Myncen Farm and hope people enjoyed themselves. We have had some lovely

feedback and photo's and it makes you realise all the effort you put in is worthwhile. I would also like to thank all the people who came out to support the Sixpenny Handley Community day on such a wet day (people showed real British spirit). Well done and thank you again.

Yours sincerely S E Meaden



Thanks



Little Pennies

Preschool and all of the regulars at their fund-raising bingo evenings would like to thank Richard Adlem for the kind donation of a bingo machine which will make the nights run all the smoother.

We would also like to thank Charlie Regnart our wonderful caller and all those who come and support us. All the children at Little Pennies have benefited greatly this year with extras like a Butterfly Hatchery and wormery,

If you feel you could help with pre-school in any capacity including chair person please contact Andrea 01925 552392

Stay 'n' Play all Summer

Sure Start Children's Centres

Sure Start Children's Centre in Dorset run a **Stay 'n' Play** session for 0 - 5 year olds in **Sixpenny Handley Village Hall** every **Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30 am** including the summer holidays (and you can bring siblings too).

The Stay 'n' Play is an opportunity to experience and enjoy a variety of play activities in a relaxed and friendly environment supported by an experienced Family Support Worker who can also offer advice and discussion.

Phone 01202 855056 for more or just pop along and see us there!

Nuts about Nature at Sixpenny Handley Wednesdays 1, 15 & 29 August

Between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

Meet behind the Village Hall next to the play area

Join the Rangers for some fun nature based games and activities in Sixpenny Handley this summer.

All sessions are completely FREE.

Nuts about Nature sessions are delivered by the Rangers of East Dorset's Countryside Management Service. **These Open Access sessions are not childcare. Children aged 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.** Please wear sensible clothing and footwear for the outdoors.

For more information please telephone the Rangers at Moors Valley Country Park on 01425 470721.

Sixpenny Handley Community 'Splash' Day

7th July 2012



A splash it was despite several hopeful moments when the sky looked brighter but then the rain seemed to come down even harder.

So much was planned, so many people involved and a good day was hoped for. The rain was just against us!! Having said that, it was amazing that all the bands, entertainers, stalls, food vendors, groups and individuals did turn up as they promised so thank you and how very British!!

To start the afternoon Andy Turner led the small but special procession with Nigel as Maureen and some very brave children carrying flags of the world round the tarmac areas, the pitch was so soggy we could not use it.

We are so lucky in our Community to have buildings that can accommodate plans that have to be altered in the early hours, to hopefully get as many people, stalls and entertainers under cover. Thanks to St Mary's who always have an amazing array of activities, things to sell, Thomas, that famous train and his Station Master our own Chairman of the Parish Council David Lockyer. The Shed, instead of a few stalls; breakfast seating was rearranged and 18 stalls ended up under cover there were some very happy people and grateful for the dry cheerful atmosphere. The Pavilion became the base for 6D Brewery & Cranborne Cider, the 'Arfur Sixpence Band' with Paul Styles and David Gray, some fabulous music guys thank you !!! outside the BBQ fed the wet and hungry and the Archery said how much they enjoyed themselves and would come again. In the Village Hall, a celebration of all that is good.

The WI celebrating 90yrs in Handley and Chase Community Friends celebrating 25yrs. On stage Verwood Concert Brass gave an excellent performance and enjoyed their burgers for their afternoon break. Teas & Coffee by the WI with a biscuit or two and then came Ash & Tom Freestyle Ball Artists of SBX Urban Entertainers who travelled from Cardiff especially, they were sad about the weather and would be so very happy to come again. They said it was the most fun they had for a while they were such very nice guys and really tried to make the most of a very wet day. They used the small space in the Village Hall well, in fact brilliantly and both adults and children were truly amazed at their skills and fun wanting to get as many involved as they could including one brave dad.....well done Nigel!! They would like to come back and have a real session in the Village Hall so let us know what you think and maybe they will return!! Verwood Concert Brass were reduced from a 28 piece band that would have been fabulous outside but an excellent 13 came and they were very much appreciated.

The Custom Subaru Cars came and what some spectacular cars thanks to Mark for putting me in touch with Hayley much appreciated. Sadly Kevin Easter and Salisbury Model Aircraft Club had to cancel so that would have been a brilliant exhibition of cars and aircraft. The Dog Show was called off by the judges and Linda who arranged it was so disappointed, Jo's Ferrets well they needed to be warm in their homes not ringing wet. The Trikes the Children of the First School and Bouncy Castle all rained off poor Adam even injured his leg the day before so he was out of action and Mike Rose was going to do some Skate Boarding in the Park... oh well no one can beat mother nature!!

On a final note the thanks as always, but specifically to Simon and Ros who have been my right hand men so to speak for a good while now. without them nothing would happen we are The Musketeers!! To Bett despite everything carries on and helps as much as possible, Jeff you are the man!! Thank you for struggling with the rain and that radio microphone. Catherine, Ian, Dee and Alistair who got soaked but still smiled and tried to welcome the brave who came to share what was able to carry on. Liberty's Owl and Raptors took refuge under the trees and brought some fantastic birds and stayed with us almost to the end.

To the Sports Association for the BBQ, 6D Brewery, and again especially to the Arfur Sixpence Band who got together for us and played some brilliant music. Sarah Styles and a few volunteers braved the rain to try and raise money for new play equipment for the village play area on the Rec, am sure donations would still be very welcome!!! there is a real need for more to make it a better place for children of all ages to come and play here in the Village and nearby communities rather than travelling to Verwood or Blandford for a good space. I hope St Mary's had a successful day and thanks to Mel who has been so supportive throughout the preparations, The Bowls Club who sadly were unable to do what they hoped, but again my thanks for your willingness and support throughout!! The St Johns came with loads of cadets as every other Event in the area had been cancelled.

There were others who helped us to get there and some helped on the day so a massive thank you to you too. Denise for getting soaked in clearing up, Tony for manning the Village Hall, Carol and the Judge for the photography and as always The Shed for being so accommodating and setting up your Moroccan night which I hear was brilliant. If I have left anybody out please accept my apologies... without you Events could not take place.

So for us the Celebratory Events have been done. We hope those who came enjoyed themselves and will remember this year as being special for our Community too. Thanks to AONB and East Dorset District Council for the grants which helped towards costs, the Parish Council who paid for our insurance and everyone who got involved in some way, but mostly to our guests and the brave people who splashed their way to us to share the day. Look on Facebook and www.sixpennyhandley.co.uk for pictures and if anyone has any others please let us know, we would love to share them with you.

Maureen 8th July 2012

Famous Sayings from the past

Who said it, where and when.?

1. England expects that every man this day will do his duty
2. They have sown the wind, they shall reap the whirlwind.
3. You have never had it so good.
4. The pound in your pocket will not be affected
5. If the British Empire lasts a thousand years, men will say this was their finest hour.
6. We are going to the moon
7. That's one small step for a man, a giant leap for mankind.
8. You turn if you want to, the Lady's not for turning.
9. What famous pugilist said, " I am the greatest " and probably was.
10. Who was prone to saying, . " Know what I mean Harry "

Peter Bailey

Answers on page 22

Reminder ROB's AUCTION Saturday October 13th

Small items Wanted

In aid of Village Hall Funds

Family History

My wife and I have just had a very pleasant visit to Sixpenny Handley as we are researching my Grandmother, **Alice KERLEY**, who was born there in 1872 as was most of her forebears. Alice's parents were **Henry KERLEY** and Charlotte **GREEN**. My Great Great Grandparents were **Ralph KERLEY** born c. 1791 and **Mary MAIDMENT**.

We visited the church yard of St. Mary's Church to find some graves but unfortunately to no avail. Would any of your readers recognise any of these names?

In our research we have come across a photograph of a family outing which we believe could have been taken in or around Sixpenny Handley. We hope that someone could recognise anything from it. We believe that Sydenham could be a store and it looks like a Library next to it. This photo may have been taken around 1925. The photographer J.D.BEVAN is from Tisbury, which does not seem too far from Sixpenny Handley.



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Village Hall 100 Club Winners

MAY
1st £25 74 Mrs. Summeril
2nd £15 100 Mr. Hunt
3rd £10 50 Mrs. Pearson

JUNE
1st £25 32 Mrs. Martin
2nd £15 103 Mrs. Broadway
3rd £10 7 Mrs. Salmons

The 100 Club is run in aid of the Village Hall.
If you would like to join and have a chance to win, please contact Bea Boyland on 552805



THE CHASE GARDEN CLUB

The Chase Garden Club's Autumn and Winter programme for 2012 starts on 27th September. Non-members are welcome at all meetings which commence at 7.30pm in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall. At every meeting there is a raffle, plant sale and refreshments. Membership is £20 per annum or £3 per meeting for non-members.

The programme starts as follows -

Thursday 27th September	'Sissinghurst Castle'	Elaine Singleton
	'Harold and Vita's Legacy'	
Thursday 25th October	'Herbal Lore and Legend'	Sue Bower

For further information regarding the above please contact either -
Gill Carter on 01725 552030 or Louise Walford on 01725 516384



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

On 24th May Sixpenny Handley W.I. hosted the Group Meeting at the Village Hall. The speaker was Peter Marshall who gave an interesting talk on his time working for the BBC, particularly that spent as the Editor of South at Six, BBC South's first regional programme in 1961. The session was well attended and as usual the finger buffet went down a treat!

On 31st May 16 members and their husbands and friends enjoyed a visit to the Swannery and the Tropical Gardens at Abbotsbury. The weather was kind to us and it proved to be a brilliant day.



Unfortunately the June Garden Meeting to be held at the home of our President Maggie Staplehurst had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather.

On the 21st June four members joined others from the Beacon Group for a visit to the garden of Cottage Row in Tarrant Gunville. Mr and Mrs Pawson, the planners and the workforce for the garden gave a fascinating guided tour explaining how the garden had been developed. Cottage Row garden features in the 'Yellow Book' and is well worth a visit. The weather was horrendous, however during an interlude between the heavy showers, the garden was a delight both visually and "olfactory" – full of evocative perfumes. Some members bought plants before retreating to the village hall for refreshments.



On 7th July Sixpenny Handley W.I. provided Tea and biscuits at the Village Hall on the Community Day, as well as a small exhibition of photographs and craft.

On 9th July Demi Ladwa kept WI members on the edge of their seats as she discussed Sari Draping and her Indian roots. Lots of beautiful saris were exhibited as Indian fashion and the Bollywood influence were discussed. The saris varied in material and colour. Demi explained her Indian background and how saris are draped according to the occasion, age of wearer, ethnic background and religion – all fascinating. One of the members was then shown how to wear a sari for everyday and a wedding. Members were able to examine the saris and wonder at the beautiful unique needlework especially on the silk saris.

The Book and Craft Clubs continue to meet monthly very successfully and we hope to start a Flower arranging club in the autumn.

Dates for the Diary

13th August American Supper & social chez The Old Forge

Sept 10th Ann Hinchliffe 'Same difference dance' with participation

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

Rita Taylor (Committee member)

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Race Night.

Considering the weather, the horses and riders were in fine form at the village hall Jubilympic Race Night on 23rd June. With the Jubilee Stakes, Ladies Canter and the Thunder Charge to tempt punters, there was brisk business at the Tote ably run by Vic Hatton and Tony Henderson. Carole Wyatt and Jan Gibb were also kept very busy rolling the dice so that there was no opportunity for underarm dealing. After supper The Torch relay, Multi Hurdles and the final Olympic Sprint kept the horses and riders busy over the fences. Rob Jesse ensured there was no hanky panky at the water jump whilst keeping everyone entertained with his commentary. Thanks to their generosity the hall made a profit of over £300 on the night.

Community Day Photographic Competition results

<u>Class 1 - Adults</u>		First	Second
1.A	A Photograph - Any Sporting Activity	Michelle Austin,	Tony Gibb
1.B	A Photograph - Country Scene	Sarah Jones	Tony Gibb
1.C	A Photograph - Any Building	Jane Parsons	Rita Taylor

<u>Class 2 - Children</u>		First	Second
2.A	A Photograph - Any Sporting Activity		
2.B	A Photograph - Country Scene	Nina Blake	
2.C	A Photograph - Any Building	Daniel Blake	Emily Elford

Don't forget: Rob's Auction will be on 13th October

"Flaming June and July at Woodcuts"

I am not allowed to swear in the Downsman, hence the title of this article. It certainly isn't because of the sunshine and high temperatures that we normally enjoy at this time of the year, it is simply blinking awful. Hedgerows, grassland, lawns and also all the cereal and oil seed rape crops we see about are still very green and luxurious. Barley particularly, should be now drying off and the combines should be in but the crops are nowhere near ready for harvesting. Anyway, the grass that should have been cut, dried, baled and carted into the barns still stands in the fields as green as green and very high moisture content, with little hope of making hay.

In the garden, my potatoes which received a good

dressings of well rotted horse manure are simply the worst I ever remember and that is from someone who has been responsible for growing hundreds of acres of potatoes commercially. The apple trees here in the garden supplied us with apples up until February of this year, but at this moment we only have one or two apples on each tree, although the leaves are particularly plentiful. Another horticultural anomaly is that parsnips, which are normally difficult to germinate and establish, have this year grown extremely well and are already standing much higher than I would normally expect. Carrots on the other hand, have not germinated well and are few and far between, almost a catastrophe and again I have been responsible for the commercial growing of acres and acres of this crop in the past.

All we can say is that this is a weird year weather wise, which has affected wildlife and cultivated land equally. My step son and partner's farm in Bere Regis beside the River Piddle normally use their water-meadows for their herd of single suckler cows and

calves. This year, they have had to take them off, because they were afraid that the calves would be drowned as they were born. It has been a disastrous year already for the grassland farmers and what is in store for the arable men, goodness only knows. We have already seen on television, potato crops which are under water, tubers rotting and blight prevalent in leaves and stems. Goodness knows what the price of potatoes will be this winter, that is if somewhere is found to import them from. The same applies to wheat, the quality of the wheats will show low Hagberg readings and be absolutely useless for bread making, which will mean that providing the crops of wheat and barley are actually harvested, even if they have sprouted in ear, there will be plenty of animal feed, which could mean lower meat prices. However America is having a heat wave at present, so even that situation might be escalated, if there is a shortage of grain over there, also Russian exports are expected to be far less than previous years. What is to happen to food supplies and prices this winter is any ones guess at present.

The official reasoning behind all this bad weather is that the Jet Stream has moved and is on an entirely different path to that which it normally travels, but I don't think that this reasoning applies to us here at Woodcutts. My disagreement to this reasoning here is, that apart from the occasional small aeroplanes from our local airstrip at Compton Abbas and the even less frequent visit from helicopters; jets are rarely seen here! This is certainly not enough to affect the weather for the whole year.

There has been a short interlude while Meg and I took Pebbles, our new dog up the lane towards civilisation, only to hear very loud claps of thunder followed by torrential rain and there wasn't an aircraft of any type in eyesight! So there goes the Jet Stream Theory, the cause of this weather is still a mystery. Another mystery we need to solve; is where the pony in the field opposite the house gets its golf balls from. In a plastic container in our back porch there are eleven, perfectly good, golf balls, all of which we have picked up in the past few months from this particular paddock. The odd thing is that this pony is not yet broken and it is intended that it should be broken as a riding horse, there is no suggestion at all, that it should be used for driving. Why does it want golf balls and where does it get them from? Perhaps its from 'neigh bay'. Since we are at least half a mile from the Rushmore Golf Club as the crow flies, they certainly are not within the range of even the most the most prolific of hitters from there and we can only assume that they are balls lost

in the rough over at the golf club and picked up by birds, who then fly south over our cottage and for some unexplained reason drop them in the paddock immediately afterwards. Presumably the birds concerned are Corvids and think that the golf balls are potential food. (By the way, we are open to offers from anyone wanting golf balls.)

While talking about birds, there does seem to be a decline in small, bird numbers, this could be in the case of the insectivores, because of the lack of natural food, as butterflies, moths and their caterpillars are just not available, nor are bees, wasps and other flying insects which are a major part of their diet. The fact that bees and other flying insects are in short supply this year, means that pollination of many plants will not occur and therefore there will be a poor seed crop for many annual plants this season, so what can we expect next year?

After all the dim and dismal subjects above I must tell you of a happy event, the positive sighting of a Muntjac deer in a field of corn on the way to the main road. I have in the past thought I had seen one here but was never absolutely certain. This time I am absolutely certain and I had Meg with me to witness it. In the past I have been told that they aren't found around here but this time I am certain and wish I had had a camera with me, as it stood at the edge of the corn and stared at me. Its very distinctive head and body shape left no doubt in my mind that it was a Muntjac.

So you see, there is some good news to be shared. Other good news as far as we are concerned is that we were away during the very wet weekend, Sat.7th. and Sun.8th. July, of the village celebrations and community day. We were in fact in Surrey just north of Guildford and spent Saturday afternoon and evening having a picnic at the National Trust estate of Polesden Lacey, listening to the Glen Miller Orchestra and watching a Spitfire fly past in beautiful, warm sunny weather. "The sun shines on the righteous." Apart from the weather it was a wonderful event and brought back many happy memories.

Now it is time I closed and sent off my article to our new editor, it would be awful getting into Naomi's bad books on her debut. I am sure we all wish her well in her new undertaking and hope she has a very happy and successful future as our editor.

God bless you all.
Ted Cox (June 2012)



Sixpenny Handley

Firstly, our thanks to the new editor, Naomi Booth, for taking on The Downsman and also to Margaret Cornish for her long stint as editor up till now. The Downsman plays an important role in informing and uniting our parish and fostering a sense of community. That in turn has a role in helping with crime prevention, crime awareness and – albeit thankfully rarely in our community – supporting the victims of crime. This is why volunteers from Sixpenny Handley Homewatch continue to deliver The Downsman to homes in the area, with the additional benefit that doing so gets us round our patches every couple of months, so that we know you and you know us. It is a scheme that has worked well for over a decade now.

Next, can we thank Chris Stokes, who has been Homewatch Co-ordinator for the lower end of Handley village for several years. Chris has now stood down and his place has kindly been taken by David Chick, so welcome David.

For any newcomers to the village, this may also be a good time to explain again how the Homewatch scheme works here. Whereas in some communities the Homewatch or Neighbourhood Watch scheme is an opt-in arrangement, whereby people elect to join and usually pay something to do so, the way we do it here is rather different - not least as we are a small and friendly community to start with. The assumption here is that everyone is in Homewatch unless they specifically tell us they don't want to be (which has almost never happened). Being in the Homewatch doesn't mean anything other than just being a good citizen, keeping your eyes open for anything untoward and letting us, or the police know on 101 for non urgent information or 999 if you need the police to attend there and then.

Six volunteer Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Coordinators (see the Parish Directory, inside front cover, for their names and phone numbers) meet quarterly, usually with the Chairman of the Parish Council and a representative of Dorset Police present, to discuss recent incidents and crime patterns, to make suggestions to the police and to liaise with the Parish Council about ways in which crime prevention can be improved in the village and, lastly, to decide what should be reported to you all here. They and additional local volunteers then deliver the Downsman to you six times a year. We will also be happy to keep an eye on your property if you tell us when you are

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away and cannot persuade an overlooking neighbour to do so. That's about it: simple but it works. This parish has an exceptionally low crime rate and we plan to keep it that way.

In that context, it was concerning to learn recently that despite assurances from Ministers that front line policing will not be cut, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary now predicts that 5,800 officers will go from the frontline nationally by March 2015. They predict that in Dorset there will be a 15-20% cut in frontline staff between now and that date, making ours one of the few counties in the highest category of likely policing cuts (source: Times Newspapers). At our last Co-ordinators meeting we learned that policing of our particular area ('Rural East') after the Olympics is to be re-structured yet again, with further staff reductions likely. This despite our area experiencing a halving in front line police support since 2010. So concerned is your Homewatch about the potential consequences of this plan that we have written to the Chief Inspector responsible for our area, copying in the Chief Constable of Dorset and our local MP, Bob Walter. At the time of writing this report, a reply is awaited.

Crime recently in the Handley area has been relatively quiet, although as we write this the Steam Fair, often accompanied by a seasonal rise in local crime, is yet to come, so keep alert. A certain male resident is scheduled to appear in court shortly in connection with a number of crimes in our area and, if convicted, is likely to be imprisoned. The police are getting more active about dealing with speeding in the village, especially on Back Lane. And there have been some excellent examples of residents instantly reporting crimes direct to the police, whose rapid attendance has led to offenders being caught red-handed. The message to us all from the police is to keep up this good work and don't hesitate to use 999 if you need the police to attend there and then.

We have raised with the police our experience that their new 101 number for reporting non-urgent information seems beset by long delays, putting people off using it. An alternative reporting route, which will go direct and in writing to the officers covering our area, is to use the email address ruraleastdorsetsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

Enjoy what is left of the summer and keep safe.



Children's Play Equipment Fund



The parish council have now received four quotes for the new play equipment and will soon be applying for a grant. We have now started our fundraising and on the 2nd June we held a cake stall outside the newsagents. We made a fantastic £178.85. We would like to thank everyone that showed their support and either made us a cake or came along and bought one.

We also had a stall at the community day, and despite the awful weather we were well supported. Our Tombola made £144.60 and our Raffle made £231.50 Thank you to everyone that donated such lovely prizes and to those of you that braved the weather and supported us.

Our next fundraising event will be on 11th August when we will be teaming up with Happy Nappy to raise funds for us and for Happy Nappy Mother and baby group by holding Afternoon tea, please see separate ad for more details.

If anyone is interested in joining our team of fundraisers or can offer a donation towards our fund please contact Sarah Styles -01725 552544.



AFTERNOON TEA



CREAM TEA'S, YUMMY HOMEMADE CAKES AND
BISCUITS, TEA AND COFFEE
11TH AUGUST
2PM-5PM

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

Raising money for The Children's Play Equipment Fund and Happy Nappy
Mother and Baby Group

TOMBOLA

RAFFLE

CHILDRENS LUCKY DIP
CRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Everyone welcome, bring your family and friends and have a lovely relaxing afternoon and a Yummy treat while supporting these local groups.





LET'S GIVE THE TOOLS

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13 – 19 MAY 2012

The "seeding and harvesting" of the Christian Aid envelopes throughout our community raised the fantastic sum of £943.63 (includes the Gift Aid addition) and amazingly is a little higher than last year. One donation was a Tesco bag of copper, when counted was worth £16, a really painless way of making a difference in a hard up world – thank you.

A heartfelt thanks for your generosity in these difficult financial times when most are feeling the pinch. This total when combined with other personal donations made to other charities and causes is truly humbling. This money will make it possible to provide many tools which will enable a greater degree of self sufficiency and therefore lift more people out of poverty.

More information on the activities of the charity and where the money goes can be found by Googling CHRISTIAN AID. The charity works wherever the need is greatest, irrespective of religion or race and they invest in things that multiply and provide benefits for years to come.

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

David Salmons



Go for Gold this summer with Dorset Fire and Rescue Service

This summer Dorset Fire and Rescue Service are encouraging children and their parents to think about fire safety in their home. By accepting the challenge to 'Go for Gold' we aim to inspire young people to see how fire safe their homes are by working to achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. To achieve a Bronze certificate, households need to have a working smoke alarm, tested regularly. To achieve a Silver certificate, a working smoke alarm and a well practised escape plan is essential. Young people can sign up for a FREE Home Safety Check or self-assessment pack on our website and when they do, they will receive an exclusive Gold certificate. Youngsters can collect as many Gold certificates as they like, by referring their grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family and friends (with their permission of course!)

In 2011, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service (DFRS) attended 439 accidental fires in the home. Your home is full of potential fire risks; and we can help you identify them to reduce the chances of a fire starting. Knowing the dangers and taking precautionary measures could help to save the lives of you and your family.

We provide free Home Safety advice and, if appropriate, a member of DFRS staff will visit your home and ensure each premises has the correct number of working smoke alarms, fitting or replacing them free of charge if needed, pointing out any potential risks and offering advice as to how they can be minimised. Each home is different in content and layout so visits are tailored to the person, their home and their own unique circumstances.

DFRS are working hard to prevent avoidable fires and you can help us do that – So take up the challenge to 'Go For Gold' and apply for a FREE home safety check and the opportunity to achieve a Gold certificate today. Please contact us on 01305 252600 or visit www.dorsetfire.gov.uk. Alternatively, if you know of someone who may be vulnerable and would benefit from a visit, please get their permission and then contact us on their behalf to arrange an appointment.

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

**Annual
JUMBLE SALE**

**Sat. Sept.8th
Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall
at 2.30 p.m**

**Jumble : Bric-a-Brac.
White Elephant : Books
Cakes & Produce : RAFFLE
Punch -a- Pot
Refreshments . Admission 20 pence**

***Donations of Jumble Etc to :-
Pat. on. 01725 552591 : Stella on 01725 552236
or bring to the Hall before Noon***



Week in the woods course

Isle of Purbeck, Dorset

24–28 September 2012

This course is for anybody interested in coppicing and traditional woodland crafts. There will be an additional option to apply for a Coppice Apprenticeship on completion of the course. You will have the chance to learn from local tutors about coppicing and woodland management, hurdle making, charcoal making and other woodland crafts.

Accommodation: The basic accommodation will be near Swanage in Dorset, and the course will be held at a number of different locations in the Wild Purbeck area.

Food and drinks: All meals are self-catering, the course fees include tea, coffee and squash. There will be a communal supper/BBQ on the last evening.

Tools: All tools will be provided, but if you have any of your own, please bring them along.

There will be activities in the evenings if you have a skill you would like to share, please let Fran know.

Cost

Please pay whatever you can afford between £120 and £220.

If you really can't afford this, please speak to Fran.

to book / further information

Telephone: 07903 206518

Email: franfowkes@smallwoods.org.uk

www.smallwoods.org.uk

Small Woods registered charity number 1081874





Lifeboats (RNLI)

The Blandford branch is holding its annual 'Country Fayre and Vehicle Rally' on Saturday, 11th August at Spetisbury Manor 11am – 5pm. Admission £1, children free. We would love to see you.

On Saturday and Sunday, 25th and 26th August (August Bank Holiday weekend) the "Front Path Stalls" will be held, as usual, at Sheila Bradley's 46, High St, Sixpenny Handley, from 10.30 am – 4.0 pm

each day. Do please come and support this wonderful charity, buy your Christmas cards, Lifeboat goods and items donated by a firm which, every year, sends us a selection of their products to sell. Their goods are always very acceptable. This year we have even more bargains because the firm moved offices and sent us several boxes so they can start afresh with new lines. We also have many almost-new children's books as well as adult ones.

If the weather is wet, which this year it might well be, (!!) don't be put off. I hope to acquire a very large tent for the front path so that we can all stay dry!

Enquiries: Sheila 553133



MOTHERS' UNION

In May, the 2 other branches in our Deanery joined us for a service and workshops in St Mary's to learn more about 'Hannah Days'. This involved showing our gratitude for the talents with which we have been endowed.

Although we have no more meetings until September, the MU group will be involved in a number of events before then. The group has been asked to help with refreshments at the Corn Exchange in Blandford in July. We are taking our turn in cleaning the MU caravan, in August which is sited at Durdle Door – giving accommodation for a holiday for families in need of a break.

Two outings have taken place: a half day to Athelhampton and a Quiet day at Green Pastures, Branksome. The Quiet Day was well attended and

the weather relatively kind, enabling us to appreciate their garden, in between thoughtful sessions. Unfortunately the weather in the morning was not promising for Athelhampton and most members cried off. Actually, although it did rain, when we got there in the afternoon, it was not heavy and there was no wind, so it did not stop us enjoying the beautiful gardens. The house was lovely to see and there were lots of people looking round.

On the 30th July we will take part, at Blandford St Mary Church, in a Diocesan 'Wave of Prayer'. Our 'slot' is from 9.30 – 10.30am.

Our first meeting of Autumn is on Thursday, 13th September and will be a House Communion service.

Enquiries to: Sheila 553133 or Mary552401

ROB's COLUMN

By Elliot & Buttons

A ball of fluff appeared one day
Where it came from - who can say?
It rolled around the kitchen floor
And stopped just by the cupboard door
Two ears appeared, a nose and eyes
Four paws - and then to my surprise
The little ball of fluff and stuff
Said "I've arrived, with lots of woof!"

Found by Lynne N

If you have something you like, why not share it with the Downsman readers?

Some Book Titles

The Haunted House
by Hugo First

Painful Itch
by Emma Royds

The Late Arrival
by Izzie Cumming

The tail of a dog

Once I had a little dog
His name was ragamuffin
But Oh! One day he lost his tail
And now he wags in nothing.

Well done to M New and R Adams and helpers for the excellent effort into the community day. Shame about the weather.

A song of the Countryside

By Gordon Hardcore Woodward

I'll sing a song of the colourful flowers,
Sing it while standing on rooftops and towers
Soft will it fall with the dews and the showers
Refreshing all things with its magical powers
A beautiful song to the flowers

I'll sing a song to the wonderful trees
And my song shall be wafted away on a breeze
Then carried afar by the foraging bees
All flora and fauna will cry "if you please
Sing us a song to the wonderful trees"

I'll sing a song to the glorious spring
High over the woodlands the notes shall ring
Glad songbirds will bear it on gentle wings
And down by the seashore the waves shall fling
To a smiling sky, my song to the spring.

(But not in June or July 2012)

What is it?

Peel it	-	Crush it
Cook it	-	Grow it
Bake it	-	Roast it
Smell it	-	Lick it
Bash it	-	Mince it
Fry it	-	Boil it
Sow it	-	Pick it
Smoke it	-	Plait it
Plant it	-	Eat it

A Word

A word is dead
When it is said
Some say
I say it just begins to live
That day

By E Dickinson

Having served 30 years this year as a postman for the area I came across a poem taken from a book called The Nations Favourite Twentieth Century Poems by W H Auden 1907-73.

Night Mail

This is the night mail crossing the border,
Bringing the cheque and the postal order,
Letters for the rich, letter for the poor,
The shop at the corner, the girl next door,
Pulling up Beattock, a steady climb,
The gradients against her, but she's on time,
Past cotton grass and moorland boulder,
Shovelling white steam over her shoulder,
Snorting noisily, she passes,
Silent miles of wind-bent grasses,
Birds turn their heads as she approaches,
Sheep-dogs cannot turn her course
They slumber on with paws across,
In the farm she passes, no one wakes,
But a jug in a bedroom gently shakes.

Letters of thanks, letter from banks,
Letters of Joy from girl and boy,
Receipted bills and invitations,
To inspect now stock or to visit relations,
And applications for situations,
And timid lovers declarations,
And gossip, gossip from all nations,
News circumstantial, news financial,
Letters with holiday snaps to enlarge in,
Letters with faces scrawled in the margin,
Letters from uncles, cousins and aunts,
Letters to Scotland from the South of France,
Letters of condolence to Highlands and Low Lands,
Written on paper of every hue,
The pink, the violet, the white and the blue,
The chatty, the catty, the boring, the adoring,
The cold and official and the hearts outpouring,
Clever, stupid, short and long,
The typed and the printed and the spelt all wrong,
Thousands are still asleep,
Dreaming of terrifying monsters,
But shall wake soon and hope for letters,
And none will hear the postman's knock,
Without a quickening of the heart,
For who can bear to fell himself forgotten.

(Still true today as it was then)

What is it—Answer:

Garlic

"Cold" telephone calls

Several members of the community have recently received cold telephone calls on various matters varying from saving money on bills to paying to reduce "cold" calls!

- If you have a cold call, firstly try and establish and note who exactly is calling: company name, name of caller and telephone number if possible.
- Then politely say you are not interested and put the receiver down.
- If you have not obtained the number try telephopning1471

If during any conversation you are threatened, ring the police on 101 and give them the detail.

The Telephone Preference Service is **FREE**. You can register on its website www.tpsonline.org.uk and reduce the number of unsolicited calls,

They will also follow up a complaint. The telephone number is **0845 070 070 7**

No one likes to be threatened, I hope you find my thoughts on this useful.

Olympic Torch

On Wednesday and Thursday 11th and 12th July the Olympic Torch passed by without dropping in...

So the children from Sixpenny Handley First School along with many others took the opportunity to go and see it for themselves as it travelled from Salisbury to Shaftesbury and Blandford..



Photo courtesy of BBC TV.

The torch passing children from the First School

For once this summer the rain stayed away until the torch had passed!



For Sale

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Deposit of £100 needed to secure.

Will be ready for new home now but can hold until mid August with other siblings. We will however need to do a home check on anyone who is interested, to check suitability of their home prior to sale.

If you are interested in providing a loving home for this pup contact us, Katy and Steve Barrett on 01725 552121 or email katysteve@btinternet.com to arrange a viewing. Please leave a message if we are not in.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY BOWLS CLUB

So far it does not look like we are getting those nice hot evenings while we are playing our matches, but only the men's team has had a match postponed because of the rain.

We are doing very well with the Fundraising for our new clubhouse, and we are over halfway to our target, due to the generosity of many people, members and non members. Unfortunately we could not do much fundraising on the Community Fun Day because of the weather, but that happened to many other people. The plans for the building are coming along fine, a few things need to be sorted out yet, but if things keep going well we should be able to start the building after the outdoor season finishes.

Just a few dates for you to remember,

On the 18th of August we will have our Presidents and Barbeque Afternoon,

and on the 8th of September our Jumble sale.

Happy Bowling in sunny weather for the rest of the season

Bea

WESTBROOK MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE POSITION 30th JUNE 2012

POS	CLUB	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	SHOTS+	SHOTS-	SHOTS NET	POINTS
1	MERE	6	5	1	0	391	303	88	61
2	AMESBURY	7	4	3	0	490	459	31	56
3	TISBURY	7	4	3	0	452	441	11	52
4	DOWNTON	7	3	3	1	381	364	17	49
5	WILTON	7	4	3	0	328	345	-17	45
6	SALISBURY VICTORIA	8	4	4	0	333	338	-5	44
7	SIXPENNY HANDLEY	7	4	3	0	382	408	-26	44
8	SALISBURY	8	1	6	1	447	552	-75	35
9	ALDERBURY	5	2	3	0	209	238	-29	22

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Branksome Park 'A'	8	6	0	2	493	399	94	54
Alexandra Park 'A'	8	5	0	3	434	419.5	14.5	50
Wimborne 'A'	8	6	0	2	468	421	47	49
Sixpenny Handley	8	5	0	3	426	439	-13	48
Blandford 'A'	8	5	0	3	417	441.75	-24.75	42
Verwood	8	3	1	4	447.75	438	9.75	36
West Moors 'A'	7	3	0	4	397.5	382	15.5	33
Ferndown	8	2	1	5	444	454	-10	30
Broadstone Wessex 'A'	7	2	0	5	386	406	-20	30
Shaftesbury 'A'	8	1	0	7	406	519	-113	28

Cards

Whist My predictions for the outcome of the 2011-2012 competition were proven correct with Gerald Trickey romping home 29 points clear of Stuart Haskell who, at the end, clung on to second by a single point; in fact, at the commencement of the 24th deal he had slipped to third behind John Bennett, but a near disastrous *whitewash* for John enabled Stuart to regain the place that he occupied for much of the season. Thus, the final points tally for the leading three players were 2749, 2715 and 2714. Another major upset in what was a well supported and contested final round was the posting of a new highest individual score when Barry Park carded 194 and thereby surpassed Doug Haskell's 183 which had stood since the third round. Not only did this win Barry a crisp *five* but it also took him up the table into 4th place and with Ness in fine form a 5th placement added to the monetary fortunes of the Park family! The remaining prize money placings went to Susie and Kingsley White [2684 and 2680 points respectively], Zoe Pike [2673], Edie Langley [2669] and Sylvia Thorne [2667].

However, perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the season past was that following a rather disappointing start the number of tables in play eventually averaged out at eight per drive and this has been maintained as Stuart, in order to raise funds for Sixpenny Handley Football Club, continues the fortnightly whist sessions throughout the summer [the 2012-2013 contest will commence on Wednesday, September 12th, play commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Past Champions

Season	Champion	Runner up
1999-2000	Ray Parsons	Joan Gocher
2000-2001	Christopher Haskell	Harvey Gocher
2001-2002	Marge Poolman	Sylvia Day
2002-2003	Marge Poolman	Sam Poolman
2003-2004	Doug Haskell	Christine Haskell
2004-2005	Christine Haskell	Bill Chorley
2005-2006	Ruth Hustings	Gerald Trickey
2006-2007	Doug Haskell	Sam Poolman
2007-2008	Christine Haskell	Len Diggin
2008-2009	David Brine	Gerald Trickey
2009-2010	Betty White	Gerald Trickey
2010-2011	Kingsley White	Betty White
2011-2012	Gerald Trickey	Stuart Haskell

Bridge My most grateful thanks to Sheila Bradley for running the Tuesday afternoon meetings during my unavoidable absence and again 'thank you' to Sheila, and Brian, for hosting the annual summer barbecue at their house in the High Street, this event - regardless of weather - will take place on Tuesday, August 7th.

Finally, anyone who may wish to learn more about the whist and bridge meetings held here in the village can contact me either by telephone [01725 552776] or by e-mail to wr.chorley@googlemail.com.

Bill Chorley

Next: 20th Sept - None in August

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Famous Sayings answers...

- Admiral Nelson's message from the Victory to the fleet prior to the battle of Trafalgar 21st October 1805.
- Winston Churchill after the devastating Luftwaffe bombing raid on Coventry 14th November 1940,
- Tory PM Harold McMillan addressing a large gathering of MPs on prosperity.
- PM Harold Wilson at the time of devaluation of the Pound. 19th November 1967
- Winston Churchill, after the fall of France, and during the Battle of Britain 1940.
- President of the USA J F Kennedy at the proposed American Space Programme 1961
- Said by Neil Armstrong stepping onto the Moon, the 1st US landing 1969
- Tory PM Margaret Thatcher at 1980 Conference sticking to strict money policies.
- The World Champion boxer Muhammad Ali, formerly known as Cassius Clay.
- British heavyweight Frank Bruno, talking to boxing commentator Harry Carpenter

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
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Sheasby Close	4.10 – 4.30

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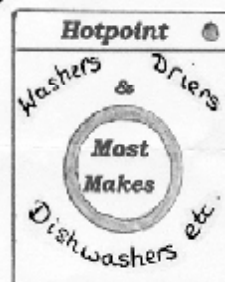
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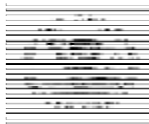
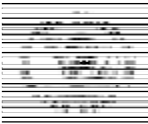
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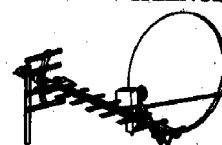
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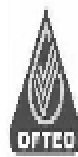


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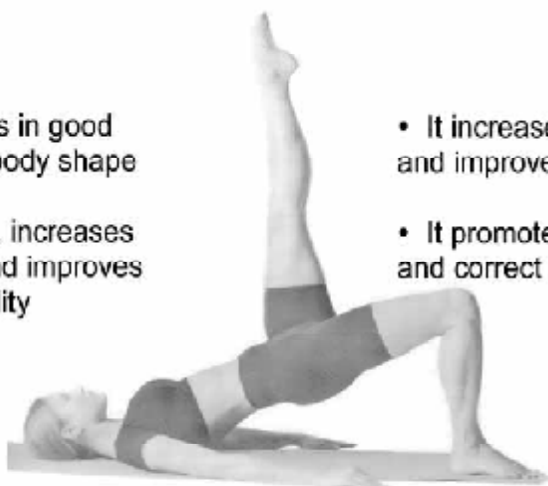
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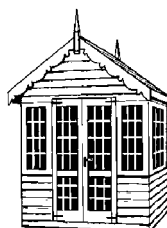
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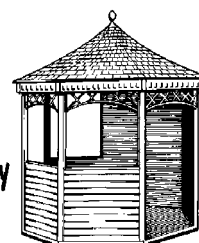
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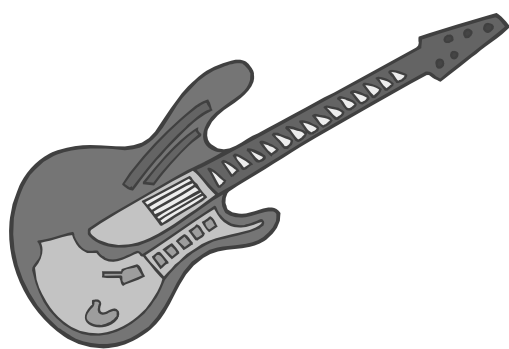
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Happy Nappy meets every Monday in the Village Hall from 10am - 11:30am

Toys, Stories, Singing and Fun for Babies and Children
...with coffee, tea and a chat for adults at our friendly group...



Children 50p, Adults £1

Helen Beesley 01725 552172

Clair Brown 01725 552814



Sixpenny Light Engineering

Sixpenny Handley. Tel: 01725 552348

Mechanical/Electronic Repairs



By a Trained and Qualified Engineer

 Engine Management Light On ?
 ABS Warning Light On ?
 Air Bag Warning Lights On ?

- If your EML Light is on, it can cost you £'s in wasted fuel, diesel or petrol and can cause further damage to your engine and its ancillaries.
- If your ABS or Air Bag Light is on, these systems have been **DISABLED** due to the presence of a fault or damaged component.
- The ABS Light being on, is an MOT Failure
- We carry out ECU Code Interrogation, fault diagnosis, electronic repairing and crasing of error codes.
- Installation of latest manufacturers updates and Software Re-programming for most Models

We have Full Diagnostic tooling for ALL Manufacturers and Models Inc:
 Mercedes, BMW, Jaguar, Land Rover, Range Rover, Ford, Renault, Peugeot Vauxhall, Saab, Audi, Alfa Romeo, Volvo, Volkswagen, All Japanese and Asian vehicles

- Servicing & Repairs to Cars & Light Vans
- MOT's: - Classes I, II, III, IV,
- Light Bodywork Repairs
- Mechanical Restoration, Engine Rebuilds etc.
- MIG Welding
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- Petrol Lawnmower and Garden Machine Repair and Servicing
- Chainsaw Repair, Sharpening and Servicing
- Light Farm Machinery Servicing and Repair
- Motorcycle Servicing Repair and MOT's
- Light Fabrication
- Main Dealer Computer Diagnosis OEM/BOSCH

Local Estimates Freely Given

Reasonable Rates

Reliable, Friendly Service



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01725 552 348 or 07786 030640 (Out of Hours)







Frogmore Design

Interior Design & Painted Furniture

Frogmore Barn has a delightful range of painted furniture and attractive items with a large range of furniture available to order

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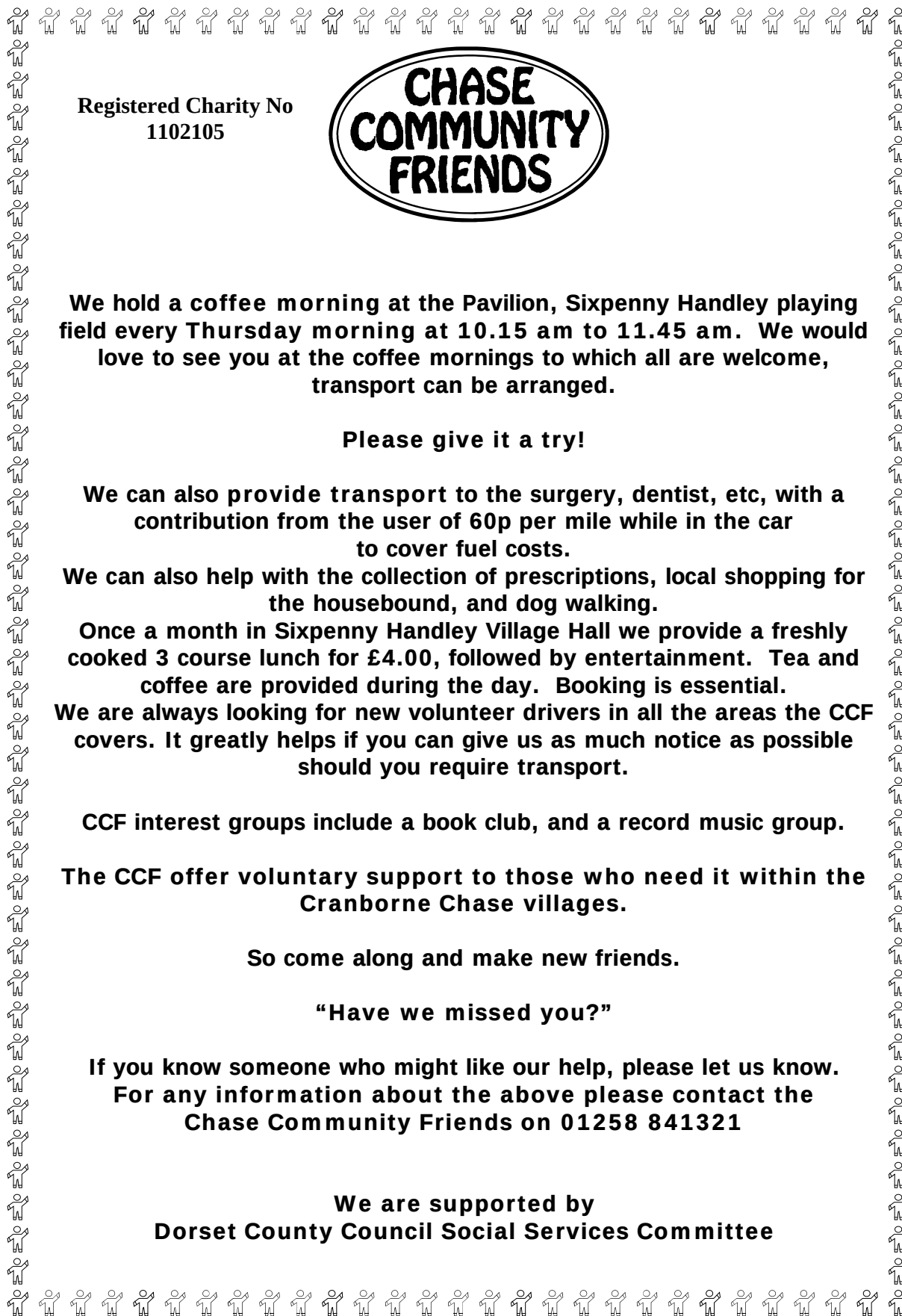
Frogmore Design offers a bespoke and comprehensive Interior Design service -
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 Telephone for an informal chat !

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1102105**



We hold a coffee morning at the Pavilion, Sixpenny Handley playing field every Thursday morning at 10.15 am to 11.45 am. We would love to see you at the coffee mornings to which all are welcome, transport can be arranged.

Please give it a try!

We can also provide transport to the surgery, dentist, etc, with a contribution from the user of 60p per mile while in the car to cover fuel costs.

We can also help with the collection of prescriptions, local shopping for the housebound, and dog walking.

Once a month in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall we provide a freshly cooked 3 course lunch for £4.00, followed by entertainment. Tea and coffee are provided during the day. Booking is essential.

We are always looking for new volunteer drivers in all the areas the CCF covers. It greatly helps if you can give us as much notice as possible should you require transport.

CCF interest groups include a book club, and a record music group.

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it within the Cranborne Chase villages.

So come along and make new friends.

“Have we missed you?”

**If you know someone who might like our help, please let us know.
For any information about the above please contact the
Chase Community Friends on 01258 841321**

**We are supported by
Dorset County Council Social Services Committee**

The Downsman

DON'T FORGET WHAT'S ON!!!

DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
1 Aug	Whist - Village Hall 7:30pm		6 Sept	Parish Council – F&GP	
1 Aug	Nuts About Nature	5	8 Sept	Bowls Jumble Sale	15
2 Aug	Parish Council – F&GP		10 Sept	WI Meeting	9
2 Aug	Mobile Library	22	13 Sept	Mother's Union Meeting	17
7 Aug	Cards BBQ	21	13 Sept	Mobile Library	22
9 Aug	Parish Council - Planning (tbc)		13 Sept	Parish Council - Planning (tbc)	
11 Aug	Play Area Afternoon Tea	13	15 Sept	Deadline	3
13 Aug	WI American Supper	9	20 Sept	Bingo	22
15 Aug	Nuts About Nature	5	26 Sept	Whist - Village Hall 7:30pm	
15 Aug	Whist - Village Hall 7:30pm		27 Sept	Chase Garden Club	8
16 Aug	Mobile Library	22	27 Sept	Full Parish Council	
18 Aug	Bowls Presidents and BBQ	20	27 Sept	Mobile Library	22
23 Aug	Full Parish Council		28 Sept	QE Staff Training	
25-26 Aug	Front Path Stalls	17	1 Oct	Next Issue	3
29 Aug	Nuts About Nature		13 Oct	Rob's Auction	7
29 Aug	Whist - Village Hall 7:30pm		18 Oct	Bingo	
30 Aug	Mobile Library	22	25 Oct	Chase Garden Club	8
	Cranborne Middle Autumn		29 Oct	Schools Half Term—2 Nov	
4 Sept	Term Begins		5 Nov	First School Staff Training	
	QE Year 9 and 12		28 Nov	Recycling & Waste	2
5 Sept	QE All students return		21 Dec	Schools Last Day of Term	
6 Sept	First School Autumn Term Begins				