

Congratulations to Mark Young

Mark Young has been awarded Groundsman of the year at the Dorset County FA Volunteer Awards for his work in Sixpenny Handley.
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Bowls Club Opening New Club House

The bowls club invite you to the official opening of their new club house on 21st April, full details on page 5.

Tennis Evenings

Adult Club Sessions start 7th May, full details on page 5.



The new Bowls Club House and Sports Pitches ready for Spring.

Little and Lol have joined The Downsman

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Our advertising offers great value, The Downsman is currently delivered to over 700 households within the parish. Email David: downsmanadverts@sixpennyhandley.org for more details.

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*without frame which will be added by us.

If you need us to set your advert please add a one off £5 fee.

Sorry - we are unable to include flyers

Hoping for Spring!

It seems to be just around the corner and has been for the past month! The new daffodils that have been planted around the village are nearly out, but keep getting scared away by the random snow and ice!

Hopefully by the time this reaches you the warmth of spring will have too and so we can start to look forward... and it seems we have a good range of things to look forward to!

The Tennis Club are starting their Tuesday evening adult club sessions (page 5), the Bowls Club are opening their new Club House (page 5) and there is an invitation to the open day at Lymington Town Sailing Club 21st April (page 15).

For those less sport minded, there are the Gardener's Notes (page 30 & 31) ready to help you plan for a better summer of produce than last year! The Church are planning a Church Fete at the end of May and then Sixpenny Handley will be in Concert again in July (page 11). I am looking forward to joining the community choir again, it was lovely to be able to sing John Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth" last year with them (a piece I'd last sung at my wedding) so I wonder what we will try this year!

New to the Downsman this April are articles from Catchpole Law (page 26) and Bassetts Estate Agents (page 44), a bridge puzzle from Bill Chorley (page 38) Little & Lol something to encourage younger readers (page 41)!

Also you can see that the advertising has started to change shape, and this will continue throughout 2013, please continue to support our advertisers and let them know where you found them!

Best Wishes

Naomi Booth

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c/o The Parish Office, Unit 5B, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5PA

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Letters to the Editor

Mardlin Thanks

Donna and Matthew Mardlin would like to thank all friends and family who attended the funeral and memorial service for Colin Mardlin on the 11th March and to say thank you for the many sympathy cards we have received. We would like to say special thanks to Reverend Mel Durrant, Richard Adlem, David and Maureen Lockyer, Ted and Trisha Collins and Kath and Les Uniacke for all the support they have given us. Thank you to all the staff at Hanlegas for the wonderful food they supplied for us.

The Mardlin family

Cervical Cancer

Chris and Graham Ryder would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness during their beloved daughter-in-law's tragic illness. Sadly Becky passed away on 14th February aged 26 years.

We would like to bring to the attention of all young women, but particularly those under 25 years who may not have had the HPV vaccination at school, the importance of having a cervical smear. These are not done routinely if you are under 25 years, you need to ask for one and if refused then ask for a referral to the hospital for further investigation.

Signs to be aware of :-

- Changes in your menstrual cycle
- Bleeding between periods
- Bleeding after sex
- Unusual vaginal discharge

As stated by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)
Referral Guidelines CG27

CERVICAL CANCER IS PREVENTABLE AND TREATABLE IF DETECTED EARLY

We are joining a nationwide campaign to try to prevent this happening to other young girls and would be very grateful to hear from anyone else who has experienced this.

Please contact the Revd Robert Prance of Hill House Rectory, Farnham, Blandford, Dorset DT11 8DE or email robertprance@live.co.uk.

Chris and Graham Ryder

Village Hall News

The village hall has been spring cleaned. Many thanks to the valiant band of helpers who turned out on a cold Saturday morning to help, it was much appreciated. Due to a serious leak in their storage container, Chase Community Friends have had to move their chairs into the committee room for the time being.

The village hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 17th April; all user groups should ensure that they are represented. One of the topics for discussion will be hire rates in light of the recent charge for the removal of rubbish. Come and find out what it could mean to you.

Have you wondered why there has been no live entertainment in the hall? You may remember that East Dorset last reduced their funding support to Artsreach by 75%. Combined with the very poor attendance, Sixpenny Handley has been declared a non viable location for live performances. Come to the AGM and discuss what should be done to overcome this.

Looking ahead: Watch out for a BBQ at the Handley Races in June. A fun evening for all the family in support of your hall.

Despite all this, the hall continues to be quite busy. Thank you for your support.

Sixpenny Handley Allotment Association



Allotments Available at Common Road site

For further details or to register interest please contact:
Steve Barrett 552121
John Curtis 552397

Village Hall 100 Club

January 2013

1st £25 52 Mr. Penrose
2nd £15 87 Mrs. Burroughs
3rd £10 141 Mrs. Waker

February 2013

1st £25 9 Mrs. Rhodes
2nd £15 7 Mrs. Salmons
3rd £10 29 Mrs. Styles

Mobile Library

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

April - 11th, 25th

May - 9th, 23th

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

Downsman Noticeboard

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

BOWLS CLUB

? QUIZ ?

Sat 4th May

Doors open 7.p.m. for 7-30 start. Tables of up to 4 people.

£6 per head including sandwiches, tea or coffee, bring your own drinks.

Contact

Val on 01725 552607 or Bea on 01725 552805

St. Mary's Church,
Sixpenny Handley

Church Fete

Saturday

25th May

2-5pm

In the church and on the vicarage lawn

Cream Teas

Childrens' Fancy Dress

Stalls, Games

& many other Attractions



18th April

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall



Doors Open 7pm

Start 7.30pm

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

Future dates:

16th May, 20th June

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

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club



Tuesday Evenings

7pm

Adult Club Session

Come along and have a game of doubles

Starting Tuesday 7th May 2013

New members welcome, for further details please contact Tracey 01725 552414

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club Celebrate

the OPENING of their

NEW CLUB HOUSE

On April 21st at 2pm

By Mr David Lockyer

Chairman of Parish Council

Come and join us on our open day

We hope to have Tea and Biscuits,

Draw and other stalls

Thank you to all that have helped in raising funds

Also all the work that has been put into the project



Coffee morning at the Pavilion,
Sixpenny Handley playing field

every Thursday morning

10.15 am to 11.45 am

Once a month in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall we provide a freshly cooked 3 course lunch

for £4.00

Please contact 01258 841321

12th May 2013

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SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

JUMBLE SALE

Sat 27th April

in the

Village Hall

Doors open at 2.30pm

Lots of Stalls,
Tombola,
Raffle

Entrance
50p

Items for sale may be brought to the Hall between 10am and midday. For collections beforehand ring Carole on 552572 or Tony on 552704. Sorry, no large furniture

IT'S COMING AGAIN ! !

**Sixpenny Handley in
Concert**

Sat. July 13th, 7.30 pm

Calling again all players... singers... story tellers... and comedians!!

Contact us - or we'll be contacting you!!

Full details, page 9

John or Gay Cullingford

01725 516453



Clerk's Corner

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

Unit 5B, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley. SP5 5PA

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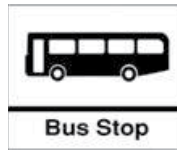
Parish Office & Hub



By the time this is published work will nearly be completed on Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops which will be our new Parish Office and Community Hub.

A word from our Chairman

"The nature of business that your Parish Council needs to address has changed quite considerably over the last few years and will do so even more as the Localism Act and other new legislation require us to take on additional tasks and responsibilities. Encouraged by a relatively large and very supportive public attendance at the Full Parish Council meeting on 28 February the Council voted to move their office next door to Unit 6 where there is more than twice the space. This will incur no increase to the Precept as the higher rent will be covered by savings elsewhere in the Budget and fitting out costs will be covered by Grants. The new office will hopefully enable the development of a friendly Parish Hub or Meeting Place and enable all of us to be better aware of the issues your Council Members are having to address and to share the ideas and community concerns that are important to you. An excellent starting point will of course be the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Thursday 11 April."



Bus Service Consultation

Have your Say!

Take part in the Dorset County Council Bus Consultation on line at www.dorsetforyou.com/busconsultation or call in to the Office for a copy. The majority of local bus services in Dorset are operated by commercial bus services and are run for profit. However, Dorset County Council subsidises many socially necessary bus services through contracts with bus operators. About 25% of all bus journeys made in Dorset are on these subsidised services and the budget for supporting these buses is around £2.7million in 2012/13. To help plan the network DCC would like to know about your travel priorities. Your responses to the survey will provide the council and the bus operators with evidence to support important decisions on the future network of local bus services.

Please note the deadline for completed surveys to be submitted is 15th April 2013.



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club House

The Parish Council would like to congratulate everyone involved in the construction of the fantastic new Club House and are looking forward to the Official Opening in April.

Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am – 12 noon & Thursday 6pm – 7-30pm

For up to date Parish Council information visit:
www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

Another Grand Opening we hope will be happening soon is for the new play equipment in the Recreation Area where installation has already begun.



Rural Crime Prevention Event

Friday 26th April 2013 from 9-4pm at
Kingston Maurward College

Rural crime continues to be a problem to those living and working within the rural area. The Operation Countryside rural crime prevention event is due to take place on the 26th April at Kingston Maurward and will include presentations and displays. This year it is open not only to rural businesses but to anyone living in the rural area; farmers, growers, landowners, equestrians and anyone with an interest in rural pursuits. The event will introduce tactics that can be adopted to prevent crime and fire, many of which are low cost in comparison with the expense and inconvenience of losing a key piece of kit or repairing fire damage. More information is available at www.kmc.ac.uk/kc/the_college/kingston_maurward_farm/rural_crime_prevention



Volunteers – Moors Valley Country Park

Moors Valley Country Park is looking for individuals to join their volunteers and help run these weekly sessions across East Dorset

- Moors Valley 1 hour and ½ hour Health Walks – Monday and Wednesday mornings;
- Verwood Heath Walks – Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings;
- Wimborne Health Walks – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings;
- West Parley Health Walks – Wednesday mornings;
- West Moors Health Walks – Thursday mornings;
- Christchurch Health Cycles – Monday mornings
- Moors Valley Health Cycles – Wednesday mornings;
- Kingston Lacy Health Cycles – Thursday mornings.

Rangers are taking bookings for the below FREE training courses which run from 10am – 4pm and include refreshments and a light lunch.

Walk Leader Training @ Moors Valley Country Park on Thursday 18th April 2013;

Cycle Leader Training @ Christchurch on Monday 29th April 2013.

For more information or to book a place, please call the Rangers on Tel. 01425 470721.

Parish Council Meetings

at the Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley

Did you know, the Parish Council is granted powers by Parliament including the authority to raise money through the precept (taxation) and is given a range of powers to spend public money.

For our parish our responsibilities include Grass Cutting of Public Spaces, the Allotments, the Recreation Area, the Sports Pavilion, the Village Hall, the Skate Park, the Bus Shelters, Litter Bins, Benches and redundant Phone Boxes. We always have plenty to discuss and meet three times per month, sometimes more often to deal with all parish matters.

We welcome visitors to our meetings and please bring to our attention anything that is of concern or interest to you.

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 7:30pm Thursday 4th April/2nd May

Annual Parish Meeting of Electors Thursday 11th April 7pm Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Planning Matters Meeting 7:30pm Thursday 18th April/9th May

Full Parish Council 7:30pm 25th April/23rd May

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.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY & PENTRIDGE ANNUAL MEETING

WHAT DO WE NEED?

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PRESENTATION BY EDDC ON COMMUNITY-LED
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SPORTS CLUBS FOR KIDS?

YOUTH FACILITIES?

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

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Sixpenny Handley First School



Robins Class Trip

On Thursday 31st January the Robins class were very lucky to visit China Restaurant in Blandford. As part of our topic 'A trip to China' we wanted to find out more about the food they eat in China. After lots of practice using chopsticks in school, we were all very excited to taste some Chinese food. When we got to the restaurant we got to look at all the Chinese decorations and Helen taught us some Chinese words and told us what Chinese Zodiac animal we were... She even gave us our own Chinese Zodiac calendar to put up in the classroom. We excitedly sat down at our very long table and watched all of the delicious food come to our table. We loved trying the chicken balls, rice, chow mein, prawn crackers and spring rolls. We all had a go at using the chopsticks but some of us found it very tricky! Thank you, China China for such an amazing lunch!

Chinese New Year

We had a fantastic celebration for Chinese New Year. We found learning about how Chinese people celebrate the New Year really

interesting. We like how they eat with chopsticks. They let off paper lanterns in the sky to represent their hopes and dreams. They also set off a lot of fireworks to celebrate.

The Robins had a fun day making Chinese lanterns. The Wrens spent the morning making Chinese snake pencil toppers because it is the year of the snake. We also found out what year we were born in, we were born in the year of the Pig or the Dog. The Toucans made

beautiful blossom tree art and some fantastic hand drums. Finally the Red Kites spent the morning recreating the terracotta army out of clay!

We are also really proud of our whole school project, our Chinese Snake! We all took our time to decorate our own paper plate, which we added to form our snake. We love how bright, shiny and colourful it is!

We had a fantastically fun day!

Shrove Tuesday

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes in our classes. First we used ICT to make recipe leaflets to record the ingredients that we needed and the instructions. We weighed flour, eggs, water and milk. Then we mixed it up and Ruby taught us a good tip about tilting the bowl whilst mixing. Our pancakes were lovely and scrumptious. The Wrens thought that Miss Hudson was a 'flipping' genius. Some people added scrummy lemon and sugar to their pancakes. Other people added tasty maple syrup or lush golden syrup.





All the children LOVED eating the pancakes!!!!



Fair-trade Fun!

At school we have been busy celebrating Fair-trade fortnight and learning all about farmers around the world and making sure that they get paid a fair price for their work. Mrs Hewitt showed us a video of some mini marchers who were going on a march to London to ask more people to buy fair-trade products and think about others. We decided to join the march! Instead of going to London we made our own mini marchers that are on display in school!

We also made a dream catcher as a whole school with messages about fair-trade and how we think we can help to support it. We found out about Fair-trade vanilla and chocolate and thought about all the other products that can be fair-trade too! Look out for the Fair-trade symbol!

On Friday 8th we held our usual fair-trade Friday sale but we invited everyone in for a free cup of fair-trade tea so that they could try it and hopefully buy it!

We think Fair-trade is really important and we like being a fair-trade school.

Why don't you try some fair-trade products too!



Mothers' Union



We proudly paraded our superb Mothers' Union banner at the Diocesan Festival held in Salisbury Cathedral on 9th March. This was to show off an extra panel of contemporary design, which we were asked to make and attach to the back of the existing banner. Members created a large variety of sections to be mounted on the material backing. It has been a successful project which Janette Salmons coordinated with great expertise. Thank you, Janette and all who took part. Thank you, Kevin from Summerlock who generously donated the fabric and the new cord and tassels. Do go into St Mary's and see it.

The MU is collecting unwanted tools for TWAM (Tools With a Mission), a charity which dispatches them to places across the world, where they are badly needed. Please would anyone in the village, who would like to clear out redundant tools from their shed, take them to my house, at 46, High St. **by the end of April.** Please leave them in a bag, if possible, on my doorstep, if I am not in. I can also collect them if you phone 553133.

TWAM has requested: carpentry tools, spanners, chisels, building and plumbing tools, electrical drills, planes etc, gardening tools, forks and spades only and sewing items. If the donated tools are not 'road worthy', they will either be made good, before sending them abroad, or handed to a scrap merchant for a cash return – nothing is wasted.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our appeal for 'Help a Mother' at the Mothering Sunday service. We shall be sending about £70 to the Overseas Fund at the MU headquarters, Mary Sumner House in London. What a wonderful response.

At our next Branch meeting, Thursday, 11th April, 2.45pm, there will be a talk on 'Water Aid'. Please note that for this month the meeting will be in the Vicarage.

Sheila Bradley

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Please express your interest in the proposed CONCERT CLUB and we'll tell you more.

Several people from Sixpenny Handley are members of orchestras and choirs that give concerts in the Salisbury area. These groups are of fine quality and present very interesting and enjoyable programmes. This is a chance to hear and see fine musicians within 15 - 20 miles of home.

Salisbury Sinfonia
www.salisburysinfonia.org

is a small orchestra which gives three

concerts a year in Salisbury. It also sets out to encourage young, particularly local, instrumental soloists, composers and conductors.

The Farrant Singers
www.farrantsingers.org

is Salisbury's longest established chamber choir, which gives concerts of very varied programmes throughout the year both in Salisbury and its environs.

Phone John or Gay Cullingford
01725 516453
or email gcullfd@hotmail.co.uk or
jfcul3@hotmail.com



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Make sure you contact us or we'll be contacting you!!

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1st Woodcutts News

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Andy Turner
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Rugby Trip

February 9th saw a trip to Reading to watch London Irish play Saracens. This was a great day out with 40 Parents, Friends and Scouts from every section braving the cold to see London Irish win. Woodcutts were amongst the Top 20 groups to attend (from about 1500), no mean achievement for a group in a rural setting so far away. It is hoped that the trip may become an annual event and it might be warmer next year!

Hosting the Order of the Boot

In March you may have seen a number of young people braving the weather late on a Saturday evening as they took part in the Order of the Boot. This event, organized by District, attracted a number of teams who set up camp in the field and then set out on a route set out for them by the organizers.

Woodcutts Night Hike

Our own group will be doing a Night Hike over the Easter weekend. This will provide an opportunity for the young people to avoid worrying about

losing an hours sleep by simply going without any sleep at all! Quite why they spend time putting up the tents is a bit of mystery. They will also be raising money for Shelter Box. They drove all night...

In another event to raise money for Shelter Box, the Explorers participated in a Gran Turismo marathon at the HQ. Playing computer games all day and all night may not seem like fun to some of us but it was all in a good cause, as the Explorers took shifts at driving with the aim to progress through as many levels as possible in 24 hours.

St George's Day Parade

As previously mentioned this year, it will be the turn of Woodcutts to organize the event which will take place in Wimborne on Sunday 21st April. Preparations are going well and Woodcutts intend to make this a very memorable occasion. Everybody is welcome to attend and we hope to see lots of you there.

Family Camp & Summer Camp

Camps really are the essence of

Scouting and we make every effort to ensure that all the young people get an opportunity to attend. This will be the third Family Camp and again they will be going to Buddens, near Wareham, to enjoy Air Rifling, Archery, Climbing, Simulated Potholing, Orienteering, Crafts, Backwoods Cooking, Rafting, Singing, Laughing and Eating. Although not necessarily in that order. Summer Camp will be on Brownsea Island in August and will again offer the opportunity for all the sections to spend some time under canvas in the place where Scouting started. The great tradition continues to thrive here in Woodcutts.

Bowls Club

All the indoor matches are now finished. We also had our singles and pairs competition. Singles was won by Gordon Martin, runner up Clifford Miles. The pairs were won by Gordon Oxford and Stella Olsen. Maxine Keech and John Taylor were runners up.

We are now looking forward to the opening of our new clubhouse. The "Team" has worked very hard and put a lot of man hours in. It will certainly be very useful for us and our visitors. We are working very hard to get it finished by the 21st of April, when it will be officially opened by David Lockyer at 2 pm and that will also be the start of our outdoor season. I hope you can all be there.

Hopefully we will have a warm season and plenty of wins!

Bea

Cards

Whist

With four rounds remaining in the current competition, defending champion Gerald Trickey has a commanding lead of 60 points over his nearest rival, namely Ness Park; their respective scores of 2165 and 2105 being some way clear of their closest rival [see below]. Including a poor 11th round when he returned a miserly 132, Gerald's average score over the thirteen rounds played thus far has been a quite remarkable 166 and whatever the outcome of the remaining drives, a top ten finish is almost guaranteed. As I have remarked upon in the past, players occupying the top ten places are often quite difficult to dislodge and, certainly, those presently lying 3rd down to 5th appear to be well established: Stuart Haskell at 2072; Barry Park 2071 and Susie White 2065 are all over 30 points clear of the 10th and final prize money place. Still having to rely on a degree of good fortune in order to maintain their positions over the remaining rounds are Geoff Peach with an aggregate total of 2060; Rich White 2059; Chris Haskell 2057; Stu Coombs 2036 and Mary Braithwaite [who owing to absence has had to take the mandatory '139' on three occasions] 2031. The last two named will be looking to maintain their recent run for hard on their heels comes Sylvia Thorne 2030; Sam Webber 2026; Rita Austin and Kingsley White both on 2023, all well positioned to break into the lower half of the leading ten. With the contest entering its final phase, Sylvia Thorne's 187 returned at the end of round four remains the highest individual score and if this holds through to the 17th and final round, then regardless of her overall placing, Sylvia will win a 'tenner'. It may be recalled that last year Doug Haskell held the highest individual

score right up to the final round when Barry Park had a run of 'golden' cards throughout the 24-deals and thus denied Doug the accolade of being the top individual during 2011-2012.

What has been the most pleasing aspect of the 2012-2013 competition has been the high-level of support; nine full tables being achieved on several occasions and rarely has the number fallen below eight. This is remarkable in that four players who were regulars last year have for various reasons had to cease playing and it is with particular regret that included in this quartet is Marge Poolman who, reluctantly, was obliged to 'call it a day' at Christmas. Marge [and her late husband Sam] attended regularly over many years, both here in the village and at drives held at Ashmoor [still going strong thanks to the efforts of Edie Langley and Len Diggin] and other locations in the Shaftesbury area.

Bridge

Continues to draw excellent support with two new players joining since January. In the coming months I hope to continue my occasional bridge tutorials, the latest being held early in March when the subject was 'overcalling'. These sessions, which get underway at 11 o'clock on a Tuesday, are open to anyone in the area who might wish to attend. No date or subject is yet set for the next 'talk' but anyone who may have an interest in playing should contact me, either by e-mail or telephone [wr.chorley@gmail.com or 01725 552776]. Meanwhile, a reminder that rubber bridge is now played on Tuesday evenings in the village hall at Gussage St. Michael, play starting at 7.30 p.m., while 'Chicago' [as played at Sixpenny Handley] features on

Wednesday afternoon's at Tarrant Gunville's village hall with a 1.30 p.m. start.

Finally, please refer to the 'Puzzles' section of the magazine for what, I hope, will become a regular feature, this being an illustrated bridge deal from a recent meeting at the Sports' Pavilion where we meet each Tuesday, play commencing just after 1.30 p.m.

Bill Chorley
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RNLI

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for the White Elephant auction in aid of the 'Lifeboats'. We had a very enjoyable evening and made £500. There were a few items which did not sell and they will go on a stall we have booked at Wimborne Market, on Easter Saturday, so this will add to the total.

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Many members braved the terrible weather to attend the February 11th meeting. The speaker was Mr Peter Goldstone, who talked about the process of rope making and history of knots both useful and decorative and demonstrated how to make some of them.



On 23rd February, Sixpenny Handley W.I. held their Annual Jumble Sale at the Village Hall; it was a very busy and successful afternoon.

On March 10th the speaker was Mr J Garratt who gave a talk illustrated with slides on 'container gardening and history of pots'. Jonathan Garratt is one of Britain's leading garden artists, making frost-proof terracotta pots for gardens and green spaces. All the work is produced from local clay and with woodfiring produces unusual colours.



The book, flower and craft clubs all continue to meet monthly very successfully, the craft club is in the process of designing and making a wall hanging – watch this space!

Dates for the Diary

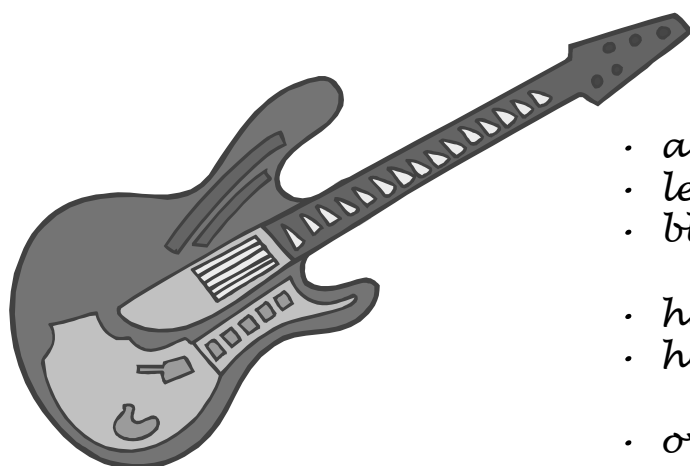
April 8th Annual Meeting
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April 26th Birthday Meal at the
Grasmere Hotel
May 13th Resolutions Meeting
May 23rd Spring Group Meeting at
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Mark being presented his award by Geoff Pike President of Dorset County FA

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This prestigious evening looked to recognise local grassroots volunteers who have given exemplary service to their role in Dorset Football and been nominated by their peers for the accolade.

Mark has been the dedicated groundsman of Handley Sports for 16 years. He has secured his own second-hand equipment which he has repaired for use on site, regularly works late into evenings with meagre lighting to perform miracles ensuring matches can be played at the venue when there has been adverse weather.

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The Changing Faces of Woodcutts

Everybody and everything has a history and Woodcutts and the people who have lived here are no exceptions. Meg and I are relative newcomers in the greater theme of things, having only been here for fourteen years but of the nine houses that are down this lane, we are the longest, serving residents, although our neighbours Penny and Paul were here previous to our arrival but left only to return at a later date. Meg and I are also the oldest current residents. When we arrived there were in fact four considerably older residents, who have now all passed away.

Of the nine properties down the lane, in the past fourteen years we have seen many changes in the occupation of these properties, in fact as far as I can recollect twenty five different tenants and their families have lived here although it may have been more. (My memory is not as good as it was.) Currently we have twenty five residents of which eight are at school or below school age. If you are mathematically minded you will be able to work out that the occupancy of the houses here has changed on average, three times in the past fourteen years, if you aren't don't worry too much it gets worse with age. In fact as you get older, you will find that you lose interest in sex, your friends drift away and your children ignore you! There are other advantages, of course, but these are the main ones.

Now stop distracting me, I am talking about Woodcutts. What has happened here or is happening currently? The periwinkles are continuing to bloom as they have all winter, the bad weather doesn't seem to have daunted them at all. Similarly the snowdrops are having a magnificent year, having first shown in the second week of January they

have been wonderful as they have been in the Sixpenny Handley churchyard and show little sign of going over. Celandines on the other hand have been very slow to show. The first seen on the 12th of February and they were very poor, malformed samples but now in the second week of March, when the sun is out, celandines are showing well. Although I haven't seen any here, Steve, from the post office saw blue violets as early as 23rd. February, while out walking his dog. The first white violets to show here were very poor specimens and were seen by me on 27th February, but since then several more have bloomed and are of much better quality. Gordon Oxford surprised me by telling me he had seen a slow worm on the 25th February. On 6th March, a really sunny day, I spotted a silver-washed fritillary butterfly in the garden but its life would have been short lived as this day was followed by several very cold ones.

It is not only the flowers that are later in coming, the birds visiting our bird table are fewer in number than usual and are certainly not in their mating colours. One bird that we hear a lot is the green woodpecker or yaffle, its call is unmistakable and can be heard almost anywhere here. Finches are definitely fewer and with the exception of the long tailed tits, the main bulk of tits are less. Of the raptors, the red kites are rarely seen compared with past years but buzzards are a common sight.

Another late group are the trees, the buds aren't changing colour or expanding ready to shoot, the cold weather is really taking its toll. At one time the trees and woodland of the Estate would have been an important part of the economy of Rushmore. Trees

would have been felled for their timber for building at home, for sale and as a supplier of chord wood to keep the fires burning in the houses of the estate employees and the big manor house, which of course was up in the park until the mid nineteen hundreds, before it became Sandroyd School, when the family moved to King John's Hunting Lodge in the centre of the village of Tollard Royal. Up until that time there was a gang of woodmen employed by the Estate, who maintained the woodland and trees generally. The foreman woodman actually lived here at Woodcutts up until the mid twentieth century. The last one, was father to Mrs. Win Kirby, who lived in the house until she died in 2006 at the age of eighty-six. Win's father had been born in that house and her grandfather had moved into the house when it was originally built in the mid eighteen hundreds.

At that time in the eighteen hundreds a row of three cottages were at the side of the lane which goes down to the old School House but were considered too old to be repaired, so three new properties were built at the other end of the gardens as a terrace and numbered 108,109 and 110 Woodcutts. This did not mean that there were over a hundred properties in Woodcutts, it simply meant that there were over one hundred and ten properties on the Estate. One of these properties was dedicated to the head woodman of the time, who in fact were Mrs. Kirby's grandfather and father in their turn.

At this time there was a considerable number of gypsy families in the Woodcutts area and the Estate decided that their children needed to be educated, so a school was built on the

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from Inspiration to Installation...



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site which is now known as the Old School House. At the top, northerly end of the lane to the old school house was a large Manor House, which is now much reduced in size and is divided into two cottages, now 1 and 2 Priory Cottages. On old maps this property is marked as the "Manor" and what is now known as the Manor was Manor Farm House. In those days most of the surrounding fields would have been much smaller in size and mostly grassland, grazed by sheep and cattle. So you can see that the face of Woodcutts has changed dramatically over the matter of a hundred plus years.

Finally I would be grateful to anyone who can shed a light on who or what the "Woodcutts Warblers" were.

Ted Cox
March 2013

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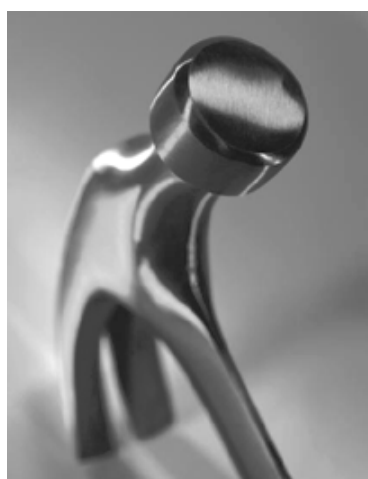
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Health Matters

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From 19th February a new phone service is being introduced for non life threatening out of hours calls. The number is 111. From 19th March NHS Direct on 0845 4647 will no longer be available. If you have any problems accessing the service, please let us know and we will feed them back to the relevant people. For any emergency situations continue to use 999.

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changing your mind.

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Are there things that we have done well, are done differently at other surgeries or that we could do better? Please let us know as we are always happy to consider improvements to our service to you.

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Fitting Out Supper

It is a long-standing tradition in sailing clubs that the month of April will have a 'Fitting Out Supper', about the time of relaunch. Traditionally yachts have laid up, out of commission, with maintenance being carried out during the cold weather, and a mad panic to complete all tasks before final fitting out and relaunch. If like me you sail all year round, then maintenance gets done as and when.

Passage Plan

You may be wondering how to sail from say, Lymington, towards Wootton Creek IoW. Not an epic passage, but a pleasant sail in the Solent (note a vessel never goes 'to' anywhere, but always 'towards' as many things can intervene and cause a change of plan).

Charts – to show you the way, likely hazards, and ports of refuge.
Tides (fair or foul, sideways effect?) – arrival a little before high water, with time for lunch in the Royal Victoria Yacht Club would be good, by inspection of Tide Tables Saturday 2 March looks good with High Water Portsmouth at 14:09 GMT height of tide 4.6m, and just after Spring Tides, Wootton Creek tidal differences on Portsmouth are –10mins so still OK at 13:59GMT local HW. Distance about 15 Nautical Miles, and would need to consider wind strength and direction on the day, and what effect that would have on your vessel.
Hazard – Commercial Shipping channels, and the 'moving prohibited zone' off Cowes and towards Southampton (MPZ 1000m ahead and 100m on either side of vessels over 150m in length), so keep out of the way.
Hazard – Shipping in and out of Cowes, fast ferries and so on.
Hazard – Katabatic winds down Medina

Gone Sailing

River (have been caught out in the past when overpressed under spinnaker - but we coped).

Hazard- Ferries in and out of Wootton Creek.

Ports of Refuge (if needed) – Newtown Creek IoW, Cowes, Osborne Bay anchorage depending on wind direction.

When to leave – Allow say 5knots boat speed, plus tide as tide under us, so leave mooring about 10:00, and anchor off if too early to enter.

Lunch – in the very pleasant Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

Return – Time it so that tide will be ebbing and with you, usually the wind will be with you one way, and against you one way. But sometimes 'Sod's Law' applies and wind is against you both ways!

You may be fully equipped with all electronic gadgetry, but always useful to start from traditional first principles.

Time to get afloat

Some notes for your diary
 21 April (Sunday) LTSC Open Day, see advert in this issue. I should be on the Cruising stand, so please say 'hello'.
 18 – 19 May RYA 'push the boat out' events details www.rya.org.uk
 Both events will give you opportunity to find out more, try sailing (weather conditions permitting), its up to you!

Bunkside Reading

Solent Cruising Companion, Derek Aslett, a yachtsman's pilot and cruising guide to ports and harbours Keyhaven to Chichester. Technical
 The Wind Off the Island, Ernle Bradford, sailing around Sicily in a 10 ton Dutch cutter 'Mother Goose' vividly encapsulates sights and sounds through four seasons. Non fiction



The Riddle of the Sands, Erskine Childers, a Classic, a tale of sailing and spying intrigue set generally in the Frisian Islands, before First World War. Fiction ... or is it?

Recent Sail

LTSC Saunter, Saturday 2 February, Forecast – Wind N or NW F5 – 6
 Joined yacht 'Indulgence' a Oceanis 40, the two owners and friend were all Yacht Master Instructors, so had to be careful not to 'mess' anything up, but was actually very relaxing and good fun, the plan was to join the other Saunterers for lunch at the Folly Inn up Medina River IoW, and this we did, five yachts and about 20 sailors for lunch. Mooring to the pontoon was interesting, and watching the experts in action informative, (imagine trying to park your 40'0" limo in a space only a little longer with the road moving backwards and sideways). A touch of throttle, a flick of the wheel, a burst of bow thrusters and safely in position, it's not that I cannot do that, but I am always surprised that it works when I do!.

Birds seen on Passage

Not a lot really; Swans, Cormorants, BlackHeaded Gulls, some ducks on the saltings too far away to identify, Curlew. And of course the local Air Sea Rescue Helicopter!

Coffee Shop/PO

As always, why not enjoy a coffee whilst browsing a sailing mag?
 May the tide be with you!

Adam

Interested - see the adverts on page 15 and page 39



Spring Edition March/April 2013

Hello! It's been a busy start to 2013 for us at Sixpenny, and we didn't seem to experience the usual post Christmas slow down – not that we're complaining! Our plans for a new range of seasonal and special beers are well advanced, and we are pleased to have already launched Six Bells, the new house beer for the pub of the same name in Lymington. Your responses to our question about what beers you would like to see have all been noted, and we're now looking through the recipe books to see which special should be next.

We're also hoping that this year will be a lot drier than last, so the marquee can come down and the outdoor seating area restored. There's also a fair bit of work going into the outside storage, to tidy it all up and create more space for our barbeques and so on. Here's hoping for a warm, dry Spring and a long hot Summer!

The new range of bottled beers has been very well received, and is now available from shops and off-licences from Sixpenny and Shaftesbury to Christchurch. By the time you read this, we'll be brewing a batch of Gold, which will be the next addition to the range. Again, this will be shipped to Bath Ales and bottled for us there. We've been asked why don't we bottle the beer ourselves – the simple answer is that the equipment is bulky and expensive, and it's just more practical for craft breweries like us to contract the work to specialists like Bath, who do this for many others too. We are going to continue to expand the range, and the popular request at the moment is to have the Black added, so we're now looking into the practicalities of this next. News and availability will be on Facebook and Twitter of course.

Are we the smallest pub in the country? Everyone knows just how small the Sixpenny Tap is – the bar area is about 68 sq ft, whilst the current record for Britain's smallest pub is held by the Nutshell, Bury St Edmunds, at 105 sq ft. So, we thought we'd try for the record ourselves and applied to **Guinness World Records**. Unfortunately, their rules say that all seating and drinking areas have to be taken into account, so our outdoor/marquee area means that we are ineligible for the record. Never mind, on bar size alone, we still think we are the smallest actual bar in Dorset, if not the whole country, and probably the Good Beer Guide too. Perhaps we should see how many people we can squeeze into the Tap and go for that record?



When the Wetherspoon pub, **The Man In The Wall**, opened in Wimborne in January 2012, it took the unusual step of choosing to have a locally brewed house beer, and we at Sixpenny were delighted to be selected to brew Man In The Wall best bitter for them. One year on, our beer is their best seller, and it was a privilege to be invited to join in their first birthday celebrations on 17th January (pictured here).

Since then, Wetherspoons have also asked us to provide the house beer for another brand new pub of theirs, the **Six Bells** in **Lymington**, which opened its doors on 19th February. The new beer, also called Six Bells, is a premium best bitter, available now at the pub or at the Tap.

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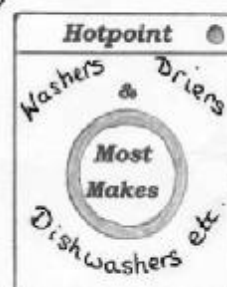
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March Winds

The hollow winds begin to blow;
 The clouds look black, the glass is low;
 The soot falls down, the spaniels sleep;
 And spiders from their cobwebs peep.
 Last night the sun went pale to bed;
 The moon in halos hid her head.
 The boding shepherd heaves a sigh,
 For, see, a rainbow spans the sky.
 The walls are damp, the ditches smell,
 Clos'd is the pink-ey'd pimpernel.
 Hark! how the chairs and tables crack,
 Old Betty's joints are on the rack:
 Her corns with shooting pains torment her,
 And to her bed untimely sent her.
 Loud quack the ducks, the sea fowl cry,
 The distant hills are looking nigh.
 How restless are the snorting swine!
 The busy flies disturb the kine.
 Low o'er the grass the swallow wings,
 The cricket, too, how sharp he sings!
 Puss on the hearth, with velvet paws,
 Sits wiping o'er her whisker'd jaws.
 The smoke from chimneys right ascends,
 Then spreading, back to earth it bends.
 The wind unsteady veers around,
 Or settling in the South is found.
 Through the clear stream the fishes rise,
 And nimbly catch the incautious flies.
 The glow worms num'rous, clear and bright,
 Illum'd the dewy hill last night.
 At dusk the squalid toad was seen,
 Like quadruped, stalk o'er the green.
 The whirling wind the dust obeys.

April Showers

And in the rapid eddy plays.
 The frog has chang'd his yellow vest,
 And in a russet coat is drest.
 The sky is green, the air is still,
 The mellow blackbird's voice is shrill.
 The dog, so alter'd in his taste,
 Quits mutton-bones, on grass to feast.
 Behold the rooks, how odd their flight,

They imitate the gliding kite,
 And seem precipitate to fall,
 As if they felt the piercing ball.
 The tender colts oat back do lie,
 Nor heed the traveller passing by.
 In fiery red the sun doth rise,
 Then wades through clouds to mount the skies.
 'Twill surely rain, we see't with sorrow,
 No working in the fields tomorrow.

Signs of foul Weather
 By Dr. Jenner

They say time is a precious thing,
 It can't be heard or seen,
 But yet it rules our daily lives,
 This force we can't demean.
 It trundles on and on each day,
 A week, a month, a year,
 So use it wisely as you go,
 And do what you hold dear.

*I've reached
 the age where
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 But when you reach the top the view is
 wonderful.

*The things that
 come to those who
 wait...
 ...may be the things
 left by those
 who got there first!*

When Autumn splendour slowly fades
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 How cheerless seem the days ahead,
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Coffee Break Quiz

Music and Musicals by *Peter Bailey*

1. Name the clarinet player famous for the tune 'Stranger on the shore'
2. Which comedian sang a silly 'busy bee' song?
3. 'Happiness, happiness, the only thing that I possess'. Which comedian uses this song in his TV and stage performances?
4. What is the title of the song attributed to the Windy City, and the name of the blue eyed singer who made it popular?
5. 'The road is long, with many a winding turn'. Name this Hollies song, which charity has benefitted?
6. Opening words: the hills are alive - name the film and the original singer.
7. 'You must remember this, a kiss is just a kiss'. Name the title of this classic film and the lead actors.
8. 'As long as he needs me' is a song taken from which musical - and who was the author of the original story?
9. Which woman stood on the Cobb at Lyme Regis? Name the lead actor/actress.
10. Name the film about an orphan lioness Elsa - which British singer made a hit of the theme song?

Answer for the hidden wordsearch message: April showers bring May flowers.

Quiz answers: 1 Acker Bilk, 2 Arthur
 Sinatra, 3 Ken Dodd, 4 Chicago Frank
 brother Hillisborough, 6 The Sound of
 Music Julie Andrews, 7 Casablanca
 Humphrey Bogarde & Ingrid Bergman,
 8 Oliver Charles Dickens, 9 The French
 Lieutenant's Woman Jeremy Irons
 & Meryl Streep, 10 Born Free & Matt
 Monro

Bridge

This deal from a recent session at the Sixpenny Handley Bridge Club illustrates precise bidding from the North-South partnership of Sheila Bradley and Magdalene Evans and, possibly, a 'missed' opportunity by East-West.

Dealer: South, Vulnerability: North-South

S	W	N	E
1C	Pass[1]	1D[2]	Pass[3]
2C[4]	Pass	2NT[5]	Pass
3NT[6]	End		

[1] Although holding a miserable 5 HCPs favourable vulnerability allows for a weak jump overcall of two spades, particularly with a singleton club.

[2] Prefers 1 diamond to 2NT [showing 11 HCPs but denying 4 clubs.

[3] With 9 HCPs, a singleton spade and the top honour in South's bid suit, an overcall of 1 heart showing a five-card major may have restricted North-South to declaring in a part score.

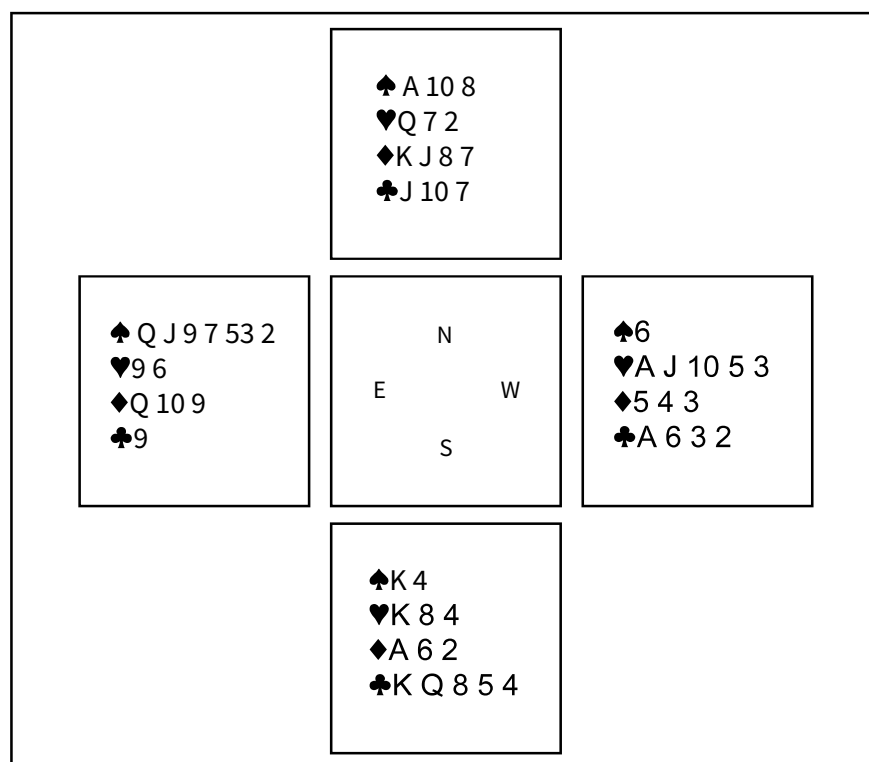
[4] Barrier bid showing five clubs but less than 16 HCPs which on the above distribution normally attracts a rebid of 2NT..

[5] With stops in the unbid suits responds 2NT with confidence.

[6] No hesitation in going for game.

♥Contract: 3NT: Opening lead H5

From this point on the play was straight forward. Sheila played low from dummy and covered West's nine with the heart queen. Continuing [correctly] with the club jack, East held up and doing so again as North played the club ten followed by the seven, covered by dummy's eight as West began discarding spades. The club king was taken by the ace and at trick six



East tabled his heart jack which was taken by dummy's king. The contract was now secure: sensibly, Sheila cashed the promoted club followed by the diamond ace, returned to hand for the diamond king, cashed the spade ace and crossed to the king to land eleven tricks and a score of 660 points.

How might the bidding have gone if West had called a weak two spades over the club opener: Sheila would, I am certain, have responded 2NT to show Magdalene 11-12 HCPs and a balanced hand and even had East felt confident enough to up the bidding to the three-level with his hearts, it is almost certain South would have bid 3NT, thus arriving at the same contract.

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SureStart Children's Centre

Little and Lol



Little and Lol are really excited to be included in their first Downsman this month. They have lots of games they'd like to play with you... why don't you start by colouring them in.

Little loves being outdoors so would like to be dressed in spring colours... what colours do you think make the spring time? Could you draw him some scenery, where do you like to be outside? Try drawing him there I'm sure he'd love it!

Lol has been enjoying Easter, she helped her mum make an Easter bonnet... What is hiding in her hat? What has that got to do with Easter?

Little and Lol will be back in the June edition of The Downsman... see you then!



Simple Sudoku

Put 1 to 4 once in each row and column!

	1		
3	4		1
	3		
		4	

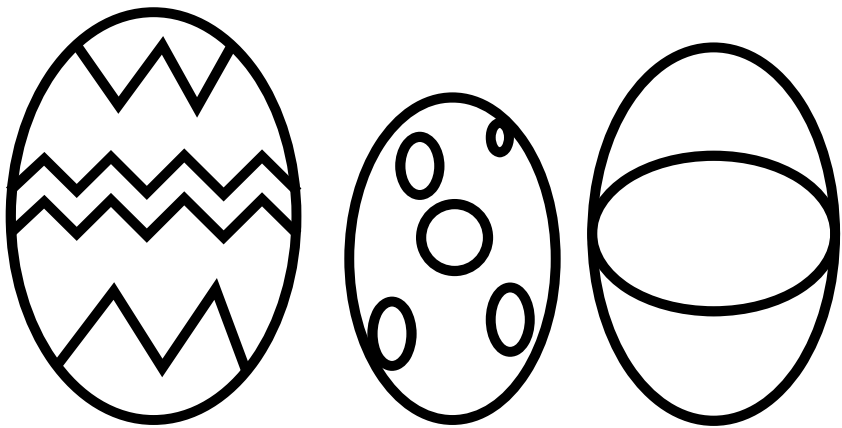
Little Logic

Use the clues below to find out how old each of Little and Lols friends are!

1. Bobbie is the eldest
2. Neither Sara or Peter is youngest
3. Peter is older than Sara

Children
Sara
Peter
Edmund
Bobbie

Age			
10	11	12	13



Eggcitement

Can you sort out Lol's Easter eggs for her?

She would like her **biggest** one to be red and yellow, the **medium** sized one to be many colours and the **smallest** to be blues and greens.



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On the sales side, it is tough for young professionals to afford to buy with salaries low in the area compared with the price of property. Although there are some 95% mortgages back in the market, the interest rates are generally too high, making repayments unaffordable. There are also some government initiatives to help people buy new properties, but availability is limited.

With economic times still hard and

annual wage increases severely limited, it generally comes down to the "Bank of Mum & Dad". With property prices stable, parents are dipping into their savings to help their children either buy for the first time, or to move up the ladder.

Buy to let investors, looking for a good return, have also helped keep the local market relatively buoyant at the start of 2013, however most adults in their 20s are unable to buy, and are therefore forced into renting for longer.

On the lettings side, we have experienced a gradual, but significant increase in the average length of time tenants stay in their rental properties – now over 11 months across Bassets' ever-expanding portfolio.

We are a nation of homeowners who expect their children to buy their own home at an early age. However, many adults will be forced to rent for longer.

And in 10-15 years' time, I expect to see the start of a cultural shift where the expectations of most young professionals will be to rent for 5-10 years minimum, rather than rent for a short interim step before they buy!

There have been discussions in Parliament recently about creating longer term leases for tenants, and although nothing is currently on the table legislation-wise, I am sure this is likely to come in the next few years.

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For any information about the above please contact the Chase Community Friends on 01258 841321

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What's On

Date	Function	Page	Day	Club or Group	Page
4,11, 18,25 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	7	Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time	5
8 Apr	WI Meeting	14	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall	14
15 Apr	Bus Service Consultation Deadline	6	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time	12
17 Apr	Village Hall AGM	4	Tue	Stay 'n' Learn : Village Hall 10:30 - 11:30 Weekly	5
18 Apr	Bingo Sixpenny Handley Village Hall	5	Wed	Cards : Village Hall Third Wednesday in the month	13
21 Apr	Bowls Club House Opening	5	Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time	12
26 Apr	Rural Crime Prevention	7	Thu	CCF Coffee Morning Sports Pavilion 10.15 - 11.45 : Weekly	47
26 Apr	WI Meeting	14	Thu	Mothers' Union : Second Thursday in the Month 14:45	9
27 Apr	Village Hall Jumble	5	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time	5
4 May	Bowls Quiz	5	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 start Third Thursday in the month (Excluding August & December)	5
7 May	Tennis Adults Evenings Start	5	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : Monthly	47
9 & 23 May	Parish Council Meeting	7	Sun	St Mary's Church 9:30 Traditional 11:00 Informal 18:00 Evensong Alternating weeks St Rumbold's 11:15 Gussage St Andrew 9:30	
13 May	WI Meeting	14			
15 May	Downsman Deadline	3			
16 May	Bingo Sixpenny Handley Village Hall	5			
23 May	WI Meeting	14			
25 May	Church Fete	5			
1 June	Next Downsman Issue	3			

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