

Snow Days

January brought snow, so much the schools called “snow day” and this combination allowed for a collection of very tall snowmen, snow forts, igloos and sledging. And then time for hot chocolate and keeping warm by the fire!

What will the rest of the year bring us?

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors

will be held 7pm Thursday 11th April 2013
in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

New Play Equipment on it's way!

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Sorry - we are unable to include flyers

Welcome to your new look Downsman!

Well I hope it was a pleasant surprise to see The Downsman looking different on your doorstep, and it is still a work in progress so watch out for the changes or be part of them by submitting your content!



One of the biggest changes will be to advertising. Thankfully The Downsman is now self sufficient, that is the advertising pays for the magazine and the Parish Council no longer need to give us money to keep us running. So along with the new layout and keeping in mind paper costs, we are changing the size of all new advertising as from the next issue. All advertisers will be receiving a letter about this shortly, but if you have any questions, please contact myself or David - email addresses on the left. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our advertisers, and hope that you will support them.

I'd also like to thank the regular Downsman committee and volunteers for all their efforts to make sure The Downsman is interesting to read, financed, printed, collated and delivered. Also to those creative minds who in deepest December met in my kitchen to pass on their ideas and expertise to make the changes you see today.

In this Month's issue I hope you will enjoy our new contributions including **Gardeners Notes** on page 35 and **Eating Out Again** on page 21. If you would like to contribute on any subject please contact me.

In **Parish News** I have been reading all about the new waste collection and wondering where all the new bins can go! And I have enjoyed catching up with the **School** page 10, **Scouts** page 30 and welcomed a report from the **Youth Football Team** page 38.

Best Wishes

Naomi Booth

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Letters to the Editor

Special News

Little Jess the Donkey has won an award for animal work in the community. My friend Cath nominated him for the award in the Real People magazine. We spent a lovely day in London at the presentation where we collected a cheque for £1,000, which was sponsored by Mecca, and a Hamper of apples and carrots. The money will be split between the Intensive Baby Care unit at Salisbury Hospital and projects for the village. My thanks to Cath,

Rob Jesse

Thank you

Liz Coombes and Stella Olsen thank everyone who came to our Coffee Morning on 1st of December, to all who supported us by donations of cash or goods and especially our willing helpers. We raised a grand total of £700 for Breast Cancer Care.

Stella Olsen

Dog Portrait Thanks

Could we express our thanks to the very kind lady who took a photo of our dog Alfie and very kindly gave us an excellent hand-drawn portrait of him. Unfortunately, we do not know who you are, but wanted to let you know how much we appreciate it.

Annette, Martin and Jack (not forgetting Alfie!) at Canny Cottage

Lost Ancestors

Hello everyone, I hope you are all having a fabulous New Year.

My name is Jim Stallard, and I'm from Hampshire, now living in the USA, but I have Dorset roots! I know this, as I'm on a quest to explore my family ancestry, and this has led me to Sixpenny

Handley, the birth place of one of my great-great-grandmothers, and possibly her mother, Christian Luckaes.

My mother, a Barnes, was born in the family home in Sholing, Hampshire, as was her mother, a Warner - yes the same house, but back then the district was called Hound. Her mother, a May, was born in Durely - still Hampshire - but her mother, Hannah Trowbridge was born in Handley in 1823. I know all this from birth, marriage and census records I've researched online.

Hannah's father, John Trowbridge, from Pentridge (he was baptised 17th July 1796) married Christian Luckaes on 22nd February 1821, in Handley. On John and Christian's marriage licence there are recorded two witnesses Marther Dibben and Thomas Luckas. All of the information on the licence was written by Phillip Rideout, Rector of Farnham, Curate of Handley - both John and Christian solemnized their marriage with their marks, neither could write. This leads me to believe that Rev. Rideout may be to blame for some of the spelling inconsistencies - Luckaes instead of Luckas (or even Lucas?); Marther instead of Martha; he spells John's surname as Trowbridge and Trobridge!

But after the marriage document, my trail goes cold.

From baptism records it would seem that Christian changed her name to Catherine (also noted as Kitty), had five children with John: Frederic (1821, dies 1821), Hannah (1823), Betsy (1826), George (1829) and John (1831, buried 1832).

But then, on 10th June 1834, John Trowbridge marries Anne Frampton, and the 1841 census shows them living at 12 Dean lane [sic?], with Hannah, Betsy and George and two of Anne's children from her previous marriage.

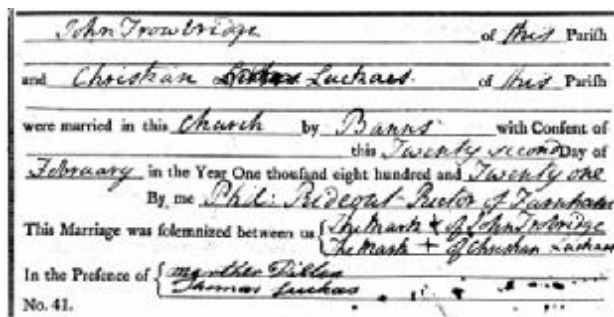
So what happened to Christian/Catherine?

Good people of Dorset, do you have any links to my Luckas/Trowbridge ancestors? Do you know from whence Christian came, or any other tidbits from her life story?

It is entirely possible that Christian and John left Handley almost as soon as they were married, and then another John Trowbridge arrived with his wife Catherine and they are the family I need to find, but I have no evidence of this. I have no death certificate or burial record for either a Christian Trowbridge or a Catherine Trowbridge, so either way there's still a mystery to solve. Can anyone help?

Jim Stallard
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Postal address available from the editor.



Marriage document of John Trowbridge and Christian Luckas

Downsman Noticeboard

If your group is staging an event or needs help, use this free space to tell everyone!



SIXPENNY HANDLEY WI JUMBLE SALE

Sat 2nd March

Doors open at 2.30pm

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

Lots of Stalls - Teas - Raffle

Entrance 20p

Items for sale may be brought to the Hall between 10am and midday on the day.

For collections beforehand ring Stella on 552236 or Jan on 552704.

Sorry, no large furniture



Sixpenny Handley
First School



FairTrade Fortnight 2013 Monday 25th February to Sunday 10th March

Asking for Fairtrade is one way to ensure farmers and workers can farm into the future, provide for their families and invest in their communities. Our doors will be open on Friday 8th March from 2.30pm for a free cup of Fairtrade Tea or Coffee with a biscuit too! You can view the children's work created during the week based on FairTrade and buy some FairTrade products.

Everyone Welcome



21st February

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall



Doors Open 7pm

Start 7.30pm

Fun, prizes, tea/coffee and home-made cakes!

Future dates:

21st Mar, 18th Apr

All proceeds to The Little Pennies Pre-School
Registered Charity no. 1137622



Sixpenny Handley First
School

We currently have
a vacancy for a
Community Governor

Are you interested?

See page 10 for full details



FIRST WOODCUTTS NEEDS YOU

FIRST WOODCUTTS INVITES ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE, TO COME ALONG TO THE SCOUT HQ ON TUESDAY THE 19TH FEBRUARY @ 7.30 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP OUR OWN SUPPORT UNIT

See page 30 for full details



Coffee morning at the Pavilion,
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every Thursday morning
10.15 am to 11.45 am

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Clair Brown 552814
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play in St Mary's Church



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Clerk's Corner

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Pot Holes!

You can report a variety of highways problems on line at www.dorsetforyou.com such as a pothole, verge cutting, damaged signs, etc. If the problem you are reporting is an emergency or requires urgent attention then please telephone 01305 221020 to report it direct to the Dorset County Council Highways Office. Alternatively, let the Parish Council know and we will report it for you.

New Play Equipment on it's way!

The Parish Council is very pleased to have successfully received grants from Synergy Housing, East Dorset District Council, Rushmore Estate and the Dorset Community Foundation along with some hard working local parents who have raised funds to enable the installation of 3 new pieces of play equipment suited to children from 0-8 years in the Recreation Area. We look forward to an official opening this Spring! Thanks must go to everyone involved who has helped with this project.

Superfast Broadband for Dorset

Thousands of people in Dorset have already registered their interest in receiving Superfast Broadband. Encourage your neighbours and businesses in your area to register at www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast. Fill in the survey and complete all the questions. Your information will be anonymised and none of your personal details, including email address and other contact details will be passed on to any third party.

Other news....

As a busy rural parish, over 10 miles from the main towns, Sixpenny Handley places great value on its Post Office. Aware that rural post offices are facing an uncertain future your Parish Council is currently exploring ways in which this valuable facility might be cost effectively retained, possibly alongside the Parish Council Office and other community organisations' thereby effectively creating a 'Parish Hub'.

Parish Council Meetings at the Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 7:30pm Thursday 7th February / 7th March

Planning Matters Meeting 7:30pm Thursday 14th February / 14th March
Full Parish Council 7:30pm 28th February / 28th March

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.

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will be held 7pm Thursday 11th April 2013 in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

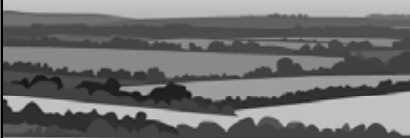
All residents of Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish invited to attend.
Meet your Parish, County & District Councillors.
Ask Questions, Raise Suggestions.

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



Look out for your letter about changes to waste collections

The Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) is writing to more than 40,000 households in North Dorset and East Dorset this month about important changes to their recycling and rubbish collections.

The new 'recycle for Dorset' service, which was successfully introduced in Christchurch and part of East Dorset in October, will be rolled out across North Dorset and the rest of East Dorset from Monday 10 June.

During January, people in North Dorset and parts of East Dorset including Alderholt, Corfe Mullen, Cranborne, Holt, Sixpenny Handley, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne St Giles and surrounding villages will receive a letter and leaflet introducing the new service and what it means for them.

Residents should read both their letter and leaflet carefully, as they may need to take action before the end of February.

The new containers should be suitable for most households. However, if there is a genuine reason why the containers will not meet a household's specific needs, or they would need help moving their containers, they should contact the DWP no later than Thursday 28 February. Any late requests will not be assessed until after the new service has started.

Households also need to contact the DWP before the end of February if they do not currently have a recycling box, as they will need one to collect glass when the new service starts.

Cllr Mrs Hilary Cox, Chair of the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, said:

"We are writing to people now to introduce their new collection service and let them know that they may need to contact us before the end of February.

"The new service, which is already being well used by residents in Christchurch and other parts of East Dorset, is clean, easy-to-use and enables people to recycle more at home, including plastic pots, tubs and trays.

"It's also flexible. While most households should have no problems using the new service, there will be genuine reasons why the standard containers will not be suitable for everyone and we may be able to agree suitable alternatives."

For most households, the standard 'recycle for Dorset' service will consist of:

- A weekly collection of cooked and uncooked food waste using a 23-litre outdoor bin and a 7-litre kitchen caddy
- A fortnight collection of recycling using a 240-litre wheelie bin for plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, paper and cardboard, tins and cans and aerosols; residents' existing recycling box for glass; and a small, reusable bag for batteries
- A fortnightly collection of rubbish using a 140-litre wheelie bin
- For more information about the new 'recycle for Dorset' service, including electronic copies of the introductory leaflets, go to <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset>

The following 'recycle for Dorset' roadshows have been confirmed:

- Thursday 31 January – Alderholt Village Hall – 1.30pm to 4.30pm
- Saturday 9 February – Blandford, The Corn Exchange – 10am to 1pm
- Saturday 16 February – Corfe Mullen Village Hall – 2pm to 5pm
- Monday 18 February – Shaftesbury Town Hall (The Guildhall) – 5pm to 8pm
- Friday 22 February – Stalbridge, Dikes Supermarket – 10am to 1pm

An updated list of roadshows and places where residents can see examples of the new containers can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclingevents

People in these areas can also pay now for a new, optional garden waste collection starting in June. The fortnightly service runs all year round and costs £35 a year for a 240-litre wheelie bin or £25 a year for a reusable 120-litre bag.

If you would like to receive a garden waste collection starting in June, you need to pay by the end of February to avoid disappointment. If you apply later, your collection may not start until the autumn.

Dog Mess

Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place:

Areas of concern in the village include:

- The High Street
- Littlefield Lane
- St Mary's Court
- The bottom of the village



Your collection service is changing

You may need to contact us by **28 February**



The new **recycle for Dorset** collection service starts in North Dorset and part of East Dorset* on 10 June. Look out for your leaflet in the post.

To request an exception or pay for the optional garden waste collection, go online or call no later than **28 February**.

* Includes: Alderholt, Corfe Mullen, Cranborne, Holt, Sixpenny Handley, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne St Giles and surrounding villages

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Sixpenny Handley First School



Robins visit to the Pantomime!

On Thursday 6th December the Robins class excitedly set off to Salisbury Playhouse to watch Sleeping Beauty as a special treat for the end of their theme 'Once upon a time'. We loved shouting 'booooo' at the wicked fairy who made the princess fall asleep and sang a funny song all about a wiggly worm. We also loved shouting 'bog bean' at Billy, a clumsy but very caring boy, as he was always looking out for Sleeping Beauty. Once we got back to school, we really enjoyed re-enacting the story during our exploring time!

Christmas with the Aliens!

Well, we had some unusual visitors to our nativity this year. They crash landed from outer space. They were in fact.... ALIENS!!!! They were a bit funny looking with their googly antennae and the teacher looked a bit surprised. The aliens really enjoyed watching the Christmas performance and learning all about Christmas. They especially liked the 'star kept shining' song with the children's amazing actions and the song 'let the universe know his name'. We think the dancing was outstanding. The narrators did a great job with their speaking parts and you could hear them

from the other side of the stage and wow what fantastic solo singing from the three kings. All in all a brilliant performance!!!

A Sing Song in the Village Hall!

On Friday 14th December the whole school zipped up our raincoats and put our hoods up ready for a walk down to the village hall. We were off to sing to Chase Community of Friends. After a soggy walk we arrived at the village hall and everyone was really pleased to see us. We sang the songs from our Christmas show and the audience really enjoyed it. They are already looking forward to seeing us again next year! We were very lucky as we were given a treat for our lovely singing and actions...what a fantastic festive morning out!

Party day!

On our exciting run up to Christmas, our whole school celebrated with a fun party day! We came into school wearing our party outfits and we wore our FANTASTIC party hats which we had created for our Christmas lunch! We started the excitement together in the hall with 4 games of 'pass the parcel'. One child from each class won the surprise in the middle, which was a

selection box full of yummy chocolates! We then had a game of musical statues, it was hard to keep still but we all did fantastically well. To finish off we had a dance competition, where the grown-ups kept a look out for children who were showing determination. There were lots of prizes being given out to children who were inspiring others with their best dance moves.

The fun then carried on in our classrooms, where we spent the afternoon taking part in Christmas activities and playing even more festive games! We all had a lovely day and it helped us all get into the Christmas Spirit for our last few days of term.

Village Hall 100 Club

November 2012

1st £25 90 Mr. L. Smith
2nd £15 123 Mr. P. Taylor
3rd £10 69 Mrs. D. Leverton

December 2012

1st £25 70 Mr. M. Pettit
2nd £15 143 Mr. C. Napier
3rd £10 49 Mr. T. Henderson

Mobile Library

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

February - 14th, 28th

March - 14, 28th

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

The editor would like to apologise for the incorrect dates in the last Downsman



Sixpenny Handley First School



We currently have a vacancy for a

Community Governor

Why should I become a Governor?

Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education and a full and diverse governing body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. Volunteering as a governor is a great way to contribute to your local community, meet new people and improve the lives of local children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use.

What does the Governing Body Do?

Governing Bodies are responsible for the strategic direction of the school and make decisions about a wide range of issues.

The core responsibilities involved are:-

- Ensuring accountability
- Acting as a critical friend to the Head Teacher
- Monitoring and evaluating the school's progress
- Budgetary allocation and control
- Planning for the long term future of the school
- Setting the school's aims & values
- Appointing senior members of staff including the Head Teacher

Our Governing Body is made up of smaller committees, these being;

- Health and Safety and Premises (Tuesdays after school)
- Staffing and Finance (Tuesdays after school)
- Teaching and Learning (Tuesdays in school time)

These committees meet twice a term as does the Full Governing Body. You are not expected to be on every committee

(unless you want to!).

Is Training Offered?

Dorset Governor Services run many training courses for Governors. You are encouraged to undertake training where you can, courses are free to Governors and travelling expenses can be claimed from the school.

Am I entitled to time off work?

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Weathering the Worst at Woodcutts!

I have just heard on the television that 2012 was the wettest year for a century. Whatever any one may think, I am unable to remember the last one as I was still in my pram. My daughter-in-law gave me as a Christmas present, a book entitled "Wrinkles' Joke Book" and I have taken it to heart, unfortunately I can't remember any of the jokes. How can I attribute the reasons for this present? Possibly it is because I was born so long ago according to my relatives, even though I have two older brothers. They both put me to shame because one is so fit physically and the other one leaves me standing where modern cameras and computers are concerned and does not have to refer to his grandchildren for help. However one thing I do know is that I am not old enough for carbon dating.

Back to the weather here at Woodcutts. After another night of rain, the forecast on the 11th of January, threatens us with a coming, cold spell in the next few days, which might involve a smattering of snow. This won't help the farmers much as there is still a large amount of winter ploughing to be done here and I assume winter wheat to be drilled. The latter crop can only be drilled until the end of January and then only limited yields can be expected, compared with crops sown in September, October or November. This crop requires a period of vernalisation, literally 'a period of winter weather of a particular length in order to germinate and grow'. Spring crops of wheat, oilseed rape, barley and oats can be sown later, as temperatures rise and the land dries out between now and the end of March but of course the resulting yields will be far below an early sown, winter crop. Another blow for the farmers and the public at large, is the scarcity of home grown food, resulting from a poor 2012 harvest and

the prospect of another poor harvest in 2013 and the cost of the need to import food from abroad. These factors result in the need to import the basics needed for a normal 'English diet'. In the Farmers Weekly all is doom and gloom. The price of feed wheat, i.e. that is animal feed, (ex farm) is already around £200/tonne, some £50/tonne greater than last year, barley prices are also higher than usual resulting in beef prices £3.78/ kilo. ex farm compared with £3.28/ kilo. last year and potatoes are £200/ tonne ex farm compared with £112/ tonne this time last year. This is of little comfort for anyone and with this year's (2013) harvest already forecasted to be below average, there is not much hope that prices of foodstuffs will return to pre 2012 levels.

From the doom and gloom let's look at the things that Mother Nature is up to. There is obviously a lot more growth about, with insect life still fairly abundant (I actually saw a red admiral on the wing on the fourth of January). for the insectivorous birds and plenty of berries and buds left for the ones who are vegetarian. I say this because the amount of food we are putting out on our bird table is far less this year than those of the past few. We are seeing fewer tits, finches and sparrows but we still have regular visits from the resident greater spotted woodpeckers and not to be beaten we often see the green woodpeckers on their distinctive flights up the lane.

On the vegetation side things are moving, snowdrops are a little later than normal but have been in flower around here since the first week of January and of course in the village churchyard as well, so I am sure Liz will be pleased. The first wild primroses are in flower too, which is extremely early,

even for the 'prime' or first 'rose' of the year.

One plant that is doing as it should at this time of year, is the Glastonbury Thorn growing in the churchyard. This tree is grown by grafting a branch of the famous Glastonberry tree, *Craetagus monogyna Biflora*; a sub species, onto our native hawthorn, *Craetagus monogyna*. It has been in leaf and will flower over the New Year every year and again in May as the main species does, hence the extra botanical name *biflora*. The Glastonbury Thorn according to legend comes from a tree which grew as a result of Joseph of Aramathea, the man who donated his own, prepared tomb to lay Jesus's body in after the crucifixion, coming to England and while on a visit to Glastonberry sticking his staff into the ground, where it took root and grew. All the resulting Glastobury Thorns are said to have come from that tree. There is only legend to back up this story, which apparently started in the Middle Ages, when it was said that Joseph also brought the Holy Grail to this country. There is no supporting evidence for this theory.

I have not even mentioned the evidence of the numbers of deer that are in the area and my word count is up. Deer feed at dawn to dusk out of sight to the human eye but the number of fresh slots, (hoof prints) that show up daily in the wet fields, suggest that numbers are very high. The fact that they aren't seen in the open much, also suggests that there is sufficient grazing and browsing in the woods around here.

Thank you for reading this and God bless.

Ted Cox
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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

The big event in fighting crime since our last issue was, of course, the public election of civilian Police and Crime Commissioners to oversee each and every police force. The voter turnout in Handley and indeed in Dorset as a whole was little better than for the country but the sixth of the electorate who did get along to the polls and work out the complex ballot paper correctly returned Martyn Underhill, a political independent.

As directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, Martyn replaces the old Dorset Police Authority and is responsible for providing local oversight and scrutiny of Dorset Police.

The overarching role of the PCC is to aim to cut crime and to deliver an effective and efficient police service in Dorset. The PCC does this by holding the Chief Constable and the Force to account on behalf of local people.

The PCC is supported in undertaking these duties by staff in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

A Police and Crime Panel has also been established with the principle role of providing a 'check and balance' to the role of the PCC and to support the Commissioner in the undertaking of his duties.

Martyn Underhill is thus your link to the police on anything to do with performance and future planning. He can be contacted at <http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/>. Martyn says, "I'm enjoying my role as Police and Crime Commissioner immensely. It's a huge task and there is much to be done but I am working hard to represent the people of Dorset." One of his first

challenges is to interview a new Chief Constable for the county, who will be appointed during February.

On the crime front itself, it has been another relatively quiet period in our Parish. Thefts from vehicles have been prominent in the statistics, not just in our village but also round about. One parishioner had a wallet taken from a car broken into during the Christingle service so please take extra care to check you always lock your car – even if only leaving it for a short time – and don't leave anything attractive such as your mobile phone in it or at least on view.

There have been reports of dog fouling at the bottom of the village and the Homewatch volunteers have been asked to keep an eye out as to who is responsible – or irresponsible one might say. Always clear up after your dog in public areas and once you have bagged it, bin it! Why do some people bag up and then just leave the bag hanging on a bush? In Winter you can see the results of this bizarre and antisocial practice particularly clearly.

Out in the countryside there have been several instances of poaching, involving crop damage on wet ground as well as animal cruelty. Farmers, gamekeepers and the police work together as best they can to reduce it but if you see suspicious-looking men with dogs and vehicles tearing around across country, please call 999 straight away. Poaching is one of six national wildlife crime priorities and it needs to be cracked down on.

Children's Play Equipment Fund



Exciting News

We have some very exciting news, we are there! We have managed to raise nearly the full amount needed for the new play equipment. We were very lucky and were able to apply for a range of different grants and were successful in being awarded money from three of them. We also worked hard at our fundraising events and the Parish Council have agreed to put in the money needed to make our total.

Thank you

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that has been involved, from the people that made cakes and scones to the people that helped run a stall at the very wet community day and those that donated prizes for our tombola and raffle's. We really couldn't have done it without so many people giving us their support and we really do appreciate your help.

Also a big thank you to the Parish Council and Parish Clerk who have been very supportive and have helped to point us in the right direction for funding available and helped us to secure the grants we were awarded.

Many thanks from us all

Sarah Styles

Christmas Thank You

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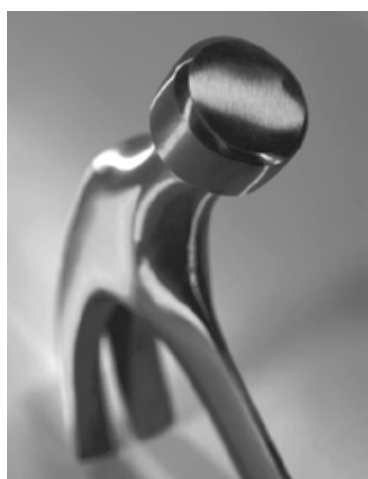
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Health Matters

Some helpful information about some common Winter illnesses.

Norovirus, better known as the winter vomiting bug, is the most common stomach bug in the UK, affecting people of all ages. The virus, which is highly contagious, causes vomiting and diarrhoea. As there is no specific cure, you have to let it run its course, but it should not last more than a couple of days. If you get norovirus, make sure you drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration and practise good hygiene to help prevent it from spreading. If you have norovirus, the following steps should help ease your symptoms:

- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Take paracetamol for any fever or aches and pains.
- If you feel like eating, eat foods that are easy to digest.
- Stay at home and don't go to the doctor, because norovirus is contagious and there is nothing the doctor can do while you have it.
- However, contact your GP to seek advice if your symptoms last longer than a few days or if you already have a serious illness.

Most of us will have a cold this autumn

or winter and some of us will have flu.

Here's how to look after yourself if these viruses affect you.

Colds and flu are caused by viruses.

There are more than 200 common cold viruses and three types of flu virus with many different strains, so they're hard to avoid. These viruses can be spread through droplets that are coughed and sneezed out by an infected person.

The viruses can also be transferred on a person's fingers. For example, if you have a cold and you touch your nose or eyes and then touch someone else, you may pass the virus on to them. The main symptoms of winter cold and flu bugs are:

- coughing
- sneezing
- blocked nose
- sore throat
- headache
- a slight temperature

If these are the only symptoms you have, it's unlikely that your GP will be able to do anything. You may want to visit your local pharmacy, where you can get advice on how to manage the symptoms and buy over-the-counter medicine.

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.

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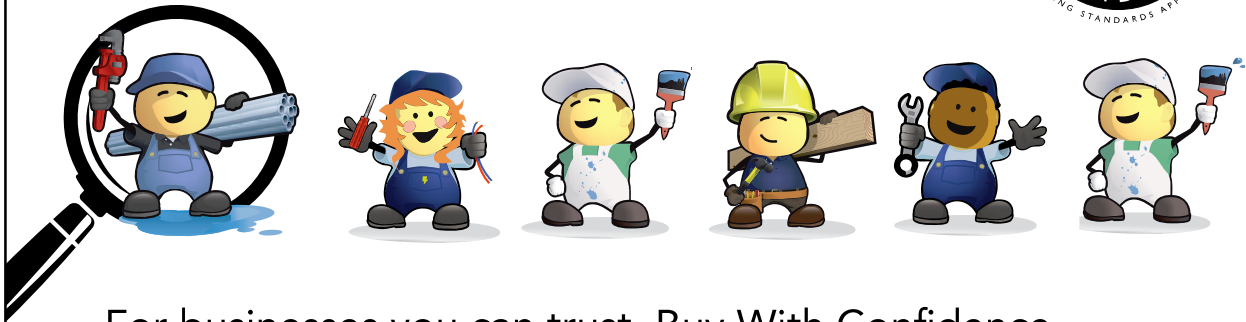
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Third Reef

My last two notes have been interspersed with some sailing terms – not to confuse, but to intrigue, I hope, maybe time now for some brief explanation for the nautically challenged?

‘Call Starboard’ – ‘When two sailing vessels are approaching one another, so as to involve a risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other as follows – when each has the wind on a different side, the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other’ (International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, rule 12(a) i). Interestingly there is a rule for just about every scenario, power and sail. **‘Listening on channel 16 and 77 – out’** – All vessels underway should have their VHF radio on, and keep a listening watch on ch 16 (Distress and Calling), most VHF radios have dual watch facility so other channels can be monitored, in this case ch 77 an intership channel, and is used to avoid unnecessary traffic on ch 16, ‘out’ signifies end of transmission. Note that ‘over and out’ is a nonsense!

Assuming that by now you have had your first sail, and, like me want to spend the rest of your life sailing, but wonder how? Apart from buying your own yacht, there are many other ways:

- Join a club, and sign up to the crew register (LTSC are particularly well organised in that respect – www.ltsc.co.uk)
- Ditto and sign up for racing crew, great fun, and great experience!
- Cruising Association run a skippers/crew register. (www.cruising.org.uk)
- Other crew registers as advertised in yachting press (usual caveats

Gone Sailing

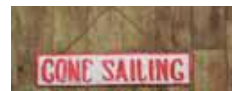
would apply).

- Personal ads in yachting press (eg single experienced skipper with 40’ yacht seeks girl Friday for sailing frolics etc.) perhaps best treated with caution!
- Take the next course on RYA syllabus. www.rya.org.uk
- Decide to make a career out of it, and take one of the courses available – this time next year you could be working on a Superyacht somewhere exotic! (Yacht Essentials mag www.yachtessentials.com may have to access through Google)
- Join The ARC (Atlantic Rally for Cruisers), Canaries to St Lucia, one of my sailing buddies, has just completed this voyage, on a friends yacht.
- At LTSC the cruising side is well organized, with Meanderers every Wednesday (for those retired or who can make Wednesdays available, quite a few actually), Saturday Saunterers once a month, in the ‘summer’ two weekends away a month, and long weekend cruise to Cherbourg and St Vaast, and the club cruise to foreign parts. All very informal, and crew always needed. There is also plenty of racing but I do not get much involved other than win a couple just to keep my skill level up!

Bunkside Reading

A small selection would include:

- ‘A Seaman’s Guide to the Rule Of The Road’ (Training aid for RN & MN and us yachties). Technical
- ‘Siezed’ by Max Hardberger – stolen ship recovery, really good. Non fiction
- ‘Riptide’ or any other of Sam Llewellyn’s nautical thrillers. Fiction.



Recent Sail

LTSC Meander Wednesday 9 January 2013

Forecast: Wind – N or NE F3 to 4, Sea – Slight, Weather – Drizzle, Viz – Moderate. Portsmouth tides: HW 08:47 4.5m, LW 14:25 1.2m (range 3.3m thus ‘springish’) ‘Tern III’ with three aboard, towards Newtown Creek from Lymington, with adverse tide kept in shallow water on mainland shore (fresh coffee and chocy bars at elevensies) and headed for Newtown when time was right, we had good winds and made 6 knots through the water but due to adverse tide only 4.5 knots speed over ground (SOG), rafted alongside ‘Born Free’ for lunch, and then returned on the tide. Whilst the forecast was correct for ‘viz’, we did not have rain, and even saw the sun!

Sailing Info

Chris and Steve in the Post Office have kindly agreed to carry some refreshed sailing info, so please pop in and browse over a coffee (or two).

Also please see further info re Challenge Navitus below.

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Adam

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Having eaten here twice over the festive period we are really pleased to find the Half Moon back on par. Part of the Hall and Woodhouse chain it's recently had an external facelift and with new manager Jo now at the helm the food is great and the service pretty good.

On our first visit we sampled the Gourmet burgers which were delicious and for our second visit we thought we'd try the Sunday roast. The roast beef dinner was so delicious, each aspect was perfectly cooked and my friend commented that the roast potatoes were the best she had ever had in a pub (strong words as her own roasties are amazing). For those wanting something different there is also a daily specials board and recommended ales. The Veggie and Hot and Crispy larder boards were very tasty and would feed up to four for nibbles. Seated by a warm fire on a gloomy Sunday with cosy décor we settled in for a great afternoon. Children feel very welcome here, highchairs are a plenty and with a great kids menu of real food, veggie options and smaller meal options on some dishes the menu seems friendly and flexible. A welcome addition may be a few crayons and colouring/ puzzle sheets to occupy fidgety kids on arrival but for those dining without kids the cosy atmosphere, hidden corners near the bar and welcoming candles would also make for a more intimate dining experience.

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PM: The bar and restaurant are open for you to enjoy unless there is a private Function booked.

Sunday 10TH AM: Breakfast as above with your free cup of tea or coffee.

PM: Our 'Sunday lunch' service starts from 12.30 until 3pm. Bookings Strongly advised.

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Hello, and welcome to the New Year. Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? We at the Brewery have, and here's some of our plans for 2013. We're looking forward to having more of our beers bottled, and there's one or two new styles of beer on their way - and perhaps some limited edition seasonal specials too! We'll be having more barbeques at the Tap, and maybe a hog roast as well! Keep up with the news on Facebook and Twitter, or the website and in the Sixpenny Post.

Christmas at the Tap - We hope you were able to join us for our festive gathering on Christmas Eve. For us, it was the best of times - good ale, good food, good music, all enjoyed with good friends - a big thanks to all who came along, from Phil Humphries of the Mellstock Band, and Tony Field the chef, to the Wimborne Town Crier, and you, our friends and customers, this was what makes Christmas special.



If you came to the Tap before Christmas, or you follow us on line, you will have seen that we now have our Best and IPA in bottles. These will be available through some of the best local off licences, so even if you can't get up to the Tap, you can now pick up your favourite tippie from Clarkes the Butchers, in the village, or the Barrel & Bottle in Fordingbridge. More outlets for our bottles will be announced shortly.



Last time, we asked for Sixpenny photos in far-flung places, but didn't expect anything as good as these so soon! Firstly, Australia, and then the famous Raffles Hotel in Singapore - home of the Singapore Sling, now getting a tempting glimpse of 6d. And then there's our chef Tony in Prague, and Tap regulars Teresa and Tony enjoying the local brew in Jamestown, Barbados. New export markets? Maybe one day! Keep sending your Sixpenny related photos to us at kevin.patrick@sixpennybrewery.co.uk and we'll print our favourites.



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Much of the confusion now comes from America, where Podiatrists are also qualified Foot Surgeons, whereas Chiropodists only cut nails! So blame America!

In U.K. not all podiatrists are qualified surgeons. Those that are remain the elite of our profession and are the ones you would see for a bunion operation, or to straighten a hammer-toe. I, like most of my podiatrist colleagues, am more like a 'GP of the feet'. So if your feet hurt, I try to find out the reason, sort it if I can, or refer the problem to the right specialist. But I would urge people to take an interest in their feet before they start to hurt. Most of us ignore them until pain focuses our attention (way out of sight, the furthest bit of us from the heart!), when in fact feet are truthful barometers of our general health and a useful early-warning alert to possible imbalances.

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Scouting in the Community

We like to think that we give back to the community in a number of ways, not just by providing Scouting Activities to the young people of the area. Towards the end of last year there were a number of events in support of this aim.



The Fireworks display this year was once again a fantastic show and brought in record numbers from around the area. Not just Scouts and their families, but everyone in the village and beyond was able to enjoy the entertainment provided by our volunteers.



Remembrance Day

Only a week later the Remembrance Day Parade took place. As in previous years, the Scout group led by example with another large turnout of young people in uniform who marched up the High Street accompanied by members of the Armed Forces. During the Service afterwards our Explorer Leader, Andy Turner, spoke of his experiences during the Falklands War and the young people listened attentively and respectfully. In early December we organized our

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annual Dinner Dance. Slightly later in the year this time but still well attended. Everyone had a fabulous time. Many thanks to Carolyn Bowes and Ann Cullen for organizing and catering, to Pearl for sourcing the raffle prizes and to Alec James and Friends for providing the entertainment.

Carol Singing

Finally the Scouts went Carol Singing around the village; we hope that this raised spirits especially as the weather was miserable. The money raised will be going to a charity called Shelterbox who will be visiting the Scouts to explain how the boxes are used to provide shelter after natural and man-made disasters leave people homeless.

Out with the Old, In with the New
2012 was a landmark year for 1st Woodcutts as we went over the 100 member mark for the first time. We have settled into the HQ and the year was filled with all the fantastic activities and expeditions that we have come to expect. In November a Night Hike was organized for Scouts but inclement weather and waterlogged routes meant that a last minute change of plans took the group to the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne where they had a great night in the roundhouse.



The Leaders never rest and plans are already taking shape for 2013. In February there will be an outing to watch a Rugby match in Reading when London Irish take on Saracens. Then



Age 6-8
Wednesday 5 to 6pm
Denise Turner (Willow)
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in April it is the turn of 1st Woodcutts to organize the St George's Day Parade for District. No doubt the Leaders will demonstrate their usual style and panache and organize an event that will be talked about for years to come. Not entirely sure about the Risk Assessment for the fire-breathing dragon but they know what they are doing! There will be a Family Camp once again over the early May Bank Holiday weekend and you will all be getting more details soon. Summer Camp will be on Brownsea Island in August and the Scouts we hope to have most of our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers spending some time in the birth place of Scouting.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

On 15th January Jonathan Cullen, a former Scout and Young Leader from 1st Woodcutts, was presented with his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at St James's Palace in London. It is possible to combine the work for the DofE with Scouting and to this end the Explorer Leaders are developing the program to enable more young people to achieve success in this scheme. Jonathan continues to support Scouting as an Adult Leader with a Cub Pack in Plymouth.

Parking at the HQ – Please be careful and considerate

The optimists amongst you will have noticed that the evenings have been getting lighter since the Winter Solstice. However it is still dark at the HQ when you drive up to deliver and collect the young people and we urge you to take utmost care at all times in the car park. Make sure that you keep your children under control at all times. Please go into the HQ to collect them and do not call for them to cross the car park on their own. Be very cautious and observant especially when reversing your car as children can be very unpredictable



Age 8-10½
Wednesday 6 to 7.30pm
Andy Young (Akela)
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about both speed and direction of travel. We have seen some very worrying behaviour by some of the drivers including people parking and reversing on to the main road (in the dark!) which is totally unacceptable. We do appreciate that it gets crowded and busy but please be considerate of others, come right into the car park, make full use of the space available and be prepared to wait for a few minutes if you do happen to get blocked in. There should be nothing so urgent for you to get to that would make you want to put any of the children at risk.

Camping at Woodcutts

We have been quite successful with raising funds by making the Scout HQ available for camping by other groups. We have deliberately started small and there is still some work to be done to the site to improve the facilities for camping. We already have bookings for March, April, May, July and August with groups coming from as far afield as Wimbledon. Our main project for this year will be to build some outside washing facilities for campers who do not use the main HQ. If you can help in any way towards this effort with a few hours labour then do please get in touch. Once the new facilities are in place we will go all-out to promote our HQ & Campsite across the country. We are also happy to let people book our HQ for events that are either not suitable for the Village Hall or take place at a time when the Village Hall is already booked. Of course, first priority will always go to Scouting activities.

Fundraising

As has often been mentioned (but really we make no apology for repeating this), all of our Leaders work entirely voluntarily to provide a varied and exciting program for the young people. Inevitably money is needed to fund



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

some of these activities as well as support the costs of running the HQ and buying kit for camp. The subs that are paid each week are used to cover our annual Scout Membership fee and provide materials for a very limited number of activities. It is important that we share the workload for the fund-raising activities across as many people as possible and avoid, whenever possible, imposing any additional burden on the Leaders. We are not asking for your money but we are asking for your time, so please come forward and volunteer.

Events taking place this year for which we will need help include: Portman Horse Trials, early April at the Larmer Tree where 4-6 people are needed; the Blandford Street Fair on the late May Bank Holiday, where the Rotary Club generously double any money we raise for ourselves, when as many people as possible are need to man stalls during the day – the more that volunteer the shorter the time slots can be; the Larmer Tree Festival in mid-July give us a generous donation and in return we provide a shuttle service for campers and litter-picking services; the Fireworks in November always needs a large number of people on the day and the day after to set up and clear the site as well as during the event itself. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for fund-raising events or activities so please talk to us especially if you are able to help organize something.

Open Positions

There is an opportunity for anyone who would like to take on the challenge of Press/Communications officer which would include writing this newsletter, liaising with other Scout media representatives at District, County and National levels, establishing



Age 14-18
Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm
Andy Turner
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relationships with local publications and helping to keep our website current.

Also we need a Warden who could offer a few hours each month to do regular safety checks of the HQ and keep an eye out for things that need repair or replacement.

1st WOODCUTTS NEEDS YOU

Calling all ex Leaders, Adults who have been in the Guides or the Scouts in the past, or anyone interested in helping young people. Since we opened our New HQ, numbers of youngsters seeking to join the Scout Group have continued to grow, although we have Leaders in every section, there is always room for more, however this appeal is not asking for people to make a full time commitment as a Leader, but to those of you who could perhaps help out from time to time, especially when we are organising a big event, you too could enjoy the excitement and joy which the young people experience and could also organise and take part in your own social activities, In the Scout movement there is an adult section called **Scout Active Support**, which is what it says on the tin, **Support**, to this end First Woodcutts are proposing to set up their own **Support** section, hence this appeal.

1st WOODCUTTS INVITE ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE, TO COME ALONG TO THE SCOUT HQ ON TUESDAY THE 19TH FEBRUARY @ 7.30 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP OUR OWN SUPPORT UNIT

Cards

Whist A well attended Christmas Whist Drive [for the times] witnessed Stuart Haskell emerging as victor with a score of 184 followed by Sylvia Cox on 177.

As ever, the prizes were of excellent quality [for which grateful thanks and appreciation is extended to every- one who contributed] and only a handful of the 40-odd players went home empty handed. Since the Christmas drive, round 8 in the competition has been played and though failing to record the highest score, Gerald Trickey returned a useful 160 to retain his overall lead which, at the time of this report, stands at a healthy 59 points clear of his nearest rival, Ness Park, who carded 165. Stu Coombs, who is having his best season for many a year, lies 3rd overall at 1286, but close on his heels is Barry Park on 1281 while positions 5 down to 10 are held by Chris Haskell and Ruth

Hustings on 1276; Rita Austin 1267; Rich White [who had a miserable 8th round] 1265; Sylvia Thorne and Geoff Peach, both on 1258. Best on the night were John Bennett and Rita [Austin] returning 170, with John shading top place by dint of his 12th hand score of 7 as opposed to Rita's 6. Mary Braith-waite, attending for only the 5th time, took 3rd spot at 167. Sylvia [Thorne] continues to hold the highest individual total - 187, but with 9 competitive rounds remaining '187' may well prove not to be enough. Bridge The Club's Christmas buffet lunch held at the Sports Pavilion was a success, though tinged by the enforced absence of a quartet of usual attendees owing to seasonal colds and other maladies. However, the New Year opened with 4 full tables in play from which Gill Squires who joined us in 2012 returning 2950 points from the 16 hands

played: I aim for 20 but the weather was most inclement and proceedings came to a halt at around 4 o'clock and we departed in a dank cold drizzle and failing light.

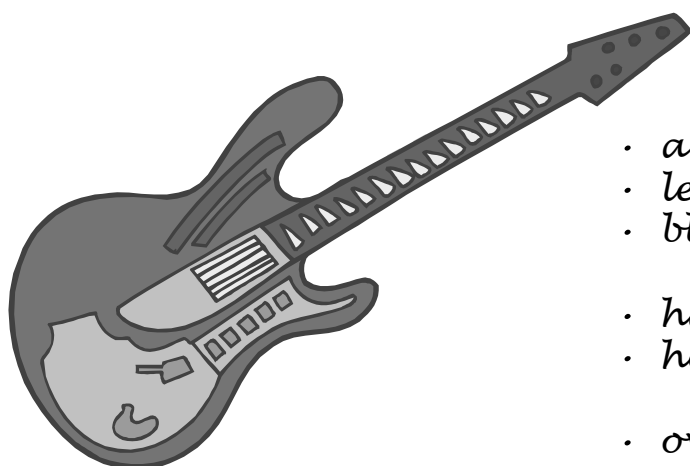
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On 5th December, 4 members attended the Group Carol service at Margaret Marsh, a very small parish five miles north east from Sturminster Newton. The service was originally to be at West Orchard, but at the last minute there was a power failure. The church was well decorated and warm and very welcoming and everybody enjoyed the carol singing and the atmosphere on that cold crispy night.



On 10th December Sixpenny Handley W.I and their guests were entertained by Trisha Lewis at their Christmas

Party. Trisha an accomplished satirical entertainer brought back memories for many of the members as familiar items, photographs and songs were introduced into her performance. There was of course the usual grand feast and liquid refreshment provided by the members, certainly a good night enjoyed by all!

On 14th January Mr Chris Hardiman gave an interesting talk, illustrated with slides about his trip to Antarctica in 2010. There were some wonderful shots of this frozen continent, the icebergs, the penguins, the seals and the whales, but many members wondered if they could have coped with the extreme cold, as during his time here the sun only appeared twice in three weeks. The Craft Club has been very busy knitting hats for our soldiers out in Afghanistan where the winter

is exceptionally cold; these hats are worn under their helmets when they are out on patrol.



The Flower and Book Clubs continue to meet monthly

Dates for the Diary

11th February Knotting through the Ages with Peter Goldstone

2nd March Annual Jumble Sale at the Village Hall

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February

- Start to sow peppers/ chillies undercover
- Chit early potatoes
- Sow onion seed indoors
- Spring mulch the plot
- Plan your crop rotation

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March

- Plant out early potatoes
- Continue to spring mulch
- Sow tomato seeds
- Sow courgette seeds
- Harvest winter brassica
- * Consider planting salad and other veg if it warms

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Rob's Column

Country Afternoon

December songs are homely songs
The kettle's tune, the crackling fire
A clock that chimes the cosy hours
and chink of teacups - hearts desire
When wind and rain are wild outside
And lonely roads are bleak and dark
Now winter gives her recompense
With sizzling logs that glow and spark
The heart-rug cat with drowsy purr
The click of needles as we knit
All magic to enchant that hour
Which comes before the lamps are lit
K Duncan

The gateway of the Year! "The blackest month of all the year is the month of Janiveer". We settle ourselves by the fireside with a good book and long for the warmer weather. Even the most watery ray of winter sun serves as a bonus as it pierces the gloom and cheers the heart. We wish each other "A Happy New Year" and remind ourselves of the old sayings:
"If January calends be summery gay,
'twill be wintery weather till the calends of May" and "January spring no fine thing". We stoke up the fire turn a deaf ear to the blizzards raging outside the window, and concentrate on the annual batch of holiday brochures which have dropped through the letter box (by the postman).

*The post staff of the parish thank you all
for the kind donations given to them at
Christmas*

If Candlemas day be bright and clear,
There'll be two winters in the year.
If Candlemas day be thick with rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again.

We'll wait and see

So many things I don't possess
Alas how poor am I
And yet, so much of worth I have
The hills, the trees, the sky
The love of friends, my home, my health
I simply cannot count my wealth

Springtime is a season
of hope and joy and cheer,
There's beauty all around us
to see and touch and hear...
So, no matter how downhearted
and discouraged we may be,
New hope is born when we behold
leaves budding on a tree...
Or when we see a timid flower
push through the frozen sod
And open wide in glad surprise
it's petaled eyes to God...
For this is just God saying--
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit,
like the budding springtime tree,
Will lose it's wintry darkness
and your heavy heart will sing"--
For God never sends the winter
without the joy of spring.

Helen Steiner Rice

Just stop for a little while

When everything is in chaos, pause for a little while,
In the middle of a muddle, just keep calm and smile,
If someone offers helping hands let them share your load,
Its when we walk with others that we find the even road.

Robert McDicken

A woman was heard saying
*"I can't understand
why women want
to be equal to me; I
wouldn't lower
myself"*

*Always be yourself
because the people
that matter don't mind
and the ones that
mind don't matter*

An old woman and her husband who'd been married for 50 years were sitting in their garden sharing a bottle of wine
"I love you so much" the woman said
"I don't know how I could ever live without you"
Her husband perked up on hearing this and gave a quiet chuckle
"Is that you or the wine talking?" he asked
"Oh, it's me talking" his wife quickly answered "to the wine!"

A few quiet words is all I ask,
To brighten up my day,
You'll never know how much it means,
You help me on my way,
With every call you show you care,
How wonderful to know you're there.

You think you cannot do it
Quite sure you can't keep on
You're tired out - You know it
All hope and cheer are gone
Chin up! With courage, plod and plan
Believe you'll do it - and you can!

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Handley Sports Youth Football Club



Callum Curry plays a through ball for Luke Charsley to slot home his 5th goal of the season

It's been sometime since I have done a write up for the Downsman.

After finishing last season we had quite an eventful summer recruiting four new players for the team. Tom Brown and Jack Leonard returning to the club having played for us in previous seasons. Luke Charsley from Verwood joining us also, along with Jamie Barnes who transferred from West Moors in the summer. Jamie is yet another member of the squad travelling some distance from Ferndown to play for us.

We also said goodbye to several players James Hunter, Josh Downie, Allistair Pollard who I thank for all their efforts and commitment whilst with us over the years.

Also leaving us was last seasons top goalscorer Jamie Steele. As said Jamie was our top scorer last year and contributed fantastically to the team over his 3 years with us. I would like to thank his Dad Allyn Steele who was also a great help to the team over the years at training and matchdays. I know our goalkeeper especially appreciated the work Allyn did with him.

Through the summer gaining new players was a must as well as we had been promoted to a higher league having finished second. We also required a new kit for the boys and tried several local businesses but to no avail until Steve and Lee from Hanlega's very kindly donated the whole amount to buy us our very smart new kit. We are very grateful to them and the boys were most definitely very impressed with it.

Now onto the football side of things. We are now in January and unfortunately due to weather and illness have only managed to play 6 league matches in the new league. We were expected to find this league much tougher and indeed the standard is much higher but along with our current squad and the 4 new players we have hit the league flying.

Our first match was away to a team that had been relegated from the top league so last season were two leagues higher than us. Within 2 minutes we were 1-0 up with a goal from new signing Jamie Barnes. We controlled the match from

start to finish and scored 3 more goals from Brad Sando 2 and Christian Gully-Smith to win 4-0.

Our first home match we were up against Corfe Mullen United and again we produced a fine display but our shooting was seriously letting us down and we were 0-0 deep into the second half before another of the four new signings Luke Charsley brilliantly controlled a ball played forward and on the turn lashed the ball into the roof of the net with his left foot.

A week later we welcomed Bridport Youth who had made the long trip to Handley. We just didn't turn up on the day and didn't perform to our capabilities but pleasing for myself was that even given this we still didn't lose and gained a 1-1 draw, Luke Charsley again on the score sheet for us.

The following week we again welcomed a team that had made a long journey, Wyke FC. This was a real match of ups and downs. At times we showed our best football but unfortunately nearly ended up throwing it all away. We rushed into a 2-0 lead and probably after recent victories got a bit to complacent and threw it away to draw 2-2. Callum Curry got both goals on the day with two fantastic strikes on goal.

It was 7 weeks later our next match came around, due to player illness one week from us then the barrage of rain we were hit with. It meant we were several games behind everyone else and what a game we were thrown back into, We were to play Wareham Rangers who had been promoted with us from last season after beating us to the league by one point. They were currently sitting second and not been beaten all season.

What came next no-one expected as in my opinion my lads turned in the best performance in the 8 years I have been coaching them. We started on fire and within 20 minutes found ourselves 5-0 up! All 5 goals seemed to be our own little goal of the season competition. Callum Curry fired the first goal into the top corner with his 'weaker' left foot. Straight from kick off Dan Munday robbed Wareham of the ball beat 3 players with his raw pace and smashed the ball past the helpless keeper, Wareham were stunned and we took full advantage, the third goal quickly coming Curry playing the ball through to Munday who coolly chipped the ball up over the goalkeeper and tucked it away.

The fourth goal was new signing Tom Brown's first competitive goal for us and what a goal! Tom hit a half volley from full on 35 yards the ball flying over Wareham's goalkeeper thudding off the crossbar down on the line and back into the roof of the net. The final goal before halftime was one of the best I have seen, Callum Curry was strong enough to hold off the defenders challenge and with the goalkeeper advancing towards him very coolly just chipped the ball up and over his head into the empty net. The second half followed suit and we went onto score goal after goal. Dan Munday completed his hat-trick, Brad Sando chipped in with a further 2 goals, James Williams scored his first goal of the season with deft header, Luke Charsley scored yet again and George Nelson who was the only current Handley Sports player not to have scored for us stepped up to take a penalty we were awarded, for a player that hadn't previously scored it was a very cool penalty smashed into the net. Great team spirit was shown as the entire team went to celebrate with George.

As I've said above this was the best I have ever seen my lads play and myself

and the parents all thoroughly enjoyed the match. To not play for weeks or be able to train properly to turn over a previously unbeaten side 11 - 0 was truly remarkable.

To our last match up to this report, we are now back into playing the sides we already had or should of and finally got to play another away match. We were at Corfe Mullen who had given us a very tough match at Handley.

We played on a very wet and boggy pitch as yet again the rain had lashed down on the Saturday and the game had been in some doubt.

For me as manager our performance here was as pleasing as the previous 11 - 0 win as we couldn't play our normal passing football and instead had to show our battling qualities. We stormed into a 1-0 lead with Charsley scoring his 5th goal of the season. Corfe Mullen then for over an hour really worked us hard and made our defence work hard, I decided to make a formation change and strengthen our midfield moving Tom Brown to the left and bringing Christian Gully-Smith on. The changes paid dividends and we ran out 4 - 0 winners with the two mentioned both getting on the score sheet. Brad Cox added a late fourth goal to round off a very professional performance from the lads.

This leaves us currently sitting in second place in the table which we are very pleased with as previously said entering a higher league. To relay we have played 6 won 4 and drawn 2, Scoring 23 goals and conceding only 3 goals in the 6 matches, when you compare this with 3rd placed Chickerell who have conceded 23 goals it shows what a brilliant job our defence and goalkeeper are doing. They deserve special credit for this as too often the goalscorers get all the plaudits but our defence and Allystair Riggs in goal have been top

class.

As always please come and support the lads when we are playing at the Recreation Ground Hopefully next time around we will still be doing so well and keeping up the unbeaten run that now stands at not losing since November 2011!!!!.....

Adam Day

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

As we all know work has already started on the new building, and if things go according to plan, and weather permitting we should have our clubhouse finished and ready for the opening of our outdoor season on the 21st of April.

Vic still needs volunteers for green cleaning and can be contacted on 552180

We are still busy with our Short mat league matches, and both teams are doing o.k.

It is nice to see so many people are coming to the practice nights and having enough players to get 3 mats out. Also Gordon coming to do some coaching is very useful for most of us. Happy Bowling

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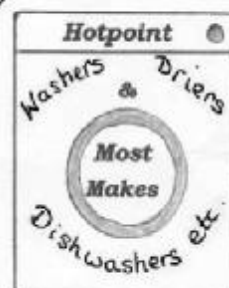
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Coffee Break Quiz

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- Old Man of Hoy Where and what is it ?
What sport is carried out there ?
- Felix Mendelssohn composed Overture Fingal's Cave, but where is the Cave ?
- Dogger Bank, again where and what is it?
Also what would you find there?
- Whose father in law kept the "Blacksmith's Arms" at Thorney Down about 1768
- Melbury Beacon, Shaftesbury, Dorset. Why is it so called?
What is its purpose?
- Who lived in the Victorian villa "Max Gate"?
Where was this?
- Man on horseback carved on chalk hill near Weymouth. Who does it represent?
- What is significant to Dorset at the beauty spot of "Stourhead" near Warminster?
- Location of "Old Harry Rocks" on the Dorset coast, to whose name is it attributed?
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