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What a Waistcoat

I have to start by thanking Paul, Kelly Kay and Jenny for organising a fantastic Waistcoat festival for the community. Not that they did it alone, and I'm sure they will be the first to thank all the other helpers, stall holders, musicians' acts and participants who came together to help their idea succeed.



I was lucky enough to be involved and see some of the preparations being made; trips to Priest's House Museum, local history being retold, models and lanterns being made, songs being practiced, forms being filled in and timetables drawn up. It was an incredible amount of work and the good feeling left in the community after Saturday is amazing. Thank you all :-)

In this issue, there are some lovely pages catching up with the Waistcoat Festival and I have dotted through more photos too, thank you to everyone who has shared their photos. You have probably noticed we have out-sourced our printing of this issue so you can enjoy the pictures better.

There is plenty more happening the next two months around the parish. Get the diary ready... Pentridge are having a talk by Martin Green, archaeologist, on 21st June (p9), Farnham have open gardens on June 28th & 29th (p9) and RSPB have a Summer Nature Day 20th July at Garston Wood (p20).

For the more musically minded, John & Gay Cullingford are organising a concert for musical students in the Village Hall 5th July (p12), Arch Garrison are playing as part of Acoustic Live 14th June (p13) and Mike Denham is playing 4th June (p12).

We also have some lovely reports, Ted Cox has written to us from 'Beyond Woodcuts' (p33) and Margaret Durrant has shared the results of their fabulous fund-raising at the Soup Lunches (p25).

I'd like to put in a small plug for Little Pennies Bingo which has two more dates before our August break, it'd be great to see a few more faces at this event, so if you've never given it a try, or just fancy an evening out with friends it'd be lovely to see you there!

Naomi Booth

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To the Editor

To: Pam & Richard, 8 The Orchard

On behalf of the tenants in the bungalows at Dean Lane, I would like to thank you both for your help with candles and kindness when we had the electricity cut some time ago (sorry for the delay). It was really appreciated.

*Doreen Leverton and neighbours, 41, etc.,
Dean Lane*

Waistcoat Festival

Paul, Jenny, Kay, and Kelly
An absolutely terrific achievement, very well done; after months of hard organisational work The Day was a great credit to you all. It is brilliant that there is a younger generation prepared and willing to re-energise community spirit and activities.

The Waistcoat Festival has been outstandingly successful and thoroughly enjoyed by so many – many thanks to you all for your commitment and efforts.

Carole

Waistcoat Song

I received a request to publish the words for John Cullingford's Waistcoat Song for those of you who missed it:

In eighteen hundred and ninety two,
Began a tale I'll tell to you.

Butcher, Baker, Wheelwright too
Were at the jobs they're meant to do.

**Chorus: All the men wore waistcoats,
All the men wore waistcoats,
All the men wore waistcoats,
In Handley eighteen ninety-two!**

A spark flew from the wheelwright's shed,
And floated out right over-head.

It landed on a High Street thatch;
It was as if you'd struck a match!

**All the men wore waistcoats (x3)
In Handley 1892!**

The fire spread quickly down the street,
Fifty houses felt the heat!

Three full days it blazed away,
So hot you could not walk that way.

All the men lost waistcoats,

**All the men lost waistcoats,
All the men lost waistcoats,
In Handley 1892!**

Shepherd huts came for no rent,
Bell tents from the Government.
The homeless were in quite a fix,
They numbered one hundred and eighty six.

**And they had no waistcoats,
And they had no waistcoats,
And they had no waistcoats,
In Handley 1892!**

The plight of Handley was well told,
Clothes were sent for young and old.
In every parcel that was prized,
Arrived more waistcoats multi-sized!

**All men wore two waistcoats,
Women wore two waistcoats,
Everyone wore two waistcoats,
In Handley 1892!**



The Festival Raffle

The signed football shirt won by Stuart Haskell of Common road, Sixpenny Handley in the community fund raffle held at the Waistcoat festival. Stuart is delighted with it and is a keen supporter and helper with Handley football club. The raffle raised a fabulous £850 for the Community Fund which was all due to the hard work of Ros Adams and Maureen New for arranging all the prizes and selling the tickets.

Downsman Noticeboard

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

An Invitation to meet Martin Green

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Full details on page 9

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Full details on page 9

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**Tuesday Evenings
7pm
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have a game of
doubles

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

Mike Denham and the Sunset Café Stompers

Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall
Wednesday 4th June
7 pm

In aid of Cancer Research UK

Tel 01725516413

Full details on page 10

Farnham Open Gardens Saturday 28th Sunday 29th June

Admission £4

Full details on page 9

Summer Nature
Discovery Day
at the amazingly
beautiful RSPB Nature
Reserve of
Garston Wood
on
Sunday 20 July

Full details on page 12



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

Please contact
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Transport, interest clubs
and help also available
full details page 25



19th June

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Doors Open 7pm

Start 7.30pm



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

Future dates:

17th July, None Aug

All proceeds to The Little Pennies Pre-School
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ACOUSTIC LIVE, SIXPENNY HANDLEY

Arch Garrison



With support, David Waddington
Sat 14th June, 7.30pm
Village Hall, Sixpenny Handley

Tickets £4 advance from Handley Newsagents & £5 on door.

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Clerk's Corner

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
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Assistant Clerk (Gill Martin) 01725 552211

April & May have proved to be busy for the parish council with two additional public meetings. The Annual Parish Assembly on 10th April was well attended. We welcomed input from Elizabeth Nodder updating us on Health, our new Police Officer PC Lucy Symes talking about how they are tackling rural crime, progress with the Handley Waistcoat Festival and of course a round up of news from both our County & District Councillors. This meeting was also an opportunity to mention the May 7th Meeting regarding establishing a Community Land Trust. This meeting saw 63 members of the community come forward to hear about how a Trust would benefit Sixpenny Handley. From this we have had 18 residents put their names forward to join the Trust which is tremendous. The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly are available to view at our website www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk.

The Annual Report of the Parish Council is also printed in this edition of the Downsman.

Other news items...

Bus Services

Timetables for a number of bus services in Dorset changed on 6 April. A complete summary of the changes are available to view at www.dorsetforyou.com

Government Flooding Support Scheme

Did you know you can apply for financial support (tax relief and flood resilience grants) under three various support schemes if your home or business was flooded between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014. Detailed information at www.dorsetforyou.com

Recycling Advice from the Dorset Waste Partnership

Recycling rates have soared from around 35% to more than 60% since the 'recycle for Dorset' service started in October

2012 and June 2013. However, waste analysis shows that even more could be recycled and that some people are putting materials in the wrong containers, such as glass in their general recycling bin, reducing the quality and value of recycling produced. Residents can follow these simple steps to recycle more and reduce their rubbish:

- Put any food you can't eat or compost in your brown food waste bin, collected every week
- Line your food waste caddy with compostable liners or newspaper – do not use plastic bags
- Put all plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays in your recycling bin. You can leave the lids on
- Put items into your recycling bin loose – do not use plastic bags
- Put glass bottles and jars in your green box
- Containers don't have to be washed thoroughly – a quick rinse in the washing-up water will do
- Think about using real nappies instead of disposables – they can save you money, too. The DWP offers a £30 off your first purchase – visit www.dorsetforyou.com/realnappies

To find out more about the 'recycle for Dorset' service, go to www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclefordorset or call 01305 221040

East Dorset Community Governance Review

East Dorset District Council is currently carrying out a review of community governance arrangements within the district area including the parishes and their electoral arrangements. The aim of the review is to:

- Consider and implement improved community engagement.
- Deliver better local democracy.
- Deliver local services more effectively and conveniently.
- Ensure that electors across the whole of the district are treated equally and fairly.

Opening Hours:
Tuesday 10am – 12 noon &
Thursday 6pm – 7-30pm
For up to date
Parish Council
information visit:
www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

During stage 1 (invitation of initial submissions), which runs from 7 April to 6 July 2014,

The council is inviting local electors and other interested parties to submit their views on existing arrangements in their local area, together with any proposals for change. The consultation paper, maps showing the parishes and parish wards of East Dorset and a response form are available for download at www.dorsetforyou.com

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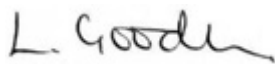
The Mobile Library visits every two weeks at the following times and locations:

Mobile Library Visits on Thursday Fortnightly June 5, 19 July 3, 17, 31	
Woodyates – Cobley Close	2.25–2.40
Back Lane/St Mary's Close	3.00–3.20
Roebuck Inn	3.25–3.45
Dean Lane	3.50–4.05
Sheasby Close	4.10–4.30

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onto the mobile library for those in wheelchairs, with buggies or with limited mobility. More information at www.dorsetforyou.com

If you do not have access to the internet or have difficulty finding what you need, please contact either myself on 01258 840935 or Ciona Nicholson, Asst Clerk on 01725 552211



Lisa Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Dates June 2014

Thursday 5th June Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting, the Parish Office 7:30pm

Thursday 19th June Planning Committee Meeting, the Parish Office 7:30pm (if required)

Thursday 26th June Community Fund Committee Meeting, the Parish Office 7pm

Thursday 26th June Full Parish Council Meeting, the Parish Office 7:30pm

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 Ciona.

£10 per session

Book in with Ciona on
01725 552211 or 01725 552297



Ask Dorset – Have your say Dorset County Council

On June 2nd Dorset County Council is kicking off a series of road shows all around the county inviting the public to come and tell them what they think is most important in the wide range of services they pay for through their Council Tax.

The council doesn't want to stand still, and is ready to change as a result of listening to local people.

It's even more important that they listen now, as like all public services Dorset County Council's budget has been squeezed as part of the national austerity measures. So far the council has worked hard to find these savings and has reduced its overall annual budget by £60 million, whilst having minimal impact on front line services, and needs to save a further £43 million over the next few years.

The county council will though still be spending £250 million a year, so this is a real opportunity to make sure that the money is spent wisely, and to have the greatest positive impact on the things you think are most important, whether that is the state of our roads, our outdoor education service, libraries, or providing social care services for older people.

We need your help.

We need to know what you value the most, what is most important to you and your family and friends.

You can get involved in lots of different ways:

In person at one of our road shows. Come and meet us, at our road shows you will have the opportunity to talk to your local councillor, a member of our cabinet, our most senior officers or even possibly the chief executive.

The nearest roadshows to you are probably:

Shaftesbury – 19 June – 9.00am-12pm – Outside Town Hall

Shaftesbury – 3 July – 4.30pm-7.00pm – Tescos

Verwood – 16 July – 4.30pm-7.00pm – The Hub

Verwood – 26 July – 9.00am-1.00pm – Farmers Market- Ferret Green

Blandford Saturday 7 June 11am-1.00pm Market Place

Blandford Friday 13 June 4.30pm to 7pm Outside Morrisons (tbc)

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Annual Report of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council

The Parish Council has had another very busy year. One matter that has taken centre stage during the last four months is the excessive rainfall and subsequent flooding and damage that was caused along the course of the River Allen throughout the bottom half of Handley. There were massive problems, and apart from the excellent support from our District Council, there was very little help or understanding forthcoming to begin with from other responsible agencies. It was thanks to the Flood Warden and other councillors that appropriate action was taken and that other influential representatives were encouraged to accept invitations to come and view at first hand the unacceptable scenes that inhabitants of Handley were having to endure.

Our Member of Parliament, Robert Walter, came, listened observed and went away to lobby the appropriate departments at Whitehall; the Leader of Dorset County Council, Spencer Flower was suitably horrified by the situation, in the company of your Chairman and our County and District Representatives, Councillors Steve Butler and Simon Tong. A Dorset Highways Engineer came to inspect the C65 Handley/Bowerchalke road (that skirts part of Garston Wood) and stated that he considered it to be one of the worst-damaged roads in the county. Thankfully, quick and extensive repair and relaying work took place there – in Dean Lane and also in Frogmore Lane/Manor Farm area.

In Dean Lane the foul water pipe was cleared, several blockages being caused by silt and fine shingle, but not until the groundwater level had dropped off – much to the relief of those with downstairs loos. However, failure of the sewer pumps to cope, causing a back up of significant egress of raw sewerage continues to cause concern from Dean Lane to Manor Farm.

The closing of the B3081 at Tollard Royal – not in our parish, but vitally affecting it, compelled your parish council to make

critical comment; eventually as a result of pressure from Dorset County Council, a part-solution gave some relief, though the matter is still cause for concern.

So now things have settled down to a more normal level of reasonable activity, the water gone, sandbags disappeared, no more craters, and the Parish awaits a visit from a high level Wessex Water Risk Manager to establish a plan for the future. Your Chairman attended a meeting with Oliver Letwin, the Cabinet Minister responsible for Government Policy, who has been appointed by the Prime Minister to investigate Dorset's response to, and recovery from, the recent floods. There will be a follow up meeting next month.

Another matter which has engaged the attention of your Parish Council is the subject of Affordable Housing and with it, Community Land Trusts.

The Parish Council has re-housed itself in new premises, adjacent to the previous offices. They offer much better facilities for meetings and parish administration and are available for use by other parties at certain times. Three parish council meetings per month have usually taken place dealing with the following matters:

- Speeding and the setting up of a community Speedwatch scheme.
- The retention of the 184 bus service.
- The condition of hedges, roads and footpaths.
- The Sports Association and continual concern of costs versus income.
- The Village Hall & Sports Pavilion, both undergoing some serious maintenance work programmes.
- Recreation Area & Sports Facilities, the Parish Council is disappointed that not enough use is made, especially by children of an amenity which is the envy of many outside the parish.
- Play Area, where a watchful eye is kept on the state of the equipment,

an improvement initiated by Sarah Styles for which we are all most appreciative, not least the children themselves.

- The Bowls Club, with their new Clubhouse and freshly laid mat.
- Financial Commitments including the setting of the 2014/15 Precept.
- Contribution toward the sound system in St Mary's Church.
- Dorset Waste Partnership and improved collection services.
- Allotments.
- Grass Cutting of public spaces and play area.
- Risk Assessments, Asset Register.
- Community Fund Committee.
- Handley Waistcoat Working Group support to the organisers for event on 17th May.
- Monitoring the occasional dog mess problem (thanks to Rob Jesse for the not very pleasant, self-imposed responsibility of collecting the public rubbish bags).
- 18 Planning Applications considered.
- Deanland Telephone Box refurbishment.
- Letter of thanks to the First School Eco Club for litter picking around the village.
- Regard Partnership from Town Farm Workshops for play area inspections.

All these are really important contributions to our community and we very much appreciate the efforts of all concerned.

And finally, after many years of service on the Parish Council, Judith Gillespie-Smith feels that she should step down. She has been a stalwart rep for Pentridge and an immense help on planning matters. We shall miss her wisdom. Also, having been the Assistant Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council for 11 years, Mrs Gill Martin has decided enough is enough. She also has served the community with uncomplaining cheerfulness, but retires at the end of April. However, if you have

been reading your Downsman, you will have read about the appointment of Mrs Ciona Nicholson as replacement; a Sixpenny Handley resident she is welcomed as makes up the duo of our Clerks together with Mrs Lisa Goodwin, without whose skilled professionalism – and patience – the Parish would not have a Council as active and dedicated as it is.

All the activities of the Parish Council are open to inspection and for information from various sources;

- On the website at www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk
- On the 'Clerks Corner' page of The Downsman
- On Noticeboards in our villages
- At the two surgeries in the week, held in the Parish Office (Tues mornings & Thursday evenings)
- By attending Parish Council meetings which members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Cllr Tim Reynolds
10/04/14*

**An Invitation to meet Martin Green
'The Most Professional Amateur
archaeologist in Britain'**

- (Professor Richard Bradley)

At DOWN FARM (near Sixpenny Handley)
On SATURDAY 21st JUNE at 2:30 pm
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The afternoon will include a guided walk around the farm and a visit to his well-known museum.

The cost will be £5 in aid of Pentridge village charities and numbers will be limited to 25.

For more information on booking please contact

Jill on : 01725 552050

e-mail: pentridgevillage@gmail.com

In the likely event that numbers exceed 25 there is a possibility of a second visit on Saturday 5th July at 2:30pm

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Sixpenny Handley Waistcoat Festival 17th May 2014



On a glorious sunny Saturday the community of Sixpenny Handley celebrated the first ever Waistcoat Festival to commemorate the great fire in Handley 1892



My favourite part of the event...was actually the anticipation that started to build as we put up 150 metres of handmade bunting on Thursday evening. This bunting was made by fantastic volunteers from the parish and beyond, who all wanted to contribute and be part of the event. Fabric was donated by lots of people, with a great turnout at our bunting making party back in March - and for weeks afterwards, I'd come home from work to find a bag of finished bunting, ready to be joined onto other strings. On that Thursday night, people came out of their houses to watch the bunting going up, and for me that was when the warm, buzzy feeling of excitement, community and anticipation about Saturday really started to take hold....closely followed by about 9:35pm on Saturday night, when I felt slightly giddy that we'd had such a fantastic day!

Kelly Dawe



My favourite part of the Festival ... definitely the evening celebrations. The wonderful animations followed by the lantern parade, singing and amazing fire act and watching the beacon being lit against a fantastic sunset. This is when I got to spend time with my family and to relax and enjoy the festivities. And to end the day, walking back through a candlelit church. It doesn't get much better than this! People of Handley you did us proud. Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who helped make it all possible. You know who you are!

Kay Chapman





I can't pick my favourite moment of the Waistcoat festival. The support from the community?, the fantastic music stages?, wheelwrights challenge?, families in waistcoats?, crafts, food, drink, the list goes on. But the image that stays with me is the sun setting in the background as the beacon was lit, surrounded by the most amazing crowd of families & friends. Truly stunning!. Thank you for giving me that memory, Kay Chapman, Kelly Dawe & Jenny Gordon.

Paul Styles



My overwhelming feeling from the whole day was the sense of community, from the bunting made by village residents, to Holly's work in the school, to the fantastic number of familiar faces who joined the lantern parade and gathered around Jesse's beacon with the backdrop of that beautiful sunset. Yes we shared our heritage, yes we all now know the story of the great fire but better than all of that our community shared a magical day together and I will treasure it forever. Thank you Kay, Kelly and Paul and everyone in Sixpenny Handley and beyond who helped make this happen.

Jenny Gordon





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This year we would like to introduce something different in the village: a Concert for all those children who play music, learn music, or are taught music. The only qualification is that you must be at school or college and live in the Parish. We would like this to be an opportunity for our local teachers to 'showcase' their pupils.

**The Village Hall has been booked for
Saturday July 5th.**

This gives you plenty of time to prepare something to play!

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Arch Garrison



With support, David Waddington

Our next event is on Saturday 14th June with Arch Garrison, Modern folk duo (Guitar & Keys) & support from David Waddington, a sensational local guitarist. All proceeds go to support our village hall and its entertainment programme. Thank you to all who volunteered again in April & hope to see you all in June.

Paul Styles.

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Sixpenny Handley First School



Eco-week

Eco Week will be full of visitors, trips and lots of fantastic activities. During this week we are going to be looking at the effects of global warming and the importance of saving energy. We are going to have a 'switch off' week where the lights are left off and the teachers are only allowed to use their laptops at certain times during the day! We are holding a recycling competition where the children will be making collection bins for old pens and bottle top holders. Paul Styles and Mel Durrant are going to choose which collection bins they would like to use at the village shop and the church.

We are also going to be looking at the importance of eating healthy food and having access to clean water. We will also be taking part in the Bee Scene project, looking at the importance of bees. Martin Green has very kindly said we can use his farm to carry out nature detective activities and do some pond dipping. To finish off the week, we are holding our Grounds Day. This is when the whole school takes part in lots of different activities to improve our school grounds, such as, making a bug hotel, planting flowers and making giant class sculptures. We can't wait!

Waistcoat festival

Recently at Sixpenny Handley First School, we have learnt all about the Great fire of Sixpenny Handley in 1892. We learned that you could tell a Handley man after the fire as he would be wearing two or three waistcoats. This is because so many clothes were donated. We made whole school pearly waistcoats with Mrs Gatrell in the hall, it was lots of fun to do! We coloured in bright feathers to create a beautiful phoenix on the back of the whole school waistcoat. We designed our own waistcoats, we tried to make them as bright and as colourful as a butterfly. We also made a class waistcoat, we each made a bumblebee to put onto it.

We were really lucky that we had an animator called James come into each of our classes to create some wonderful animations. We really enjoyed making our characters come alive.

We have learnt the words to the 'Great fire of Handley' song, and the 'Cup song', we have even learnt how to perform the famous cup routine!

We have also made beautiful lanterns which we can't wait to show off during the lantern parade during the Waist coat festival.

It's going to be a great day!

Magical Big Maths at Sixpenny Handley First School

We have started something magical with our maths in every class at Sixpenny Handley First School! It is called Big Maths and it helps us get quicker and better at our maths in a really fast and fun way. Every day after lunch we start with our Big Maths and we have a CLIC session...this stands for Counting, Learn Its, It's Nothing New and Calculating. We spend a little bit of time on each section playing games, singing songs and answering challenges. We even share our ideas with the class on 'brain scanners' (don't worry these are just whiteboards that means that the teacher can scan what's going on in our brains!!). Big Maths has characters to help us learn such as Pim, Pom, Squigglesworth, Speedy Col, Count Fourways, Where's Mully and Superfab! On a Friday we have a Beat That Challenge! Each week we try to beat our own scores and there is a fun song that helps us to get ready for it! The whole school are having a great time with Big Maths and can't wait to do even more!

Scorpions Sporting Success

This term the Year 4s have been involved in various sporting activities with an enormous amount of success. It started when we travelled to Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne to

take part in the East Dorset Football final, with a very strong team that had previously won our local cluster tournament! Although we did not progress, we showed great determination to produce some fantastic performances.

We then took part in a netball tournament at Cranborne Middle School which we eventually won! However, we all had a very tense moment when both of our teams got drawn together in the semi-final with the winning team just edging the others!

Finally we headed back to Queen Elizabeth's School for the famous Tag Rugby Festival. Both our teams got off to a slow start in the morning, but thanks to a scheduling change, we were given the opportunity to really showcase our skills in the afternoon! Everyone played incredibly well with one of our teams finishing second in their group! Well done Scorpions!

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Nursing

A number of people seemed surprised recently that Caroline was still here as a part of our practice nurse team. Caroline has spent a number of years working in both the community and the practice doing a great job in both those areas. Earlier this year the opportunity arose for her to do more in the practice and so she took the difficult decision to stop her community nursing and move solely to practice nursing. We are very pleased that she made this decision.

Health Matters

Dispensary

The dispensers work extremely hard to make sure that all those needing medication get it as and when they need it. Recently we have had a number of supply issues resulting in items taking much longer to arrive than we expect. We are looking to see what else we can do to alleviate the problems, some of which are national ones.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the ways in which you can order repeat medication.

In person: you can come into either surgery and "post" your repeat slip in the box provided.

By phone: the number is 01725 552589. Please call between 12 noon and 3 pm

By fax: the number is 01725 552029 and this is always open.

Deferred ordering: if you know that you will need the same medication every month, when you collect the medication, complete the repeat slip there and then and hand back to the dispenser or receptionist, who will hand you a slip of paper with next month's collection date on it.

On line: through a secure website.

Please pick up a form or speak to the Practice Manager, Bill Carter.

Dispensary Orders

Please make sure you only order items

that you will need to minimise wastage.

next consultation.

Are you over 75 years of Age?

As part of a new government initiative we are in the process of issuing letters to all who are currently over 75. This letter is to inform you that you have been allocated a named GP. The plan is to attach the letter to any medication that you are due to collect over the next two months, but if you would like it sooner please ask the receptionist. As far as possible we have tried to make sure that your named GP is the doctor that you normally see. If it is not, don't worry. You can continue to see any doctor. All it means is that the named GP will be reviewing your care on a regular basis to make sure that the care you are receiving is suitable and appropriate. Should you so desire, you can ask to have the named GP changed to someone different. Please ask the GP you are seeing at your

Information

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Dorset Police have recently replaced their longstanding 'Ringmaster' alerts system with 'Dorset Alert', a web-based communication system based on a well-tested national pattern which is designed to keep communities informed of crimes in their area, suspicious persons and vehicles to look out for,

successful prosecutions and upcoming crime prevention events. Everyone who used to get Ringmaster alerts should by now have been transferred to the new system but if you have not been – or you would like to start getting this sort of information for the first time - then please go to: www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/ and sign on.

Recent crimes in our area have included the theft of a quad bike, thefts from vehicles and - less common this one – theft of some vehicle number plates. The thefts from vehicles are usually associated with 'hot spots' like the remote Garston Wood car park but two vehicles were broken into in Dean Lane this spring, so always make sure you lock up, even if just nipping into one of the village shops. Please also be aware of the possibility of 'distraction burglaries' where someone engages you in

conversation whilst an accomplice enters your property and removes valuables. There have been more of them in Dorset lately.

Drivers may have encountered community speedwatch schemes in surrounding villages and it won't be long before a team of volunteers in Handley will be checking vehicle speeds too. This is an official scheme and repeated offending can result in action taken by the Chief Constable, so please drive sensibly and safely, especially in our narrow High Street.

Finally, fly-tipping is on the increase. If you see someone dumping an old sofa or washing machine in a rural gateway, please tell the police immediately. It is rightly quite a serious offence and if we all keep our eyes open, we can help to stop it. Have a good, crime-free summer.

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1st Woodcutts News

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New from the Troop

It has been another busy time for the Scouts, Cubs & Beavers at Woodcutts. As well as the exciting programme run every Monday & Wednesday night at the HQ, the young people have been very active at the weekends. The Scouts and Leaders had a fantastic day in London, catching the train from Salisbury and then exploring the Big Smoke. In the morning we visited the Cabinet War Rooms and Churchill's Bunker. We then explored the South Bank and made our way to HMS Belfast for a tour in the afternoon. This trip was particularly focussed on learning about the World Wars and is part of the troop's preparation for Remembrance Day this year and the Centenary of the Great War.

The first May Bank Holiday saw a considerable contingent from 1st Woodcutts attend the District Camp at Buddens Farm. This was an opportunity for the Young People to meet over 300 other Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from East Dorset. There were three action packed activities to enjoy, too many to list here! However, a poll of the Scouts found that the water zorbing, raft building, bridge construction, rodeo bulls, backwoods fire lighting and craft tent were the favourites from the weekend. Woodcutts were well and truly involved in the weekend, running many activities and supporting the camp planning. It was particularly pleasing to have many of our Adult Support Unit members attending and enjoying the weekend, with Woodcutts being the only group in Dorset to have such a group of volunteers. More from the ASU below.

ASU at Planet 14

Three 1st Woodcutts Group Active Support Unit members, Charlie, Jaqui and I, helped with and/or attended 'Planet 2014', the East Dorset District Scout camp over the 1st Bank Holiday



May weekend. This camp saw groups from all over the District coming together to have fun and, on the Sunday when I arrived, celebrating (very briefly) St. George's Day. For the St. George's Day parade, each group had been allocated a country from around the Planet and had to come dressed in the 'theme' of the country - 1st Woodcutts were representing the United Arab Emirates, so dishdashas and keffiyas were the order of the day...

Once promises had been reaffirmed and we had paraded around the campground in full costume with the District and County Commissioners taking the salute, we broke for various activities organised by each Group in the brilliant spring sunshine. Initially I was drafted in to help prepare the jam or cheese wraps for lunch and then went to help Anthony weave a 3D fleur de Lys out of willow to be the centre piece of the fireworks later that night. The evening started with the usual campfire songs and antics (including the most memorable rendering of 'Cecil was a caterpillar' in Dorset scouting history) before Scouts did a quiz and the Cubs watched a movie - while they were entertained, the rest of 1st Woodcutts helped finish off preparations for a Woodcutts



special HUGE fireworks display. This was set off by Rob, Jaqui and the usual fireworks crew into still air and clear skies, with a crescent moon, Jupiter and Mars all shining brilliantly down on us as a backdrop. It was certainly the biggest and loudest fireworks display that Buddens has seen for many a long year, with the countryside around reverberating to the sound. The young people had finally been ushered into bed, (far too late, but shhhh!) before the Leaders and I retired to our chilly tents (below 5°C, I would say). Monday dawned brilliantly clear and sunny once again, but for some reason the young people were rather slow in getting to breakfast! Once we'd packed up the contents of our tents ready to break camp later on in the day, flag break was followed by me being detailed to help Anthony on one of his fire making workshops; once again, Anthony managed to maintain his 100% record in getting the young people to make fire by friction (bow drill)! After this there was just time to have lunch before flag down and the camp was taken down. Overall, I had a fantastic weekend; as a Group ASU member I was made more than welcome by the leaders and was able to participate in, and help out with,

just about every aspect of camp, which was both fun for me and very personally satisfying when I saw the enjoyment of the young people around me.

Peter Briggs

Visit to Wheelwright

Recently a visit was made to the group by Greg Rowland (Master Wheelwright By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen) was arranged by the Waistcoat Festival. Attended by the Scouts, led by Anthony, the wheelwright supervised the building of the wheel that will be 'Banded' by him at Church Farm campsite on Festival Day. Greg commented that the group were the best he'd had because they listened intently, responded at all the right times and behaved impeccably. Greg has scout leader experience himself so he knows what to expect (and what not to expect!). The balance bike shown in the photo was built as a test piece by his apprentice.

We would like to thank the Waistcoat Festival for arranging the visit in recognition for all the work of the group and the contribution that the group will make to the Festival. And, of course, many thanks to Greg for his time.



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Scout Shop Reminder

The Scout Shop continues to open on the first Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 at the HQ. They can obtain any item available in the official Scout Catalogue and are also selling the very popular Woodcutts 57 logo t-shirts and hoodies. Please pop along and submit your order.

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Garston Wood Nature Discovery Day



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Thanks to dedicated winter work by a group of local RSPB Volunteers the wood is alive with beautiful butterflies in July, flitting amongst coppiced hazel and fine old oak trees. The trees, coppiced hazel and many flowering plants are also spectacular in summer.

There will be free, guided walks every hour, on the hour from 10 am up until 3 pm, but you can also choose to stroll around by yourself if you prefer. An enjoyable amble around the wood takes about 1.5 hours and stout footwear is advisable. Sunny weather will bring out huge, bright orange and black silver-washed fritillary butterflies doing spectacular courtship display flights, and white admirals (which are mostly black in colour!).

Bring the kids and help us make homes for nature from logs and branches, browse for RSPB goods and plants, and enjoy refreshments. If the weather is kind there will be the opportunity to see some fantastic moths from the woods too! This tranquil reserve is one and a half miles north of Sixpenny Handley on the road to Bowerchalke. Walks will start from the entrance car park at the northern end of the wood (SU004195).

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Mothers' Union



In April, Rev Mel Durrant took the Lenten meditation at our monthly meeting, by taking us through the Easter Story, using the same book he had used with the children at Sixpenny Handley First School. It sounds like an odd choice but it was very good indeed.

At our meeting in April we had a most informative talk about the Citizens' Advice Bureau, from Jan Gibb, who is a volunteer with the organisation. We all learnt many things about CAB which we never knew.

We have, as a branch, supported as much as we could, the many fundraising initiatives which have come from both Head Office, (Mary Sumner House,) and the Diocesan Office. The need to help out, usually with money, never ceases because so very many families require

our assistance both here and all over the world. Our Diocesan President, Ann Howard has half completed a sponsored walk from Marlborough to Lyme Bay. She aims to raise £17,000. She is doing the walk in weekly stages, finishing in June.

Our next group get-together will be at Margaret Quinn's house at Woodyates on Thursday, 12th June, 2.45pm. We hope it will be a fine day so the meeting can be called a 'Garden Meeting'! However, if wet, we shall be happily indoors. Iris Parker, a diocesan MU Trustee will join us and talk about 'Journeying Alone'.

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Food for thought

Satirical look at present day Life

Many things happen in this land

Many things happen in this land, the logic of which I do not understand. Twenty thousand of regular army soldiers, processed now to disband, Their Careers and Pensions taken out of hand. Now “Wot a hoot” the Defence Minister has made available £3 million to help recruit. In the event of any further warlike confrontation, a part time trained volunteer army of 30 thousand will help take care of the situation Make no mistake the cuts are deep, but this has to be soldiering on the cheap. If Military finances cannot be resolved. In other peoples wars, we should not be involved?

HS2

HS2 rail link still ongoing, and what looks like a mess. No decision yet, only a guess, likely to be 2016 before someone might say yes. Deep joy, The latest Executive now employed at £750,000 a year to run the show Other appointments already made, all from British Rail don’t you know. This is one of the latest ploys. Did I hear someone say, “Jobs for the boys” Information now in disorder. The Transport Secretary has issued a gagging order

Jaguar, and Range Rover

The success of Jaguar, and Range Rover car manufacturers has been a sensation. Upheld by the Prime Minister as a credit to our nation, and rightly so to mention. But who are the real owners of this automotive Corporation? “Tata”, Motors of Mumbai, a multinational Company based in India. Part of a greater “Tata Engineering Conglomeration British Steel are now part of their operation. India the new prosperous industrial nation And with a Space Programme now firmly laid, Do they really need “Overseas Aid?

Common sense

Parliament agog and full of sexual innuendo. Common sense seems to have flown out of the window. Some members are getting above themselves, and far too frisky. Remedy in days gone past. Bromide in the tea, and much less whisky. These political shenanigans have now become irrational Pervaded world politics, and now become International.

Somerset Levels

Someone once said “Water. Water everywhere, and not a drop to drink.” Something like the Somerset Levels would you think?

What has happened to this green and pleasant land. Neglected, forgotten and gone out of hand. Millions spent on a Somerset coastal R S P B site. Wild birds before people can’t be right The Dorset Stour in years gone past I do recall, weed was cut, river dredged and cleared overall. Not any more I have to say. Green algae can be seen on the water on a summers day. Never mind the high speed trains, first things first, spend some money on clearing the drains Prince Charles words were on song, “Tragedy was, nothing had been done for so long”. Floods now lapping old London Town, damage to property much impaired. Not to worry, the PM said. No expense to be spared.

Scotland’s devolution

Scotland’s devolution now gathering pace, looking very much now like a race. After unity for 300 years. The reason for this I find hard to understand, I’ve never thought of Scotland as deprived, or a downtrodden land. On visits made in the past , Hospitality, scenic beauty, food and drink unsurpassed. The currency issue will cause some fun. Me thinks Alec wants the penny and the bun, To the SNP it should be made known, Definition of Independence means ON YOUR OWN What of the old red, white and blue, the highly respected Union Jack. Should the Scots and their flag pull out, will it just be Red and White. Or Red White and Black, Acrimony and bad feeling now beginning to show. How Nationalistic will this go? Nationalism can come in many forms. As In history over many years does unfold For many people a life too terrible to behold. With a host of oncoming fears, the whole

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thing could end in an ocean of tears.

Badger Man

Eminent guitarist Brian May, self appointed Badger Man of the day. To eliminate bovine TB, has come up with a cunning plan aimed to placate. Simple answer, all badgers we will have to vaccinate. Now Brock is a tough cookie, nimble on it's feet, and with a nasty bite. Nocturnal, and lives underground. Only comes out when no one else is around. Vaccination will prove difficult, and is somewhat risible, more like "Mission Impossible". Thousands of TB cattle put down every year, amid great financial frustration. Someone will have to get to grips with this ongoing situation.

Football players

Professional football players pay at £300,000 per week is far too generous. Britain's Bankers will begin to get envious. Wages of this nature beyond most peoples dreams. Many would argue the whole thing is obscene. Once a game for the working classes, relying on Mum, Dad, and kids for support. Now become a financial business, many foreign players,. Very little to do with sport. Duckers and divers is what we see, more interested in the L s d.

What of the London Great Britain Gap?

Millions invested in London town every day, New buildings, Airports, and a new Rail Subway. Further down the Thames an enormous new Dockland is well under way. A Multinational populace, ever increasing day by day. We all know that London is the Hub, but there's the rub. Much of Britain could do with a sub. Services in many areas outside of a town. Pubs, Shops, Post offices, Busses now shutdown.

Rural areas seem to be scrimping and scraping, hoping to clear the National debt at last.

Dorset like many other Counties still mired in the past. The electronics service here is very slow. We have an awful long way to go. Our fair County has plenty of scope. All we can do is wait and hope. Dorset's Wytch Farm since 1973 has pumped oil every day, but tell me where in Dorset will you find a 1st class Motorway?

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Waistcoat Festival – A Burning Success!

A hot sunny day saw large crowds turn out for Handley's first Waistcoat Festival, commemorating the Great Fire of Handley in 1892. The day ended with a children's lantern parade and lighting of the Scout's new beacon at Hanlega's.



Mel crowns the King and Queen of the Waistcoat Festival



The Beacon Field draws a crowd

Superfast Broadband

You may have heard that there is a possibility of getting superfast broadband into Sixpenny Handley through a transmitter/receiver on St Mary's church tower. This is through the firm Wessex Internet. There would be a range of packages available, and you would have to be able to place your receiver in sight of the top of the tower. To get the planning permission we need, the Church cannot proceed with this until there is a proven need for this service. If you are definitely interested, please let us know and contact wessexinternet.com.

Stop the Traffik

Remember the devastating Rana Plaza factory disaster in Bangladesh last year? This tragic event drew the world's attention to the hidden injustice and exploitation that takes place within the fashion industry. This terrible event and the persistent campaigning by activists has led to a shift in business attitudes towards taking responsibility for the conditions of workers who make their products.

Attitudes are changing within the fashion industry, but there is still so much more to be done. This is where we need you! In the Tamil Nadu region of India alone, we know that over 200,000 women and girls continue to be deceived, trafficked and exploited in cotton spinning, dying and weaving mills. The cotton produced within these mills is sold to fashion businesses all over the world. Have a look at the Stop the Traffik website for ways you can help.

"Cotton made by these trafficked young women and girls may be in the T-shirt I am wearing today. It may be in the clothes in your wardrobe at home. At the moment we don't know. But we can change this. As consumers we have a powerful voice, we can use it to urge companies to change their behaviour so that they can tell us that the clothes we are buying are Traffik-Free." Ruth Dearnley, CEO of STOP THE TRAFFIK.



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and articles welcome!**

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the Vicarage, or email;
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Thanks!



FROM THE REGISTERS



The Funerals of Penny Berry,
David Eynon, Godfrey Turner.

A Thanksgiving for Mary Meaden.

The Blessing of the Marriage of
George and Namiki Gillet.

The Baptisms of Noah Hewitt,
Hannah Ferguson, Nancy Holmes.

Did you know?

It costs over £40,000 each year just to keep our churches open and functioning. So if you would like to keep the church open near you, we need your help! Please think about giving regularly, and think about giftaid if you are a UK taxpayer so we get 25% extra at no cost to you. Remember, we get no funding from the government at all. The Church is for *everyone*, so please contact the vicar if there is any way we may be able to help you.

Pardon? I can't see!

In the next few weeks, St Mary's will be getting a much better sound and vision system. If you would like to contribute towards this exciting project (or any of our other areas we hope to improve) please contact the vicar or churchwarden.



He was a militant non-believer. He summed up his worldview with a quote from an ancient philosopher: *Had God designed the world, it would not be a world so frail and faulty as we see.* So Jack turned his attention to learning, excelling in every area he studied. Soon the dons of Oxford University thought of him as a respected peer and he began to write and lecture.

Yet far beneath the surface his doubts were taking their toll. He described his mental state with words like *misery and hopelessness*. He said, *I maintained God did not exist, yet I was also angry with God for not existing.*

Then two friends, also Oxford dons, JRR Tolkien and HVD Dyson, urged him to do something he'd surprisingly never done before; read the Bible. So he did. And Jack began to wrestle with the claims Jesus made, concluding that he was deluded, deceptive, or the very One he claimed to be; the Son of God.

On the evening of September 19th 1931, Jack and his two friends took a long walk through Oxford. They talked late into the night. And Jack, CS 'Jack' Lewis, would later remember a rush of

wind that caused the first leaf to fall – a sudden breeze, which possibly came from to symbolize for him the Holy Spirit. Soon after that night, Jack became a believer.

The change revolutionized his world, and consequently the world of millions of readers. The stories of Narnia have been enjoyed for generations and the films have brought them to a new audience. His other writings are still read and help people to think for themselves about the God who created, loved and gave himself for the world. You might like to try reading 'The Screwtape Letters', a satirical book where an elder devil tutors a novice demon on how to confuse and distract human beings, or 'Mere Christianity', a popular introduction to faith, or 'Surprised by Joy' where he describes his own journey of faith. You might also remember the play and film 'Shadowlands' which was about his relationship with his wife.

So, can the chasm between doubt and faith be spanned with reading the Bible and Christian fellowship? Why don't you find out for yourself?

Your friend and vicar, Mel

Summer Break

The summer holidays are not far away, and things settle down a bit during August. Teddy Bears have a break (perhaps they can go down to the woods for a picnic), and the 11 o'clock Service at Sixpenny Handley also has a break over the school holidays. The last one is on 20th July, and then starts up again at the beginning of September. All other services run as normal.

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CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN

Mel Durrant

Have you climbed a mountain lately? To state the obvious, mountains are *big* in the Bible! After all, Noah's ark came to rest on a mountain. Abraham took his son up a mountain. Moses was given the Ten Commandments on a mountain. Elijah challenged false prophets on a mountain and met God in '*the still small voice*' on a mountain. King David built Jerusalem on a mountain. And Jesus taught on a mountain. So it's no wonder that we climb mountains – just because they are there. Mountains are important!

A search and rescue team was sent on a mission to find an aeroplane that had crashed on top of a mountain. It was their duty to rescue any survivors. After finally reaching the top of the mountain, they came upon the crash site. There was one lone survivor, sitting with his back against a tree, chewing a bone. As he tossed the bone onto a huge pile of other bones, he noticed the rescue team. 'Thank God!' he said, 'I am saved!' The rescue team did not move, as they stared at the pile of human bones beside this lone survivor. Obviously he had eaten his comrades. The survivor saw the horror in their faces and hung his head in shame. 'You can't judge me for this,' he insisted. 'I had to survive. Is it so wrong to want to live?' The leader of the rescue team stepped forward, shaking his head in disbelief. 'I won't judge you for doing what was necessary to survive, but your plane only went down yesterday!'

We all have mountaintop experiences – although I hope not quite like that one – moments when time seems to stand still, and the experience stays with us forever.

Jesus took his friends Peter, James and John up a mountain. And Jesus was changed. In an event we call the Transfiguration, *His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light* (Matthew's Gospel, 17:2). Notice that Jesus was not reflecting light; he was shining with light. No wonder his friends were terrified! And then God's voice summed everything up:

'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' And when the disciples fell down in terror, Jesus responded immediately with touch and comfort. '*Get up,*' he said. '*Don't be afraid.*' He is with them. God with us. Some mountaintop experience!

We all need to listen to what Jesus says, to who he is, rather than follow our own agendas – to accept what he is talking about.

I remember a doctor friend doing some voluntary work in the Himalayas in Nepal. They held a Communion Service on the top of a mountain and, looking out over the Himalayas, sang '*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*'. She said it was a life-changing moment.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

As we think about summer activities, days out, trips to the beach, walks in the country, remember who created earth and heaven in the first place, and who re-creates heaven and earth for us.

You have had at least one mountaintop experience, one situation that was alive with the promise and presence of God. Of course, you don't have to go up a mountain to have a mountaintop experience (although it might help!) and it might only last a moment. We can't pin God down. But they are – *if we let them* – life-changing.

We can use these God-given special moments to recharge, to renew ourselves. As we listen to God's voice, listen to Jesus calling us to walk with him wherever the journey may take us. For the journey takes us to him.





✦ Bible Study Group

As we hope you see from *The Seeker*, the Bible is THE Book! Read it and understand more in good company on a Thursday evening once a month, 7.15pm. Phone Mike on 01725 552 720 for details.

Come and meet friends

▼ **Drop into St Mary's!** on most Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm during British Summer Time for a cup of tea and a chat with someone trained to listen.

✱ **Drop into...** the Post Office Coffee Shop on the first Wednesday from about 11 o'clock, or The Walnut Tree on the last Wednesday, for a coffee and chat with the vicar.

T Teddy Bears

Pre-school children and their carers are invited to St Mary's on Thursday mornings during school term from 10.30am to noon, for fun, drinks and biscuits and maybe a Bible story or two. There is no charge.

◆ Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group (usually) meet every Tuesday for chat, laughter and biscuits, some talk around serious themes and sometimes a Roebuck steak! Phone Paul Skinner (552 785).

☕ **Men's Group** – A beer and a chat usually on the last Thursday of the month. Details from David Lockyer (552 492).

✿ **Mothers' Union** – Tea, company and a good talk, usually on the second Thursday afternoon of the month, from 2.45pm. Phone Sheila (553 133) or Mary (552 041) for details.

Join us for Summer 2014

SUNDAY SERVICES	St Mary's Sixpenny Handley				St Rumbold's Pentridge	Gussage St Andrew
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	9.30am	☕	11.00am	6.00pm	11.15am	9.30am
June 1 st	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
June 8 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
June 15 th	Father's Day 10 am			Evensong	MP	#
June 22 th	MP	(10.30am)	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
June 29 th	HC		#	Evensong	MP	#
July 6 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
July 13 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
July 20 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
July 20 th	MP		#	Evensong	#	HC

HC = Holy Communion | MP = Morning Prayer | SofP = Songs of Praise | # = No service

Fathers!

We are still celebrating parents. After our Mothering Sunday before Easter, we are celebrating Fathering Sunday, on June 15th (Fathers' Day) beginning at 10am. After all, we can all show fathering love as well as mothering love! Come along and celebrate with us.

Lee Abbey

Lee Abbey is a beautiful house and community on the rugged north Devon coastline. Visitors often comment that it is a 'thin place', in the sense that God is felt to be very near. It is a great place for families, as there are lots of things for different ages to do, and there is no pressure to attend any of the events. It is also a lot of fun.

After last year's successful trip we are going again at the end of June. This means there will not be an 11 o'clock service at Sixpenny Handley that day. We hope to go again next year - Please have a look at the website to see if you would like to come next time.

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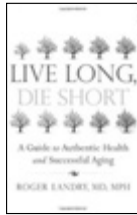
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A Weekly Reminder: Without GOD, our week would be...

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Remember seven days without God makes one weak!

Book Reviews



Live long Die Short By Dr. Roger Landry, MD, MPH.

I discovered this book whilst horse riding in Waterton Lakes National Park, USA. My husband Alec and I had booked a ride in this stunning place. There were three of us out that day, and the other rider was Dr. Landry. He told us that his speciality was aging and he was researching and writing a book on ways to age well. Over the course of our three hour ride we discovered that we had much in common. He agreed to send me his book when it was completed so that I could give him my opinion on it. After a few months it arrived on my mat!

I read it with great interest and thought it absolutely brilliant. He goes through our ancestry, our fast paced, stressful, calorie rich world today, how we have forgotten how to achieve health by not looking after ourselves properly, both physically and mentally. He challenges society's attitude to aging and believes that there will be a complete turnaround in the way we think about older adults, and that we will come to value them so much more for the wisdom and experience they have gained, rather like the tribal elders and leaders of the past.

It is a really easy book to read, completely fascinating, and gives Ten Tips to age well. I wanted to let as many people know about it as possible as I really believe that it could help us all so much. It has certainly helped me, and with our hard pressed National Health Service it is a positive step towards looking after yourself and staying out of the Doctor's surgery if at all possible! The book is available from Amazon UK, ISBN: 978-1-62634-039-8. It is around £10.00 and is selling fast.

Just so everyone knows, I have no financial gain at all to make from reviewing this book. I just think it is a really helpful book for everyone to make the most of their health and life, and wanted to share it with my wider community.

Pearl James

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Great War, a war precipitated by the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie during a visit to Serbia on 28 June 1914. The impact that this terrible event was to have on Europe [and the world] over the decades that followed has been a subject for debate by historians, writers and broadcasters ever since. Therefore, the purpose of this review is to list a small selection of reading material that will be helpful, not only to devotees of military history, but in particular to any young persons contemplating reading modern history at university.

My first recommendation concerns a trio of books written by Malcolm Brown under the generic title 'The Imperial War Museum Book' of and includes 1914 The Men Who Went to War; The Somme and 1918 Year of Victory. Illustrated and published by Pan these three books provide an excellent insight to the years of conflict. Also, from the same publishing house comes Tony Ashworth's investigation into the awfulness of life on the front-line, appearing under the title Trench Warfare 1914-1918: The Live and Let Live System.

Prominent among the recognized military historians of the 20th Century is Martin Middlebrook whose foray into producing books of great importance began in 1971 with The First Day on the Somme. This outstanding work was followed seven years later by The Kaiser's Battle 21 March 1918: The First Day of the German Spring Offensive. Middlebrook draws extensively on first-hand accounts from survivors on both sides of the divide, a ploy used to great effect by Lyn Macdonald in her 1998 work titled To the Last Man; Spring 1918, published by

Viking. I can do no better than repeat the words of Kate Saunders of the Sunday Times who, in her review, wrote 'She is the recording angel of the common soldier - Her identification with her witnesses is total.' I need only add that Lyn's book should be read in parallel with Martin Middlebrook's The Kaiser's Battle. First appearing in the United States in 2004, under the title Cataclysm: The First World War as Political Tragedy, Penguin Books released David Stevenson's account in 2005 as 1914 1918: The History of the First World War. The reviews are extensive, though the line 'Heralded as the definitive history of the First World War' is open to challenge. No reference to the Great War can escape the controversy accorded to those charged with directing the war itself and within a decade of the guns falling silent books critical of the generals began to appear. I will confine my list to just two: Denis Winter's Haig's Command A Reassessment published by Penguin under their Classic Military History banner in 2001 and which castigates Sir Douglas Haig in practically every aspect of his leadership, while for an opposing view I recommend the late John Terraine's 1963 work Douglas Haig: The Educated Soldier and reissued in 2000 by Cassell. Terraine, described by many as Haig's staunchest supporter produced eleven books covering military history from Trafalgar to the Second World War.

A plethora of books abound concerning the air war between 1914 and 1918; for an insight I suggest Lee Kennett's The First Air War, 1914-1918 first issued by Free Press in 1990.

Finally, do read The Last Fighting Tommy: The Life of Harry Patch, The Only Surviving Veteran of the Trenches which appeared shortly before Harry's death in 2009. Written by Harry Patch and Richard van Emden this work strips away any concepts held that the 1914-1918 war was in some way 'glorious'.

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So, what was it all about? Each week all the proceeds (& it was 100% profit as all the food was donated) were given to a different charity supported by local people, starting with Jess Meaden, a student nurse going to work for a short time in Malawi this summer, the Trussell Trust, replacement fishing boats for those destroyed in the Philippines, reading books for the school in the African village of Kochakindo supported

by the Styles family, & towards the rebuilding of a slum house for a disabled man & his family in India.

Between 20-30 people came for lunch each week, and were incredibly generous, and over the 5 lunches we raised a fantastic £1,881.00, including a donation of £1,000.00 to pay for 2 fishing boats.

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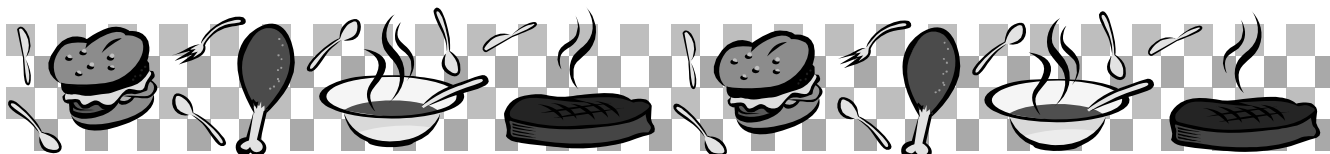
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Bowls Club

Bowls Club Open Day

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cake stalls helped to raise money for the club and everyone went home in high spirits.

To C & B Styles, W S Clark's & Son, Michelle's Hair Design, The Walnut Tree, Hanlega's Restaurant and many of the club members who donated prizes for the tombola, a massive THANK YOU from the Bowls Club.

The Men's Bowls Dorset EAST League have already played their first two matches and have won the match at Home but lost the away match.

The club would like to thank Bea Boyland for her many years as Secretary of our club and we wish her and her husband, George, a well earned rest. We will look forward to seeing them at the club for matches and social events during the coming months.

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Linda Howard Club Secretary



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David Salmons

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The final round of the 2013-2014 competition has been played and as expected by all, Stuart Haskell emerged the overall winner with an aggregate score of 2769 points, cemented by a final round of 162. Kingsley White, who has led the competition at various stages, and who seemed assured of a second place with his nineteen point cushion between himself and third place challenger, Doug Haskell had a disastrous night and could only manage a paltry 131 points; Doug, meanwhile, returned 162, thus relegating Kingsley to third overall. Ness Park held on to fourth with 2696 points, while the remaining top ten places went to Sylvia Morrison [2683], Bill Chorley [2672], Yvonne Bundy [2669], Rich White [2653], Rita Austin [2649] and Nora Davis [2639]. Olive Meaden also finished with the same overall score, but under the rules of the competition lost out to Nora who had a better twelfth round plus score at the end of the opening round back in September 2013, Nora's lowly four being better than Olive's even lower return of two! Edie Langley's seventh round score of 185 was never bettered and so the 'crisp fiver' goes to Edie as holder of the highest individual score returned over the seventeen rounds. An observation, worthy of note, is that six of the top ten featured in the leading ten places at the end of the first round, namely Doug and Stuart Haskell - first and tenth respectively; Ness who was second; Kingsley fifth; Yvonne eighth and Rita ninth. Victory on the night, however, went to Amy Caines with a score of 175, two ahead of Nora Davis. Prizes were also secured by Bill Peach [172], Ness Park [169], Peter Braithwaite and David Brine, both returning 167, Mary Braithwaite [166] and Liz Davis [164]. Overall, the 2013-2014 season has been a success with an average of eight tables in play but for success to continue additional players are needed, a fact that I have commented on in the past.

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Finally, I present the final placings for the remaining thirty-two competitors who completed the seventeen qualifying rounds: eleventh overall - Olive Meaden [2639], Susie White [2636], Doreen Leverton [2635], David Brine [2628], defending champion Gerald Trickey [2625], Sam Webber [2624], Ashmore stalwart, Len Diggin whose ill health prevented him from competing in every round [2621], Chris Haskell [2620], Amy Caines [2615], Edie Langley [2611], Sylvia Thorne [2607], Mary Braithwaite [2583], Chris Wadge [2581], Peter Braithwaite [2576], Geoff Peach [2574], Christopher Haskell [2570], Doris Day [2555], Bill Peach [2545], John Davis and Stu Coombs both on 2542, Chris Napier [2524] and Barry Park whose other commitments meant that his attendance at round seventeen enabled him to be counted as a qualifier with an aggregate total of 2514.

Bill Chorley

Details for the 2014-2015 competition will appear in the August issue of The Downsman.



Village Hall Notes

Thanks to all those who came to the AGM last month. The trustees were all re-elected and have been joined by Matt Gibbons who has kindly volunteered to assist, thanks Matt.

Much has gone on in the hall during the last year in an effort to keep it available for our regular users and attract new ones. There is still space available if you are looking for somewhere to hold an event. In the coming weeks the Friendly Food Club will be running a course on Wednesdays for parents (and others) to learn about basic cooking. During the next year we will be focussing on updating the toilets, installing broadband and replacing the unreliable water boiler in the kitchen (not necessarily in that order). There will also be refurbishment work to the outside of the hall.

The Entertainment committee in the shape of Acoustic Live has put a lot of hard work into bringing live music into the village. Nobody's Business in April produced a really enjoyable evening with their support acts. Although not organized by Acoustic Live, Samantha Sings the Shows was equally entertaining – this young local girl had an amazing voice and took a lot of trouble to put on a good show; it was just a pity that more people were not there to support her. The next live music event will be Arch Garrison on Saturday 14th June.

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Waistcoat Festival - Heritage Lottery Fund

From the writing of the Heritage Lottery Bid to the Waistcoat Festival day itself has been quite an adventure! Rebranding the street fair and rooting the event in the heritage that makes our village unique has been an overwhelming success. I doubt if there is a single person in our village young and old who doesn't now know the story of the great fire in Handley in 1892. We hope that the Waistcoat Festival has put us firmly back on the map!

The Sharing Heritage Fund focuses on researching heritage and creating online digital outputs which remain online for a minimum of five years as a historical and teaching resource. Some of the work you have seen already presented though performances on the festival day but there is more to come. Over the next few months images, film and audio files will build the story of the great fire online for

future generations so keep an eye out here at sixpennyhandley.com.

Your Heritage lottery grant will produce the following visits, real outputs, digital outputs and resources:

- Facilitated research visit for the school and friends to the Priest House Museum and workshops accessing local archives.
- A film of the school visit by Rob Jesse and Ros Adams.
- A film of the festival day to both promote the heritage/history as well as the village and future 'Waistcoat Festivals'.
- A film of the Wheelwrights visit to the scouts and the festival to share the process of making and banding a wheel – the process which started the fire.
- A teachers toolkit which will be available online and on the schools website.
- Two animated films made by the children telling different aspects of the story of the fire.
- An online gallery of the children's artwork and writing on the fire.
- Images of craftwork, waistcoats, lanterns and banners made with local artist Holly Gatrell.
- Photographs and accounts of the fire from local residents deceased and living relatives.
- Sound recordings of three songs the

children have learnt including The Waistcoat Song, penned by John Cullingford.

- A website to store all this research and promote the Waistcoat Festival.
- The creation of a new bi-annual event to attract custom to the village as well as sharing our heritage.
- A beacon to be used for future Waistcoat Festivals or special events.

Your festival team worked entirely as volunteers for the last six months and the waistcoat festival worked with Little Pennies Pre-School, Sixpenny Handley First School, The Scouts, Beavers, Explorers and Chase Community Friends as well as all our lovely bunting makers.

The Dorset Rural Fund funded the craft activities in the children's garden and materials for the village bunting.

If you have a story we haven't heard yet then please do get in touch and do join us in 2016 for some more armless fun!



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June 2014 - Peter Bailey

1. People talk of life expectancy, Three score years and ten. How long is a score, and the overall age please?
2. Why was the Wellington boot, so called?
3. Who is reputed to have said "A horse, a horse my Kingdom for a horse" A play by William Shakespeare was named after this event
4. I'm going where the sun is shining, thro' the pouring rain. Name of film including the words of this song, plus names of 2 principal actors required.
5. What is the origin of the name Dean. eg Dean, Dean End, and Deanlane
6. Other than a type of cheese known as Dorset Blue, what other item is referred to with the same name. Dorset Blue? Where would you find it?
7. Coopering was a common occupation of days gone past, but what actually did a cooper do?
8. What is Rogan Josh?, and what would it consist of?
9. Name of the highest hill in Dorset?
10. And now the end is near, so I must face the final curtain. Name of this much maligned karaoke song, also which famous singer is this most attributed to?

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Beyond Woodcutts!

As we flew from Sixpenny Handley to Bere Regis at the end of February I had time, just, to think about what we were leaving behind after fifteen years of being Woodcuttians. This had to wait though, because on landing we had to board the punt, on which we were to ride the waves and navigate the rapids of the River Piddle as we made our way down stream to Turnerspudde, which was to be our new home. Eventually, after much help from family and friends, we were at our destination and it was time to make new friends with the natives and ensure a welcome for ourselves and Pebbles our dog, in what was to be our residence for the future. Our home here is wonderfully situated, with the Piddle flowing through the water meadows to the south, which are a home or stopping off place for all sorts of birds such as duck, geese and swans, which we never saw at Woodcutts. To our north aspect we have meadows and woodland and we often see a group of up to thirty sika deer make their way from the woods down past our garden to the water meadows. This is foreign country but I love it. It is so open and rural, in a completely different way to Woodcutts, where arable crops dominated.

When we moved here, in the hedgerows, hawthorn was predominant, buds were showing new green leaves but every thing else apart from the occasional celandine was enjoying a winter's sleep. However this soon changed with temperatures well above normal, and hardly a frost to speak of and of course a plentiful supply of moisture in the soil, which ensured ideal growing conditions for many of our spring growing plants, both wild and cultivated.

Butterflies, firstly lead by the brimstones on the 8th. of March, then followed a day later by tortoiseshells and the following day orange tips and peacocks a few days later, with tortoiseshells a few days later still, heralded the beginning of

March. All somewhat earlier than usually expected but they did have a wonderful early display of flowers to visit. Already we had seen a wonderfully long period of flowering from the snowdrops but this was easily overshadowed by the celandines. They were possibly a fortnight earlier than usual and persisted in their flowering mode, with their beautiful glazed, dark, yellow flowers persistently opening and closing with the rising and falling of the sun, for the latter half of February and the beginning of March. Daffodils both in the wild and in the garden were not taking advantage of the very mild damp but sunny conditions.

Violets were and still are flowering, both the whites of Woodcutts as well as the blue sweet and dog violets but they certainly weren't taking the advantage of the weather conditions that the celandines were. Primroses similarly to the violets were not as conspicuous as some years and certainly were not availing themselves of the prevailing weather conditions that the celandines did. Here however, another close relation of the primrose, the cowslip has had a wonderful spring; producing beautiful flowers of considerable size and colour, although the yellow inflorescences do appear slightly lighter than normal, however they are streets ahead of the few at Woodcutts.. Not only have the wild flowers performed early but so have the hedgerows. Some hawthorn buds burst into leaf early in March and I saw the first complete bush in leaf on the 10th of March. Many other shrubs and trees followed suit, with the oak which has been in leaf for several weeks, well ahead of the ash which is only now (10th April) beginning to burst its buds.

"The ash before the oak, we're sure to get a soak,

The oak before the ash, we'll only get a splash."

One thing that has always left me pondering, is why there is a predominance of yellow flowers at the start of spring? Celandines, primroses, cowslips, daffodils, dandelions of which there is now a tremendous show, followed of course by the buttercups. Are our early spring insects attracted by the colour yellow and does this mean that they are assured of being pollinated to produce fertile seeds, which are so necessary to perpetuate them? After all, the only other early 'bloomer' at present, the bluebell does not rely on seeds to perpetuate itself, producing bulbs instead. But what a year we have experienced in our bluebell woods, it has been magnificent.

The birds generally have obviously benefited from the mild spring weather and got off to early starts with their nest building and obviously had plenty of food available to feed their young, both the vegetation feeders and the insectivorous ones have had ample supplies, thanks to the prevailing weather conditions.

Just as we began to see the leaves of all the trees and shrubs of the wayside and woodlands burst from their buds, I was taken into hospital and wasn't it a thrill for me a fortnight later to be released from there to see a new green world of many shades and shapes of leaves in the hedgerows and woodland. What a wonderful homecoming to the open green countryside around Turnerspudde and the Piddle, that is, except that we left Southampton hospital just after five o'clock in the afternoon and we had to contend with the build up of traffic on the M27 as the world and his wife made their way home from work. No matter, before long we were back to Wimborne, followed by a much quieter journey back to Bere Regis

I thought that because we were miles

to the south of Woodcutts here, flowers would be earlier in the Bere Regis area, compared with the frozen north of Woodcutts but no, there appears to be little difference despite the latitude, (being nearer the equator) and the altitude difference. However, on the 1st of May I did hear the cuckoo, have you heard one yet? Obviously they can't hop over the south country to reach the 'north', so we get to hear them first. Another thing down here, is that we are very patriotic, with red, white and blue roadside verges at present. The red is supplied by what promises to be a bumper year for the red champions, the white mostly by the stitchworts, which are having a wonderful season and of course the bluebells.

I must mention the farming world. The first oil seed rape field I saw in flower this year was 7th March, far too early to bulk up and produce a good harvest as flowering will be staggered, unless all the crops come in exceptionally early as may be the case as I saw fields yesterday, (9th May) south of Dorchester already losing the yellow colouration and next door, fields of barley in ear. It is far too early but there is nothing to be done except get the combine out early in June rather than July. Similarly with the grass fields, harvesting of first cut silage will certainly be starting earlier this year, so watch out for those tractors and trailers on the country roads sooner rather than later. Before I finish I must say how much I miss Woodcutts and Handley. Two things that I particularly miss are my Saturday morning coffee at the post office and the hospitality of Chris & Steve and the occasional drink and meal at the Roebuck and the hospitality of Anne & John and of course all the friends at church. I would like to say thank you for reading to the end and thank you, to all those who sent cards and messages concerning our move and my stay in hospital. As you can see I am recovering well and hopefully this is not the last you will hear from me. Who knows I might be fit enough to attend The 'Wescut' Fair in the village.

God bless you all Ted Cox (May 2014).



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Start to net and protect your strawberries and soft fruits..
Water plants regularly especially those in pots and greenhouses.
Feed plants with fertiliser
Sow Herbs in window sills
Plant Put brassicas

When cooking potatoes, vegetables etc..(without salt) a alternative to pouring it down the sink is water your plants.. the nutrients lost from the vegetables etc when they are boiled... will then help your growing plants..

July

Sow salad regularly for continuous supply
Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes and make sure they have support
Regular watering and feeding of plants
Deadhead flowering perennials and cut flowers for regular flowering
Cover brassica patch with fine netting (Cabbage white butterflies)
Lift early potatoes

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Digital Assets - Estate Administration

With the rise of the internet, most people now have digital assets which form part of their estates. Like other assets, digital assets can be passed on to family members or friends on death and have to be dealt with in the administration of an estate.

What are digital assets?

Digital assets include all online accounts and digital files that you own. For example:

- Online banking, shopping and bill payment accounts.
- Virtual businesses.
- Online subscriptions.
- Email accounts.
- Credit balances held by internet companies (iTunes/gambling sites/Amazon/PayPal).
- Ownership of domain names.
- Shares held by an online share dealing platform.
- Social networking sites and blogs.

Discovering and accessing digital assets after death

The Government has not set out clear statutory rules on the subject. This means that issues of privacy and access to digital assets after death are stipulated by the internet companies themselves. The rules therefore vary from company to company.

As digital assets are usually secured by a user name and password, difficulties can occur when an executor of an estate does not have access to this information. Invariably, there will not be a paper trail as the digital assets are usually created by email.

A problem for your executors
Your executors have a duty to ascertain and collect in your assets, pay your liabilities (including any inheritance tax) and to distribute your remaining assets in accordance with the terms of your Will.

Where executors are unaware of digital assets, the administration can be made more complex, time consuming and expensive. For example:

- Your executors may find it difficult to find out what digital assets you own.
- If digital assets are discovered, your executors are unlikely to be able to access them without your user name and password.
- Even if your digital assets are ascertained and accessed, your executors will not necessarily know exactly how you want them to be dealt with on your death.

Your executors are also under a duty to declare the value of your digital assets to HMRC for it to calculate any inheritance tax due on your estate.

Addressing digital assets in estate planning

Digital assets should be no more difficult to deal with compared to other assets provided that they are given the same

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CBA..... *New Tax Year*

The new tax year started on 6 April, why do we use 6 April not New Year's Day? In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII ordered a change from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. The Julian Calendar differed from the solar calendar by about 11½ minutes per year and by the late 1500s this meant the Julian calendar was behind the Solar calendar by 10 days. Until 1752 the tax year in Great Britain started on 25th March, old New Year's Day. In order to ensure no loss of tax revenue, the Treasury resolved that the taxation year would end on 4th April, the following tax year beginning on 5th April. 1800 was not a leap year in the new calendar but would have been in the old Julian system. Therefore the Treasury moved their year start from 5th to 6th of April. After this logic prevailed and this date has remained unchanged ever since.

Now to a more serious note.....

Notice of Codings

It appears that HM Revenue & Customs

(HMRC) has made a number of errors on this year's PAYE coding notices (NOC). This means that you are either paying too much tax at source or not enough which will result in an income tax liability at the end of the tax year, 5 April 2015. To ensure you are on the correct NOC you should check the entries:

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- other allowances or reliefs based on your individual circumstances - which reduces your tax bill if you're a taxpayer (for example Married Couple's Allowance, professional allowances / subscriptions)

If these are the only entries on your NOC, they are deducted from your taxable income (employment, pension and any other earnings/income) and you pay tax

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on what's left.

Items that reduce your tax-free amount - negative amounts

You may also have negative amounts showing on your NOC. These are taken away from your allowances and reliefs noted above. Items that reduce your tax-free amount may include:

- taxable income/state benefits/state or other pensions that you already receive without tax taken off, for example medical insurance or a company car
- taxable company benefits that you receive without tax taken off
- unpaid tax that you owe from an earlier tax year

There are differences if your income is above £150,000, please call CBA for more.

If your PAYE Coding Notice contains wrong information

If you think that any of the information on your PAYE Coding Notice is wrong contact HMRC who will issue a new Coding Notice and tax code to your employer/pension provider.

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consideration as your other assets.

To avoid problems you should:

- Set out clear plans for your digital assets. For example, what do you want to happen to your digital assets when you die? Who do you want to access the information? Not all digital assets have a financial value. Instead, there will often be a sentimental value - photos and videos which you may want to pass on to your family.
- Provide your executors with the information, passwords and clearance they will need to deal with them efficiently.

We would recommend that you prepare an inventory of assets and passwords to be stored in a sealed envelope with your Will in a secure place, ideally with a solicitor or in a safe. This may need to be updated as passwords change or new accounts are created. Although we are always advised not to write down passwords, this is one occasion when it may be necessary.

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FIBRE to the MAST WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

Wessex Internet..... Superfast Broadband now in Sixpenny Handley

Wessex Internet, the area's only rural superfast Internet provider have expanded its wireless coverage to parts of Sixpenny Handley (6dH). The expansion means that a large number of 6dH residents & businesses can now make benefit of a superfast (30 Mb/s) Internet connection. Customers will have a small receiver fitted to the outside of their property that points to a nearby wireless base station at Pentridge to take advantage of the superfast service. An Internal Wi-Fi router is provided, and an optional telephone line adapter can be connected to this for customers who wish to migrate from BT to a lower cost Internet phone line. Wessex Internet's services are perfect for streaming HD TV & movies, using Skype, working from home effectively and using business-applications efficiently, all without the inconsistency and slowdowns associated with the traditional copper-line broadband

available in 6dH.



It is anticipated that the coverage in 6dH will expand as residents & businesses register their interest (no contract obligation), and talks are underway to make use of the Church Tower as a discrete wireless Network Booster station to maximise the coverage. Superfast Internet services start from £25 per month for 30 Mb/s; £5 per month extra for a telephone line, and there's a short 6 month minimum contract term. Customers also benefit from an initial 30-day money back guarantee. Wessex Internet have 100% client retention, its network benefits from super low latency & low contention, and services aren't affected by rain, snow or fog. Customers have already started to be

connected in Sixpenny Handley and it has made immediate improvements. Wessex have over 2000 users making benefit of its network each day, and it's currently growing the customer base by 10% per month. Nearby business customers include Sandroyd School, Rushmore Estate, Larmer Tree & End of the Road Festivals and Clayesmore School.

Wessex Internet is the only rural provider of superfast Internet services in rural Dorset and Wiltshire and has operated since 2010. It operates its own extensive hybrid fibre and wireless network covering some 50km of fibre and 1000s of km of wireless links. Services span from Cranborne in the East, to Melbury Bubb in the West; Fonthill Bishop in the North, to Melcombe Bingham in the South. Wessex Internet is a trading brand of M12 Solutions Ltd who are working in partnership with Ranston Farms to provide Superfast Rural Broadband.



At Last!

Just when I had given up hope, a fine forecast, and an invitation to join a Moody 35 (I am a bit ambivalent about Moodys, plenty of space, but do they have pace?) Well we had ideal conditions as the Meanderers set out towards Warsash. A beam reach, 18 - 20 knots of wind, sunshine, flat seas, and lots of tide under us. An easy 7 knots + boatspeed, does it get any better than this? Fresh coffee and chocy biccies, in china mugs whilst underway, ensured it did. One of the skills not mentioned in RYA syllabus is the ability to helm, drink coffee and eat chocy biccies all at the same time! At Warsash SC we rafted to another LTSC yacht on the WSC pontoon, and had lunch in the club. The return, after negotiating shipping channels Southampton/Cowes, was as good as the outward leg. (Answer - yes, Moodys do have the pace in those conditions, and we left the fleet behind!)

Reflections and recollections

In last month's log, I mentioned sailing on the Teifi estuary. To continue this tale. One of my sailing buddies, Mike, sailed a dinghy called 'Nightmare', painted black and fluorescent green, which suited the name. On the bottom, a simple statement was inscribed, which if you have ever had a 180 degree capsize, with the mast stuck in the mud, you will understand!

Mike contacted me one day with the news that he had been working up a half ton (IOR rating about 30') racing yacht, and that the skipper was looking for crew to campaign a season in jog (junior offshore group), would I like to join as crew? Yes please! So a day before the first race of the season, saw me wandering down the pontoon towards 'Min-O-Din'. First sight of a lean mean racing machine, black mast, black spinnaker poles, and black boom with slots cut out, forestay had twin luff grooves for headsail changes, grey non slip decks, no spray hood of course. I was welcomed on board, and shown around, down

Gone Sailing

below, open plan, small sink and double burner, chart table with open plan heads forward, twin quarter berths, and twin pilot berths. Safety equipment to IOR requirements, main with three slab reefs, four headsails, two spinnakers, one for light weather, one for heavy weather (serious stuff!), and for really light airs a 'big boy', which is a very lightweight sail filling the gap between spinnaker and the water. So lots of string!

First race of the season, Cowes - Fecamp, start 18:00 off Cowes Start Line, and off we went, bit short on instruments, having only a compass and radio, and paper charts of course, in fact some of the charts were in fathoms.

Boat-speed was estimated by each crew member having a say, and a consensus reached, that and course steered with tide and leeway allowances made, gave us our EP (Estimated Position).

In time honoured tradition, our course had been set with a built in error, to finish uptide, so that when we reached the coast of France, we should turn (to port in this case) to reach our destination. Just to check, we hailed a French fishing vessel, 'Monsieur, Monsieur, Fecamp s'il vous plait?' 'vous allez a gauche' and a gesture, confirmed our direction, 'merci, au revoir'

Arrival in Fecamp was my first experience of French finger pontoons, better known as trampolines, well I bounced, fell in the water, and got out so quick I didn't even get wet! (full wet weather gear!) Ahh! the bieres and Calvados were good that night. And we finished about half way up the fleet, not bad for a first attempt!

Bunkside Reading

'What Now Skipper' (a pressy, is someone trying to tell me something?) It is a very useful series of scenarios, set by a RYA Yachtmaster Instructor Examiner, sets the scene and then 'what would you do', an answer is provided. Great when you get it correct, and a safe learning opportunity when you do not.

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Get Aboard

I do hope you managed to visit LTSC Open Day, and/or RYA Push The Boat Out events. The LTSC Open Day was a great success despite the weather, with over 40 memberships being taken up, many of those being family memberships, and already some are sailing with Meanderers. If you missed these, do not despair, LTSC and other clubs welcome new/potential members, so give it a go. (Next LTSC Open Day Sunday 31 August, combined with Bath Race). www.ltsc.co.uk and www.rya.org.uk.

Light reading

As usual may be found near the coffee tables in PO.

Cast Off

Do not let the Summer waste away see you on the water

Adam

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Rob's Column

With the 100 years of war upon us I came across some bits of old sayings and stories to help us remember what they suffered.

Some Morning Resolves Today

I must be prepared to have my own faith tested, perhaps very severely. But I will be a good soldier, and with Gods help I will stand firm.

Today I will endeavour to forget my own fears and troubles by helping to allay those of other people.

Today I will try to rest absolutely on the knowledge that God almighty is the Supreme Ruler of the Universe: that no one can limit or usurp his Power and Authority that He has never yet failed to make all things finally work together for good, to those that love Him, and will remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is as near to me today in the time of calamity, as He was yesterday in the time of peace and that whatever may come tomorrow, He will be still the same near unchanging friend, who stickest closer that a brother. Though I may lose sight of Him, He will not lose sight of me.

*Joseph Parrett Dec 4th 1914
74 years*

A lot to live for and a little to live on
Is better than a lot to live on but little to live for.

Don't expect life to smile at you, unless
you smile first

So you praise the ones you love for all
the things they do?

Pat your kids on their backs and tell
them good for you?

Giving folk a loving lift is such a kind
precious gift.

Look Closer

What do you see, nurse, what do you see,
what are you thinking when you're
looking at me?

A crabbit old woman, not very wise,
uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes.

Who dribbles her food and makes no
reply
when you say in a loud voice, "I do wish
you'd try?"

Who seems not to notice the things that
you do,

and forever is losing a stocking or shoe.
Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you
will

with bathing and feeding, the long day
to fill.

Is that what you're thinking? Is that what
you see?

Then open your eyes, nurse; you're not
looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still,
as I use at your bidding, as I eat at your
will.

I'm a small child of ten with a father and
mother,
brothers and sisters, who love one
another.

A young girl of sixteen, with wings on her
feet,
dreaming that soon now a lover she'll
meet.

A bride soon at twenty-my heart gives a
leap,
remembering the vows that I promised
to keep.

At twenty-five now, I have young of my
own
who need me to guide and a secure
happy home.

A woman of thirty, my young now grown
fast,
bound to each other with ties that should
last.

At forty my young sons have grown and
are gone,
but my man's beside me to see I don't
mourn.

At fifty once more babies play round my
knee,
again we know children, my loved one
and me.

Dark days are upon me, my husband is
dead;

I look at the future, I shudder with
dread.....

For my young are all rearing young of
their own,
and I think of the years and the love that
I've known.

I'm now an old woman and nature is
cruel;

'tis jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles, grace and vigour
depart,
there is now a stone where I once had a
heart.

But inside this old carcass a young girl
still dwells,
and now and again my battered heart
swells.

I remember the joys, I remember the
pain,
and I'm loving and living life over again.

I think of the years; all too few, gone too
fast,
and accept the stark fact that nothing
can last.

So open your eyes, nurse, open and see,
not a crabbit old woman; look closer -
see ME!!

A Nurses Reply

What do we see, you ask, what do we
see?

Yes, we are thinking when looking at
thee!

We may seem to be hard when we hurry
and fuss,
But there's many of you, and too few of
us.

We would like far more time to sit by you
and talk,
To bath you and feed you and help you
to walk.

To hear of your lives and the things you
have done

Your childhood, your husband, your
daughter, your son.

But time is against us, there's too much

-Patients too many, and nurses too few.
We grieve when we see you so sad and alone,
With nobody near you, no friends of your own.
We feel all your pain, and know of your fear
That nobody cares now your end is so near.
But nurses are people with feelings as well,
And when we're together you'll often hear tell
Of the dearest old Gran in the very end bed,
And the lovely old Dad, and the things that he said,
We speak with compassion and love, and feel sad
When we think of your lives and the joy that you've had,
When the time has arrived for you to depart,
You leave us behind with an ache in our heart.
When you sleep the long sleep, no more worry or care,
There are other old people, and we must be there.
So please understand if we hurry and fuss -There are many of you,
And so few of us.

Do not ask me to remember

Don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me.
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept.
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you.
To be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me.
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting.
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you.
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me.
Love me 'til my life is done.

Only feed on wholesome fare,
Through you nostrils breathe fresh air,
Clean yourself inside and out
Twist and turn and run about

If problems start to get you down and troubles are too much
Don't try to sort them all at once, just use a lighter touch.
Break them down and take your time and soon you'll be back in your prime.

You know you're past it when

You look forward to a dull evening at home.
You don't remember when you wild oats turned to prunes and porridge.
You finally got your head together - and now your body is disintegrating.
Getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.
You've got eight pairs of slipper in your wardrobe and only one pair of door shoes.
You look for the nearest toilet when you go shopping rather than the nearest shop.
You chip your tooth on a cornflake.
You don't remember being forgetful.

It's easy to forget about the photos stored away.
They gather dust in cupboards getting older day by day,
But make some time to dig them out,
You'll have a blast without a doubt.



Quiz Answers

1. A score equals 20 therefore overall age 70 years
2. Wellington boot was so called by the Duke of Wellington Requested manufacture, to leather for greater leg protection for his soldiers.
3. Richard the Third, found himself unseated from his horse in battle
4. Midnight Cowboy. John Voight, and Dustin Hoffman
5. Dean, a shallow valley
6. Dorset Blue butterflies, can be found on most Dorset down land.
7. A cooper made wooden barrels
8. Rogan Josh. Diced beef on a bed of yellow rice, with an aromatic sauce.
9. Lewesdon Hill 279 metres
10. "I did it my way" Frank Sinatra

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Little is just getting good at his numbers, he likes to count things... it started in the garden, he found 4 pebbles, then he found more and he counted to 8.

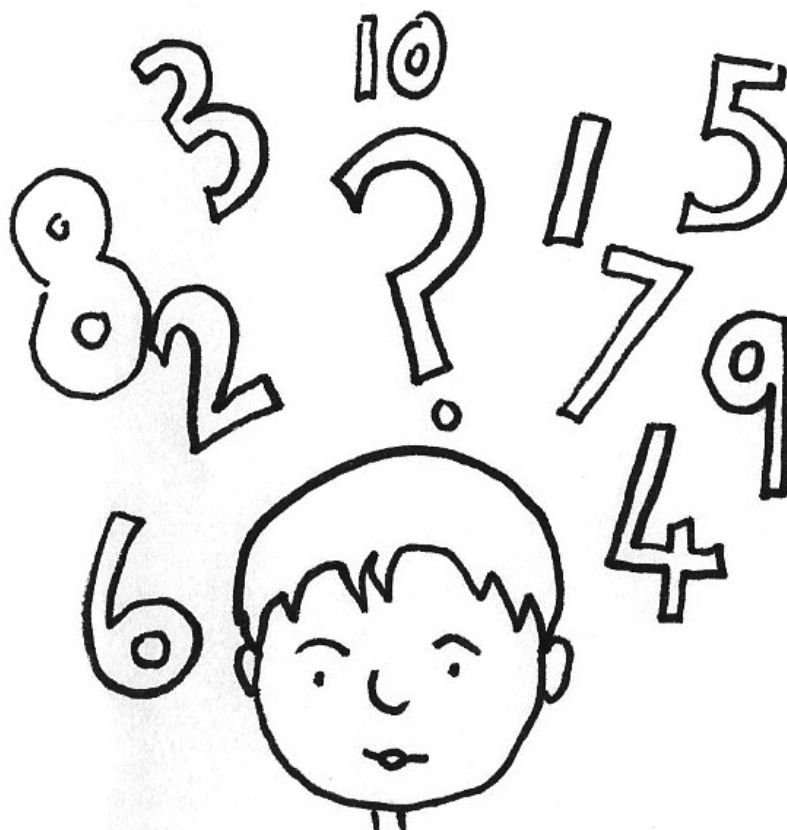
Next he made a little house for woodlice and put in it all the things they like to eat, vegetation and dead wood. Dad had told him they liked vegetation, he wasn't sure what vegetation was though. Dad said it just meant leaves and things that grew in the garden, so he collected leaves in his box and then he collected woodlice. They liked to hide in dark places like under the lid of the sandpit and under bricks in the garden.

How many woodlice do you think he collected?

Can you help Little, start at the number 1 and draw a line to 2 then 3 and see how high you get...

Do you like woodlice? Can you find one in your garden?

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Our display the the festival in the Children's garden was the culmination of this terms work. We enjoyed creating the fire story with Michele O'Brien, Fire pictures and a junk model of Handley 1892!



What's On

Date	Function	Page	Day	Club or Group	Page
4 June	Mike Denham & Sunset Cafe Stompers	12	Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time	
5, 19, 26	Parish Council Meetings	7	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month	
7, 13, 19	Ask Dorset	7	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time	
14 Jun	Acoustic Live in Village Hall : Arch Garrison	5	Tue	Sixpenny Handley Tennis Adult Club Session 7pm	
15 Jun	Larmer Tree Gardens Open Day	12	Wed	Cards : Village Hall Third Wednesday in the month	
19 Jun	Bingo	5	Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time	
21 Jun	Martin Green Archeologist	9	Thu	Mothers' Union : Second Thursday in the Month 14:45	
28-29 Jun	Farnham Gardens	9	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time	
3, 16, 26 Jul	Ask Dorset	7	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 start Third Thursday in the month (Excluding August)	
5 Jul	Concert Village Hall	12	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month	
17 Jul	Bingo	5	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	
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Literature and Lunch

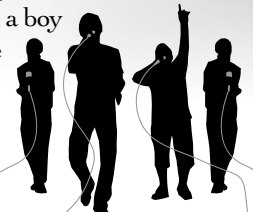
25th June in the Marquee from 9.30am

This mini reading fest mixes great food with lashings of chat from a selection of scintillating speakers including David Starkey (historian), Brian Scovell (sports writer), Tim Liardet (professor of poetry), Ali Sparkes (children's author), Gus Casely-Hayford (cultural historian), Jack Avon (financial modeller) and Thomasin Bailey (Shakespeare expert).

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