



The Downsmen

The Parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge, including Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington

Delivered by Sixpenny Handley Homewatch October 2013

Local boy is Club Champion

Jacob Austin from Sixpenny Handley aged 13 has been very successful in his chosen sport of motorcross. He has been competing since the age of 8 and has achieved many victories in a very tough and competitive sport. At present he is the overall club champion at Poole and Parkstone MX club so rides with the #1 board on his bike which is an honour for any rider...

Jacob is often to be seen running laps around the football pitch as he trains hard to stay actively fit.....for any motor sport enthusiasts or just anyone keen to see the sport up close contact Michele Austin.



Barn Dance, Folk Club & Artsreach this Autumn

in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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Fun Bike Ride

& Chalke Valley Challenge
for those of you looking for
something more energetic!

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Bowls Quiz Night

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Fund-Raising Talk

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Next edition

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next edition
15th November**

Please make every effort to meet the deadline so that we have time for printing, production and distribution.

If possible please email your articles to
editor@thedownsman.org.uk.

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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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Whole Page	£50	£250

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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**

Autumn is here...

Still in shock how quickly the change from summer to Autumn came, but at least that means we had a Summer! I was hoping for a little better weather in September to finish all those outside jobs which hadn't be done while the children were off in the Summer, still I'm sure they will get done somewhen.



We have some lovely articles looking back over the summers highlights. Find out where the Scouts went on camp (page 13) how the RNLI Stall did, what the School have spent their fund-raised money on (page 12), how the clubs have got on...

So what do we have to look forward to in the Autumn. Well we have some good times lined up in the Village Hall with a Barn Dance for the School on 5th October (page 5), Rob's Auction on 12th (page 8) Bingo on 17th and a Folk Night with Ninebarrow in aid of the Community Fund on 19th (page 9). The bowls club has some indoor events too with a fund-raising talk on 25th October (page 4) and their quiz night on 23rd November (page 17).

Of course we can still get outside in the Autumn to watch the Scouts Firework Extravaganza, to Run the Chalke Valley Run or take part in the Sports Association's Fun Bike Ride (details page 5)! Lets just hope the weather is kind!

Still it does feel the run up to Christmas has begun, if you have any Christmas wishes to send, we are offering a free service to those of you who are unable to deliver Christmas cards around the village. Please send your message of up to 30 words in to editor@thedownsman.org.uk or drop them in to the Parish Office before 15th November and we will include them in our December issue.

Best Wishes

Naomi Booth

editor@thedownsman.org.uk

c/o The Parish Office, Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5PA

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Fraud Letters

Please be aware that fraudulent letters concerning inheritance money have been sent to a Sixpenny Handley resident. The case has been reported to the police and Action Fraud on 7 Sept 2013.

If you have any concerns or receive a similar letter yourself call Action Fraud on 0300 1232 040.

**JOHN HAMILTON MAXWELL
STANIFORTH
1893 – 1985.**

John Hamilton Maxwell Staniforth, known for most of his life as Max, was, at one time, Vicar of this parish & resided in the big old vicarage, on the left hand side of the road as you approach the village. Max's daughter, Rosamund DuCane, has been a great friend of mine for many years. We met when we both lived near Lymington. I know that there are still some residents in Sixpenny Handley who remember the Rev. Staniforth so the following may be of interest to them, as well as to other members of our parish.

Rosamund DuCane has written a book about her ancestors entitled 'Sicklesmiths & Spear Carriers' published by 'The Village & Family History Project', Farley Chamberlayne, Romsey, SO51 0QR, ISBN 1-903979-04-8. The last chapter of this book gives a very good account of Max's life, including his experiences in the trenches in the First World War. Here are a couple of quotes from the book:- 'All through the war he wrote frequently and at length to his parents. His letters describe both a period of training raw recruits in County Cork and their

subsequent life in the trenches. During the fighting on the Somme in 1916, the 7th Leinsters (Max's regiment) took part in the assaults on Guillemont and Ginchy, bloody battles which cost the battalion very heavy losses'. '... but by May he was back in the trenches preparing for a new offensive which was to go down in history as Third Ypres or, notoriously, Passchendaele. ... 'Our preparations are colossal, undreamed of before, dwarfing our previous offensives to insignificance' he wrote. 'Guillemont and Ginchy was a drawing room entertainment by comparison with what we went through and that there now

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Noticeboard

Panta Rei Dance Workshop



**Saturday 23rd
November 2013**

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
10am-12pm
Contact Jen 01725 516265
More details page 33

ROB'S AUCTION SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

**SAT OCTOBER
12TH - 6PM**

Entry by schedule: £1
Licensed bar. All proceeds in
support of the village hall
Rob Jesse on 552340

More details page 35

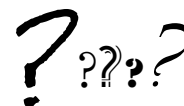
Sixpenny Handley First School

**Is your child
due to start
school?**

Come along to our Open
Morning on Wednesday
23rd October 2013 at
9.15am.

Full details page 10

Bowls Club Quiz



23rd November
£5 per head

Bring your own nibbles
and drinks

Phone Val 552607

More details page 17

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th 2013
7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
SIXPENNY HANDLEY BOWLS
CLUB**

A fund-raising, non-illustrated
talk on the activities of RAF
Bomber Command 1939-1945
presented by Bill Chorley, author
of RAF Bomber Command Losses
of the Second World War.

Owing to limited seating
attendance will be restricted to
50. The ticket price of £5
will include tea/coffee/biscuits.
Tickets from Bill Chorley at:
10 Sycamore Close, Sixpenny
Handley.
Telephone 01725 552776.

Downsman Noticeboard

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

Sixpenny Handley First School are having a

BARN DANCE

At Sixpenny Handley Village Hall



with 'Scrape The Barrel'

SAT 5TH OCTOBER
7PM-11PM

Licensed bar & snacks on sale
Tickets: Adult £7 Child £3, includes welcome drink
Tickets available from school or from the Post office

one man and his dog presents

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FOLK CLUB



Ninebarrow

Winners of Larmer Tree's Breakthrough Music Award
+ DJ Dapper Dan

Sat 19 Oct, 7.30pm-10.00pm
Village Hall
Sixpenny Handley

Tickets £5 - Available on the Door
In support of the Village Community Fund

SIXPENNY HANDLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

FUN BIKE RIDE

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER



Join us for an Autumn Bike Ride through the glorious countryside of the Cranborne Chase
All levels from novices to experts are welcome

Entrance fee: Choice of distances
Adults £5.00 Route 1 - 15 miles
U16 £2.50 Route 2 - 25 miles
payable at the start BBQ & Refreshments
Start at Sixpenny Handley Sports Pavilion between 10.00am & 11.00am
All riders must wear helmets



17th October

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Doors Open 7pm
Start 7.30pm

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

Future dates:
27th Nov - 17th Dec

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

Chalke Valley Challenge

10K Run

3K Fun Run

Sunday 13th October

Broadchalke

www.ChalkeValleyChallenge.co.uk

All proceeds towards Broad Chalke Primary School
(Friends of Broad Chalke School
registered charity 1106909)

SIXPENNY HANDLEY MOTHERS' UNION

COFFEE MORNING

(in aid of MU Home and Overseas Funds)

With Bring and Buy Stall and Picture Competition

10.30 am - 12noon,
Saturday 26th October

At 46 High Street

**** ALL WELCOME ****

1st Woodcutts Presents

The Fireworks Extravaganza

Saturday 2nd November

Keep an eye out for posters and tickets.
More details page 13



Once a month in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall we provide a freshly cooked 3 course lunch for £4.00

Please contact
01258 841321

Transport, interest clubs and help also available
full details page 23

January 23rd 2014

Forest Forge presents

Anne of Green Gables

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
6.30pm

Tickets from Jenny Gordon, Paul Styles in the shop or on the door.

£8 for adults £6 under 18's and
£25 family ticket



Clerk's Corner

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

Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley. SP5 5PA

Email: sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Clerk to the Council (Lisa Goodwin) 01258 840935

Assistant Clerk (Gill Martin) 01725 552211

East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux

We are pleased to have made a donation toward the Wimborne CAB for 2013-2014 of £250 to support this valuable service which has helped a number of our residents over the past year.

Part Night Street Lighting

Dorset County Council advise that street lights will be turned off from 24:00 until 05:30 except on A&B class traffic routes, roundabouts, town centres and roads with vertical speed humps. More information is available at www.dorsetforyou.com/partnightlighting

Poplar Tree – Danger

Village Hall, Sixpenny Handley
Please be aware this tree has recently dropped branches and it is advisable not to park your car close to it.

Grit Spreading

In preparation for the forthcoming cold winter months, we will be purchasing a grit spreader for use in busy areas of the village.

Community Speedwatch

We are currently investigating the possibility of setting up a Community Speedwatch Team and volunteers are needed. If you would be interested to

get involved and help to reduce traffic speed, please let us know on 01725 552211

East Dorset Police Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Louise Hamilton 5330 will be available to call in to see in the Parish Office alternate Friday mornings and on patrol in the afternoons.

lou.hamilton@dorset.pnn.police.uk

07584 347963 when on duty or dial 101

Housing Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent housing survey.

An encouraging number were returned which will greatly assist us with planning for future housing for our residents.

Information Network

A vital link for local news, info and items of interest

Email us at sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

All email addresses will remain confidential

Opening Hours:

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

For up to date
Parish Council

information visit:

www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

The Parish Office Unit 6 Town Farm Workshops is available to Hire

Come and take a look when we are open on Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings or arrange a visit with Gill.

£10 per session

Book in with Gill on

01725 552211 or 01725 552297

Forthcoming Parish Council

Meeting Dates

At the Parish Office, 6 Town Farm
Workshops

Finance & General Purposes Meeting
7:30pm Thursday 3rd October 2013

Planning Matters Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 10th October 2013
(if required)

Full Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm
24th October 2013

Our Agendas and Minutes are published on the website and Agendas 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 in to 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 that meetings may be subject to change so it is always best to check.

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Access Dorset is also a third party Hate Crime Reporting Centre. We can provide support to help people deal with any distressing incident that takes place in the community, such as bullying, harassment or being unsure of how to deal with a situation. If requested, Access Dorset will report incidents to the police on your behalf – anonymously if that is what you prefer. We need your support - If you would like to become a volunteer independent living adviser please contact us at the office. We provide a thorough training and supervision program to help our volunteers further develop their skills and experience.

Something to Sell or Celebrate? Send us up to 30 words and we will put in a text advert for you for £2:50... don't forget your phone number too!

OF WIMBORNE

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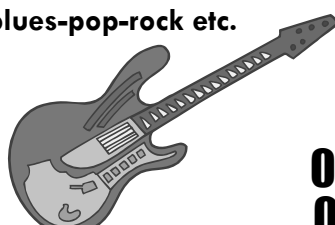
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A group of Handley locals including Emma Gothard, Charlie & Abi Regnart will be running the Great South Run (10 miles) on Sunday 27th October in aid of Project Uganda.

If you would like to find out more about Project Uganda or sponsor this event please visit our website
www.projectuganda.org.uk.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
Emma Gothard

Village Hall 100 Club

July 2013

1st 37 Mr. G. Beckley
2nd 5 Mrs. B. Wootton
3rd 141 Mrs. J. Waker

August 2013

1st 100 Mr. A. Hunt
2nd 63 Mr. D. Goddard
3rd 124 Mrs. P. Oxford

Mobile Library

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

October - 8th, 22nd

November - 5th, 19th

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

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baby Charlotte.
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the bus.



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Ninebarrow at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Ninebarrow are an award-winning Dorset-based duo, who combine vocal harmonies and a variety of instruments, including tenor ukulele and mandola, to create a rich blend of folk-influenced songs. Jon Whitley and Jay Labouchardiere perform a diverse range of material – much of which has been inspired by the fantastic music sessions that can be found locally and at many of the Great British folk festivals. Ninebarrow's original songs take much of their inspiration from the landscape and history of the places they have visited around the country. Their repertoire also encompasses a variety of traditional unaccompanied songs as well as contemporary folk covers – they take material and rework it in their own unique way. In 2013, they were crowned winners of the Larmer Tree Breakthrough Music Award.

Here's what people in the folk world are saying about them:

"Ninebarrow - young with a vibrant sound... if you can get them to play your club or festival don't say no. These guys are going places..." John Butcher, Concerts
Organiser @ Swanage and Wimborne Folk Festival

"Ninebarrow's performance on the Small Stage at this years Wessex Folk Festival was one of the highlights of the whole festival. Quite simply the guys were excellent. Distinctive and innovative folk with some of the best joint harmonies I have heard in a very very long time. The guys have a growing reputation as one of the best young folk acts around and it is well deserved. If you get the chance go see the guys it is well worth it." Wessex Folk Festival

"Ninebarrow gave us a stunning set at the club. What an outstanding duo presenting tight harmony singing at it's best. Something different and brilliant!"

Wessex Acoustic Folk Club

Have a listen to them @ www.ninebarrow.co.uk

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SIXPENNY HANDLEY FOLK CLUB



Ninebarrow

Winners of Larmer Tree's Breakthrough Music Award

+ DJ Dapper Dan

Sat 19 Oct, 7.30pm–10.00pm

Village Hall

Sixpenny Handley

Tickets £5 – Available on the Door

In support of the Village Community Fund



Sixpenny Handley First School



The start of a new exciting year at Sixpenny Handley First School

After a sunny summer holiday, on Wednesday 4th September we welcomed all of the children back for the start of our autumn term at school. We were all very excited to meet our new Early Years class, the Ladybirds, who have settled in beautifully and made an excellent start to their school life. We also welcome some new families to the school as well as a new teacher in Year 4..... what an exciting start to our term!

Over the summer holidays there was work being carried out on our school playground and it has been a pleasure to see the look on the children's faces as they were met with the new Hungry Caterpillar Trail! The School Council, along with the rest of the school, the parents, the Governors and staff had worked hard as a team to think about what needed doing to 'revamp' our school playground. The School Council carried out questionnaires, did an audit of the equipment, met with Governors about financing the project, wrote to playground suppliers and worked hard on the new design. They worked hard thinking about the money they had to spend and creating their shopping list! All the hard work paid off and now the new playground is being enjoyed by all.

We have started the school year by celebrating and focussing on our Rights Respecting School ethos through a special fortnight. If you pass by the school you will notice our beautiful Rights Respecting Schools flags flying proudly outside to celebrate the work we do as a school. These flags were designed by children from Rights Respecting Schools across Dorset who



met together at a conference to share ideas and best practice. The designs were then sent abroad where they were made into these colourful flags. Children from Sixpenny Handley First School attended the conference and were part of the team who designed them and therefore they are even more special to the school.

Holding the Rights Respecting School Award Level 2 shows recognition of the achievement that our school holds in placing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of everything we do. This includes planning, listening to our children's voices and allowing them to make choices in their learning and to shape the way our school runs.

Our school ethos is based on modelling rights and respect in all that we do. We have spent the first week and a half of term creating school charters,

class charters and play charters thinking carefully about our rights and responsibilities for the year ahead.

Sixpenny Handley First School

Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5NJ
01725 552356
Headteacher: Mrs Clare Hewitt

Is your child due to start school?

Come along to our Open Morning on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 9.15am.

At Sixpenny Handley First School we believe in an exciting, creative and diverse curriculum where children enjoy learning and achieve their full potential.



There will be a talk from the Headteacher and then an opportunity to have a school tour and visit the classrooms and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits!



Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
01725 552397



Age 8-10½
Wednesday 6 to 7.30pm
Andy Young (Akela)
01258 830861

1st Woodcutts News

www.firstwoodcutts.org.uk



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



Age 6-8
Wednesday 5 to 6pm
Denise Turner (Willow)
01725 552735



Age 14-18
Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30pm
Andy Turner
01725 552735

Summer Camp on Brownsea Island

As probably everyone knows, Brownsea Island is where Lord Baden Powell held the first ever Scout Camp and effectively founded the movement. We are fortunate that it is close by and we have the opportunity to camp there. This year the plan was for Scouts and Explorers to spend a week camping on the island, joined by the Cubs for 3 days and the Beavers for a day's outing. All in all around 50 young people and Leaders represented Woodcutts and, as always, did it with style and panache. Before the group had even returned to the mainland Facebook updates from other groups camping on the island were posted



thanking our group for their hospitality and generosity. The entertainment provided by the traditional Woodcutts campfire with singing was the highlight that demonstrated the quality of the programme here and the way that the young people embrace the spirit of Scouting with delight and gusto.

Report from Akela

Brownsea camp was a great success. We took 10 Cubs to join the Scouts for 3 days of traditional Scouting activities. A few of our group were some of the youngest we have taken on camp having only become eligible to join Cubs as the Summer break started. With little or no camping experience between them we were mindful that we might have to provide quite a lot of support. Not a bit of it. I can honestly say they were the best group I have ever worked with: enthusiastic, helpful, hard working, happily asleep by 8.30 (!!!! unheard of) and up at 6.30 with a smile on their faces. Outstanding! We got involved in many activities such as

archery, high ropes, impromptu pottery making, macramé sling shots,...but far and away the canoeing activity was the most enjoyed by all. Every one of us got onto the water and had a brilliant if all too short a time. Another highlight was the camp fire sing song in which we were joined by several other Scouting groups camping that week. Our guys out-sung and out-shone the others by a country mile in true Woodcutts style. A fabulous time for us as leaders and the young people alike. Bring on the next one.



Our Quick-thinking Heroes

At the East Dorset District AGM, held at Woodcutts HQ, 4 of our leaders received awards from the County Commissioner, Mike Parkes. The Chief

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Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct was awarded to Rob Easton, Andy Young, Anthony Brown and Nigel Turton in recognition of outstanding actions when they provided first aid to the casualties of a serious road traffic accident and also their support to the emergency services. As mentioned by the Commissioner: "Such awards are rare and to have four in the same group is bordering on unique!" Well done and thanks to all of them. They make us proud.

Events for the Diary

The Fireworks Extravaganza (now in it's second decade) will be held on Saturday 2nd November. The team will be working hard to put on yet another fantastic show for everyone. If you can help in any way then please let Rob Easton know. On the following Sunday (10th November) we will participate in the Remembrance Sunday service with the procession up the High Street to the Church starting around 10:30. Please

make sure that everyone is uniform and arrives in plenty of time. And, as before, we welcome anyone who wishes to participate in the Parade. Our annual Carol Service will be on Sunday 8th December. Attendance was low last year so please make a note now and make every effort to attend. The Leaders will be sending out details of other events so watch out for the newsletters.

Traffic movement at the HQ

As the evenings start to get darker please can you remember, as always, to take great care when arriving and leaving the HQ parking area. Please come right in, park considerately and be patient.





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Thank you to everyone who called at our 'Front Path Stalls' at August Bank Holiday weekend. We made nearly £600 and hope that the total will rise. If you did not manage to get to the stalls, you might like to borrow the leaflet showing Christmas cards/diaries/calendars from which you can choose. Just give me a ring (01725 553133) and I will bring the leaflet round and then collect your order when you are ready.

Sheila Bradley

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Again we have come to the end of our outdoor season, and having our new clubhouse has made all the difference. It is very pleasant to be able to watch a match and have a drink, even if it is too cold to sit outside.

We have also been lucky enough to get a grant from Sports England for a new playing surface, which we hope will be ready by Christmas, and will lead to some touring teams visiting us next year.

The Mens team and MTL have done quite well in their leagues. We finished the season with a visit from a team of Dorset ladies, it was a nice warm afternoon and everybody enjoyed the game. That same day we also had a visit from the North Dorset M.P. Bob Walter, who was extremely impressed with our clubhouse and bowling facilities.

The Jumble sale made us a record £500, thanks to everybody who contributed. In November we will have our quiz night and in December our presentation lunch.

On Sunday the 22nd of September at 2.30 pm we will start our shortmat again in the Village Hall. Anybody interested in joining us, is very welcome on any Sunday afternoon. We also have a practice night on a Tuesday evening. Happy Bowling and good luck for the new indoor season.

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Bowls Quiz Night

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Bowls Fund-Raising Talk

See page 4



WI News And Information

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On the 12th August members met for an informal American Supper at The Old Forge. Luckily it was a dry, warm evening so members were able to meander around the garden prior to eating indoors. It was an evening filled with exchanging news, lots of laughter and delicious food. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

At our first Autumn meeting we welcomed Mrs Sue Bates, a Water Colour Artist, as our speaker. She spoke about her style of painting in a wonderfully relaxed and inspiring way, demonstrating how she built up a picture from the initial water wash to the finished article. Her attention to detail was fascinating and her finished work beautiful. Our members were spellbound and a few discussed starting or re-visiting painting for pleasure as Mrs Bates kindly included hints about the basic materials needed.

On Friday 13th September four members from the institute took part in a Group Skittles evening at Melbury Abbas Village Hall. Four teams battled for the Group trophy. The results were close but Tarrant Gunville WI was the eventual winner. It was fun mixing with the other institutes and our hosts, Melbury Abbas and Cann WI provided

a delicious supper to round off the evening.

Our own institute's Skittles evening when husbands, partners and friends are included was held on Saturday 14th September at Tarrant Gunville Village Hall. A fish and chip supper was provided.

Members will be participating in the County Quiz evening on September 18th when they will pit their wits against the questions provided to each institute.

At our October 14th meeting Mrs Jane Barrow will be speaking on Skin Care and Beauty Therapy and incorporating a demonstration. On November 11th Mr A J Horrocks will be talking about gemstones. If you are interested in either subject or would just like to experience a WI meeting please contact the Secretary, Margaret Jones on 01725 552358

As well as the main monthly meeting, at present we have three satellite clubs:

WI CRAFT CLUB:

The WI Craft Club members are busy embroidering calico squares to be put together as a wall hanging. The squares

depict something in or around the village. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month, to sew, knit, exchange ideas and chat.

WI FLOWER CLUB:

A "Beginners Flower Club" started in September 2012; we were not sure if it was going to be popular but were very surprised by the number who came to the first meeting and then were hooked! At present there are sixteen attending our monthly club, which is held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Sports Pavilion. Liz Coombs, our excellent flower arranging instructor has guided, helped and inspired everyone to improve. We have all gained in self confidence, so much so that we have agreed to arrange flowers for a wedding at the end of September Our first !! We have fun, a good chat with coffee and biscuits to finish and all for £1 an evening. Not Bad!

WI BOOK CLUB:

The W.I. Book club has now been meeting monthly for 18 months; it has been quite a journey. We have enjoyed a range of different books from classics such as The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Hobbit and The Great Gatsby to the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society and the epic tomes of Ken Follett. It has certainly challenged us as many of these books we would not have chosen to read, but they have led to much enjoyment and lively discussion. There is, of course, always a good cup of tea or coffee and very often a slice of homemade cake to help things along!

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club Quiz Night

On 23rd November we are holding our 40th Quiz in the village Hall and over the years it has grown in length and become quite a late evening. This year we will try for an earlier finish and have decided not to offer sandwiches but mince pies and biscuits with tea and coffee, which will enable us to reduce the price to £5 per head. Of course you can all bring your nibbles and drinks as usual and "Complete Carps" will have to stock up on their chocolate!

After 40 quizzes, we would like to say how much we appreciate all our loyal quizzers, some of whom have been there from the start and the support you have given us and hope to see you on November 23rd for another evening of fun and Colin's jokes!

If you would like a table, new quizzers are very welcome, would you let Val know 552607 or any member of the Bowls Club.



Autumn Edition September/October 2013

By the time you read this, Autumn, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, will be with us, and we will know for certain whether we finally got the barbeque summer we've been promised for some time. One thing is for sure, and that is that the fruit harvest has turned out a bumper one, and that should be good for the cider makers at least.

Not such good news is the grain harvest which is predicted to be well down, having been hit by the dreadful winter, and the cold Spring delaying the harvest by two weeks. However, barley production hasn't suffered as much as other cereals, so the raw ingredient for our beer should be in plentiful supply. Could be a problem for all you muesli eaters, but at least you'll still be able to get a decent pint from Sixpenny! And we'll continue to use only the finest, floor malted, Maris Otter barley for our beer – nothing but the best, rest assured!

The next in our line of new “specials” has now been launched.

Last time it was a continental style blonde beer; this time we've switched continents and colours to produce an American style black IPA. We've used a blend of Maris Otter pale ale, crystal and chocolate malts, to give a deep, dark colour, plus a selection of Perle, Summit and Chinook hops for a unique flavour. Named after one of the most beautiful areas of Dorset, Blackmore IPA is refreshing and chocolatey with a long finish, it's like a grown ups chocolate milkshake!



Our range of beers: We often get asked when certain beers will be available, or why they are not? So, for the record, we aim to keep 4 regular beers brewed throughout the year – Best, Gold, IPA and 106 JACK fm Ale. We also brew house beers for several Wetherspoon's pubs, where these have proved to be best sellers.

Other ales are provided on a strictly occasional or seasonal basis. The reasons are quite simple – space and time! We care deeply about the quality of our beer, and aren't prepared to take shortcuts with the way we brew, condition or store our ale. There's also the question of demand – Black is a glorious winter brew, and nothing beats a Marley's Ghost in the Festive Season, but who wants a heavy Christmas beer in the heat of summer? However, we are looking into extending our range of bottled ales, so that might hopefully satisfy those crazy non-seasonal cravings you might have! As usual, follow us on Twitter or Facebook - or come and visit us - to see what's coming up next.

If you haven't been to the brewery shop recently you won't be aware of all the goodies we have. Sixpenny pint beer glasses with the new colour logo; 106 JACK fm ale glasses, coffee mugs; handmade pottery beer mugs; baseball caps; beanie hats and canvas bags – it's amazing we have any room in the shop for beer!

We also have 500ml bottles of IPA, Best, Gold or Hanlaga, in singles or multi packs, and gift boxed, plus a delicious range of chutneys and mustards from **Parkside Produce**, made with our beer, of course. So, next time you call in, why not treat yourself?



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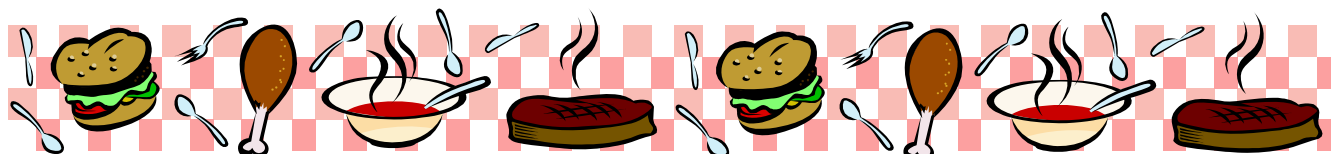
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I have just received a box full of knitted teddy bears, which had been requested by the MU office in Salisbury. They are to be given to all the children who go on a holiday to a Christian hotel, in Sidmouth, for a week each year, run by the MU. Our bears will be used next year. The response has been amazing. Thank you so much for your wonderful knitting. So far I have 23 bears with more to come.

Coffee Morning

On Saturday, 26th October, from 10.00am to 12.00 we are holding a coffee morning at my house, 46, High St. Sixpenny Handley, accompanied by a game. This year the game is to identify the people (and a dog) in pictures from all walks of life. There will be prizes for the winners.

Also, we will have a Bring and Buy stall with special emphasis on homemade cakes. The event is open to everyone. Please do drop in and have a go at the Pictures Game and help the funds for MU projects here and abroad. Children and young people are particularly welcome, notably for the game, since their knowledge of well-known people is remarkable!

Sheila Bradley 553133

Cards

Whist The most pleasing aspect of the opening drive in the 2013-2014 whist competition, which got under way at the village hall on September 11th, was the attendance of three new contestants namely Yvonne Bundy [who narrowly failed to qualify for last season's competition], Sylvia Morrison and Ted Stern. Even more pleasing as far as Yvonne and Ted were concerned, both finished in the top 10; Ted in 7th place with 162 points and Yvonne a point behind in 8th [Sylvia carded 155 which was good enough for equal 13th]. Also, well content with her evening was Amy Caines whose cards were a complete reversal from those that she had to contend with in 2012-2013, and netted 166 points and 6th place. However, top position went to Doug Haskell who but for a lowly 4 on the last deal of the night might well have broken into the 180s. As it was, he returned 178,

5 points to the good over Ness Park. Ashmore 'veteran' Len Diggin held 3rd on 169, while Susie White maintained her form of last season by finishing 4th with husband, Kingsley, a point back in 5th - there scores being 168 and 167 respectively. Rita Austin [159], who partnered Doug [Haskell] from the 2nd deal until parted on the 4th hand of the second half, took 9th spot, 2 points clear of last season's runner-up, Stuart Haskell who has to be congratulated for organizing the very successful summer drives which raised a healthy 178 pounds in aid of the village football and sports' club. The only disappointment was the enforced absence of 6 of our regular players [including defending champion, Gerald Trickey] which reduced the tables in play to 7. With their return, hopefully in time for the 2nd round, the future looks reasonably secure though more players can be accommodated. Bridge Afternoon bridge in the village,

and at Tarrant Gunville, continues to flourish and 3 tables are becoming the norm at both venues. Highlight for the local club was an excellent summer buffet lunch at The Roebuck with a range of savories and sweet dishes prepared by Anne and very much appreciated by those who attended. The quality of bidding and play is now at a stage where the majority could well hold their own at venues such as Shaftesbury where duplicate is played each Friday afternoon; in fact, as readers may recall from previous columns, Gerald and Julie Trickey have enjoyed some very creditable top three finishes at Shaftesbury and also done well at Wimborne.

A lack of response regarding the advertised bridge tutorials was disappointing; so, for the time being bridge at the sports' pavilion will have to be restricted to players with a knowledge of how to play this fascinating and challenging card game.

Bill Chorley



Oh No!

I almost felt like running a black band around this log. Tern III (Halberg Rassy 31) – the yacht I have been regular crew (and occasional skipper) on for over four years, has been sold! The skipper being in his 80s feels the time has come ‘to swallow the anchor’. Within a week of being advertised an acceptable offer had been received, a yacht survey, an engine survey, and a test sail were arranged, all went well (of course the surveyors had to justify their fees) and I was involved with the test sail. But that is it ... so long Tern - we have sailed all around the Solent from Lymington as far as Bembridge in the East and Studland in the West, and all ports in between, South of the Island, and Cherbourg and St Vaast.

St Vaast

As mentioned last time, the recent Cruise to Cherbourg and St Vaast, was on Chai of Burnham, a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey (also up for sale – is it me?). The passages were dogged by light winds, but much sunshine, so a mixture of sailing and motoring, across a fairly flat sea, we crossed the Shipping Lanes without incident or close encounter (AIS is a real boon giving detail of big ships). Arriving late in Cherbourg we dined on board. A mooch around Cherbourg the next morning gave croissants and baguettes to keep us going, and a late start saw Chai taking the strong tide around Cap Barfleur – in a benevolent mood – and down the Cotentin Peninsular to St Vaast. We did not have close encounters with a pot buoy as a friend had some weeks ago, costing him E100 before assistance would be rendered (well that’s the French for you!).

St Vaast was in a party mood, as the fair

Gone Sailing

was in town (yuk!), but everything else was great, and the Saturday BBQ on the rocks with blue sea and sunset was a success.

An early start Sunday, with a few minutes delay after lock opening to let the scrum go, gave us a easy exit, and the usual light winds, flat seas and sunshine to Lymington. Ch 16 kept us amused – it is amazing what some people get up to!

Bunkside Reading

RYA A5 booklets covering; Competent Crew to YachtMaster, Sea Survival Handbook etc, useful aide memoirs, and for loaning to future new crew, or, buy your own, highly recommended www.rya.org.uk technical. Caught Inside – A surfers year on the Californian Coast, Daniel Duane, Lonely Planet Journeys. Actually not about sailing, but, included because much about Pacific Coast of California, surfing history and etiquette, and within the text, great bibliography about the sea. Non fiction.

In the Media

America’s Cup, BBC2, very exciting race series with AC72s (40 knots + boat speed – wow) and excellent graphics.



Get on Board

There are many opportunities to sail as crew, usually no experience needed, just a willingness to learn, (and perhaps a browse of RYA Competent Crew booklet).

A reminder, if you missed LTSC Open Day, Meanderers every Wednesday, Saunterers one Saturday each month, and weekend cruises, throughout the year. If dinghy sailing is your thing, the Club have four RS Visions for use by members. And of course active members from 4 to 90+, so no excuses! www.ltsc.co.uk . Two yachts did not go to St Vaast due to lack of crew! And some yachts did not go on the Summer Cruise, also due to lack of crew! So the opportunities are there! As always I am happy to talk on going sailing matters.

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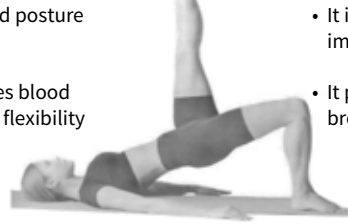
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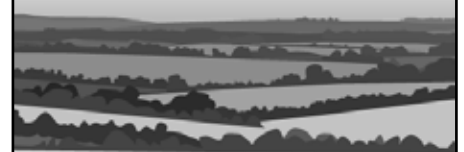
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And it rained at Woodcutts!

After what turned out to be a good, summer weather wise, here at Woodcutts we missed out by having the church barbeque on the first Saturday of September. The morning started well, with sunshine and warmth, as did the afternoon. In fact after setting up tables and chairs for thirty five guests by mid afternoon, I decided to put tablecloths on and cushions on the chairs.

What a mistake that was. By 4.00 p.m. we had already had a slight shower and all the tablecloths and cushions had to be quickly gathered up. Still it was only a slight shower, so at 4.30 the tablecloths and cushions were out again, ready for a five o'clock start for the barbeque.

As guests began to arrive so did a thunderstorm; this time it rained quite heavily and turned out to be much more than a passing shower, so off came the tablecloths and cushions once more and up went the umbrellas. Unfortunately our sitting room is far too small for thirty five guests and the kitchen was already filled to capacity with helpers and food being prepared. It didn't help that the outside gas barbeque had decided to play up and most of the cooking had to be done in the electric oven in the kitchen. Never the less, the guests stayed on and even if some spent an hour or so in the dog kennel, spirits were high as the rain eventually eased off. Table cloths and cushions were now damp on at least one side but spirits generally were high and everybody made light of the conditions. I would like to thank all those who stayed the course and for their humour and patience. Although this is really a social event rather than a money raiser, we still ended up with a profit of £188.00. So Meg and

I would like to thank all who came and especially, big thanks to those who helped in purchasing the food, preparing and serving it.

The reason for the lateness in the season of the barbeque, was the fact that so many people, including ourselves were away during August. We spent ten days in Cornwall, followed by a further six days in south Wales and the only really rainy time was the day when we travelled up the A 30 and the two motorways to Bristol and beyond across South Wales to Carmarthen. Driving conditions could hardly have been worse but several stops at service stations along the way for coffees helped enormously, so we arrived safely at Brechfa to receive a very warm welcome from our friends Alison and Marc.

While in Cornwall, I was delighted with the large number of butterflies we saw there, which included a small copper on the rocks at Tintagel; this really is a butterfly and not an undersized policeman. I hadn't seen one for as long as I could remember but was told by a niece who lives in Cornwall, that they are common there, but they certainly aren't in Dorset. What are common here are both large and small whites as the condition of our garden cabbages testify. Other butterflies which were reasonably common this summer were peacocks, red admirals, tortoiseshells, speckled wood, gate keepers, various fritillaries and of course the brimstones who were much later arriving and stayed on until the end of August but not as late as the whites. On one occasion I was fortunate enough to see a clouded yellow. The Blackmore Vale actually had an article at the end of August, about the large numbers of

blues that were about, however I didn't see one at Woodcutts, throughout the whole summer.

Things are so different from when I was a lad, some 'sixty or more years ago' when the main reference book for butterflies was *The Observers Book of Butterflies*, which has fifteen pages on collecting butterflies; something that would be very much frowned upon these days. I still use my copy, as I do several other Observer books which are all more than fifty five years old. I do have to confess that I did purchase a wonderful, new book on butterflies and moths just two weeks ago, entitled *British Moths and Butterflies*, by Chris Manley, first published three years ago with magnificent photos and notes on seventy four butterfly species, eight hundred and fifty macro moths and five hundred micro moths. It did cost £25.00 but I had saved up book tokens, which had been given to me but even at that price it is worth every penny.

While thinking about moths, I want to include a photograph here taken by Rita Taylor of a very pretty macro moth called the Magpie Moth, for a fairly obvious reason; that is, it is mainly black and white but has two yellow strips between the black ones in two places on the fore wings, the first each side of the thorax and the second between the two wavy black lines near to the back of the wings. I am sending a copy of this photograph but am unsure if it will be possible to include it.



The Magpie Moth

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Book Review

At approximately 10.15 p.m. on Friday the 24th of March 1944, Flight Lieutenant 'Johnny' Bull cleared away the last vestiges of earth and sand from the exit shaft of 'Harry' and peered out into a snowy and frosty night beyond the perimeter wire of Stalag Luft III. What since has become known as 'The Great Escape' had begun. But the plan for the 200 Allied officers, now gathered in the confines of Hut 104, at Sagan in Lower Silesia to make their way through 'Harry' and try for what was colloquially referred to as a 'home run' had been seriously delayed, not least [and rather ironically] owing to a raid by RAF Bomber Command on Berlin some 150 kilometres to the northwest. Other factors also came into play, not least being the awful realization that the exit from the tunnel, impressively constructed over many months and with no little ingenuity, instead of being inside the trees that surrounded the camp fell tantalizingly short thus necessitating the employment of a rope and a system of signals to those waiting in 'Harry' to be certain that it was safe to emerge. Thus, at around 5 a.m. on the 25th, and with the cloak of night giving way to the early light of day, an inquisitive German guard who had spotted tell-tale tracks in the snow raised the alarm. In the confusion that followed Flight Lieutenant Michael Shand managed to get away; he was the seventy-seventh and last. Over the next few days the majority of those who made the bid for freedom were picked up but instead of being returned to Sagan were, on the implicit order from Adolf Hitler, handed over to the Gestapo. Subsequently, fifty were murdered - including the mastermind behind the escape, namely Squadron Leader Roger Bushell. The escape and the nefarious deeds that followed have

been the subject of many books which have spawned a good deal of conjecture that has led to misunderstanding and no little inaccuracy of what really happened: that is until the publication earlier this year of 'The Real Great Escape' [Bantam Press, 2013]. Written by Guy Walters, the acclaimed author of 'Hunting Evil', [Bantam Press, 2009] the 'escape' is meticulously examined by returning to original source material held in archives in the United Kingdom, Germany and America. In so doing much of what has been accepted as 'fact', Walters' now exposes as mythical and by doing so he has done invaluable service to the memory of those fifty officers who were shot down in cold blood. Of particular importance is his analysis of Roger Bushell for without this charismatic [but frequently arrogant and overbearing] character there would not have been a 'Great Escape'. Rightly, Walters' asks the question, should such a mass escape ever have been attempted - particularly in the light of the many warnings from Sagan's camp commandant and his officers whom, it is shown, were reasonably 'sympathetic' towards those held in their charge. There are many pros and cons concerning this for although no officer was obliged to try and escape, the perceived idea that it was 'his duty' to do so permeated the minds of many who found themselves behind the forbidding wire of a prisoner of war camp.

In conclusion, only three of the escapees made it to freedom; two were Norwegian and one was from Holland, those shattering the oft conceived impression that 'The Great Escape' was mainly a very British affair. On two occasions in the winter of 1943, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Bomber

Command, put pen to paper and wrote two important letters. The first was sent to Winston Churchill, prime minister and leader of the War Cabinet and the second to Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of the Air Staff. The subject of these two missives was Harris's proposal to commit his forces for an all-out assault on Germany's capital city, Berlin. To Churchill he wrote "We can wreck Berlin from end to end if the U.S.A.A.F. will come in on it. It will cost us between 400 and 500 bombers. It will cost Germany the war." To Portal he opined "by April 1st, 1944, a state of devastation [will exist] in which surrender is inevitable." With regard to his communication to Churchill, the Americans did not "come in on it" and by the end of the longest sustained winter bombing offensive of the war so far during which Berlin was raided on sixteen occasions, Bomber Command was haemorrhaging in the skies above Germany: surrender was not "inevitable". Then, as the month of March drew to a close, Harris sanctioned an attack on Nuremberg, the outcome of which has been the subject of many books, not least that penned by the military historian Martin Middlebrook* whose account was published by Allen Lane in 1973. Now, four decades later John Nichol presents his interpretation of the Command's most disastrous raid of the entire bombing campaign, a campaign that between September 1939 and May 1945 cost well in excess of 55,500 aircrew deaths. When Middlebrook wrote his account, he was able to tap into a rich vein of memory from those who flew through the moon-bathed skies that night to witness at the uneven contest between intruder and defender as with ease the night fighters infiltrated the bomberstream.

That 'rich vein' is no longer in abundance but to his credit Nichol has traced a handful and it is their accounts

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- Finish picking chillis and peppers

November

- Start to clear away this years crops and start digging over ground
- Continue to check over your stored vegetables
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So what else has been happening in the countryside at Woodcutts. The combine harvesting was over on our return from Wales and only the large, straw bales had to be moved before stubble cultivations could take place. This now mid September has been completed. This is very different from last year because of the weather conditions. The farming here is top class and very efficient but it is not very good for the wildlife, neither animal nor vegetable,

whereas, while on holiday in Cornwall, we stayed on a farm, where farms generally, are much more sympathetic to wildlife. In the main they are mixed farms, consisting of smaller, grassland fields as well as arable. Despite this the home farm, where we stayed, was the first in the area to have wind turbines erected on it. The turbines were in plain view of our cottage and were to me, neither an eyesore, nor noise nuisance nor any sort of danger to wildlife. In

fact I thought that they were rather graceful and of course very useful; in that not only did they provide electric power to the main grid but they also provided an income for the farmer. I do believe that wind turbines are only a short term answer to our electricity generating problem and that within twenty or thirty years, advances in other techniques, such as nuclear fusion and the use of waste biological products such as farm waste and human, food waste and other organic waste used in digesters will provide methane and other gases, which in turn will power dynamos generating electricity without requiring a large acreage of land.

In the meantime the wind turbines and nuclear fission, with its very dangerous radio active waste will in fact help lengthen the life of the remaining oil that is available through out the world. I would be very interested in your thoughts on this matter so why don't

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Bridge

In the last Downsman issue I posed the question 'what action would you take after your right hand opponent [RHO] has opened 1 Club.' The response should be:

A

♠ A K 9 4
♥ K Q J 5
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ 3

Double. This is for take out by your partner and not a penalty Double. It tells your partner that you have an opening hand in its own right and that you can support any suit bar Clubs. If RHO's partner makes a positive response, then as partner to the over-caller you are not obliged to bid, but if RHO's partner passes the Double, then you must bid - even if you have no high card points [HCPs].

B

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ A Q 10 9 5
♦ J 7
♣ 5 4

Heart. This is an overcall and alerts your partner that you have a minimum of five cards in the Heart suit. It does not promise opening values [i.e. 12-HCPs as was the case in hand A]. If RHO's partner responds with 2 Clubs, over-caller's partner can either pass, or if holding 3 Hearts make a bid of 2 Hearts. If, however, RHO's partner passes, and as partner to the over-caller you hold 2 or 3 Hearts, then pass and await what action might be taken by the opener. If you are void in Hearts then bid your best suit at the lowest possible level. Should this be Spades, then it is almost a certainty that your partner will raise to 3 Spades [showing four Spades and ten HCPs].

C

♠ K Q 10
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ Q 10 9
♣ K 10 6

1 No Trump. This alerts your partner that you have a minimum of 16 HCPs and a stop in the bid suit [Clubs]. If passed by RHO's partner, as partner to the over-caller you should pass if holding a balanced hand with five to eight HCPs, with nine HCPs, or more, and holding three Clubs, you could bid 3 No Trumps with a degree of confidence. If your hand is terrible; that is less than five HCPs, then make a weak take out bid at the two level, knowing that your partner who has made the 1 No Trump overcall will pass.

D

♠ Q J 9
♥ Q 7
♦ J 10 9 8 5 3
♣ 4 2

Pass and hope for better cards on the next deal. However, if you and your partner are experienced bridge players and you are in a non-vulnerable situation, then make a weak jump overcall bid of 2 Diamonds. Your partner, unless holding an exceptional hand, should pass, regardless of any bid by opener's partner.

Bill Chorley

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you write to the Downsman expressing your views.

To conclude, I must mention the green autumn we are currently experiencing. The trees and hedgerows are still very green, the berries of the bramble, elder and rowan are in very good supply and it would appear that sloes will also soon be coming into great fruition. The conditions on the arable farms are as yet ideal for winter sowing, although the grassland farmers may have to use hay

and silage earlier than usual as grass is not growing quite as well as it could do, because of a lack of rain in the past two months. All in all not a bad summer or early autumn, lets hope it stays that way.

God bless and thank you for reading this article.

Ted Cox
(September 2013)

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APPLE
BIRD MIGRATION
BLOWING LEAVES
BLUSTERY DAY
CANNING
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
COLD
CROPS
EQUINOX
FALL
FARMING
FEAST
FROST
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAYSTACK
HICKORY NUTS
LONGER NIGHTS
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
ORANGE LEAVES
PIE
PUMPKIN
RAKE
RED LEAVES
SCARECROW
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SEASON
SEPTEMBER
SHORTER DAYS
SQUASH
SWEET POTATOES
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
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Coffee Break Quiz An odd assortment

Peter Bailey

1. In Cockney rhyming slang, what is a Whistle and flute?
2. Name of a 3 legged island?
3. How would you describe naval grog? What did it entail? And what was the event?
4. What part of England is recognised as the "Isle of Thanet"?
5. What is a Sally Lunn? And place of origin?
6. From childhood days at Handley the main road from Blandford to Salisbury was known as the turnpike, why was this?
7. Aircraftsman Shaw, Previous military role he had in his lifetime? And how was he known.
8. Many villages have Winterbourne incorporated into its name. What is a Winterbourne?
9. Where would you most likely have a Riparian picnic?
10. What is sometimes known as a Talbot or Tallet?

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remained only a shell of a battalion' written by Colonel G. A. Buckley.' In the last summer of the war Max was severely gassed by Dichlorethylarsine'. The later part of the chapter gives an account of Max's life after the First World War and his ordination at the advanced age of forty four. In 1963 he retired and 'turned his attention and his abiding interest in the classics to the translation of the 'Meditations of Marcus Aurelius' and the 'Early Christian Writings of the Apostolic Fathers.'

Since writing the above book Ros (Mrs Rosamund DuCane) has given me details of the publication of Max Staniforth's First World War letters:- 'At War with the 16th Irish Division 1914 - 1918' The Staniforth letters. Imperial War Museum. Professor Richard Grayson. Goldsmith ISBN 9781848846340'.

Gill Carter

Below: pictures from the summer Artsreach events. Pirates & Princesses and The Girl and the Shoes show & workshop

Artsreach

Artsreach are back with a bang, or maybe that should be an oohh arrrgh! Pirates came in all shapes and sizes to enjoy storytelling with Treehouse Theatre in the summer and Valise Noire's 'The Girl and the Shoes' was an outstanding piece of children's theatre. Thank you to all who supported us. We cannot stress enough the quality of performances Artsreach take on tour, if you missed Hors Piste in September you missed the hit of the year! New circus is rapidly becoming the genre of moment, high quality choreography mixed with sensational acrobatics and slightly naughty French humour was a recipe for success.

For those folk lovers out there (and secret ones) that were looking forward to seeing Kevin Dempsey and Rosie Carson we are sorry to say that they are no longer in Dorset on our proposed dates but do check out Ninebarrow, the folk duet from Poole and winners of Best Breakthrough Act of Larmer Tree Festival 2013, Sat 19th Oct in the Village Hall.

Panta Rei Dance Theatre come to Cranborne on Friday 22nd November 7.30pm, Cecil Memorial Hall. The Norwegian Dance Company are back for a second time to perform 'I Wish Her Well'. This show sold out the last time they visited and they are back with this intricate performance, based on the stories of four women and the diaries of a 16 year old girl. The company are also offering a contemporary dance workshop in Sixpenny Handley the following day, see below.

These are hard times for the arts, so please watch out for our adverts and posters in the village and support us where you can. If you would like to see more or different events please do get in touch with me and don't forget to check out the Artsreach website to view our full programme of events including The C Scape Dance Company performing If The Shoe Fits at Ashmore on Mon 28th October at 4pm.

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Artsreach are back with a bang

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Panta Rei Dance Workshop

Following their performance of 'I Wish Her Well' in Cranborne on Friday evening, Norwegian Dance company, Panta Rei will be offering a workshop to young people aged 4-12 years.

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Children under 5yrs should be accompanied by an adult.

Children aged 5+ can be signed in.

Parents/carers should return at 11.45am for a small sharing at the end of workshop.

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converted to wood, does anyone really
think we should?

We have been warned the lights may go
out this winter time,
there has to be an answer in a quick
time.

Like a popular song of days gone by,
many have windmills on their mind...
Fracking and cracking into the great
unknown and far away.

Hopefully on some far distant day (not
soon)

We don't have to echo the words of J F
K who once said, "*We are going to the
Moon*"

Yet another housing shortage Houston
we have a problem.

We have a grave housing situation the
Politicos cry,

Could someone please tell them why...
Houses from Lands End to John

O'groats,

Someone will make a lot of Pound
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hot.

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to abound, will there be enough to go
around?

Devolution is beginning to beckon and
call, some day what could it mean for
us all.

Will it be Passport Control at Severn

Bridge, and Hadrian's Wall?

What of our Country that once ruled the
waves, despatching tyrants who stood
in our way. Our industrial heritage and
skills hived off, and down the Swanny
Only to be snapped up quickly by some
enterprising foreign type Jonnie.

We have become a nation of
shopkeepers Napoleon once said,
"What are we like"?

One Triumph, we can still make a
motor bike.

HS2 Superfast train thundering across
Home Counties at tremendous speed,
and what cost.

Making life difficult for people living
nearby.

Apart from prestige is there really any
need?

Overall costs astronomically high, will
cost much more than an "Arm and a
Leg"

Completion in 2028 and according to
rumour, we will get there about 20
minutes sooner.

Don't despair, be of good cheer, things
are not always as bad as they appear.

This Country of ours will muddle on
thro', have no fear.

This is the only place where I want to be,
and still hold dear.

Peter Bailey

Rob's Column

We often sit and wonder
What future days will bring
At times we can envisage
A host of different things
But when tomorrow comes around
And all has turned out well
It's clear you shouldn't worry
For the future we can't tell

The future is it's time for the auction

There's probably a word for this
"In helping me she has helped herself.
In helping herself she has helped me.
The best way to help ourselves is to help
others"

*If anyone can help at the auction in any
way it'd be appreciated.*

You never really know the good you do,
when you set out to do good.
If anyone has lost a roll of twenty pound
notes with a yellow elastic band, you're
in luck... I've found the elastic band.

Making a speech

How important is humour and
delivering with emotion?
Humour in our culture is much prized
else where it may even be seen as
flippant and disrespectful.
Make sure that your emotional tone fits
the occasion.

Your speech should never be taller than
you are.

Choose your message in one or two
keywords and make sure the structure
of the speech is simple and strong. Use
stories to illustrate points, don't be
snide or smutty by yourself and talk
from the heart.

Hope I get it right at the action Oct 12.

*Items can be left 10-12. Viewing from
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at the bric-a-brac sale in the afternoon.

A farmer asked his dog to count his sheep, as he was busy the dog came back and said "40". The farmer said "I only bought 38". The dog said "I was only rounding them up"

If everyone who used the roads had patience, there would be fewer patients.

Dear friends

Do you have a dear friend you don't get time to see?

Perhaps they live quite far afield or you're not often free,
But make some space, do not delay go and visit them today.

There was a restaurant that had a sign which read "Eat now, Pay Waiter"

Some Couples are like two sides of a coin... can't face each other but stay together.

Phone Rings

There are times a phone can be an irritating sound,
But spare a thought for lonely folk with no one else around,
For them, that simple cheerful ring can be a much more welcome thing.

Spare Tyred

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors because I'm a little over weight. Well I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down and perspired for almost an hour, but by the time I got my leotard on the class was over!

Forgive yourself for not knowing what you didn't know before you learned it. Laughing helps, it's like jogging on the inside.

A policeman stops a car driver as his rear light is out. The driver says "It's OK I only have to give it a thump and it will come back on", which it did. Then the

Village Hall News

ArtsReach

Congratulations to Jen Gordon who organised two excellent ArtsReach events for the children during the summer holidays. All those who attended had a really enjoyable time. See pages 32-33 for more information.

Management Committee

The committee will be meeting on Monday 30th September when there will be final planning for Rob's Action on the 12th October. All representatives of regular users of the hall are urged to attend the meeting. We have several people who are keen to help organise events in the hall and form an Entertainments Committee.

Search your consciences (and your attics),

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policeman says "You had better give your windscreen a really good thump as your tax has run out".

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Rob

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In this article we deal with Voluntary First Registrations and Reduced Land Registry fees.

As part of a continuing drive to promote the voluntary first registration of those remaining unregistered properties, the Land Registry offer a reduced fee for voluntary first registration applications.

By way of background, the majority of properties are now registered with the Land Registry which means that title details and evidence of the ownership are lodged with the Land Registry and guaranteed by them. There are certain trigger events, such as sales, which result in the compulsory registration of properties and in recent years many properties have therefore been registered. If, however, your property has not been sold or changed hands for

many years then it is possible that it is unregistered and it is worth considering whether to make a voluntary first registration application. There are numerous benefits to proceeding with a voluntary first registration:

- Storage – the Land Registry will electronically store the title details negating the need to keep the title deeds lodged in a strong room or bank for safe keeping;
- Protection – registration is the best way to protect your ownership and ensure that the Land Registry requires your involvement in any sale or mortgage of the property;
- Protection – registration minimises the risk of future adverse possession (“squatters’ rights”) claims;
- Future Sales – it ensures that

any queries over your title can be resolved prior to any future sale: sales can be held up or even fall through due to queries over the title which could have been resolved in advance by voluntary registration;

- Getting your affairs in order – registration means that your property affairs are in order and will be more straightforward for your Personal Representatives to deal with.

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of this cataclysmic event which provide the background to 'The Red Line' [HarperCollins, 2013]. It is, therefore, to be regretted that a series of factual errors mar what is still a compelling read. In his foreword, and quoting from the address given at the dedication service marking the 2012 unveiling of Bomber Command's Memorial in Green Park by Air Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, Charles Mynarski VC is referred to as a "Canadian pilot" whereas he was a wireless operator air gunner. On two occasions the historic raids on Hamburg in 1943 are reported as taking place in the August whereas they spanned the period 24-25 July to 2-3 August 1943. Earlier, describing a night in December 1940, when Sir Arthur Harris [then Deputy Chief of the Air Staff and destined to become Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Bomber Command in February 1942] was joined by Air Marshal Charles Portal on the roof

of the Kingsway building to witness at close quarters the Luftwaffe bombing London, Portal is erroneously described as being the Commander-in-Chief of Bomber Command, a position that he vacated in favour of Sir Richard Pierse eight weeks previously. Despite these misgivings, the reminisces from the fast dwindling band of bomber veterans deserve their place in history. There are, as may be expected, many parallels in the two books but it is for the accounts of the survivors that I commend them both.

* The quotations appearing in the opening paragraph of my second review have been taken from Martin Middlebrook's book 'The Berlin Raids' [Viking, 1988]. From his analysis of the Nuremberg raid, Middlebrook reports 540 aircrew killed, 158 prisoners of war and 11 as evading the clutches of the enemy.

Bill Chorley



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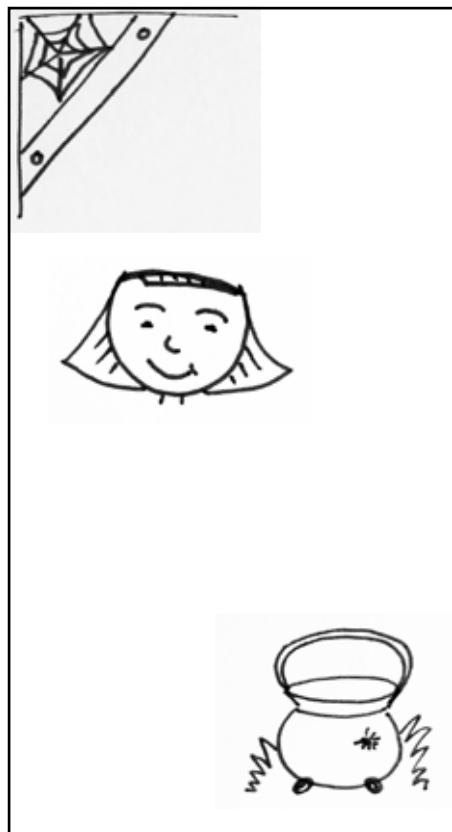
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Little and Lol



What fun Little and Lol are having this Autumn.

Lol has been invited to a Halloween Party with her friend. She has been practicing getting dressed up in her witches costume. She has also practiced making potions - look, she has made her body and hat disappear! Could you draw her some new ones. What colour do you think her outfit will be? Can you notice something else she has made disappear in Little's picture?

Little is loving watching the leaves turning from green to brown, orange and yellow. Have you seen the trees changing yet? He is also excited as he has been promised an evening out at a fireworks display in November. Could you help my colouring Little with lots of autumn colours... and don't forget the sparkly firework!



Autumn Words

Did you know Old English speakers called this season Harvest?

The need for a new word arose when cities became more important than farmland. Harvest came to refer only to the agricultural events of the season.

Autumn as a word for the season came into common usage about the same time as Fall did. The English who settled in American took the word Fall with them. The English who stayed home eventually adopted the word Autumn.

Fill the gaps in our Autumnal words.

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l__ves
c_nk__s
_ar_est

Simple Sudoku

Put 1 to 4 once in each row and column!

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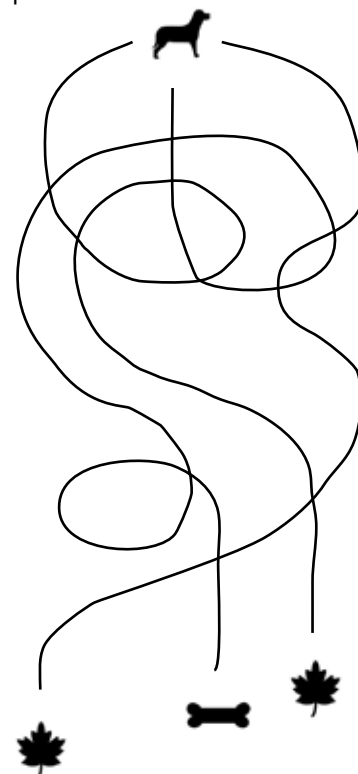
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Wordsearch Answer

Autumn is a second Spring when every leaf is a flower.

Quiz Answers

1. Suit of clothes
2. Isle of Man
3. Naval grog = rum. Royal Navy daily rum ration. Now sadly abandoned.
4. The eastern side of Kent
5. A type of bun, originating in the City of Bath
6. Formerly a toll road. Turnpike roads required a toll to travel on it. (so what's new?)
7. Lawrence of Arabia Col British Army WW1 Lead Arab revolt against Turkey in 1916
8. A stream in Spring, which dries out in Summer, created by underground water pressure.
9. On a river bank.
10. A west country word, a loft in a barn or farm type building.

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3 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	6	Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time	
5 Oct	Barn Dance	5	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday in the Month	
10 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	6	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time	
12 Oct	Rob's Auction	35	Tue	Heartbeeps : Village Hall 10:30 - 11:30 Weekly	
13 Oct	Chalke Valley Fun Run	5	Wed	Cards : Village Hall Third Wednesday in the month	
14 Oct	WI Meeting		Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time	
17 Oct	Bingo	5	Thu	Mothers' Union : Second Thursday in the Month 14:45	
19 Oct	Ninebarrow Gig	8,9	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time	
23 Oct	School Open Day	4	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 start Third Thursday in the month (Excluding August)	
24 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	6	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month	
25 Oct	RAF Bommer Command Talk	4	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	
26 Oct	MU Coffee Morning	5			
27 Oct	Fun Bike Ride	5			
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28 Oct	If The Shoe Fits ArtsReach at Ashmore	32			
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27 Nov	Bingo	5			
1 Dec	December Downsman				
8 Dec	Scouts Carol Service	13			
17 Dec	Little Pennies break up for Christmas				
17 Dec	Bingo	5			
20 Dec	First School break up for Christmas				
23 Jan	Anne of Green Gables	33			