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

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Take a break

I feel like I need one... it has been a fabulous summer term with festivals and fetes every week, or so it seems. For me they all started with a spot of face painting at St. Mary's Church Fete, followed by The Big Session, which was big and has raised a fabulous amount for the Community Fund - see the report page 12 - then just six days later we enjoyed a beautiful evening at the School Fete with more fun, games and burgers - see page 14.



This Downsman has some lovely new contributors, events and news to share. Totally Local is a new column written by Sarah from Ten & Six about local businesses. She has started the ball rolling by telling us about her fascinating fascinators on page 11... I wonder what else she will discover in coming months? We find out about 6d for All, page 7 and Artsreach is back for the children's summer workshops - page 9 - you can see what else the village has to offer children in What We've Got on page 18. There are some interesting talks coming up one about dogs and one about Royal Air Force, details of both are on page 8 and don't miss the Bowls Jumble Sale in September find out more on the noticeboard.

Calls for your attention and consideration: Beavers are looking for a new leader - page 28; the Village Hall are still finishing their consultation on improvements page 27; if you are interested in the affordable housing check the CLT's page 19 and the Cranborne Chase AONB page 40. Bee Scene page 8 are looking for volunteers interested in nature to help them see what nature is on our doorstep from plants to ancient woodland. Speaking of which we had a great trip to Martin Down Nature Reserve last week bug hunting... here are a couple of our finds!



Naomi Booth

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

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To the Editor

Scouts Donation

The 1st Woodcutts Scout Committee want to write and thank you for the donation from the Downsman. As you are aware 1st Woodcutts relies on donations so any contribution is always gratefully received. Please accept the thanks of the committee and Group as a whole.

Abi Carlyle-Clarke

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge

Community Fund Grant

It seems a long time since I first contacted [the Community Fund] for a grant to enable disabled access to our hall and we were delighted you so generously offered to help.

I wanted to wait to thank you when the work was done and I am pleased to say it has finally been completed today. The next step is to erect fencing which we hope to finalise in the next few weeks. What an amazing difference it has made to the hall and what is particularly pleasing is, that with the land now levelled, there is extra space for parking too.

So on behalf of the village of Pentridge, we would like to say a very big thank you to the Sixpenny Handley Community Fund and all of its supporters. Please feel free to come and see how the money has been spent, you will be more than welcome.

Jill Preston

Brian Hansford

On behalf myself and Gill Martin, the executors of Brian's estate, I would like to say a big thank you to all of those people who turned out to celebrate Brian's life at his memorial service on Wednesday 3rd June, and to say thank you to the Bowls club for providing a wonderful spread, supplying the venue and arranging the exhibits.

John Curtis

Post Office

I wish to draw attention to the very probable loss of our post office in the near future. I am concerned that many residents of Sixpenny Handley and the surrounding areas are unaware of the severity of the threat to this essential facility. Perhaps some are of the opinion that there is nothing that can be done, but if we do nothing, we will never know what we could, or could not have achieved. It appears to me that a substantial obstacle to organising a campaign is the confusion surrounding the issue. Therefore, I believe that it is essential that a public meeting be held very soon. I urge readers to ask the Parish Council to arrange this, without delay.

Please remember that many are dependent on our local post office (particularly for financial services). These tend to be those who are already disadvantaged, such as the elderly, the disabled and those on the lowest incomes.

Please lend your support to this vital cause - before it is too late.

B. S. K Starr

Chase Community Friends

The Committee members of Chase Community Friends would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the family and the many friends of Sid Day for their generous contributions to the CCF Fund. Sid Day regularly attended the CCF Social Day Centre and he will be sadly missed by us all.

The Little Pennies



With regret, Little Pennies will not be continuing to run bingo every month. This is due to falling numbers over the last year. We will however be running Christmas, Easter and Summer bingo nights on the third Thursday of December, March and July so please look out for these special nights to enjoy with your family and friends!

Noticeboard



Friday 4th September
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
7:30pm Food & Bar too.
Tickets £10 from Styles
[facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live](https://www.facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live)

SIXPENNY HANDLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Centenary Celebrations
There will be displays of crafts, floral art, archives, and lots more

at

Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall

on

Saturday 26th
September
from 12noon to 3pm
Free entry

Sixpenny Handley First School
will be holding a

Public Open Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2015
at 7.00p.m. in our school hall
to

discuss our proposal to convert to
an Academy and to form, with five
other local schools,*

The Heath

Multi Academy Trust

on 1st November 2015

Full details on page15

Downsman Noticeboard

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

DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST NORTH DORSET SUMMER WALK

Bat Walk along the Jubilee Trail in Ansty led by local bat expert, Chris Dieck:
Saturday 15th August.
Meet at 8.45pm outside the Fox Inn, Ansty (DT7 7PN).
The trail can be muddy and uneven, so please wear suitable boots/shoes.
Please book in advance by telephoning Roy Davies on 01258 880 699. A small charge of £3 is payable on the day.

OUR DOGS AND HOW TO UNDERSTAND THEM.



**Tuesday 15th September
7:30pm-9:00pm.**

**Pentridge Village Hall: in
the Company of Jo Scott.**

Full details on page 8

it's time for the famous
**PENTRIDGE
BARBEQUE**
**Saturday 1st August
from 7pm**
Music from Alec James and Friends
tickets £12.50 - children £5 - under 5s free
(01725) 552222, 552231, 552608

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Artsreach



Felty Selfies : Wed 12 Aug
Bouncing Puppets Wed 19 Aug
Fiddlesticks Tues 25th Aug
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The Royal Air Force The First 20 Years

An illustrated talk is to be given by Mr William Chorley

Sixpenny Handley
Sports Pavilion
7pm for 7.30pm

**Friday 14th
August 2015**

Full details on page 8

Carers Pamper and Relaxation day

10.09.15

10am-4pm drop in for unpaid carers

Downview Farm, Water Land, Winterbourne
Houghton, DT11 0PE (Transport available)

Free indoor swimming pool, hot tub, light lunch,
cake, coffee & tea in a beautiful country home
contact

chloe.mutton@pramacare.co.uk

RELAX AND BE PAMPERED



Once a month in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall we hold a day center with a 3 course lunch for £5.00 followed by entertainment

Please contact
01258 841321
Transport, interest clubs
and help also available

full details page 44

Bowls Club Jumble Sale

**12th September
2:30pm
Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall**

Pop it in your diary now!!

Happy Nappy informal

Summer Picnics In The Park

**Every Monday from
11am during the
summer holidays**

All welcome including older
children.



Clerk's Corner

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

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

Email: sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Clerk to the Council (Lisa Goodwin) 01258 840935

Assistant Clerk (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211

The Sixpenny Handley Sports Pavilion now has its own website!

[www.sixpennyhandleysportspavilion
 .btck.co.uk](http://www.sixpennyhandleysportspavilion.btck.co.uk)

Take a look at our new website for the Sports Pavilion. Bookings for hire can now be made directly with the Parish Council. Hire Charge of £10 per session morning/afternoon/evening or £30 all day. Check availability on the Calendar page of the website.

The Pavilion offers three changing rooms with showers and toilets for home and away sports teams as well as separate facilities for officials. The changing rooms are supported by a small kitchen which is ideal for the preparation of hot drinks and other beverages as well as pre-prepared food. The kitchen is not however equipped or large enough for cooking or catering for large events, for which the Village Hall would be more suitable. The Pavilion also has a triple aspect public room with excellent views out over the sports pitches and is equipped with tables and chairs sufficient for groups of up to 25 persons. The Pavilion shares a large and well-marked car park with the village hall which may be accessed off Common Road.

'Ask Dorset'

The County Council is engaging and consulting with residents about their services with 'Ask Dorset' 2015. 'Ask Dorset' was launched last year and DCC heard from almost 12,000 residents who told them which services matter to them. That information helped to shape the Council's priorities for this year but there is still more to do. Since 2010, DCC has made savings of £60million from the annual budget, there is a further £47 million saving to be made by 2017/18. This can only be achieved if DCC work differently and more effectively with partners and communities. To do that they need your views. 'Ask Dorset' 2015 aims to find out your views on:

- Where DCC locate essential services and if it acceptable to put different things under one roof
- Whether it matters who provides services
- What you could do to help support

yourself and your community DCC will be at large events across the county this summer, including Verwood Rustic Fayre on Monday 31st August Noon-5pm and the Parish Council will be hosting an 'Ask Dorset pop-up' version in the Parish Office, so come along and have your say. Paper copies of the survey will be available throughout the library network from July 1st, in the July edition of 'Your Dorset' or on line at www.mycommunity.net/project/askdorset

Parish Council update.....

We have now been able to appoint a contractor to replace the steps with a ramp and extend the path from the High Street to Sheasby Close. Funding for this now has to be pursued, but we hope it will be completed by Autumn. We will also be tidying the area around the pond at the entrance to the Village Hall and actioning a number of minor maintenance jobs in the Recreation Area. Hedges that overhang the highway are the responsibility of landowners, however there are a few areas around the village that we will make sure are cut back.

Streetlife – A new local community website for East Dorset

Streetlife is supported by Dorset County and East Dorset District Council. The local social network has a simple aim to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours. The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community.

Conversations started on Streetlife have helped unite lost pets with owners, expose doorstep scammers, save threatened public services and recall local history. The site is also encouraging real-world friendships, with neighbours sharing gardening equipment, IT advice and dentist recommendations, organising craft groups, street parties and book clubs. Streetlife has just launched across East Dorset, and everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their

Opening Hours:

8.30am – 10.00am Fri,
 7.00am – 7.30pm Thu
 10.00am – 12 noon Tue
 For Parish Council

information visit:

www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

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

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

£10 per session

Book in with Ciona on

01725 552211 or 01725 553040

knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community. Residents are invited to be involved by signing up at www.streetlife.com with your postcode and email address. You'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live, post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond. You can customise your account so you control how often you receive local updates.

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.
- Parish Office open Tuesday mornings 10-12 and Friday mornings 8:30-10am.
- By attending Parish Council meetings which members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lisa Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council
www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

A Pentridge Mystery

The Answer

My name is Lily Rose and I don't expect you know me,
But I just feel I have to say
That you got things wrong the other day -
For the wellie-boots belong to me
Not to the fairies at all you see!
I was out with Daddy on the Hill
When I tripped and had a nasty spill.
'There now,' said Daddy - don't you cry
As he put me onto his shoulders - ever so high!
Below were my poor little wellie-boots
Lying sad and muddy near an old tree root.
Daddy stood them up at the side of the track
Intending later to take them back.
They were oh so messy and looked so small -
And I hated to leave them there at all,
But high up on Daddy I could see for miles
And I felt my face now was full of smiles,
For Pentridge houses all looked so small
And I couldn't see our blue car at all.
The Church was tiny on the green
And the smart Village Hall could not be seen.
Far, far away I could see the main road
And a tractor with a long heavy load.
It looked so much like a little toy
I'd have wanted it if I had been a boy.
'Hold on' said Daddy - 'It's time to go'
And he trod down the track ever so slow.
I clung to him and held him tight -
And Pentridge Hill was soon out of sight
As we drove back to Grannie-Mole in our blue car
I was resting a quiet for it wasn't far -
WHEN - oh dear I remembered -
My poor little wellies were still high on the track -
And I wasn't and wanted and wanted them back!

Lily Rose did get her wellies back that same evening. Her Popsie noting her distress, went to fetch them from the garden - so he thought - but not deterred on learning they were on Pentridge Hill - he made his way there and found them placed safely near the track. They were standing together close - for comfort it would seem. Who is he? A kind gentleman obviously whom I have named 'Super Granddad'.

Margaret Quinn

6d 4 all Sixpenny Handley Youth Club

meet every 2 weeks at the Sports Pavillion

Age 10 - 16 welcome to come and be sociable...

Dates Autumn 2015

4th Sept
18th Sept
2nd Oct
16th Oct
30th Oct
13th Nov
27th Nov
11th Dec

Activities can include:

Table Tennis
Tennis
Trips Out
BBQ
Bounce Castle
Table Football

Entrance £1 + Tuck Shop

Contact Liz 01425 654467, Vicky 01725 552549, Graham 01725 516973



**Sixpenny Handley
Mini-Market**

12 High Street, Sixpenny Handley

01725 552658



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Bee Scene!

Popular family-friendly survey of wild flowers re-launches this summer holiday thanks to Nature's Path.

Plantlife's hugely successful 'Bee Scene' survey has been rescued by family-owned cereal maker Nature's Path, after its original funding had ended.

Families can discover whether their local area is good for bumblebees by looking for bee-friendly wild flowers such as foxgloves, dandelions and clovers in their local green spaces. The results are then uploaded onto a virtual meadow map of the UK.

Full details and bee scene resources are available online at www.plantlife.org.uk/beescene

ASK DORSET

Less money, things need to change... By 2017 the County Councils budget will have been reduced by over one third or £100 million since 2010. Significant savings have already been made but in order to work within this challenging budget situation we need to start delivering differently and look to residents and communities to think about what they can do for themselves and how to build resilience within their families and communities.

Key areas of focus:

1. Fewer buildings could save us money, should we locate different services under one roof?
2. What do you think you/your community can help with?
3. Do you mind who provides you and your community with what it needs?
4. Information: Changing the way you contact the council could save money and protect services.

GET INVOLVED: askdorset@dorsetcc.gov.uk



The Royal Air Force The First 20 Years

An illustrated talk is to be given by Mr William Chorley
In the Sixpenny Handley Sports Pavilion at 7pm for 7.30pm
On Friday 14th August 2015

All members of the Community are welcome to attend in exchange for a £5 donation, payable on the night, which is to go towards the maintenance of the Sports Pavilion.

There is no need to book and everyone is welcome. Please do come along to hear the fascinating story of the First 20 years of the Royal Air Force from 1918 to 1938. It is planned to follow this talk with further historical Accounts on the Royal Navy and the Army

*The Chalke Valley History Festival may have ended
But the Sixpenny Handley version is to take its place
All for the benefit of the Sports Pavilion !*

Tea and biscuits will be served!

NOT LISTENING



Our Dogs And How To Understand Them

Tuesday 15th September

7:30pm-9:00pm.

Pentridge Village Hall
in the Company of Jo Scott

We are delighted to invite you to an enjoyable evening in Pentridge with Jo Scott.

Jo graduated in 1999 with a Diploma in Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy and Training. She is also principal of the Verwood Hydrotherapy Centre. She lives locally and has kindly agreed to come and share her wealth of knowledge with us. Amongst other things she will help us understand:

- What makes our dogs tick.
- What messages they are sending out, how they talk to us and how OUR behaviour affects theirs.

This promises to be a most enjoyable evening which will appeal to all dog lovers. Despite her busy schedule of lectures, writing books and articles, along with her responsibilities at the Hydrotherapy School and a veterinary practice, she still finds time to spend time with her family and menagerie of pets, including a mini-spotted pony.

Who knows, she might even bring some of her menagerie with her.

For information on how to book a £5 ticket please contact:

Jill by Telephone: 01725 552050

Or by e-mail: pentridgevillage@gmail.com



Artsreach in Sixpenny Handley



Artsreach are back this summer with three great craft and storytelling workshops for children in the Village Hall. Booking must be made in advance as places are limited.

Places cost £5 and are payable on the door. Children can be left apart from the 'Fiddlesticks' session where we ask parents to please stay. I look forward to seeing you all and making some great creations.

To Book phone or text Jenny Gordon on 07751 525200.



Felty Selfies with Penny Blogg Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Wednesday 12 August 10am - 1pm

Create a fun felt selfie using felt made from local sheep's fleece! Learn how the fleece is turned first into fibre and then to felt by getting it soapy and wet. Using this traditional technique, create a felt outline of your face, or maybe even the face of friend or family member, then use other coloured fibres, fabrics and textiles to add hair, glasses and a happy smile to make a fun felted individual to take home!

Places £5

Suitable for ages 6yrs +

Book phone or text Jenny Gordon on 07751 525200.



Bouncing Puppets with Holly Miller Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Wednesday 19 August 10.30 - 12.30

Learn how to make your very own puppet with that extra added bounce! Using paper, masking tape and elastic let your imagination run free and create an animal, monster, alien or person to take home at the end of the day. Holly Miller has worked with Dorset based theatre company Stuff and Nonsense and enjoys leading workshops and sharing some of the technical skills needed to create humorous and charismatic puppets.

Places £5

Suitable for ages 8+yrs

Book phone or text Jenny Gordon on 07751 525200.



Fiddlesticks with Kathy Kelly Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Tuesday 25th August 10am - 12pm

Parents and toddlers can enjoy a fun-filled session of singing, music making, story-telling, baking bread and sharing food together. Fiddlesticks sessions give parents and children the opportunity to get hands on together and through some simple arts and crafts activities, use clay, paints, sheep's fleece and other natural resources to create exciting works of

Places £5

Suitable for ages 2 - 5yrs

Book phone or text Jenny Gordon on 07751 525200.

IMPORTANT

If you want to be considered for one of the new homes, you should register using the Christchurch Borough Council & East Dorset District Council Housing Policy. Please feel free to contact Jenny Chapman for the relevant documents which explain the policy further and detail how to register.

See page 19 for contact details

Mobile Library

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

August 11, 25

September 8, 22

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

Village Hall 100 Club

May 2015

1st £25 24 Mrs Merryweather
2nd £15 103 Mrs Broadway
3rd £10 25 Mr. Hatton

June 2015

1st £25 52 Mr. Penrose
2nd £15 5 Mrs. Wootton
3rd £10 92 Mrs. Crawford

Crossroads Café

It is indeed pleasing to be able to confirm that this little enterprise is really living up to expectations and is providing a regular opportunity for members, 20 to 25, of the community to come together socially for a cuppa and a chat. It is not all chat for there is the opportunity to try a steady hand with Genka, Connect or Quarto and we also have artists who practice their painting and sketching skills during our time together. All are welcome for as long as you like between 1030 and 1200 every Wednesday.



Hanlega's



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Sunday Lunch and every night except
Mondays. Breakfast at the Weekends.
Functions, Birthdays and Partys.

Tel: 01725 553005 Email: hanlegastheshed@yahoo.co.uk

'The Shed', Church Farm, High St, Sixpenny Handley

Part of: *Church Farm, Caravan and Camping Park*

Totally Locally....what's on your doorstep?

Last year, after 24 years in full-time employment, I started-up my own business. I named it "Ten & Six", and I work from my dining room table at home in Woodcutts. Yes, just up the road from you, but chances are you've never heard of me! So it got me thinking about how much (or how little?) we know about the businesses on our doorstep.....many of us want to support our local businesses, but who are they and what can they do for us? Over the next few editions of The Downsman we'll be publishing a series of little articles about the local businesses in your community. This month's feature is, of course, Ten & Six!

Ten & Six

- named after the price label on the Mad Hatter's hat - began life in January 2014, with the aim of designing and making unique fascinators and hair accessories at affordable prices. A typical week sees me juggling management of my website, attending fairs, responding to email enquiries, packing/posting orders, sourcing



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new materials and, of course, creating fascinators.

I love creating quirky creations using silk flowers as well as less obvious bits and bobs such as playing cards, seagulls, vinyl singles and tea cups. You can make a fascinator out of anything really, the only constraints are weight and balance!

Aside from a holiday or two, Ten & Six is always open for business. My website has, to date, reached a massive 52 countries. Closer

to home, I've met and worked with some great people at local fairs and events. So if you're in the market for a hair accessory, please take a moment to think local and look me up....

Email: tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.tenandsixcrafts.co.uk.

If you run a business in The Downsman's catchment area, and would like to see it featured in this column, please contact Sarah at tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk.





The Big Session

The Sixpenny Sessions team is thrilled with the response to our first BIG Session which surpassed our expectations on every level. Throughout the day people of all ages flocked to the village to enjoy live music from a broad selection of local musicians, plus children's workshops and delicious food all in the glorious setting of the village's cricket pitch. The sun shone and the Sixpenny Brewery ale flowed and all in all everyone agreed that it was a perfect little summer festival with a wonderful atmosphere.

The line-up of music included Sixpenny Sessions favourites Big Joe Bone, TheLongTale, Mother Ukers, The Lupinis, Tom Clements, Break Cover, The Collaborators and headline act, The Hightown Crows. Plus there was a sneak preview of Larmer Tree Festival 2015 Breakthrough Music Award Act - The Villanovas.

Music workshops for children were held in the village hall and the hugely popular 'Baby Rave' for toddlers went down a storm with the under 3's. Outdoor activities included woodland crafts and a 'make a musical instrument' session, the products of which were later on display when some of the children were invited to "accompany" the fabulous Mother Ukers on stage with their newly produced ukuleles – a heart-warming spectacle.

The Sixpenny Sessions team would like to thank all the local volunteers who were on car park, raffle, bar and ticket duty and, of course, to all those who came along on the day. Your support was absolutely superb and we could not have run the event without you!

We'd also like to thank the 1st Woodcutts Scouts volunteers who surpassed

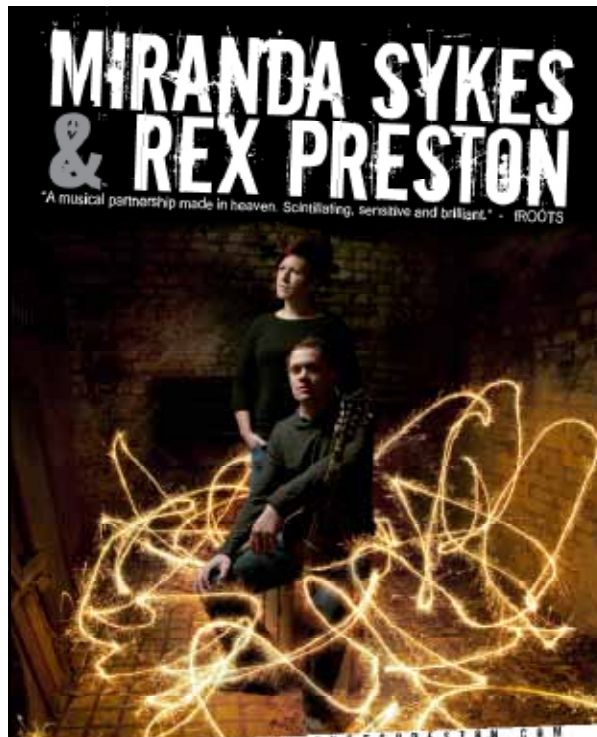
themselves by barbecuing for 6 hours, they managed to raise a fantastic £930, to fund a defibrillator for the village.

We received generous support from a number of local organisations, in particular our wonderful sponsors Bassets, Clarity Copiers, Damory Vets, James Byrne Print & Design, Sandroyd School, Trouble Afoot, Wessex Raceway and Wessex Fire & Security. We also had some amazing raffle prizes donated.

Currently the total proceeds from the day stand at a staggering £4376.68, the Scouts have already purchased the defibrillator for the village and a healthy £3446.68 has gone into the Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Community Fund. Well done everyone!!

The Community fund offers small financial donations for local groups, organisations & small scale projects. If you would like to be put forward for consideration for Community Fund support please apply at: sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk or Parish Office 01725 552211





Friday 4th September
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
7:30pm Food & Bar too.
Tickets £10 from Styles
[facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live](https://www.facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live)



Coming up from Sixpenny Sessions.

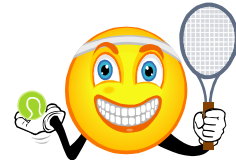


We have the tremendous 'Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston' on Friday 4th September. The English folk & roots duo are described as "A musical partnership made in heaven. Scintillating, sensitive and brilliant!", "striking combination of the flame headed double bass player & virtuoso mandolin player". Keep a look out for details. There will be food and a bar, so come along and bring some friends.

In a change to previously mentioned we have booked Black Water County for Fri 4th Dec. They are a Celtic influenced folk/rock band from Bournemouth who perform their own versions of songs from the bands including Dropkick Murphys, Flogging Molly, The Pogues, The Men They Couldn't Hang and many more, as well as a smattering of originals. 'Fantastic. fast & fun driven by Banjo, Guitar & Fiddle. Black Water County are a force to be reckoned with'. Promises to be a lively evening!!

Noticeboard

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club



Please contact Tracey Lownds
01725 552414

Coffee morning with knitting for Blandford Dementia Action Alliance

10:30-12pm
3rd Thursday of the Month
Methodist Church
Blandford

Come along for coffee & cake or to do some knitting. Wool and knitting needles provided to enable you to make 'Twiddle Mitts' to support people with dementia.



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Taster Session £2
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4 week starting
Friday 28th August 10-11am
Booking Essential
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Sixpenny Handley First School



Sports Week

On 1st June all ages enjoyed a Sports Week building up to the big finale of the annual Sports Day. The local community and sports clubs offered us sessions on the tennis courts and training in the lawn bowls, allowing the children a chance to try sport that they might not otherwise get to experience. Thank you to Val Martin and the bowls club members for a fantastic morning.

The children were inspired by a visit from Emily Diamond, an athlete who represented Great Britain in the 2012 Olympics. She came into school and ran a sponsored event to help raise money to buy new PE equipment, before telling the children the things that inspired her and how she got started.

We had everything crossed for a dry Sports Day – luckily Sixpenny Handley escaped the torrential rain and thunder storms in the area and the children, parents and staff enjoyed a fabulous event followed by a picnic and ice creams.

School Trip

On Friday 26 June, all the children and staff went to the beach in Swanage. The trip was organised to celebrate the children's efforts and achievements through the year and for them to appreciate their local surroundings. The children (and adults) were all very excited to travel by steam train from Norden to Swanage and then they enjoyed activities such as sandcastle building, rounders and paddling on the beach. After a picnic everyone enjoyed an ice cream and we just about escaped the rain as we travelled back to school. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and to Mrs Alford and Mrs Hewitt for organising the trip and for the ice creams!



School Summer Fete

One of the favourite parts about the summer fete was the water chair! This is where the teachers; Mr Thomas, Mr Wooton, Mr Reed, Mrs Hampshire, Mrs Lennard and our head teacher Mrs Hewitt all braved the children as they had buckets of water tipped over their heads. Freddie won a competition to guess the mixed up faces of the teachers crossed with celebrities, well done Freddie! We loved eating all the yummy snacks, we had cakes, strawberries & cream, burgers and hotdogs for sale.

Mr Thomas won the very funny staff horse race, with Mr Wooton coming a close second.



Year 4 Leavers

Scorpions, Thank you for an amazing year! We have seen you all achieve great things and will be very sad to see you go. You have all worked so hard over the past 5 years and have had lots of fun along the way. You are all ready for a new challenge and you should look forward to going to Cranborne Middle School and experiencing lots of new opportunities! Good Luck, Mr. Thomas



Sixpenny Handley First School

will be holding a
Public Open Meeting on
Wednesday 9th September 2015
at 7.00p.m. in our school hall
to discuss our proposal to convert to an
Academy and to form, with five other
local schools,*

The Heath Multi Academy Trust
on 1st November 2015

All interested members of our local
community are warmly invited to attend
this open meeting, or to send their views
to the headteacher by midday on 9th
September

For more information please contact the
school or visit our website at
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*The MAT would include Oakhurst First
School, St Ives First School, St James'
Alderholt CE First School, St Mary's West
Moors CE First School, Sixpenny Handley
First School and Three Legged Cross First
and Nursery School.



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or go to
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Toby Daniels

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*Appointments for the
weekend are available*

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Speedwatch Report

Since the middle of June SpeedWatch volunteers have been active at various locations around the village. The worst positions for speeding are at the entrances and exits to the village where drivers fail to slow down or speed up too soon.

A sample of the findings are:

Location	Direction	Speed Limit	Total Checked	Over limit	Highest Recorded
Parish Office	In	30	84	15%	55
Back Lane	Both	30	78	33%	45
Handley Hill	Out	30	59	34%	46
Church Corner	Both	20	142	4.2%	32

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Chalke Valley History Festival

One night early in October 1942, Gordon Mellor, a Halifax bomber navigator serving with 103 Squadron, found himself swinging momentarily beneath the canopy of his parachute before thumping into tree tops somewhere in Belgium. Dazed, but otherwise unscathed, Gordon decided to head south in the hope of reaching neutral Spain and thence to Gibraltar. Not only did he succeed in this, but he was back in the United Kingdom within a month, thereby achieving what is believed to be the fastest evasion by a member of Bomber Command from Occupied Europe in the Second World War. Eight months later we find George 'Johnnie' Johnson, a Lancaster bomb aimer, making yet another run over the Sorpe Dam, the third of the objectives for 617 Squadron making its debut operation on which is now remembered as the 'Dams Raid'. The Sorpe Dam was the most difficult of the three dams to attack for its position was in a valley surrounded by hills and instead of being able to make an approach from across an expanse of water, the Lancaster had to make a diving run and fly along the parapet of the dam to release their bomb. To his crews' distinct alarm 'Johnnie' took his pilot 'Joe' McCarthy, an American serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force on four runs, some down to an almost suicidal height of thirty feet with no margin for error on the part of 'Joe', before accomplishing their mission. These accounts, along with reminiscences from five other surviving Bomber Command aircrew were just one of the many

highlights of this year's Chalke Valley History Festival. Sponsored by the Daily Mail and with additional support from a myriad of local businesses, including Savills and Catchpole Law and held through the kind auspices of Manor Farm at Ebbesbourne Wake, the Festival was an outstanding success truly deserving of its accolade; 'The largest festival dedicated to History in the UK.' So, if you wanted to learn about William Marshal, dubbed 'The Greatest Knight' on account of his remarkable life and influence in the latter part of the 12th century and the first two decades of the 13th, or if you wished to listen to Tom Neil, now in his 96th year and one of only a handful of surviving pilots who flew in the Battle of Britain, recounting some of his memories of that epic battle that by October 1940, scotched Hitler's plan for an invasion of our shores, or if your preference was the Greek and Roman empires, then all was catered for at the festival. On hand throughout the week were speakers of the highest calibre, while present in various historical guises were enthusiasts who were only too pleased to impart their vast amount of knowledge on the subject of their character. Outstanding in this respect were 'Henry VIII' and 'Catherine Parr' [the last of Henry's six wives] whose attention to detail in respect of their dress being impeccable. It is no understatement to say that as a nation, in general, we have an insatiable desire to be reminded of our past glories, particularly so when they fall conveniently into a neat chronological sequence for

2015 'celebrates' the 800th anniversary of the Sealing of the Magna Carta; the 600th since Henry V and his army defeated the French at Agincourt and 200 years since the Duke of Wellington, supported by a huge Prussian army finally put an end to Napoléon Bonaparte's military adventures. We also have what some might consider to be a perverse fascination with our military failures for a hundred years have now passed since the disastrous landings at Gallipoli and seventy since the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from the beaches of Dunkirk, an event which precipitated the Battle of Britain and, ultimately, the ending of the Second World War five years later. As in previous years the festival featured a series of mini air displays; two Spitfires arrived - the first on Friday evening in the form of a PR.XIX while on the closing day a Mk.IX from Biggin Hill gave a spirited display. Saturday witnessed the arrival of the sole airworthy Bristol Blenheim, the billed Lancaster having been rendered [temporarily] hors d'combat after landing at Coningsby on May 7th, with its outer starboard engine on fire [possibly the first time a Lancaster has done so since 1945]. But [in my opinion] the star performance this year came, fittingly, on the final day from a P-51D Mustang, aptly named Ferocious Frankie. After making a cursory circuit of the venue, the Mustang flew off in a northeasterly direction and was quickly lost from view; then came an unmistakable deep throated roar accompanied by a distinct whistling sound and all heads turned towards the Ox Drove as she reappeared climbing from behind the tree line at speed, that unmistakable note from its Rolls Royce Merlin raising the small hairs on the back of the scalp. The display that followed was breathtaking spectacular, volunteering the comment from the compere that it was the finest performance he had yet witnessed from a Mustang.

So, make a date in your diary for 2016 when the festival will start on Monday, June 27th and continue to Sunday, July 3rd; I am confident that the standards set this year, will be maintained. *Bill Chorley*

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What We've Got... For Children

In the Downsman in 2015 we would like to take a more proactive approach to promoting our parish facilities, groups and clubs. In this issue we are looking at the sports and fitness groups that are available in the village.

Little Pennies PreSchool

Location:	Common Road Sixpenny Handley
Contact:	Margaret Durrant 01725 553608 or Becky Wallworth 01725 552997
Day & Time	Mon- Thur 8.45-2.45, Fri 8.45-11.45
What to expect:	• Art and craft • Small world • Messy play • Construction • Quiet corner • Story times • Music and dancing • ICT activities • Role play • Physical play • Letter and sound activities • Rainbow SEAL activities
Who can join:	Mon-Thur 3-4 year olds, Fri 2 year olds
Cost:	£3.30 per hour for 3-4 year olds, £4.00 for 2 year olds
How to join:	Contact Margaret or Becky

Teddy Bears

Location:	St. Mary's Church Sixpenny Handley
Contact:	Rev Mel Durrant, 01725 552608
Dates & Times	Every Thursday during school terms, drop-in any time between 10.30am and 12 noon
What to expect:	Toys, coffee, squash and biscuits, with lots of space, chat and laughter, and usually ending with a Bible story or two
Who can join:	drop in for pre-school children and their carers
Cost:	no charge, but carers need to stay with their children
How to join:	just come along when you can, you are always welcome!

Happy Nappy

Location:	Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Contact:	Karen Adams 01725 552391
Dates & Times	Mondays in term time from 10am - 11:30am
What to expect:	Happy Nappy meets every Monday in the Village Hall Toys, Singing and Fun for Babies and Children ...with coffee, tea and a chat for adults at our friendly group...
Who can join:	drop in for pre-school children and their carers
Cost:	Children 50p, Adults £1
How to join:	Call or just turn up

1st Woodcutts Scouts

Location:	Woodcutts Scout Hut
Contact groups ages and dates:	Group leader John Curtis 01725 552397 Beavers - Age 6-8 Wednesday 5-6pm Cubs Age 8 - 10½ Andy Young (Akela) 01258 830861 Wednesday 6 - 7:30pm Scouts Age 10½ - 14 Rob Easton 01725 552038 Monday 7-9pm Explorer Age 14-18 Anthony Brown 01725 552814 Thursdays 7-9pm
What to expect:	Games, craft activities, camping and outings.
Cost:	£27 per term
How to join:	Call the numbers above. If you would like to join as a volunteer in the Active Support contact Peter Briggs.

6d for all Youth Club

Location:	Sports Pavilion
Contact:	Contact Liz 01425 654467, Vicky 01725 552549, Graham 01725 516973
Dates & Times	Every 2 weeks, Friday evenings.
What to expect:	Age 10 - 16 welcome to come and be sociable... Activities can include: Table Tennis Tennis Trips Out BBQ Bounce Castle Table Football
Who can join:	drop in for pre-school children and their carers
Cost:	£1 + Tuck Shop
How to join:	Call or just turn up

Happy Nappy informal

Summer Picnics

In The Park

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11am during the
summer holidays

All welcome including older
children.



Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust

The community working together for the future of the village



Do you want to stay in Sixpenny Handley – SHCLT can make it happen

Things have moved on since our last update:

1. The Board and Ros Adams met with East Dorset District Council and Synergy to understand how local people would be the priority for housing built through this scheme;
2. A grant was awarded to cover the cost of land searches and architect fees
3. East Dorset District Council agreed to the purchase of the land at Common Road by the SHCLT.

What does this mean to us?

The following stories are put together to let you know how this could become a reality for someone from the village, it could be you!

Fred and Margaret have lived in their house since the children were born and now the house is a little emptier since both the children have married and got homes of their own. Having heard about the SHCLT housing project, both Fred and Margaret thought it would be an opportunity to move to somewhere more manageable, maybe a bungalow, a smaller garden but still close to family and all the facilities this village offers. What should they do? Thankfully they spoke with one of the SHCLT stakeholders and found out that they would need to ensure they were on the updated Christchurch & East Dorset Housing Register to be considered. They are not used to 'going on line' and so were pleased to hear that by contacting Jenny Chapman they would be helped by one of the EDDC or Synergy Staff at a clinic being set up in the village. So now they are waiting to hear the date of the clinic so that they can ensure they are on the list of applicants for the houses. Margaret is thinking of what it will mean to not have to climb the stairs and Fred dreams of only having a small patch of lawn to mow...

Tommy and Helen are getting married next year and having grown up in the village

ideally want to stay close to their parents as well as being close to Tommy's place of work. There are places to rent but it would be so nice to have a house that could maybe accommodate the pitter patter of tiny feet some time in not too distant future. Helen was told about the SHCLT Facebook page and so had a look. She found links to the website where there was more information and even a link to the Downsman with details of the Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council website where they would need to register. So that was it, in for a penny as they say. Tommy and Helen spent about 30 minutes completing the questions, they did need to know things like their National Insurance number, income, savings and addresses of places they had rented in the last 5 years but nothing was too difficult - they are 'on line' all the time. So that's it they are now registered and waiting to hear when the houses might be built. Perhaps we should ask on Facebook?

Talk, Browse, Chat

SHCLT have launched both Facebook and Twitter accounts - Sixpenny Handley CLT page for Facebook and #6DHCLT on Twitter. These are only just starting up but Facebook has over 30 people registered and has been 'liked' by over 90 people. As the project progresses more information will be put into both Facebook and Twitter along with continuing Downsman articles and just plain old chatting in the street. Please get involved, post on Facebook or Twitter regardless, as well as contacting the committee to hear the latest developments. We would like to hear from everyone, this is something for the community after all and can only benefit if it meets local needs.

IMPORTANT – If you want to be considered for one of the new homes, you should register using the Christchurch Borough Council & East Dorset District Council Housing Policy.

This is different from the 'Dorset Home Choice' (Poole, North Dorset, Purbeck etc) and Bournemouth Borough Council policies. Please feel free to contact Jenny Chapman for the relevant documents which explain the policy further and detail how to register.

What are SHCLT doing NOW!

Working through grant applications to fund the next stage which involves the planning and design of the accommodation, addressing the associated legal issues that buying land and funding building entails. At the same time work is also progressing to establish what the cost of rent or if appropriate shared-ownership would be. It is important to recognise that the Housing Association set the rental value which has to be 80% of the commercial/private rental costs. Any shortfall may be covered with a housing benefit application. The rent stated in a previous Downsman issue and on Facebook were based on Salisbury and surrounds. Sixpenny Handley homes will be evaluated separately once they are built.

Please remember everyone from the village involved in SHCLT is a volunteer and therefore have to fit this work in with their home and work commitments. If you would like to help ease the workload and be involved please contact a member of the SHCLT Board.

Please feel free to call any of us listed below.

Sixpenny Handley CLT Board:

Simon Parker: 552554, James Reed: 516390, Matt Gibbons: 07825666412, Jenny Chapman: 552070

SHCLT Comms only: Andy Turner 552735

South Wilts Business of the Year Award

Held at Salisbury Cathedral, with more than 600 guests and entertainment by pop-rock legends Texas, last Thursday (26th June) evening saw the annual South Wilts Business of the Year Awards.

The awards celebrate the finest businesses in the south of Wiltshire.

Bassets are absolutely delighted to have won the An.X Agency 'Marketing Excellence' Award! Judge Eddie Deighton of An.X Agency said "They understand how to put marketing at the heart of their business and to analyse the competition and advertise their business. From the difficult choice, Bassets were clear winners."

Managing Director, David Clayton, thanked his marketing co-ordinator, Kara Rogers, and said "We couldn't live without her." Not only were Bassets over the moon to be awarded with the 'Marketing Excellence' Award, but Managing Director, David Clayton, was also presented with the surprise 'Lifetime Achievement' Award. Salisbury Journal publisher, Bill Browne, who presented David with his award said: "David is an economics and statistics graduate, which will not be a surprise to anyone who knows him. Review and analysis are all part of the discipline he has. And it is this philosophy that he has applied to many of the things he has done for the benefit of our community. David, who is a director of Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, a Rotarian and the founder of the Salisbury Rotary and Chamber Community Group was speechless after collecting his second award of the night.



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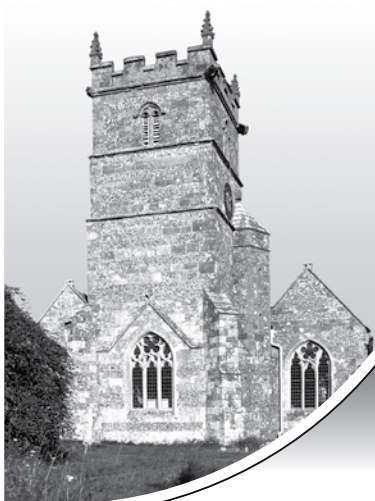
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for St Mary the Virgin,
Sixpenny Handley
with Gussage St Andrew
and St Rumbold's,
Pentridge**

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RIDE+STRIDES for Churches

Saturday 12 September

Ride+Stride is a sponsored event in which people walk or cycle or horse-ride between churches, exploring our wonderful Dorset countryside and enjoying the hospitality of our church communities.

Every year since 1991 the Dorset Historic Churches Trust has organised Ride+Stride, which is its main source of income. This enables it to help churches and chapels of all Christian denominations meet the increasing costs of maintenance, restoration and improvement of facilities.

They have given Sixpenny Handley significant help over the years. Last year we had a record number of participants from our churches – 13, ranging from 7 to 70 – and we made a record amount of £541.

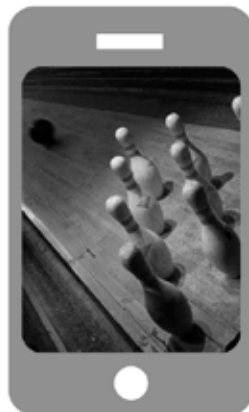
In 2014, more than £80,000 was raised overall to help conserve Dorset's churches, chapels and meeting houses and to help keep them active and at the heart of their communities for the use of future generations. Half of the money raised is returned directly to your nominated church and the other half is used to fund Dorset Historic Churches' grant programme.

Visiting Dorset's beautiful churches on foot, by bicycle or on horseback provides a fun day out, suitable for children, families and friends. To register as a participant, for further information on what's happening in Dorset, or to request a sponsorship form please see your Ride+Stride Organiser, John Cullingford, on (01725) 516453

MALE CARERS GROUP

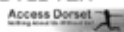
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**News items
and articles welcome!**

**Please drop them in to
the Vicarage, or email;
ask@handleychurch.org.uk**

Thanks!

FROM THE REGISTERS



**The funerals took place of
Sid Day, Brian Hansford and
Ron Groves. The baptisms took
place of Matilda Moralee and
Alana Barrow**

Get a tax break!

If you are buying or selling a house in Sixpenny Handley, remember that you do not have to pay for a search for *Chancel Tax*. This was an historic tax that might be payable by property built on land that was once owned by the church. This tax is out of date and cancelled. If you need written proof to go with your documents, please contact the church office.

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Dear Friends

Your friend and vicar, Mel

Within our local church there has been a lot of talk this year about being positive, about how we can *Pray, Serve, Grow*.

One of our great strengths is that we are connected to our communities, through people and through our buildings. Yes, the buildings are a strain on resources and they take a lot of effort to maintain, but they are also a constant physical reminder of God's love, present in our midst. And they are beautifully cared for.

Here, in our churches, you can feel the prayer that has soaked into the walls over the centuries. And our churches serve everyone. However, one of the problems with living in small villages is that we can easily think the church is small as a whole. But we are not small: we are one of the biggest organisations in the world! Just within Salisbury Diocese alone there are:

991 Lay Pastoral Assistants
848 Churchwardens
391 Retired clergy
203 Licensed Lay Ministers
198 Stipendiary (paid) clergy
107 Self-supporting clergy

Did you know?

It costs over £40,000 each year just to keep our churches open and functioning. Remember, we get no funding from the government at all, so if you would like to keep the church open near you, we need your help!

Please think about giving regularly. There are different ways you can give. The easiest is a Standing Order, which gives regularly for you. A set of dated envelopes also helps you to give regularly. Please talk to us if you are interested - and think about giftaid if you are a UK taxpayer so we get 25% extra at no cost to you.

The Church is for everyone, so please contact the vicar if there is any way we may be able to help you.

... and many others not on the list! This is an amazing wealth of resources.

We are often told we live in a secular society – and yet over 60% of the UK population identify themselves as Christian, and 85% visited a church at least once in the last year. Turn the news on and the chances are there will be at least one story with a faith aspect. So the challenge is to live out what we say we believe.

There are so many things in the world today that can pull us down, make us be negative. God gives us the task of standing up for what is good – the good that is summed up in that little word 'love.'

The Bible says, *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails* (1 Corinthians 13).

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MANNA FROM HEAVEN

After they famously crossed the Red Sea, it is very difficult to work out the path the Israelites followed in the wilderness. Scholars struggle over it continuously, and those little maps at the back of your Bible (which I for one, find very confusing) always fade away to a dotted line of *they went somewhere round about here*.



Whoever wrote down Exodus for us is obviously quite interested in the route, as we are regularly given place names. Through this they are telling us the story is grounded (quite literally) in real places and real people. But there is also a deeper focus, which is not on where they are going, but on what is *happening*.

The people are in the wilderness, and (not surprisingly) there is a shortage of food. There is a food crisis, and this leads to a faith crisis. And the people grumble: They wish they had stayed in slavery, things were so much better in the olden days, why did they ever leave Egypt?

But the story continues. God gives them manna from heaven and food abounds, even in the desert wilderness.

The way it is written is very straightforward. I think we are meant to notice the naturalness of the way the Bible tells us the manna (and the quail) appear. We are meant to see that God is not only in what we think of as supernatural – but also in the everyday.

Do you know why it is called *manna*? It is the Hebrew word for ‘*what is it?*’ They didn’t know! Well, there is one theory that tells us that it might be the result of an insect that burrows into the fruit of the tamarisk tree. It excretes a yellowish-white flake or ball. During the warmth of the day this disintegrates quickly, but in the cold of the morning and evening it congeals and can be picked and eaten. It has a sweet taste and is rich in carbohydrates and sugars. And the surprising thing is that it is still gathered today, and baked into a kind of bread – and is still called *manna*!



And as for quails, they migrate between Africa and Europe and can get blown over the wilderness and are often so exhausted after their long flight they can be caught by hand.

The Bible sees both manna and quail as gifts to his people from God’s good creation. Of course, there are unusual features of the story as well, but no effort is made to make the feeding of the people look like extra special actions of God, and the people give no sign of surprise. It is just how it is.

Don’t get me wrong. I believe in a God who works amazing miracles.

Sometimes the miracle comes in God’s timing, and if we look for God only in the extraordinary, only in the deep, deep sea or up on the high mountain top, we will miss the way that God gives us so many blessings over and over again: Blessings in the ordinary, in the every day.

If we don’t recognise God in the ordinary bits of our lives we will be in danger of missing so much, and as a result feel a profound sense of the absence of God. Yet I believe that God is with us all the time, and God wants us to be aware of his love every day, in the air we breath, in the food we eat, in the friends we meet, in the life we live. After all, just being alive is the most amazing miracle in itself!

Everything we have comes from God, so this summer let’s make an effort to see him every day – and say *Thank you!*



*Lord you give me life and
the gift of freedom*

*Through Your love I exist
in this world*

*May I never take the gift of
life for granted*

*May I always respect the
right to life of others.*

Amen.



✦ 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 alternate Thursdays at 7.15pm. Details from Mike on 01725 552 720.

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 Monday of the month from about 11 o'clock, or The Walnut Tree on the last Wednesday, for a coffee and chat with the vicar or curate.

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 on alternate Thursdays for chat, laughter and biscuits, some talk around serious themes with a Roebuck steak on the first Tuesday of the month! Phone Paul Skinner (552 785).

☪ **Men's Group** – A beer and a chat usually on the last Tuesday 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 this Summer

SUNDAY SERVICES	St Mary's Sixpenny Handley				St Rumbold's Pentridge	Gussage St Andrew
	Informal service includes children's time					
	9.30am		11.00am	6.00pm	11.15am	9.30am
Aug 2 nd	HC	(10.30am)	#	Evensong	HC	#
Aug 9 th	MP		#	Evensong	#	HC
Aug 16 st	HC		#	Evensong	MP	#
Aug 23 rd	MP		#	Evensong	#	HC
Aug 30 th	HC		#	Evensong	MP	#
Sept 6 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
Sept 13 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Sept 20 th	#		Harvest	Evensong	MP	#
Sept 27 th	MP		Informal	#	#	Harvest 6pm

HC Holy Communion

MP Morning Prayer

SofP Songs of Praise

No service



HARVEST

Looking ahead, make a date for our Harvest Festivals – at Sixpenny Handley on Sunday 20th September, at 11 o'clock, at St Andrew's on Sunday 27th September at 6pm, and at Pentridge on Sunday 4th October at 11.15am. All of them are followed by refreshments – do come and celebrate the wonderful world around us, and stay for something to eat afterwards!

August

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30	31					

Summer Holidays

The summer holidays are on us, and things quieten down a bit during August. Our pre-school drop-in 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 has a break over the school holidays, combining with the 9.30 service. The Fellowship Group also has a rest over August. We start up again at the beginning of September. All other drop-ins and services run as normal, so please join us.

September

Updated weekly on our website

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We are sure that those who have met her would agree with this whole-heartedly. Thank you Hollie for all you do and congratulations.

Consultation Time Lost

During the last week of June
20 minutes Blood Test appointments
50 Minutes Doctor appointments
20 minutes Nurse appointments
were lost due to patients failing to attend appointments. If you are unable to attend for your appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer the time to another patient.

Apologies to the members of the Patient Participation Group

In a burst of enthusiasm, someone in Dorset managed to delete the email account used by the Patient Participation Group. It was only when one member tried to access it that we learned of this. It has now been reinstated as sppg@nhs.net. We have tried to contact all members to let them but if anyone has been missed please do contact us on this address. If anyone else would like to join the group please either send an email to the above address or contact Jan West at the Practice.

Wasted Medication

Recently we have had a lot of medication returned to us for disposal.

Bringing it in to us is the correct course of action.

X Collecting Medication and not taking it wastes money

X Over ordering drugs is a waste of our dispensers' time

X Implying to a doctor that one is taking medication when one is not can seriously compromise your health as the doctor's decisions will be based on the amount of medication prescribed.

So please don't keep ordering it when you don't need it!!

When did you last fill in a Friends and Family Test form?

Did you know that you can fill in a form every time you visit the surgery? Or if a nurse visits you at home you can ask her for a form. We want to know what you think of our service and if there are things which are not so good, please let us know so that we can try and improve.

Booking Appointments Online

If you use the internet why not sign up for access to a secure website which will allow you to book an appointment with a doctor up to four weeks ahead. The process

is straightforward and the system also allows you to order any repeat medication and answer the Friends and Family Test questionnaire (see below) as well.

It doesn't stop you from booking in all the usual ways it merely adds an additional one. Forms are available at the reception desk. You will be asked to show some form of proof of identity.

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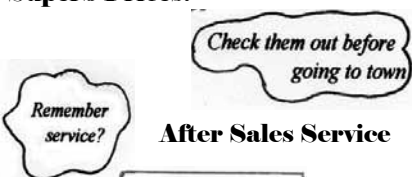
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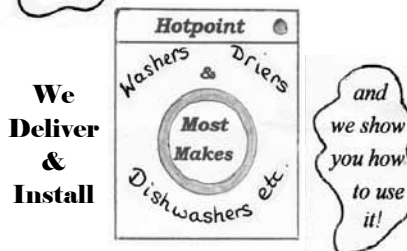
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Village Hall News

Thank 'Smeg' for that!

It's been a busy two months in the Village Hall with some fantastic events, thank you to everyone who attended events and classes in our hall. We have a great new season of events coming up including the return of the Artsreach summer workshops for children as well as productions in the Autumn and the Spring!

Your fundamentally new and enthusiastic team of Trustees have already begun to move forward with the essential updates to the Hall. A large collective sigh of relief could be heard across the village with the arrival of the very shiny, and can I say awesome, new SMEG cooker which was installed in the kitchen (cue Star Wars music). The cooker has already made a massive difference to our user groups especially Community Chase Friends and we hope it will encourage new users to the hall now that catering for your group is so much easier. The new cooker has a large electric oven and 5 gas rings including one for a wok! The old cooker was sold on EBAY and now has a new home in the Czech Republic!

Since our last article Sixpenny Sessions saw a record attendance for the 'Stone Donkey Pilots' gig and the village hall opened its doors for a whole day of music workshops as part of The BIG Session on June 27th. Children took part in drumming and Ukulele workshops and we had a fantastic write up and pictures of the hall in the Salisbury Journal.

Thank you to everyone (54 so far!) who have filled in our survey to voice your thoughts on how we should improve our hall. The survey will remain open over the summer, it only takes a few minutes - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRSLDV6>

The results of the consultation so far show overwhelming support for the following;
Outdoor fenced play area for children
creating a safe family freeflow venue
Refurbished community room with doors



to outside

- Better signage at the road
- Better accessible storage
- Sound equipment (docking station) and lighting for the stage
- Play items on the hill outside, bbq and community table with seating
- Outdoor and indoor facelift with better internal and external lighting.

We now plan to go for lottery funding but the bid needs evidence that the community is keen and supportive so please do the questionnaire to help us achieve greater numbers!

You can also help by continuing to support our events and functions as we will need to raise some of the money ourselves. Our first fundraising event for the hall will be "Rob's Auction" on Saturday 10th October*.

Make sure you choose us for your private party, children's party or other event - book now!

BOOKINGS: Ros Adams 01725 553032 or email rosal1eadams@hotmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Artsreach Summer Workshops – booking through Jen Gordon 07751 525200 see Artsreach page 9 for more details.

Wed 12th Aug Felty Selfies with Penny Blogg @ 10am - 1pm. Places £5. Age 6yrs +
Wed 19th August Bouncing Puppets with Holly Miller @ 10.30am – 12.30pm Places £5. Ages 2 – 5yrs
Tues 25th August Fiddlesticks with Kathy Kelly @ 10am - 12pm. Places £5. Ages 2 – 5yrs

Fri 4th September Sixpenny Sessions @ 8pm Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston (Folk) Tickets from Styles

Sat 10th October Rob's Auction – *Village Hall Fundraiser.

Thurs 19th November Artsreach present 'Strictly Balti' @ 7.30pm A humorous play looking at dual identity and what it means to be Bangladeshi and grow up in England. Adults and Children Age 11+ Tickets from Styles

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URGENT

Section Leader Needed for Beaver Colony

As many of you will already know our Beaver Leader Willow (sometimes known as Denise Turner) has decided that after 9 years in the position that she needs to step back and hand over the reins to someone new. We are very grateful to her for the Leadership that she has shown over the years since she established the colony and we look forward to her continued participation in the wider group in the future.

The Beavers are children aged 6-8 years and the colony is a child's first rung on the ladder of his or her Scouting career. Their activities are based around making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature,

listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends. We already have an Assistant Beaver Leader and other Adult Assistants but we are looking for someone who will take on the role of Section Leader and take responsibility for managing and leading the operation of the section and in particular the planning and delivery of a balanced programme.

We are looking for adults over the age of 18 who are prepared to take on this very rewarding task. No prior experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Also, our full network of experienced Section and Assistant Leaders will be on hand to guide and support the new Leader.

Any volunteers will be vetted through the CRB (now DBS) system and by the Scout Association.

Currently the Beavers meet each Wednesday between 5:00 and 6:00pm. However both day and time could be adjusted to suit a new Leader.

If you think you may be interested or know anyone who might like to take on the challenge and would like more information, please contact me or approach any of the Leaders to find out more.

John Curtis (Group Scout Leader)

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email: bmjcurtis@aol.com



Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Since the last edition of the Downsman, the club has played league matches against Wimborne, Poole, Broadstone, Alexandra Park, Ferndown, Branksome Park, Shaftesbury and Verwood in the Dorset County Men's League, and against Cranborne, Wilton, Alderbury, Sherfield English, Downton, Amesbury and Mere in the Mixed Triples League. Results have been inconsistent but luckily we enjoy losing almost as much as we enjoy winning. Several internal competitions are also under way and there are regular informal club sessions and friendly matches throughout the season.

The Club held its annual Open Day on 30th May. Fortunately, the weather was kind and a good number of people joined club members on the green to receive some tuition and try their hand at bowling as well as participating in some of the other activities such as skittles and target bowls. Refreshments from the bar and hot food

from the barbecue completed a very successful day.

A talk on investment was presented in the clubhouse on the 9th June by St.James' Place Wealth Management. The talk was well received by a capacity audience who not only appreciated the advice on offer but also the fine wines and canapes. The planters around the green are now in full bloom thanks to the hard work and green fingers of Ann Adams so if we are losing a match, at least we have a delightful environment to console us.

The club holds informal sessions every Wednesday evening from 6pm and Sunday afternoons from 2.30, so if you fancy trying the game, feel free to come along.

More information from the President, Paul Chalmers 07964769159.

Proceeds to 6D Handley Village Hall & 1st Woodcutts Scouts

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October

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Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
Tuesday	14:00	Pilates	Radnor Hall
Tuesday	18:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	FP	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
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Cards

Whist!!

Whist, I regret to report, is less popular now than in times past. Why, begs the question, particularly as far as the village is concerned. Until a few years ago, on average, ten to twelve tables in play was the norm; in the season past this was down to around six or seven - barely sustainable considering the outlay in hire of the village hall, the high quality prizes offered both for the whist and the accompanying draw, and for the outlay of prize money [one hundred and forty-five pounds] for those who were placed in the top ten for the 2014-2015 competition [see the last issue of the Downsman for details], plus ten pounds going to the competitor who returned the highest individual score over the seventeen rounds.

What is needed is more support from the village and a much needed injection of younger players; I hazard a not too inaccurate guess and say that the average

age of those who attend are over seventy with many of those who play from outside Sixpenny Handley having to rely on someone for transport.

This rather dispiriting news notwithstanding, bookings have been made to continue whist at the village hall into 2016, the programme for alternate Wednesdays [play commencing at 7.30 p.m.] being: September 2nd, 16th and 30th; October 14th and 28th; November 11th and 25th with the Christmas drive scheduled for Saturday December 12th. January 6th and 20th; February 3rd and 17th; March 2nd, 16th and 30th; April 13th and 17th and May 11th and 25th. Apart from the Christmas meeting and the final event of 2016, all will be competitive drives attracting prize money as in previous years.

To conclude; the game as we know it, is believed to have been first played circa 1728 by 'gentlemen' at the Crown Coffee

House, Bedford Row, London and named as early tutor of the game is one Edmond Hoyle who according to contemporary records coached young 'gentlemen' in the finer points of whist. It would be a pity, therefore, three centuries later for Edmond's enthusiasm for whist as a worthwhile pastime to fade into obscurity.

Bridge!

Bridge, on the other hand, is thriving both at the sports' pavilion and at clubs within easy driving distance of the village. The highlight of the past couple of months has been the summer dinner kindly hosted on June 23rd by Vic and Helen Hatton, while still in the month of June creditable scores have been returned by Tim Stevens [4380], Sheila Bradley [3290] and Ray Vidler [3170].

Thirty years ago when I took up the game of bridge, I learned the basics by sitting behind a skilled exponent and making a mental note of how he approached each hand. In the course of an evening this could amount to up to thirty deals of the cards. After six weeks [six sessions in total], I was deemed confident to participate; in view of this, and though our club is well attended, I offer up to two people who might be toying with the idea of playing bridge to come along and watch an experienced player in action. Meanwhile, I have earmarked August 11th for a two hour training session [10.30 a.m. to 12.30] purely on the subject of opening bids and with emphasis on responding to partner's call of a weak No Trump.

Bill Chorley



Mothers' Union

We have had a busy Summer holiday. The outings have been very enjoyable and there is one more to come - the celebration of the birthday of our founder, Mary Sumner, 9th August 1828, which we will hold on Wednesday 12th August, as our most convenient day to hold a shared lunch in Blandford Parish rooms. We will gather at 12 noon for 12.30 lunch.

We resume our normal programme of Branch meetings in September and start the new season with Holy Communion. Rev Paul Skinner will take the service. As usual, the meeting will be held at 15, Paddock Close

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It is good to be able to report a period of very low crime in our Parish, although surrounding areas have been suffering badly, particularly around Holt, so we need to remain vigilant. The Steam Fair, which is later this month, often coincides with a crime spike locally, so please be particularly crime aware at that time and report anything promptly to the police using 101 (or 999 if urgent, of course).

The usual summer advice about not leaving valuables in cars parked at beauty spots needs to be repeated. Too many dog walkers and others return to find a purse or an iPhone gone. The Garston Wood and Martin Down car parks have a particular record in this respect, as does the Vernditch Chase entrance, but anywhere remote is likely to be targeted from time to time. Just make sure you lock the vehicle and leave nothing of value in it – even if hidden.

It's worth a reminder that anyone can opt in to receive Dorset Alert emails direct from the police. You can register very easily at www.dorsetalert.co.uk and they then send you emails about local crimes, suspect vehicles, new crime trends in the area and so forth. There are opportunities to reply to the police with information in response to their alerts and to forward the alerts on to others. You can also select which types of alert to receive. For example you can opt to get national alerts from Action Fraud about ongoing scams and other fraudulent activity. It's a good system and well worth a look. Typically, those registered get a couple of alerts each week and it is completely free.

Finally, it has been good to see the Speedwatch volunteers out in the village again recently, deterring people from driving too fast. Apparently quite a few offenders have been reported and will now be written to by the police.

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WI News And Information

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We hosted the Beacon Group meeting at the end of May which was well attended. Although the original speaker had to pull out due to illness, Mr Michael Spencer stepped in at the last minute and delighted us all with his photographs and information about the flora and fauna on the Galapagos Islands.

On a balmy June evening the annual garden meeting took place at Dean Cross Farm. Simon Meaden took twenty members on a tractor and trailer ride around nearby Myncen Farm. We all enjoyed hearing about the archaeological remains, conservation plans, crop rotation and the local flora and fauna plus the modern diversification in farming. It was a fantastic evening especially for those who were unfamiliar with the area. The visit was followed by refreshments and a meeting back at Dean Cross Farm.

On June 4th the President and Secretary of the Institute, Bobbie Carter and Margaret

Jones, attended the national AGM at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Being the centenary of the WI (which started in Anglesey, Wales) it was a very special event. It was attended by Her Majesty The Queen, The Princess Royal and Sophie, Countess of Wessex making an exceptional day. Despite being a long day both ladies enjoyed it tremendously.

At our extremely well attended July meeting Malcolm Angel gave a lively and interesting talk on the history of Isaac Gulliver, a notorious smuggler from this area. Malcolm set the atmosphere for a most enjoyable evening; which we hope there will be another opportunity to continue to the story.

An Invitation. As mentioned above, the WI celebrates its first 100 years since the first group was formed in Anglesey in 1915. To mark this occasion Sixpenny Handley WI invite everyone to join them in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th September between midday and 3pm. You will be able to view

displays of their various activities from crafts to cakes, flowers to archives, theatre and more. Tea and cakes will be served throughout this time. We look forward to welcoming you.

Future Meetings:

10th August American Supper evening
14th September Mrs Nicola Whitmarsh -
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If you are interested in our meetings or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary, Margaret Jones on 552358. You will be made very welcome.

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- check plants for signs of disease
- trim back/shape shrubs etc...

September

- lift and store your onions/shallots/garlic/potatoes
- harvest apples and store
- start clearing out greenhouse ready for winter
- dig over and prepare soil once crops are finished
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Before this change, SDLT was charged at one rate on the entire value of the property and there was a big jump in the tax payable when you crossed a threshold. For example if you purchased a property at £249,000 you would be taxed £2,490 (1% of the price)

but if you bought at £251,000 you would be taxed £7,530 (3% of the price). In practice this meant properties which had a true value just in excess of a price threshold struggled to reach a fair price as prices were gathered just below each threshold.

The 'new' rates apply to completions from 4th December 2014 onwards and each new tax rate is payable on the proportion of the property value which falls within that band. The new rates are:

- up to £125,000 of the purchase price remains zero rated;
- the portion from £125,001 to £250,000 is taxed at 2%;
- the portion from £250,001 - £925,000 is taxed at 5%;
- the portion from £925,001 to £1.5 million is taxed at 10%; and
- the portion above £1.5 million is taxed at 12%

As an example, you would pay £3,750 of tax on a £275,000 house purchase instead of £8,250 under the old regime.

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The Salisbury Contemporary Craft & Heritage Festival is returning for its second year on the weekend of 5th and 6th September and the organisers, Salisbury Rotary Club, are expecting over 5,000 visitors.

Tickets cover the whole weekend and include all the workshops, tours, talks and trails – as well as access to the craft marquees.

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Rob's Column

I saw this bloke walking down the road
pulling a rope.
I said 'Mate why are you pulling that rope?'
He replied 'you ever tried pushing one?'

*Had a go at tap
dancing, but kept
falling in the sink,
So I tried ballet,
But that was tu tu
hard!*

'I want you to portray yourself as a teacup
without a saucer' said my art lecturer. I feel
like a right mug I thought.

Bill says to Harry
"I've won the lottery and my dog picked the
numbers". Harry says 'That's great, what do
you feed him on?'
Bill says 'Winalot!'

I woke up early yesterday to see the sunrise
and then it dawned on me.

Q - Why was six scared of seven?
A - Because seven ate nine!

Saw a steak riding a motor cycle yesterday,
I thought to myself 'that's rare'

I grilled some chicken tonight. Waste of
time, he still wouldn't tell me why he
crossed the road.

We just got rid of my vacuum cleaners. It
was just collecting dust!

Shopping bags spread disease. One in five
is a carrier.

Q - When is the best time to buy a windmill?
A - When the sails are on!

It's easy to be upbeat
When everything is fine
A heart is always cheery
When the sun shines
Yet to smile in adversity
When everything goes wrong

Helps though the chaos
And gets you back on song.

When you feel deflated
And life seems a trial
Rest and take a break
You'll see in a little while
As you recharge gently
Dark clouds sail on by
And with renewed strength
You'll gain wings and fly.

If you have a goal in mind
Or a dream of any kind
Don't sit back and let it slide
One day you could look back with pride
Pursue your dreams where ever they lead
If you don't try, you can't succeed.

Friendship is a special gift
Just knowing someone's there
When we need a little help
Our burden they will share
It's good to have someone
Who in sunshine or rain
Know all our little faults
Yet like us just the same.

Think the kindest thoughts
In whatever you may do
Use the kindest words
To help someone get through
Be kind in manner and in every deed
This will be returned if ever you're in need

*Village Auction Oct
10th - Help and items
always wanted.*

Life is full of chances to go that extra mile
To bring brightness to a face, that's
somehow lost it's smile

When you feel your anger rise
Your temper starts to fray
Do you stop and take a breath
And keep your rage at bay?
If you smile and act with class
That fleeting fury may just pass.

A lady was telling her neighbour about

volunteering.

The work she did was part of the large
organisation.

'Ahhh' said the neighbour 'You're just a
little cog in a great big machine'

The lady felt a little deflated by that, but
then the woman added 'and you know
what happens when you take a little cog
out? ... Everything stops!'

So if you're doing a little bit to help, I would
like to remind you it's YOU who is keeping
the whole thing going!

*Summer days soon slip
on by,
Swallows do not grace
the sky,
Nights are swiftly
drawing in,
And autumn time will
soon begin,
Lets get outside and
make some hay,
And value these late
summer days.*

Be helpful to your neighbours
Be kind to every friend
Cherish all your family
Show love unto the end
A happy world can be achieved
No matter what you all believe.

As the mercury falls and the trees grow
bare

Approach this time without a care
The warmth that goes as summer ends
Can be replaced by your friends

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Rob

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Tollard Royal Scarecrows

Tollard Royal held it's inaugural Scarecrow Festival June 2015. I hope you got to visit and see the fabulous display of home made creations - everything from Spongebob Squarepants to a WW1 soldier.

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Tricky Situation (2)

Hamble Scramble is a well established event in LTSC calendar, it is; a formal race, a timed cruise, or simply a sail, to Hamble and back over the weekend. We opted for the race, made a respectable start, and were doing well to the second mark, 'Caldwells', but attempting to furl the Genoa prior to deploying the Cruising Chute, once again the furling gear jammed, a riding turn being the suspect, it took two of us on the foredeck most of the next leg, 'East Bramble', to sort it out, and so finished 8th behind our arch rival, a Starlight 38, (but we beat him on the return!).

Sailing Sister

My sister came to visit a little while ago, and I suggested a days Meandering with LTSC, the skipper was happy to have her aboard, and proposed that we sail to Cowes, wander down the High Street, and have lunch on ISC balcony, which overlooks the Solent, in order to give her a full experience. We sailed in company with another Sweden 390, and had an enjoyable day with sunshine and a brisk breeze. Of course the return was a race between the two 390s, we thought we had the edge, they thought they did, so must be a draw. I think sister enjoyed it, if she comes again, she must have!

Not the Spinnaker again?

We normally sail four up, but on this occasion, one wanted to sail his own yacht, and the other was on grandma duties.

Gone Sailing

The wind was from the West, and so ideal for a spinnaker run to Cowes, the winds were a bit strong at 16kn + and building, with gusts in excess of that, but with 3kn tide and 5kn boatspeed the apparent wind should be less? Having run all the lines out we decided to hoist the kite, all leads were checked, halyard, sheets, and guys attached, pole set, the snuffer was hoisted, and some windage on that small area, a nod from the skipper, and the kite was deployed, with a bang. The sheet was too tight, we screwed up to weather and broached, what had been a nice level foredeck, became a 45 degree slope, but hooked on, one arm around the forestay, and feet against the toe rail ... I was not going anywhere! The sheet was eased and normality returned, we sorted ourselves out, trimmed the kite, and enjoyed a fast 10kn run to Cowes, with a huge wake! 'Nearly tipped Adam in the drink' was a good lunchtime comment, (but he didn't really).

Unseasonal Brr!

We had my previous skipper aboard recently, (he sold his HR31 when 80, and still enjoys sailing with others). The weather was a bit chilly, and he had forgotten his fleece, 'borrow mine' as I usually carry a spare layer, and passed it over, 'its disgusting', 'no really it is clean today', 'I meant disgusting that I forgot my own' laughter all round.



Get Afloat

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Teddy Bears Drop-in



Thursdays 10:30–12 noon, in term times.
Carers and small children are welcome for a chat, coffee and play in St Mary's Church



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Sessions
3-5 years
Monday to Thursday:
8:45am-11:45am
&
11:45am-2:45pm

2-3 years
Friday:
8:45am - 11:45am

Fees & Funding
3-5 years
£9.90 per session
£3.30 per hour
(funding available for 3-5 year olds)

2-3 years
£12.00 per session
£4.00 per hour

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What's On

Date	Function	Page	Day	Club or Group
1 Aug	Pentridge BBQ	20	Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time
10	WI American Supper	34	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month
12	Artsreach Felting Workshop @ 6D Village Hall	9	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time
14	Royal Air Force Talk@ Sports Pavilion	8	Tue	6D Handley Tennis Club Session 7pm (Summer)
15	Dorset Wildlife Trust Walk	5	Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12
19	Artsreach Puppets @ 6D Village Hall	9	Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly
26	Artsreach Fiddlesticks @ 6D Village Hall	9	Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time
4 Sep	Sixpenny Sessions @ 6D Village Hall	13		Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 11:30
4	6D For All Youth Club starts back	7	Thu	Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45
9	First School Open Meeting	15	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time
12	Bowls Jumble Sale @ 6D Village Hall	5	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 : 3rd Thursday not August
26	WI Centenary Event @ 6D Village Hall	34	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month
			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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Lunch

Once a month in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall we hold a day center with a 3 course lunch for £5.00 followed by entertainment. Tea and coffee are provided during the day. Booking is essential.

Interest Groups

CCF interest groups include a book club, and a record music group.

Transport & Help

We also provide transport to the surgery, dentist, etc, with a contribution from the user of 60p per mile while in the car to cover fuel costs.

It greatly helps if you can give us as much notice as possible should you require transport.

We can also help with the collection of prescriptions, local shopping for the housebound, and dog walking.

Volunteers

We are always looking for new volunteer drivers in all the areas the CCF covers.

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it within the Cranborne Chase villages.

So come along and make new friends.

"Have we missed you?"

If you know someone who might like our help, please let us know.

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

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