

The Downman

December 2012



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from Sixpenny Handley**

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The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge

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

We currently deliver **The Downsman** to

approximately

700 households within the parish.

Email David for more
downsmanadverts@sixpennyhandley.org

We regret that flyers cannot be distributed within the Downsman.

December 2012 Coffee Break

All questions connected to music

1. What comic duo used the song title "Bring me sunshine" as their theme music?
2. From Edward Elgar's Hymn "Jerusalem," what is the question being asked?
3. What have many famous singers left in San Francisco?
4. "I see trees of green, red roses too, I see em bloom for me and for you" Title of the song please, plus name of trumpet player who helped make it popular?
5. Neapolitan song "O sole Mio" performed by many famous Tenors. Title translated into English please.
6. Who sang "Goodbye England's Rose"? (Formerly Candle in the Wind) Where and what was the occasion?
7. In an Andrew Lloyd - Webber Musical you are asked not to cry for. Name of the song, and title of the show?
8. In which musical show would you find the words "The corn is as high as an elephants eye and keeps on growing right up to the sky"? Also name of song and who were the writers?
9. From the Musical "Carousel," what are you advised to do when walking thr'o a storm? Also the name of the song.
10. At the "Last night at the Proms", the last 10 minutes is given over to patriotic music by Sir Edward Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No.1 with audience participation and invariably an encore. Name the song that is sung with great fervour and gusto.

Merry Christmas to everyone
Peter Bailey

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Please email editor@thedownsman.org.uk

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

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Changes have been made to the Christchurch & East Dorset Core Strategy. Public Consultation ends 21st December. This is an important document which sets out the planning strategy for the next 15 years. It can be viewed at www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 It is also available to view at the Council Offices at Furzehill and at all public libraries. The Parish Council will be responding, if you have any concerns, please bring them to our attention.	Pot holes, blocked drains, overgrown hedges, broken stiles, blocked footpaths and any other highway or footpath defects can be reported directly to Dorset County Council at www.dorsetforyou.com Alternatively, let us know and We will report for you.
Children from Sixpenny Handley First School have been asked to come up with a design to be incorporated into a new iron gate at the Sports Pavilion.	The Full Parish Council next meets on December 22nd 2012 And then January 24th 2013 <i>Members of Public Always Welcome</i>
Councillors are currently considering lighting options for the Village Hall approach, possibly using solar power following the recent damage to the lamp post.	The interior of the timber bus shelter by the Parish Office, which has some graffiti damage will be refurbished shortly.
The fencing around the Recreation Area will be given a new coat of stain next Spring by which time we hope the new play equipment will be installed.	Councillors from East Dorset Parishes met recently to hear about progress with the Superfast Broadband Project. Have you registered your interest yet? Go to www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast

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.

Missing!

On Sunday, September 9th, our much-loved little cat went missing from our home in Woodcutts. Despite advertising he seems to have completely vanished.

He is a snow spotted Bengal and is a cream-blue colour (which is a creamy-beige sort of colour, more grey than brown in his spots), with blue eyes and is very small for a male as he was the smallest of his litter and born to a mother with severe cat flu. She was a rescue cat i fostered while working for Cats Protection and he stayed with me. He is very friendly and not very aware of danger, he will get into a vehicle happily.

"Louis" is 3 1/2 yrs old, micro-chipped and neutered and does not have pedigree papers as he was a rescue cat.

We are heartbroken to have lost him - was he killed in an accident, is he being fed by a kind soul thinking he is a stray, did he climb into someone's car unbeknown and end up in a different area? Any news at all, any sightings of him (he looks almost white from a distance), even bad news - would be better than searching, waiting and hoping with no news at all.

The only strange thing that occurred around that time, in the early hours of the Tuesday morning was a vehicle driving on up our lane, this was seen by a neighbour who was awake at the time and subsequently followed up as we do our neighbourhood watch being "off the beaten track" as we are here, it was not a vehicle known to anyone local who uses the track (gamekeepers, farmers etc).

Maybe this person stopped and my cat got into the vehicle, maybe the driver thought he looked like a very nice-looking "stray" cat... we don't know but if anyone can help find out what has happened to this little cat or where he may have gone, we would be so grateful to hear from you.

Our telephone number is 01725-552580 and all calls would be treated in strictest confidence, the mobile is 07807774338 if it would be easier to text.

Thank you for reading this,
Susan, Andrew and Hayley Collins.



Little Pennies would like to apologies for the mistake in the last edition of the Downsman.

Bingo will not be on in December as the date fell too close to Christmas this year.

We would like to wish all our Bingo friends a Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you on January 17th 2013.

I will not be sponsoring Christmas tree recycling this year due to personal difficulties.

Paul McDermott

*I Mrs Kathleen
Hardiman of 56
Sheasby Close,
Sixpenny Handley,
would like to wish all my
neighbours and kind friends
in this area a very happy
and peaceful Christmas and
every good wish for health
and happiness in 2013 as I
am not sending Christmas
cards this year due to the
increase in postage and am
unable to deliver by hand.*

*Hope to see you
around the village
and greet you in the
meantime.*

Mrs K Hardiman

After enquiries this year The Downsman would like to offer a service to those members of our community who can't get out to deliver Christmas cards - a short message in next December's issue for free. More details to follow.

“They have sown the wind, and shall reap the whirlwind “

Dear Editor

"Concerning Mr. Peacock's reference to ACM Sir Arthur Harris's often misquoted quotation, historians are generally in agreement that the words he used were 'They sowed the wind, and now they are going to reap the whirlwind'. May I also take this opportunity to set straight a few of the mistaken impressions regarding Bomber Command's operations of the Second World War and in particular the role of Sir Arthur Harris: first, and foremost, he was not the instigator of 'area bombing'. This policy was approved by the War Cabinet [headed by the prime minister, Winston Churchill and which included his deputy, Clement Attlee, leader of the labour party] ahead of Harris taking up his post at High Wycombe in February 1942.

The operational role of Bomber Command was sanctioned by the War Cabinet, and the one operation that is used by those critical of Sir Arthur Harris and his Command, Dresden [13-14 February 1945] received the full approval of Churchill, though to his shame [and others] he tried to distance himself from the outcome.

Briefly, Dresden was agreed as a target at the Yalta Conference [4 February 1945] along with Chemnitz and Leipzig and the code name allotted for these raids was Operation Thunderclap. It is worth bearing in mind that the Americans were also involved and but for inclement weather on the 13th of February would have spearheaded the bombing of

Dresden. In the event it fell to Bomber Command to make the first attack, followed by the Americans by day on the 14th.

Thus, Harris was no more responsible for Dresden than any of the other myriad of targets bombed throughout his long tenure of command. That he fulfilled his brief to the full is without question: furthermore, the role of Bomber Command in achieving victory is of the highest value and the memory of well over 55,500 airmen who lost their lives both in bombing operations and in training should never be forgotten."

Bill Chorley

Author of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command Losses series of books.

To the editor

I wish to reply to a query raised by Mr Peacock in the October Issue 2012 of the Downsman Magazine. "Famous sayings from the past"

To Mr Peacock of Wimborne St Giles In answer to your query. I am also of the opinion and belief that "They have sown the wind, and shall reap the whirlwind" was attributed to Bomber Harris I am sure you are correct, sorry if I misled anyone.

I omitted it from the Quiz on the grounds that whilst researching the facts, I could find no record of a date, when or where he may have said it.

Unlike Winston Churchill who is reported as saying it whilst on a

visit to the bombed city of Coventry. However after further research I have found that he is reputed to have said it from the roof of the Air Ministry sometime during the Blitz. Although a friend of mind thought it was St Paul's Cathedral in London. So I'm not really sure where we are with this.

"They have sown the wind, and shall reap the whirlwind " is not unique, and stems from the Bible, and most likely declared by many over the centuries.

In my opinion (mine only) I believe it to have been the right decision.

Over the last sixty odd years, members of Bomber Command and Sir Arthur Harris have been treated in a shameful manner. Their efforts have been criticised by all and sundry, and it has become a political and moral football. By many not even born then.

Despite the failings, do they not realise it was a fight to the death for the very future of this country as we know it.

I doubt if the "Luftwaffe" over flying Sixpenny Handley on many occasions during the 1940 - 41 period, cared very much about the moral issues in what they were doing

Peter Bailey

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more information...**

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who were involved in the incredibly successful Garden Party held on the 19th August, in aid of the Chapel at Gussage St. Andrew. This includes all my wonderful neighbours & friends from Dean, Woodcutts, Chase Crescent, Minchington, Sixpenny Handley and Gussage St. Andrew, who printed & distributed posters, sold tickets, organised and managed the stalls on the day, baked delicious cakes, helped out generally, collected chairs and tables, organised the parking, collected ticket money, did the accounts and in fact did every task that came their way and more. A better natured, more generous and fun crowd would be hard to find. It is my privilege to be part of the team and I thank you all for making my job of managing the event an easy one.

Huge thanks must go to Marion Tozer for making it all possible by generously letting us use her beautiful garden. The most perfect setting for an event like this. Thanks to Gerald Corbin who let us use his land for parking. Also many thanks to the "Alec James and Friends band", who gave their services for free and provided wonderful music and entertainment all afternoon. Thanks to 1st Woodcutts Scouts who provided the chairs and tables. Thanks to Sixpenny

Handley Sports association who lent us the barbecue, and also to the Post Office who sold tickets for us. You are all wonderful!

We had over 200 visitors during the afternoon, encouraged by the glorious hot sun we were blessed with. Many stayed from the beginning to the very end! Thank you all so much for coming. I know you all had a fabulous time because so many of you have stopped me in Handley and surrounding areas and told me what a great afternoon it was.

I would also like to thank the kind people who have given me donations; you all wish to be anonymous but thank you so much. Also to everyone that donated raffle prizes, thank you, the raffle is always a huge success and so it was this year. Also thanks to Mr Clarke the Butcher who sold tickets and also gave us a discount on the delicious sausages and burgers.

We raised £1775 for the maintenance of our chapel, and to say I am delighted by this figure is the understatement of the year! So thank you once again to everybody involved, we really couldn't do it without you!

Pearl James



*Mr & Mrs R Metcalf
would like to wish all the
tenants of Handley Park
a very Happy Christmas;
also good wishes to our
many friends in the
village.*

Village Hall News

The Auction Well, thanks to the efforts of the Jesse family and others the village hall has taken in just over £2000 from the Auction held at the beginning of October. Thanks must also go to all those who donated furniture and other items for the cause. This is the village hall's major revenue earning event of the year and produces about a third of the running costs. Well done to everyone.

Apologies to our users for the failure of the central heating boiler, the engineer had already been in and identified a trip switch, buried deep inside the boiler that had failed; they are trying frantically to get another from Canada where the boilers are made.

Change of Booking Secretary

Jaqui Blake has been a brilliant booking secretary for several years. With her impending house move she has found that she has too much on her plate (have I heard that before!). Kelly Dawe has very kindly offered to take over from Jaqui. Kelly's lives at 1 Church Farm, her email address will still be villagehallbookings@sixpennyhandley.org and her telephone number will be **01725 553095**. Jaqui is staying in the village and we hope that she will continue to be a trustee of the hall.

Fault Reporting If you use the hall and find that there is a problem or something is wrong, please let the Booking Secretary, Chairman or Vice Chairman know immediately so that it can be fixed. Contact numbers are in the foyer.



Mothers' Union

At our last group monthly meeting we had a talk from a member of TWAM (Tools with a Mission). Mr Rod Hill explained that a chance encounter with 2 members led him to join the Charity. He has never regretted it. The title TWAM suggests straightaway that donating tools from the garden or house serves a community better in so many ways than just a gift of money. We will organise, in the New Year, a collection of tools etc so please think about what you would be happy to part with. We will issue a list of useful items.

We presented Rod with the blankets we made throughout the year, which TWAM said they would like.

Our next meeting, on Thursday 13th December, will be the Christmas one. Members will bring a story or a poem to read out followed by seasonal nibbles.

On Tuesday, 4th December, 2.30pm, we will join with the other branches in the deanery for an Advent carol service at Blandford St Mary Church.

Enquiries: Sheila 553133 or Mary 552401

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

This is an invitation, both to those who have 'augmented' the Church Choir on past events, and for those who would like to come along for the first time to learn and sing **two special carols** for the Traditional Carol Service, which is scheduled for **Sunday Dec. 16th at 6 pm**. The commitment will involve three rehearsals, on the three Fridays leading up to the Carol Service – **Nov 30th, Dec 7th, Dec 14th**. Each session will start at 7 pm and last for an hour. There will be a final short rehearsal on the Sunday of the Carol Service at 4.30 pm (Dec 16th). Please contact John Cullingford **516453**, if you would like to be involved.

In addition there is an evening of **CAROL SINGING** planned for Tuesday 18th December. We shall meet by the Lychgate to the Church at 6pm and this year cover the top half of the village, finishing at the Pub around 8 pm. An approximate itinerary will be: Wheelwright's Close 6.10, and surrounding homes, Church Farm 6.30, St.Mary's Court 6.45, St.Mary's Close 7.05, High Street 7.30, Roebuck 8 pm. Music will be provided; instruments welcome if not wet or icy. **Children and young people essential!** As last year a collection will be taken for the Marie Curie Nurses. Mince pies and warming drinks would be much appreciated by the singers on the way round.

John 516453

Local Honours

Richard Adlem was honoured with the M.B.E. for his services to the community in Sixpenny Handley, both as the village Funeral Director for the last 48 years and for his humanitarian work around the Cranborne Chase. Among other things, last year he was the main benefactor for the building of the new state-of-the-art Scout's HQ at Woodcutts. Prince Charles said what a beautiful place Sixpenny Handley is to live in, and when asked by the Prince about his work, Richard replied that he was proud to be still practicing.

Verity Brown of Broadchalke was also invested with the M.B.E. on the same day with Richard. She was honoured with the M.B.E. for services to the community in Salisbury, especially her devoted work for the Hospice over many years. Mrs Brown's husband, Dr. Chris Brown, was the local GP in Broadchalke until his retirement in the 1980s, and he was responsible with Dr. Ian Geddes for joining the two doctor's surgeries together to become the "Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice" as it is today!

As the doctor's wife in a rural practice, Verity Brown has known Richard Adlem well throughout his long career, both personally and of course in his professional capacity, and it was wonderful to see them both being honoured on the same day together.

Nick Sherman



Richard Adlem & Verity Brown following their investiture by Prince Charles on 12th October at Windsor Castle. HM the Queen was sadly suffering from a bad back, and therefore HRH the Prince of Wales flew down from Scotland to take the ceremony.

Rob's Coloumn

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and shaking hand
Blessed, who know my ears today
Must strain to hear the things they say.
Blessed are those who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow
Blessed are those who look away
When I spilled tea that weary day.
Blessed are they who, with cheery smile
Stopped to chat for a little while
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday.
Blessed are those who never say
"You've told that story twice today"
Blessed are they who make it known
That I am loved, respected and not alone.
And blessed are they who will ease the days
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

The Old can remember what it was to be young,
But the young cannot know what it is to be old.
*Taken from a book called "Another Time, Another Age" by
Delia Smith*

The real joys of life are not the things we get out of it,
but those we put into it. There was a time when we
measured our success in life by what we have, but we
now know that it is how we use what we have that is
the success.

Loopy Lingo

What am I talking about when using phrases I picked
up in a lifetime in the textile industry = I said
"just turn the jigger over and push the hickey with
your left hand and press soen on the other little
jimelack with your right, the press the doo dad with
your foot and pull the thingamabob.
When it starts you push down the do fussy with your
left foot and yank the umptydiddy back, then let up on

the foot dingus and put your other foot on the hickey
the hootmaury."

*Simple really, it's how to drive a car, bet you worked it out
(I didn't)*

Egg of a theory!

How you like your eggs is a clue to your character
scientists believe. "The Egg Factor" may indicate a
person's lifestyle, character and social class. A survey
found poached egg eaters are more likely to be party
animals.

Fans of fried eggs with their fry-up are creative and
sex mad.

Egg head and egg industry spokesman Andrew Joret
said "The way you eat your eggs reflects a great deal
about you."

How about scrambled egg eaters like me?

*Well I was eggstatic with the result of the auction. It was
eggsational, thanks to all for all that was done, dusted. A
brilliant result for the village, see you next year forward
planning always helps. October 12th 2013.*

If more people said exactly what was on their mind
the world would be a better place. A dose of straight
talking lets everyone know where they stand.

"If more people said what they really thought we'd be
in much better shape"

"I've said exactly as I've pleased all my life and its done
me no harm at all"

(I hope)

If you see someone today without a smile, give them
yours.

Today is a gift, that's why we call it the present.

If it is to be, it is up to me.

If, life gets you down and you're feeling low,
You're really distraught, just where do you go?
Remember a friend is always nearby
To listen and help – so give it a try.

The toughest part of a diet isn't watching what you
eat, it's watching what other people eat.

My wife, who is psychic, asked me what I thought
about her becoming a medium. I said "I always
considered you an extra large"

I am in shape! 'round' is a shape.

When everything is chaos, pause for a little while,
In the middle of the muddle,
just keep calm and smile
If someone offers helping hands, let them share your
load

It's when we work with others that we find the even
road.

The Badger's Lament

To the Creator we ask and plead

Just for the simple things we need

We thank you for life, we seek not much

Grass and clover, herb and rush,

For peaceful nights under silent cloud

Touching paws, coats standing proud

Little we need to us merry

Worm and grub, corn and berry

Away from man never to be found harming none, to
wander free

Enjoying each day, every hour

The sun, the moon and the flowers

Part of life's joys, giving none sorrow

Please grant a peaceful morrow.

Keep us from evil, let us be wise

Let compassion be our eyes

Then getting old, we shall seek rest

In your island of the blest.

Why did the writer enjoy living in a basement?
Because he was writing a best cellar.

*Well done to the scout leaders a terrific evening at the
fireworks night and a good turn out on Remembrance Day.
Looking forward to a good night at the dance already. Also
a good evening at Hanlega's Halloween event and a lovely
curry night. Well done to all.*

All drivers are reminded that

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO SPRAY PEDESTRIANS

by driving too fast through flood water. Be warned:
vehicle numbers will be reported to the police. If
you are unfortunate to suffer from thoughtless
drivers take their vehicle registration details and
ring the police on 101.

Make sure you note the time and place.

FLOOD ALERT

In the middle of November, as a result of the
heavy rain earlier in the autumn, The
Environment Agency issued a Flood Alert for
the Cranborne Chase area including Sixpenny
Handley due to the high groundwater levels
within the chalk.

There is a *high probability* that the local springs
could well burst this winter which could result
in flooded roads especially along Dean Lane
and The Cross.

The Trussell Trust

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2012

185 SMILES will be put on the faces of Bulgarian faces this Christmas. **THANK YOU** to those of you who have filled a box on behalf of the recipients, who will be delighted with their very much needed gifts. My thanks also goes to the 2 families who gave large donations and to those that knitted scarves, hats & gave donations of goods & sweets to complete the boxes. Your support has been invaluable.

TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK

What a wonderful collection of food at the **HARVEST FESTIVAL** this year. Especial thanks go to our **First School**, who produced 128 items out of the 210 collected.

The Coffee Morning/Soup Lunch produced enough money for another 325 items. Grateful thanks also goes to those *Church & Fellowship members who give regularly.*

THE TOTAL WEIGHT FOR THIS YEAR IS 408.5kg.

THANK YOU! That is equivalent to 2 months of emergency food aid for families in crisis, which means we have supported up to 80 adults and children.

The Trussell Trust is very grateful for our contributions.



FOOD URGENTLY NEEDED IS AS FOLLOWS:-

- Packets of Mash,
- Sponge Puddings,
- Coffee/ Drinking
- Chocolate (small jars/packets 100gms),
- Small packets of Sugar,
- Tinned Green or Mixed Vegetables,
- Biscuits,
- UHT Milk,
- Fray Bentos Pies,
- Cereal, Bars of Chocolate (150/200 gms - a treat for the children)
- **No Pulses or Baked Beans required.** Thank you.

The Trussell Trust has won The 2012 Charity Times small Charity of the Year award.

Congratulations go to all those involved with the Trust and that means to all of us who give are included too!

Trish Chorley—Trussell Trust Ambassador

Coffee Break Answers

1. Morecambe & Wise
2. And did those feet in ancient times walk upon England's green and pleasant land?
3. Their heart
4. What a wonderful world
Trumpet player Louis Armstrong
5. "My sunshine," alas not the popular advert Just one cornetto
6. Elton John at the funeral of Diana Princess of Wales. Sept 6th 1997 at Westminster Abbey. London
7. Don't cry for me Argentina. From the show Evita
8. Oh what a beautiful Morning Oklahoma
Rodgers & Hammerstien
9. Hold your head up high, and don't be afraid of the dark. You'll never walk alone.
10. Land of Hope and Glory

Is our Post Office lost?

It is a year, almost to the day, since I wrote about the existence of **"Her Majesty's Government's Front Office"** and the maxim of **"use it or lose it"**— well, we are to lose it for a variety of reasons. The service that we have enjoyed for so many years is at an end — our rural sorting office (one of twelve in the country) will also be lost. This will be inconvenient as items that cannot be delivered due to nobody being able to take delivery could ultimately mean a trip to Salisbury. This is already the case for almost all rural communities. There will be a form of counter service for the Post Office somewhere in the village but it is not yet known where or when.

This is happening all over the country so we are not on our own but that doesn't make it any easier to understand or come to terms with. The long and short of it is that there are very few transactions left which are the exclusive preserve of your local Post Office, other outlets are able to provide similar facilities but are totally unrelated to the Post Office. We live in an age of 'e' commerce which means that it is easier to do it online and the Government has encouraged the move away from the old traditional ways. Businesses need customers and your local Post Office is no different. The problem has been exacerbated by the uncertainty created over the last seven years of whether or not Post Office Counters Ltd would close our Post Office in the programme of rural closures. The business couldn't be sold under these circumstances.

There comes a moment in life when enough is enough, especially when the future is so uncertain of what sort of deal is going to be cut with the withdrawal of services. The whole structure is being changed in that salaries are to be replaced by commission which will be based on turnover or transactions. To survive this way one needs a thriving business which can be enhanced with the flow of Post Office customers. The present Post Office has neither and therefore, as painful as it is, one has to accept a deal that is being offered 'by the employer' in other parlance this could be construed as 'redundancy'. These terms could be withdrawn or not be available sometime down the line — with a dream that has evaporated the option put forward has to be accepted.

Chris and Steve are really disappointed, the way things have turned out, but have little option but to take the course open to them as they cannot go on with the withdrawal of services by their employer and the

change of the way we do our business, as individuals, these days. Steve informed the Parish Council of the position at their meeting on 25 October and they "thanked him for his openness...and for bringing it to the attention of the Parish Council" (Minute 236). It is down to choices and the choices made lead to casualties and our Post Office is one of them. We thank them for their service to us here and will be sorry to lose what they bring to this community. They join the exodus from the recent past of; a pub, a garage with petrol pumps, a bus company, a baker, hardware store, a general store, mobile grocer and greengrocer van rounds all in the writer's time.

With the village having been described as being situated "in the middle of nowhere and miles from anywhere" it is ironic that in the new structure plan we have been designated as a "RSC" that is a RURAL SERVICE CENTRE.

David Salmons

(Not as a member of the Downsman committee)

Coffee morning and Jewellery
event at The Post office
Sixpenny Handley
ON

Saturday December 8th
10.30—12.30

and find that
original Christmas gift
Come & browse and buy
Free coffee with every
jewellery purchase
Prices start at £3.50
up to £25.

Call Sheila Ralph for further
information

Phone 01725 552265

Wallowing in the Wet at Woodcutts

What a year we are having, we started off with a warning about water scarcity and hose pipe bans as early as February and some eight months later we are only too aware of flooded areas of gardens, fields and only too often roads. Back in February of this year the water table readings in the area were very low, now they are at levels which could create serious problems, if we have much more rain. The fields here at Woodcutts are still in stubble (12th Nov. 2012) to a large extent and too wet for ploughing or any other sort of cultivation. Certainly minimal cultivation techniques are not even on the cards, although they are very much in vogue now, because they don't release as much carbon dioxide, methane and nitrogen oxides, which are all serious greenhouse gases, back into the atmosphere; while traditional ploughing and cultivation techniques use far more fertiliser, fuel and labour.

There is one positive point that I have observed while wandering around the stubble fields around here and that is that there are numerous ash seedlings growing on the headlands. I know that this does not mean that we will see a lot of young ash trees growing in the fields, as they will be removed with subsequent cultivations but if they are growing in the fields, hopefully they will be growing elsewhere and hopefully will be replacements for all those mature trees that are dying. We have heard recently that up to 30% of all mature trees currently in this country are ash, so if the disease that is threatening them, takes affect, we will see a real reduction in woodland throughout the country; unless of course there are numerous seedlings growing in the woodlands too and are immune and will not be effected by the disease.

While talking about trees, it is a strange year with some like hazel hanging on to their green leaves even now and in the garden roses are still blooming; my fuchsia hedge that I planted four years ago, along the front, roadside fence is still in full bloom and is I hope in a state of growth that will allow it to over winter in a much better form that it has done so far, when winter die-back has been quite considerable. Having lived in the south of Ireland where fuchsia hedges are not uncommon, due to a much kinder climate temperature wise, I am keeping my fingers crossed for my hedge at Woodcutts, which will remind me of

some happier times for me in Eire. Not only are the fuchsias still in full bloom but so are some of the buddleias in the garden, while the new shrubbery that Meg created last year, is still complete with green leaves and there are numerous shrubs there, including Himalayan honeysuckle, which are still in flower. It is certainly still too early to put the garden to bed for the winter, (That's my excuse and I'm sticking to it.)

Besides, I am very busy currently walking our new dog. She is a Rottweiler cross Labrador, a rescue dog from Ireland and a great character. She is only ten months old and she is "big", we are wondering how much more she is going to grow and if we should get a dog cart for her. She is called Pebbles and has a sister called Bam Bam, named of course after the Flintstones' daughters. At ten months old, she is very obedient and loving. In particular she loves food and people, although she doesn't eat people. In fact, despite her size and breeding, she is a very gentle, friendly and obedient dog. It can also be said she is a very "game" dog. In fact if a pheasant or partridge comes into the garden, she will show great interest.

Pebbles has been a resident in Woodcutts since the 20th May this year, but is still not a year old and has a lot to learn. Even so she is not our newest resident, as Adie is moving into 109 Woodcutts and has already shown his neighbourliness by repairing the the lane where it joins the council road. I am sure that we will see a lot of changes for the good around here, when he is fully ensconced in his new home at Woodcutts and we wish him every happiness.

While on the subject of the people of Woodcutteans in particular, I would like to thank all the people of Woodcutts, Chase Crescent and Dean for their enthusiasm and generosity, shown when I was collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal. Knocking on doors and asking for money is not the easiest of tasks and all whom I came into contact with, made the job much easier for me, a big thank you to all of you.

Now we must get back to the wildlife here mainly in the form of magpies. As a child I always looked for a second one if I saw a solitary one:-

One for sorrow, two for Joy.

This was a saying known to all country children, it was only later in life that I heard the next lines:-

Three for a girl four for a boy.

Earlier, in times past, the magpie was even more common. For readers of Sir Walter Scott's book, Quentin Durward, Quentin left his home in Scotland

to become an archer in the French King LouisXI's army. In his journey across France he saw twelve magpies in one day and the above rhyme continues to allow for the complete dozen birds. I am afraid I can't recount these lines as it was some fifty years ago that I read the book.

Since writing the above paragraph, I have been out for a walk with Pebbles in the rain, paddling through puddles in the wet fields where I have walked. Grain prices are already extremely high and will stay so until at least next harvest, due to the poor harvest this year. It also looks bad for next years harvest too, as much of the intended winter sown wheat will in fact be spring sown and spring wheat does not yield as well as winter sown. We must just hope that the spring brings drier weather, more suitable for the drilling of cereals.

Wheat is not the only crop that has suffered badly because of the wet weather, potatoes another of our staple crops, has been hit badly and current prices reflect that. Another crop, which has been an almost failure on some farms is the maize sown for silage to be fed to dairy and beef cows. Beef is already at a premium price and is likely to remain so, as farmers have to feed straw in its stead, with a considerable supplement of concentrate foods. The same applies to the dairy industry, although the supermarkets plus the importation of French milk does have a bearing on what the consumer pays, but it could put a lot more dairy farmers out of business.

The knock on effects of the weather do have some good points, tomatoes planted in our greenhouse in April, to be harvested in June, actually were not ready until August but did keep producing until mid November. Roses are still flowering and as already mentioned, fuchsias are at this moment prolific. It is a crazy world and mankind is not helping. At this point I am stopping and winding it up while we are still ahead.

God bless *Ted Cox (Nov 2012)*



A quick update: The total made by our Front Path Stalls, held over the August Bank Holiday weekend has now risen to £700, with the help of several orders which have come in after the event.

Thank you so much for your support. I can guarantee that all the money goes to the upkeep of the lifeboats and to the training of the wonderful lifeboat crews.

Sheila Bradley 553133

CARDS

Whist With five rounds completed in the 2012-2013 competition, Gerald Trickey, the defending champion, has made an excellent start in defence of his title. Averaging a shade over 168 points per round, he has notched up an aggregate of 842 points which provides him with a reasonably comfortable cushion of 40 points over Ness Park who in turn is narrowly ahead of Rich White by a margin of two; these being the only players to break into the 800s in the opening drives. Fourth place is held by Sylvia Thorne who in round four scored a magnificent 187 to set the highest individual score to date. Looking back to the previous season when 184, set by Dough Haskell, remained unbeaten until overtaken in the final round by Barry Park, '187' could, in the oft repeated line in *Bargain Hunt* [BBC Television], be "a winning score".

Barry Park's return of 179 in round five netted him top score of the evening, elevating him from 17th to 5th with an aggregate of 797, a point clear of Chris Napier, while positions seven to 10 are held respectively by Rita Austin [792], Ruth Hustings [791], Chris Haskell [789] and Stu Coombs [787].

Deposed from the leading 10 were Nora Davis and Doris Day, both absentees from the round and, therefore, having to take a mandatory '139' [the lowest score returned in the opening round], while David Brine had a miserable run of cards and dropped from 9th to 13th where his score of 779 is equalled by Stuart Haskell.

However, perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the current competition is the excellent attendance for thus far there has been an average of eight tables in play. Despite losing a trio of players from Broadchalke, their places have been taken by Olive Meaden, Peter Kingsbury and Sam Webber while Christopher Haskell has made a welcome return to the play and at the same time introducing Amy 'C' to the wiles of Whist.

Sadly, I have to report, Mary Penny [one of the trio from Broadchalke] died in October and her presence at the tables is sorely missed. Not only was Mary an excellent player of the cards, she was also a long-standing member of the Women's Institute and a great supporter and entrant of considerable merit to local flower shows and Garden Fetes.

Bridge The increase reported above in respect of the whist drives has been matched by four new members enrolled in the bridge club: Sylvia Cox [a regular attendee at the whist drives], Jill Squires and the husband and wife pairing of Alan and Margaret Smith. All have attended a series of lessons at Verwood and are now enjoying the transition to competitive play at Sixpenny Handley. Already Jill has been involved in one small slam play of 6 diamonds, excellently bid and executed by her partner, Peter Braithwaite.

A few weeks earlier it was my good fortune to play a 6 No Trumps contract with Julie Trickey and it pleases me to report that the standard of both bidding and play continues to improve with 'missed' game calls becoming a rarity.

Bill Chorley
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Christmas Fayre
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Visit Santa & decorate a biscuit £5



Grotto & Gifts

Little Pennies invite you to their Christmas Fayre where little ones can enjoy a visit to Santa and decorate a biscuit then adults can enjoy shopping at the delightful range of stalls, sip mulled wine and eat mince pies.

Sunday 2nd Dec
11am-3pm



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Now every 3rd Thursday each month!
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Next: 17th January

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Doors Open 7pm
Start 7.30PM



Tea/coffee and home-made cakes

Future Dates: 21st Feb, 21st Mar

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

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Well, I do hope you have browsed the sailing info at the PO and enjoyed a cup of their coffee whilst doing so. If you have not yet got a round tuit, it is still there! As a bit of an addenda to my last note, some further info:

Junior Sail Training:

Salterns age 4/6 to 16 Saturdays 10:00 – 12:00

April to October (www.ltsc.co.uk/training)

Royal Lyminster Yacht Club age 8 to 18

Wednesdays 15:30 – 18:00 April to

September, £1 per session includes

sailing+tea+doughnut

(www.rlymyc.org.uk/junior)

BPYC Salisbury, meet Red Lion Hotel

Salisbury first Tuesday of the winter months,

talks on matters nautical (Micky Barnes

Commodore barnesmpr@aol.com)

So! Excited by the prospect of your first sail; with a friend, club member, or at a training school, you may be wondering how to prepare yourself?

You will get a briefing from your skipper, find out what to take (and what not to take!), clothing, meals, drinks, timings.

Handy Hints:

Boats are wet (despite what the owner says!)

so make sure your stuff is waterproofed

Take a treat for your sailing buddies, chocy

bars, wine (screw top) etc

If you wear specs – get a specs retainer!

It is at least one layer colder on the water!

Useful things to know are:

Boat parts:

Port – left hand side looking forward and red (there is no port wine left in my glass)

Starboard – right hand side looking forward and green

Bow – pointy bit at the front

Stern – blunt bit at the back

Halyards – pull the sails up

Sheets – control in/out of sails

Winches – care needed huge loads!

Fenders – stop you crashing into the dock!

Warps – tie the boat to the dock.

Knots, a few simple ones are commonly used, ask a friendly scout if you do not know them (you really should know them)

Reef knot

Round turn and two half hitches (and make sure it is a full round turn)

Bowline

Clove hitch

Rolling hitch

Securing to a cleat – I hate to use sailing school jargon but OXO will do the trick, watch the lead (do not jam) and one round turn, one cross turn, and finish with a round turn, beware locking turns!

All this and more can be found in RYA booklets, and do not forget your cruising or dinghy personal log (G15 etc)

If you have not, please visit

www.challengenavitus.org.uk for information on offshore wind farm development.

And remember ... one hand for the boat and one for yourself.

This is Adam Ralph listening on Ch 16 and 77 .. out.



THE CHASE GARDEN CLUB

The Chase Garden Club's Winter programme for 2013 continues as follows. 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 is as follows -

Thursday 31st January 2013

Thursday 28th February 2013

Quiz Evening and AGM

Clematis as grown in my Garden

Speaker: Elizabeth Dineley

For further information regarding the above please contact either -

Gill Carter on 01725 552030 or

Louise Walford on 01725 516384

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club Report



At the AGM on 7th November members of the club were updated on the previous years' activities and especially those relating to the fund raising for the new clubhouse.

Acknowledgement was expressed for the support of the villagers in helping us achieve our target of £17,500 in just over nine months. This manifested itself in many forms, from individual and business cash donations, by support of funding events, and to the generous donation of items for inclusion at auctions held in Ringwood. On top of this the unstilted support

of your Parish Council and the behind the scenes work done by the Parish Clerks helped us to achieve our objective.

Work has already commenced, and weather permitting, it is hoped to have the building erected for the opening of our outdoor bowling season starting in April 2013.

The clubhouse, besides relieving some of the pressure on the Sports Pavilion when conflicting events take place, will enable us to ensure the long term viability of the club. Our aim is to provide villagers within our vicinity, of all ages, with the facilities to enjoy the conviviality of belonging to our club whether on an active or social level. This coming year we will place the emphasis on family and youth participation, but don't get complacent if you are not in this bracket – we want you to join us too.

So why don't you and me have a little deal? You have helped us, for which we are very grateful. Why not let us reciprocate? Come to the opening of the new clubhouse and see how much we are just like you. No pressure – just to say 'hello' and show you what your help has achieved. We may not be the best at the game of bowls but we certainly know how to have a good time at not being the best.

We look forward to seeing you all in April, providing it stops raining.

Bob Keech.

Babies to School Age Children
www.happynappy.org.uk

HAPPY NAPPY

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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

The Sixpenny Handley and Chalke Valley Practice Newsletter

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The Doctors and all staff wish you and your family a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

STAFF NEWS

Dr Liz Parry will be rejoining us in November to finish her training and Dr Kayliegh Vickers will be starting in December as part of her ongoing medical training. We welcome both of them.

HEALTH MATTERS

Vaccinations for Pregnant Women

The Pertussis Vaccination for pregnant women over 28 weeks gestation is available by appointment with our Practice Nurses at both sites. This will protect your unborn child from whooping cough. Please telephone for an appointment.

Wasted Appointments

We have an ever increasing amount of missed Doctors and Nurses appointments. If you are unable to attend an appointment that you have previously booked **PLEASE** make sure that you cancel in plenty of time so that we may offer this to another patient.

HELP US TO HELP YOU

Travel

If you are travelling for longer than 1-2 weeks holiday, please allow at least 6 weeks before your date of travel to telephone for an appointment to discuss your vaccine or medication needs for any foreign travel. Checking the website www.masta.org will alert you to your specific needs for your travel.

ORDERING PRESCRIPTIONS

For repeat prescriptions requests we require at least 2 working days notice.

There are various ways to order your repeat prescription.

* Hand in your repeat prescription slip to either surgery

* Post it to Sixpenny Handley Surgery

* Email. For this service you will need to visit or telephone Sixpenny Handley Surgery and speak to the Practice Manager Mr. Bill Carter who will give you a unique password with which to access our email site

*Phone **01725 552589** between 12 noon and 3pm

*Fax your request to 01725 552029.

Any requests after 3pm count as requested the next working day.

Medicines can be collected at any time when the Surgery is open.

If you require medication **urgently when the Surgery is closed** you can call the out of hours service who will try and help if they can. Telephone number 0845 6001013.

Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Date	Sixpenny Handley	Broad Chalke
24 th Dec	8:00am – 6.15pm	8:00am – 4:00pm
25 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
26 th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
27 th Dec	8:00am - 6:15pm	8:00am - 6:15pm
31 st Dec	8:00am - 6:15pm	8:00am – 4:00pm
1 st Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED

Useful Telephone Numbers

Out Of Hours: **0845 6001013**
NHS Direct: **0845 4647**

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

September

1st £25 87 Mrs. Burroughs
2nd £15 4 Mr. Pulman
3rd £10 27 Mr. S. Preedy

October

1st £25 142 Mrs. A. Gray
2nd £15 1 Mrs. Rivers
3rd £10 12 Bowls Club



Sixpenny Handley

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch December 2012



Sixpenny Handley

We can report a relatively quiet time on the crime front in our Parish. There have been occasional thefts from sheds and gardens, usually opportunistic and sometimes where items and buildings have been improperly secured. It's the same pattern as we are used to and it occurs at the same low level in most of the surrounding villages too.

One difference for us is that we have the support of PC Simon Hallam who, a year into his role within the local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team, is proving to be an active and effective officer. All three recent convictions reported in the latest Rural East Dorset PACT newsletter had resulted from arrests made by Simon. These were all in the Verwood area but one individual at least had been involved in crime (drug dealing) extending to our area. He has in the past year made several arrests hereabouts too, so well done Simon.

The Homewatch did eventually get a reply from senior Dorset police to a letter we sent earlier in the year expressing concern about decreasing resources available for policing rural areas. Money is tight, of course, and the reply was pretty non-committal. It certainly doesn't look as if rural policing is set to get huge extra resources anytime soon but there are a couple of encouraging signs.

First is the advent of the elected Rural Police and Crime Commissioners, who should in theory be more responsive to the electorate's concerns. This report is being written on the day of the election, so the result here is unknown but at least one candidate for the Dorset post has talked about a desire to strengthen rural policing and to work with rural Homewatch groups like ours. We'll see.

Second, Mike Darkin, the Inspector responsible for Neighbourhood policing in East Dorset is moving on. This is good news not because he hasn't been useful but because of what he is moving on to do. In his words: "I have been asked to become the Special Constable and Volunteers Coordinator for Dorset Police. This role includes within its portfolio the coordination and development of Watch Schemes across the County. I have been passionate about these areas of policing for many years now and welcome the opportunity to further develop the fantastic support we receive here at east Dorset."

In his final report to PACT members, Mike also wrote: "East Dorset continues to see a fall in crime and anti-social behaviour. Specifically in the past 7 months, 276 less crimes (16% reduction) and a massive 469 (28.5% reduction) less ASB reports have occurred within East Dorset. There are within these figures fluctuations of course and the area that is causing us most worry at the moment remains thefts from vehicles. Our efforts and those of our partners are being channeled in this regard and we are out in your neighbourhoods trying to combat the rise. You may be surprised to read that 75% of our crime in this field is located within residential streets and driveways...not car parks! So my message and plea is please do not leave things on view in your car. Even if it is of no value to you it may be to a thief. The two things you can do to stop this are not to have anything on show and to lock your car." Advice worth repeating!

Have a safe and Happy Christmas.

Mobile Library Schedule - Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

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

Dec 13th, 27th?
Jan 10th, 24th



News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

On 14th September 4 members took part in the Group Annual skittles match and played valiantly to second position narrowly missing out on the winning of the trophy. There followed excellent refreshments which all participants enjoyed, another happy group occasion.

On October 8th we were visited by Mr & Mrs Bill Moore who have a passionate interest in the work of the Mary Rose Trust. Mr Moore dressed in Tudor style and with the help of slides, gave an interesting talk about the Trust and explained about the large number of items that he had brought along that were replica Mary Rose artefacts, which he had meticulously crafted to resemble the real things.

On 18th October 15 members attended the Dorset Federation Women's Institute Autumn Council Meeting at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. The meeting opened with the singing of Jerusalem and after the official business was over the morning speaker took the floor. Neil Lucas from Knoll House Gardens gave an interesting talk about the history of Knoll with particular regard to ornamental grasses for which it is internationally known. After the lunch break the speaker was Adam Henson well known to most through the BBC 1 programme 'Countryfile'. He gave an absorbing talk about his life and farm and his interest in rare breeds. His father founded the Cotswold Farm Park 41 years ago in order to protect some of the rare and valuable historic breeds and in 2011 was awarded the MBE for his services to livestock conservation. The meeting ended with the singing of the National Anthem, a very good day, enjoyed by all.

On 24th October 9 members attended the Autumn Group Meeting at Melbury Abbas, the speaker was Mr Pearce from Semley Auctioneers. Some members brought along their treasured antiques for valuation and added information and Mr Pearce also brought many items of his own for us to identify in the form of a quiz. It was a busy session!!

On November 12th the speaker was Mary James a volunteer at Salisbury Hospice who came to talk about the history and work of the Salisbury Hospice Charity.

Last year the charity funded 64%, or £1.3m of the costs of the day to day running of the Hospice. There is now a new logo, to create a new identity for the charity confirming in people's minds the need for fundraising, but also the tree represents shelter, nurturing, community support and growth. It was a very informative talk and certainly a reminder of the great work that is going on locally.



This year again 11 shoe boxes were donated by Sixpenny Handley W.I. to the Rotary International Shoebox scheme for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Tanzania, Moldova and the Philippines.



The Craft and Book Clubs continue to meet monthly very successfully and the newly started Flower Club is also up and running with great gusto!



Dates for the Diary

5 th December	Group Advent Carol Service
10 th December	Christmas Party
8 th January	A visit to Antarctica 2010
	Mr C.J. Hardiman

Anyone who like to attend a meeting or have more information please contact the Secretary Mrs Bobbie Carter (01725 552042)

Rita Taylor (Committee Member)

one man and his dog presents
**An Evening of 'Rural Disco' with
Skiffle Sensations**

QUINN'S QUINNEY



Fri 7th Dec 8pm
Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley
Tickets £4 advance (incl. curry)
Available from The Roebuck Inn

The Sixpenny Post First Edition



The first weekend of November saw a big “first” for us at the Sixpenny Brewery, when we were proud to be the official sponsors of the 14th Poole Beer Festival, held as usual at St Aldhelm’s Hall, Branksome, Poole. Always a popular event, with over 85 real ales and around 1400 thirsty guests, the event was a sell-out as ever. This was the first festival sponsored by Sixpenny, and it was great to see our logo on every glass. Our thanks go to East Dorset CAMRA for making this event such a success. And many thanks to all those customers who voted for us – our new Jack FM Ale came in a creditable Third – Cheers!

Have you tried the new Sixpenny IPA sausage yet? Made in collaboration with O’Hagans of Chichester, makers of some of Britain’s finest sausages, these will be available at many local events over the year, such as the recent Wimborne Food Fair, and the Christmas Food Fair at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth. We also intend having regular barbeques up at the Tap. Our resident chef, Tony Field, hails from Durban in South Africa, where they have raised cooking over charcoal to an art form – no flabby supermarket bangers for us – these are the real deal, made from the very best ingredients plus our own ale. Watch out for news updates for the next barbeque at the brewery.

Christmas at the Tap – get into the true spirit of Christmas by joining us at the Brewery Tap on Christmas Eve. We’ll be open from 2pm until 5pm, and will have the sausage bbq going, best enjoyed with a pint of Marley’s Ghost, our traditional festive ale, to keep you all warm. To top it off, we’ll have traditional Carols performed by Phil Humphries of the Mellstock Band. Tis the season to be jolly, and we look forward to welcoming you all.



Many people have been asking if we are going to start bottling our ales again – well, you’ll be pleased to learn, the answer is yes, we already have! First off the bottling line is Best – a slightly stronger version of the draught ale, coming in at around 4.8%, and the ever-popular IPA, at 5.2%. You’ll be able to buy bottles directly from the Tap, or from selected off-licences, and we’ll let you know shortly when and where they’ll be in stock.



Christmas Opening Hours – we will be open at our usual times over the festive season, except for Christmas Eve, open 2pm to 5pm, and Boxing Day, Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th December when we will be closed. Back to normal on Friday 28th!

Don’t forget to order your beer for Christmas in good time. We’ll have bottles of Best and IPA (a great gift idea for those difficult relatives who have everything!) and fresh draught beer too. We need 48 hours notice for the 18 and 36 pint beer boxes, and expect a big demand this year, so the last date for Christmas orders is Thursday 20th December. When stored in cool conditions, beer in these containers will keep for approximately two weeks, so you can collect it in advance – of course, if you can’t resist it, you can always order more...



More news from Sixpenny Brewery in the New Year, but you can always keep up to date via our website, Facebook, or Twitter – and, of course, you’re always welcome at The Tap!

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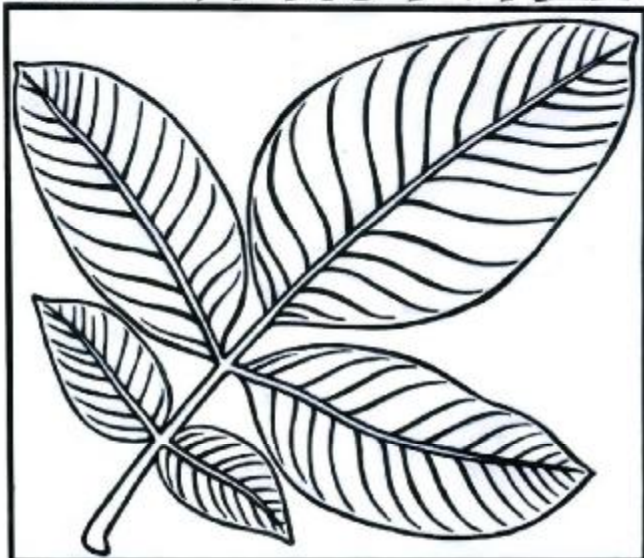
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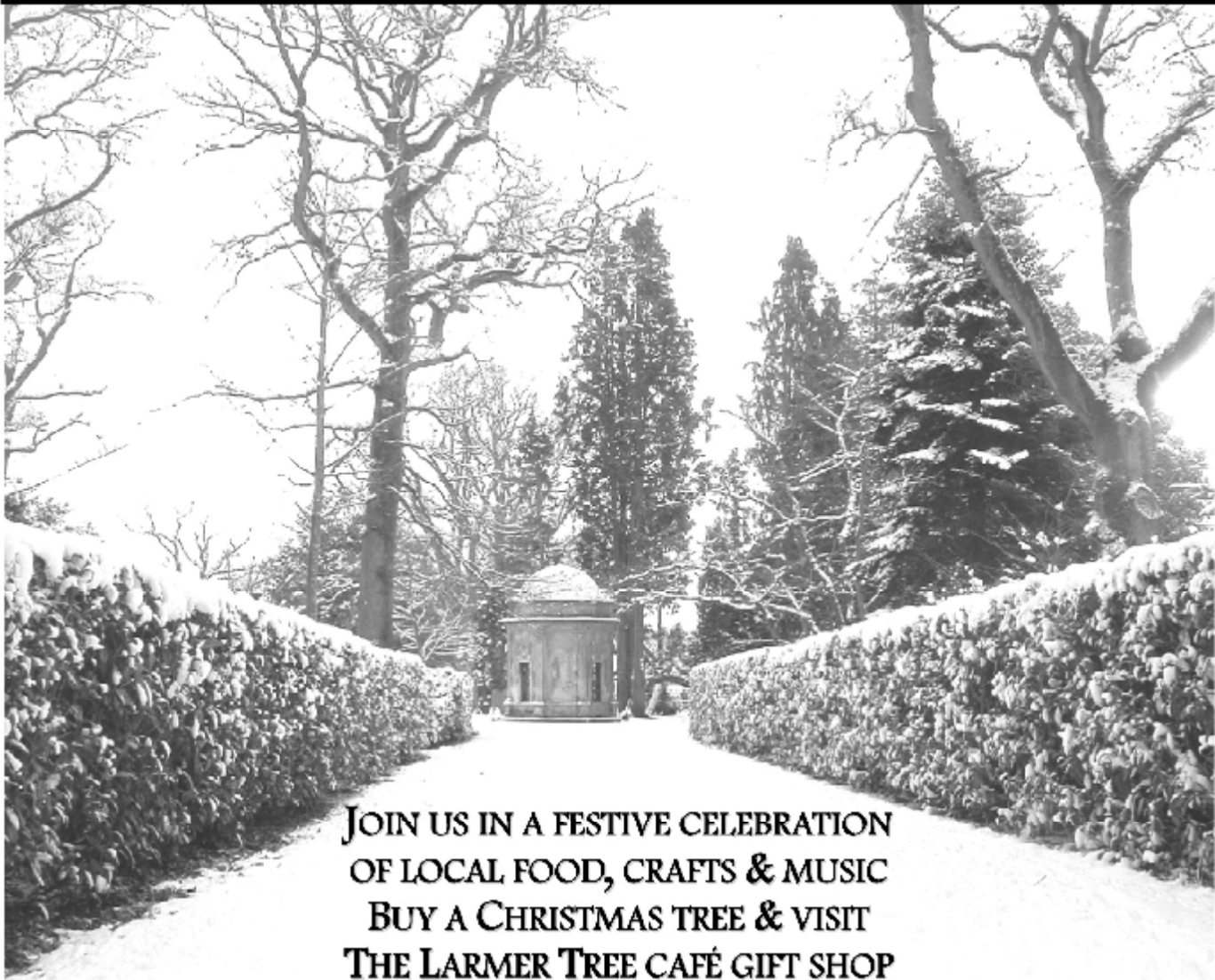


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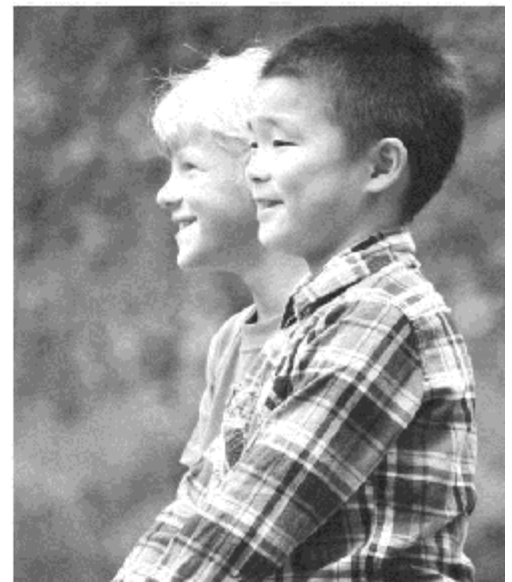
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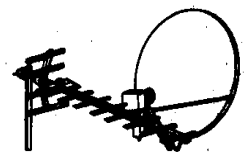
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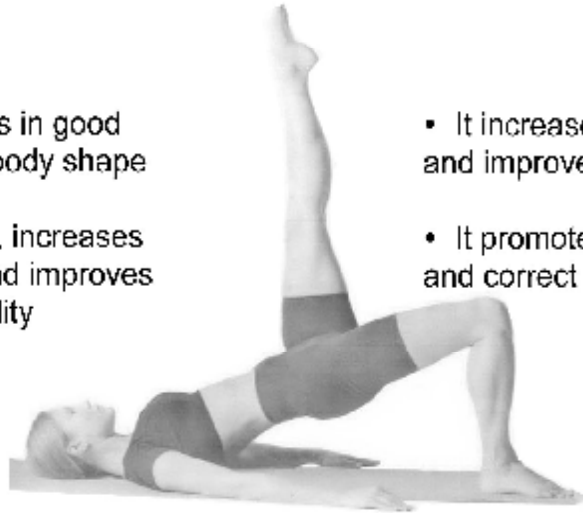
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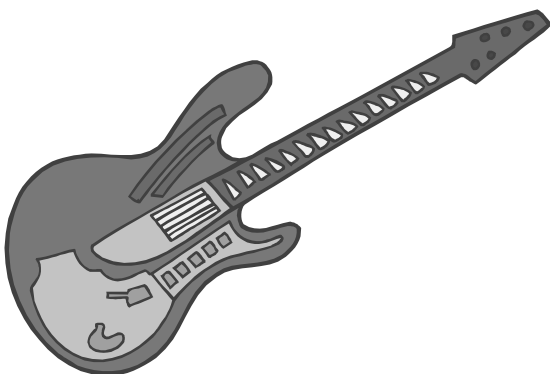
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DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
1 Dec	Breast Cancer Coffee Morning		7 Jan	QE Term begins	
2 Dec	Christmas Fayre & Grotto	15	8 Jan	Handley & Cranborne Middle Term begins	
2 Dec	Scouts Carols		8 Jan	WI Antarctica	20
5 Dec	WI Carols	20	10 Jan	Mobile Library	19
8 Dec	Scout Dinner Dance		15 Jan	Downsman Deadline	3
10 Dec	WI Christmas Party	20	17 Jan	Bingo	15
13 Dec	MU meeting	8	14 Jan	Full Parish Council	4
13 Dec	Mobile Library	19	24 Jan	Mobile Library	19
16 Dec	Traditional Carol Service	8	31 Jan	Chase Garden Club	16
18 Dec	Village Carol Singing	8	1 Feb	Next Downsman Issue	3
21 Dec	Core Strategy Deadline	4	18 Feb	Half Term Week	
21 Dec	Schools Last Day of Term		28 Feb	Chase Garden Club	16
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25 Dec	Christmas Day				

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