

‘Strictly Balti’

Thursday 19th November @ 7.30pm

‘Strictly Balti’ - Artsreach present this humorous and thought provoking play by Travelling Light.

Ballroom dancing is not the only humiliation heaped on Saikat by his ambitious parents. There’s catechism and Latin too. And no-one gets his name right, ever.

Join Saikat as he dances precariously through his dual-identity childhood, torn between the familiar sights of Birmingham and the mysteries of Bangladesh. Meet werewolves in the playground, nuns in the corridors and tangerines in the dancehall. ‘Strictly, Balti’ takes a humorous look at what it means to be British from someone who had to learn the hard way. For ages 10+.

“Superbly acted and tenderly told” The Public Reviews

“Touched my heart! Was expecting a cracking comedy but found much more” Audience Member

India Pale Ale, Poppadums and chutney will be served and there is a post show discussion following the 1 hour performance. Tickets available from Styles Mini Market in late October or to reserve tickets contact Jen Gordon 07751 525200 Adults £8 U18’s £5



Poppy Appeal

Would you be able to help as a collector?

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School Open Morning

Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 9.15am

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Sixpenny Handley

Saturday 3rd October 9:30am - 11:30am

Monday 12th October 18.30 – 20.00pm

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

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Our advertising offers great value. The Downsman is currently delivered to over 700 households within the parish.

Email David: downsmanadverts@sixpennyhandley.org for more details.

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

**Sorry - we are unable to
include flyers**

Remembering winter

I am just beginning to remember what that thing called winter is again, the turning-in weather, the dark nights and car headlights that don't always work properly... I feel as if it's time to make the most of any bright days, tidying the garden and allotment, but now the holidays are over so lots of works and clubs to race around with too...

It was fun to get out for the night after the first week back at work to hear Miranda and Rex at the Village Hall. A wonderful £446 was raised for the Save the Children's Syria in Crisis appeal. It looks like the village event organisers have plenty more nights out for us to enjoy including Strictly Balti which you have seen on the cover, Quiz Night with the Bowls Club, an interesting talk with Tarka King in Pentridge, Mini-Monsters Halloween and Scouts Fireworks to name but a few.

Sarah's new column 'Totally Local' in the last issue proved to be a great success and she already has more businesses lined up to tell you about in coming issues - today it is Frogmore Barn on page 11.

Have a good autumn and remember if you have anything you would like to share in The Downsman email it to me editor@thedownsman.org.uk or pop it into the Parish Office.

Naomi Booth

editor@thedownsman.org.uk

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



SHOW YOU REMEMBER
ON THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER

in Sixpenny Handley

The collection in the village is to take place between 24 October and 11 November. Should you be able to help as a collector our local organiser, Rev Paul Skinner, would love to hear from you. Please contact him on 552785. Thank you.

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To the Editor

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came on a beautiful sunny afternoon to attend the first Pentridge Village Hall Promotion Meeting on 25th August.....

No – just teasing for I really did reach ninety years on that day and it was great to see family and friends – who incidentally had braved the most awful weather to be there. Thank you all so much for it made that day so memorable for me. I haven't had such a party since 10 years ago when we had an extended family 'do' at No: 4 for my 80th! 90 years – how did I do it? I recently found some reflections on old age, one of which is perhaps pretty apt at this time.

'Our nature here is not unlike our wine – some sorts when old continue BRISK and FINE.'

Well – I've certainly lost the BRISK bit, but everyone keeps telling me I look fine – SO – perhaps I can be likened to half a bottle of SAUVIGNON!

I need to say a big 'thank you' to Margaret and to all those who helped to make the 25th special. To Lydia for the heather – Brenda for her help in so many ways. To Susan for the cake and Bernard for his words – to Richard, Liz, Philip, Razinah and the children for just being there!

Finally thank you for all your lovely messages – thank you for coming – for the fun – friendship and care of me over some difficult years.

Shall I book the hall for 10 years time?
Margaret A P Quinn

Lifeboats

We were granted table spaces at the Craft and Charity event at Hanlega's on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Thank you to Lee and Steve for letting us do this. What a good venue it is! RNLI Christmas cards were on sale and we were aware that many local people, who usually have our cards and diaries, were unable to come.

Do not despair, because I have copies of a leaflet showing what is available and if you would like to borrow one, this will enable you to make your choice at leisure and to place an order with me.

Just give me a ring – 553133.

Sheila Bradley

Apologies

We apologize for the numerous errors contained in the printed version of Miss B. S. K. Starr's letter in the August 2015 issue of The Downsman. These were not committed by the writer but resulted from alterations made following submission of the original letter.

Naomi Booth

A big thank you

Happy Nappy would like to say a big thank you to the following people for our new toy storage trolleys.

C & B Styles Newsagents and Roy Medcalf - for their generous donations for purchase of materials.

David Adams - for all his time and hard work actually constructing the trolleys! They are great and will save us a huge amount of time and effort when setting up the Happy Nappy Sessions.

Many thanks - all at Happy Nappy.

Trussell Trust Shoebboxes

Over 80 filled shoeboxes from the village have been collected by the Trussell Trust for Bulgaria; also 5 knitted/crocheted blankets have been produced by two of my knitters for the orphanage on the outskirts of Sophia. (This orphanage, which incorporates a school, also serves economic orphans). A very big 'Thank You' to all who have so generously supported this project, especially those who have knitted hats & scarves for the 63 boxes that I have put together from your donations. None of this would have been possible without the very kind offer by Tim & Christine Reynolds to open their house for a tea party in May, where £172 was raised. This not only covered the transport cost of the boxes, which I put together, but also went well towards the expense of filling the boxes.

May I remind you these boxes will be the only gift that the recipients will receive during the year and they are so grateful to receive them.

If anyone wishes to support this charity in any way next year, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Every box equals one smiley face!

Trish Chorley Trussell Trust Ambassador
(Tel: 01725 552776)

Noticeboard

Sixpenny Handley First School/

Is your child due to start school?

Come along to our Open Morning on

Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 9.15am



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

Art Exhibition

Two local artists Dee Broadway & Chris Stokes are showing their artwork in an exhibition in the Parish Office during October. Their work will be available to the public from Saturday 3rd October between 12pm – 4pm and at all Parish opening hours during October. (10.00am – 12.00 – Tuesdays & 08.30 – 10.00 Fridays).

All Welcome

CHARITY CLOTHES SWAP PENTRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

How does it work?

14th November
10am till 12noon

Free Entry

Tea and Cake available
info@pentridgedorset.co.uk

Full details on page 7



Charity clothes swaps are based on goodwill and trust – In aid of Childrens Chance & Pentridge Village Hall

Downsman Noticeboard

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

'Strictly Balti'

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Sixpenny
Handley
Village Hall



Tickets available from Styles
Mini Market in late October or to
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07751 525200
Adults £8 U18's £5

'A short talk by Tarka
King with slides on
The Shroud of Turin
and some of the yet to
be answered questions'.

Pentridge Village Hall
**16th October at
7.30pm**

Tickets are £10 and
include drinks and
nibbles from 7pm

Mini Monsters Halloween Fun
Saturday 31st October 11.00 - 14.00
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Halloween crafts, games and fun.
Lunch included. £2 per child.
Activities aimed at ages 6 and under
but older siblings welcome.
Text Karen on 07920758798 or
see the Happy Nappy Facebook
page to reserve your place.

Saturday November 21st

Bowls Club Quiz 7-30 pm

Sixpenny Handley
Village Hall
£5 pp

Val 01725 552607

Rob's Auction
SIXPENNY HANDLEY
VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 10TH
OCTOBER-----6pm



Viewing from 2pm
Contact Rob 552340 or
Carol 552572

Full details on page 7

St Mary's Church
**Christmas
Fair**
28th Nov

2pm-4pm
in St Mary's Church,
Sixpenny Handley
Stalls, fun,
mince pies & more...



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

Bag2School
collection



www.bag2school.com

**Wednesday 18th
October**

Bring your bags to school from Monday 16th



**Sixpenny Handley
FIREWORK
SPECTACULAR**

31st Oct
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sixpenny handley



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

Parish Council update...

Although a little quieter for the Parish Council during August, members have still been busy with regard to the upkeep of the Pavilion building which is now looking much smarter. Once the ventilation work is complete, redecoration of the interior of the building will be arranged. Synergy housing are still considering our request of grant funding toward the modification of the footpath from the High Street to Sheasby Close. The results of the Best Kept Village Competition will be announced on 17th September in which we entered Sixpenny Handley. We also entered The Waistcoat Festival for the People's Project Award and the Village Shop Award which we hope will be successful.

The East Dorset Community & Recreation Team paid the Parish Council a visit in July. This new team is promoting physical activities from which a Nordic Walking Session has now started in the village. The Play Area has a strict inspection regime and as always minor maintenance jobs have to be actioned by the Parish Council to keep the area safe.

The Parish Council is responsible for both the Brushy Bush and Common Road Allotments and would like to request that Allotment holders keep their plots well maintained, tidy and free of weeds in accordance with our lease to the Allotment Association. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Looking to the winter and potential flooding in the village, we have requested the County Council provides us with a number of signs to be kept in the Parish Office that can be placed promptly to warn drivers of flooding. Member are pleased to have been able to make a grant of £150 toward the valuable service provided by the Citizens Advice Bureaux for 2015/2016. Into October, members will begin preparing the budget for 2016-2017. A lot of consideration is given to this from October to December when the precept demand has to be submitted to the Local Authority.

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.
- By visiting the 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.
- By telephone at the office 01725 552211 which operates an answerphone or to the Clerk's home office number any time 01258 840935

The Sixpenny Handley Sports Pavilion
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.

L. Goodwin

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

Sixpenny Handley Mini-Market

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12 High St, Sixpenny Handley,
 Salisbury SP5 5NR

NAWO Elder Award Ceremony



NAWO Elder Awards were conceived to honour and celebrate feminists over 80 who have contributed significantly to the women's rights movement, and

to do so while these recipients were still working or residing in the UK. Margaret Owen from Pentridge was one of the award winners. Margaret is woman who constantly speaks up for the rights of women here and worldwide. She is the founder and director for WPD (Women for Peace through Democracy). She seeks to be a voice addressing governments in the international community, striving to improve the perception of and recognition for women in the home and the work place.

Margaret Owen is a worthy recipient of the NAWO Elder Award. She brings to the fore the desperate cases of widows, speaking on their behalf and relaying their concerns to higher authority. She is a fine ambassador for people, especially women and widows, who need protection by law from discrimination, violence and abuse so that they may enjoy their full human rights as an equal and valuable member of society.

Congratulations Margaret on all your achievements. for more see www.nawo.org.uk/nawo-elder-awards/

Do you need a babysitter?

Experienced and caring mother and grandmother is available for babysitting in Sixpenny Handley and surrounding villages. For enquiries and bookings please call or text

**Ros Adams on 01725 553032
or 07780209558**

Rob's Auction

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 6pm



**Donated Items accepted from 9am-12 on the
day or Fri evening 5-8pm.**

Smaller items of furniture accepted

Viewing from 2pm

Food, Bar & Draw

**Proceeds to 1st Woodcutts Scouts
& The Village Hall**

Help required Fri evening & Sat

Contact Rob 552340 or Carol 552572

CHARITY CLOTHES SWAP PENTRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Free
Entry

How does it work?

- Go through your wardrobes and bring all your good quality clean unwanted clothes (no holes or marks please) to village hall on 12th or 13th November or ring Penny on 07753 747169 if you would like them picked up. Children and adults clothes please!
- Come along on 14th November at 10am with your empty bags and have fun filling them with as many clothes as you would like.
- Make a donation as you leave (suggested donation of £10-£20 per bag).

**14th November. 10am till 12noon
Free Entry, Tea and Cake available**

info@pentridgedorset.co.uk



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Sixpenny Sessions & Waistcoat Festival



Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston

We had a fabulous evening in the presence of 'Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston' at our latest Sixpenny Sessions in September. We are fast becoming known for our wonderful live music to an array of people from the surrounding area. A large number commented on what a good venue our village hall is. We devoured delicious food from Doodlebug food with Sixpenny ales, wine and cider all surrounded by good company.

We are delighted to announce that as well as having a great time we raised just over £446!!! (with gift aid added) for Save the Children's Syrian Crisis Appeal. Well done all and thank you.



Friday 4th December with Celtic folk/ rock band, 'Black water County'

Our last session of the year is on Friday 4th December with Celtic folk/rock band, 'Black water County' from Bournemouth. They perform versions of songs from bands including Dropkick Murphys, Flogging Molly, The Pogues and many more, as well as a smattering of originals. They promise to be fast, fun & fantastic! with guitar, banjo & fiddle. Support comes from bluegrass band, 'Passenger Club' from Salisbury. Doors open 8pm, Support on from 8.30pm. Tickets £6 advance & £7 on the door available from Styles Shop and Eventbrite via face book.

Thank you for your support this year and if you haven't managed to get to a session yet then we'd be delighted to welcome you soon. Black Water County are lively and a great way to end the year!.



2016 Waistcoat festival

A reminder that 2016 is Waistcoat festival year, the Sixpenny Sessions team play a key role in its organisation. We are looking for bright ideas and people to develop this event. If you're interested then please contact us: sixpennysessions@gmail.com or sixpennyfestival@yahoo.co.uk

Sixpenny Handley First School

Is your child due to start school?
Come along to our Open
Morning on
Tuesday 17th November 2015
at 9.15am

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



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



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Village Hall News

It was a busy summer in the Village Hall with some great events. August saw the return of the Artsreach children's workshops in Felting, Puppet Making and a lovely session for toddlers baking bread with songs and stories. 55 children and adults attended these events, thank you to everyone who supported these and #keptitlocal.

Sixpenny Sessions kicked off a new season with a full hall and a fabulous night of folk with Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston. One of our best attended gigs and so very lovely to welcome audiences from Cranborne and other nearby villages – word is starting to spread!!! Doodlebug food added a scrumptious addition to the evening with beyond delicious pulled pork. It was decided to redirect funds from this night to Save the Children's Syria in Crisis appeal – thanks to everyone we managed to raise just over £446!!

We have a vibrant programme of familiar and new events coming up for you over the autumn.

Saturday 10th October @ 6pm

Rob's Auction is our main event in October. Proceeds this year will be split between 1st Woodcutts Scouts and the Village Hall. Donated Items accepted from 9am-12pm on the day or Fri evening. (Smaller items of furniture accepted then). Viewing from 2pm, auction starts @ 6pm. Food, Bar & Draw. Entry by Schedule £1. Help required Fri evening & Sat. Contact Rob 552340 or

Carol 552572

Friday 30th October @ 7pm

There's a Halloween Hooley on 30th October @ 7pm with the Skimmity Hitchers. Tickets from Square Records Wimborne or <http://fuelledby.bigcartel.com/products>. Adults £8 (£10 on the door) Under 16's half price. Don't forget to dress up!

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Friday 4th December @ 8pm

Don't miss the next Sixpenny Sessions

gig with high energy fiddly folk/rock band Blackwater County supported by Passenger Club, fiddly/mandolin/bluegrass. Funds from our next gig will go to the Village Hall 'Under One Roof' Appeal raising match funds to repair the roof and improve our hall. Tickets available from Styles Mini Market £6 advance and £7 on the door or on Eventbrite.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire.

Dates still available to book for your party or event.

Our prices: (local rates)

Half day (9am-1pm) or (1pm-5pm) £36
Whole day (9am-5pm) £66
Evening (6pm-midnight) £55
Evening bookings subject to £10 charge for premise alcohol license (if required).
Kid's parties £9 per hour.
Reduced hourly fee available for regular bookings.

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

What is Living in Dorset's Wonderful Streams

The United Kingdom is home to 90% of the world's chalk streams, and Dorset has many fine examples of this very special wildlife habitat. But the effects of modern living and climate change has put increasing pressure on these natural habitats.

The Dorset Wildlife Trust is working to ensure that our rivers and streams remain a haven for water voles, native white clawed crayfish and a variety of water birds, fish and invertebrates. On Wednesday, 21st October DWT researcher, Angus Menzies, and Conservation Officer, Sarah Williams, will give an illustrated talk on what is actually living in, on and around our streams. The talk starts at 7.30pm in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU). Tea, coffee and biscuits are included in the £2 entrance fee. There is no charge for children under 16.

Mobile Library

Visits on Thursday Fortnightly

October 8, 22

November 5, 19

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

July 2015

1st £25 93 Mr. Durrant
2nd £15 2 Mrs. Broadway
3rd £10 44 Mrs. Sewell

August 2015

1st £25 16 Mr. Jesse
2nd £15 89 Mrs. Day
3rd £10 22 Mr. Judd

Crossroads Café

When you read this the café will have been up and running for six months providing a regular weekly social meeting place, easy to get to for company, conversation, and making friends over a cuppa. There are between 20 and 25 'partakers' each week. Currently it is used mainly by villagers of riper years who enjoy a chat rather than texting.

The café has been a place to pick up the rules and foibles of Whist in a more relaxed way before moving on to the competitiveness of the Whist Drive. Learning knitting and crochet skills which used to be handed down the generations at home is taught to anyone interested either as a beginner or as a refresher course. Opportunities to test ones dexterousness with Jenga using a half set on the table top (a full set would make a tremendous 'crash'). Other table games are available to play and add to the enjoyment of being together. We are also visited by other agencies which provides opportunities to

raise issues of concern should you have any.

Do come along, all are welcome from 9 months to 90!! If you would like to give a hand helping occasionally it would be most appreciated. Another thought is the possibility of an earlier start so that Mums or Dads could pop in after dropping off their children at school so creating an opportunity of a meeting of generations. How about it, are you interested please let me have some feedback on 552721. Look forward to seeing or hearing from you – there is always a warm welcome. David

Photos: knitting and whist at Crossroads Cafe



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Totally Locally....The Barn @ Frogmore Design



On the corner of Back Lane and Frogmore Lane, just off the High Street in Sixpenny Handley, you'll find a home interiors and gift shop called "The Barn" at Frogmore Design. As part of the "Totally Locally" series, I spoke to Jacquie McLean of Frogmore Design about her business right on your doorstep.

Jacquie and her family moved to Sixpenny Handley in 1998, taking on the challenge

of transforming the 18th century Frogmore Farmhouse into their family home. Having moved house 30 times in 32 years (yes really!) - and having graduated with a City and Guilds Advanced Qualification in Decorative Painting and Design in 1987 - she certainly had the experience needed to transform any house into a home!

Frogmore Design go to www.frogmoredesign.com or contact Jacquie direct on 01725 552910 or via email at frogmoredesign@tiscali.co.uk

As well as working on her own home(s), Jacquie has worked with many clients to transform individual rooms as well as entire houses. Over the years, many "treasures" has been acquired and as a result the farmhouse was becoming rather full.....and so "The Barn" was born. Now, as it was then, the place is brimming with lovely antique bits and pieces - all sourced with size and price point in mind. There's also a great selection of well-priced gifts for the home and garden, including candles, basket ware, bags, and lots of other goodies from NKUKU and many other lovely suppliers.

Stock changes regularly with the seasons - with some extra special goodies available on the run-up to Christmas - and is sourced from environmentally sound and fair trading suppliers. So if you haven't already done so, why not pop and take a look? Jacquie holds regular open days, but essentially if Jacquie's at home then The Barn is open, so go and take a peek! I loved my visit, Jacquie made me feel so welcome, I'll definitely be back!

To find out more about The Barn at



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

*Thank you for reading.....
Sarah*



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Has much changed since 1988?

'Peaceful village' is a noisy racetrack..

THE JOURNAL, January 7, 1988

Sir. - Thinking of moving to Six-penny

Handley? Afraid it may be too quiet? Well fear not the words of local estate agents, "Peaceful Dorset village" or "Quiet Anglo Saxon hamlet" - nothing could be further from the truth!

The main High Street is like a race track with juggernauts, grain wagons and coaches hurtling up and down the hill. Oh, and don't forget if you have one of the tiny "macho" mopeds with a faulty (or tampered with) silencer that sounds like an old Flymo about to depart this mortal coil, then you also will be most at home completing circuit after circuit of the streets till all hours of the night! Don't worry about the speed restriction signs - nobody else does. Also there is never anyone around to enforce this speed limit -

The best game of all is Dodgems - played between two grain lorries (or similar) and OAPs shopping or mothers taking young children to school. The idea is for the vehicles to hurtle towards one another at great speed, slowing down at the last minute forcing pedestrians to leap clear for safety - one day someone won't make it - probably a young child.

We have no space for provision of pavements, and larger vehicles are squeezed so closely to some of the cottages in High Street that if any kitchen windows were open, the drivers could reach in and make themselves a cup of tea and a sandwich!

There has been talk of a "bypass" or similar for ages, along a route which, even without

improvements, is wider in places than the congested and unsuitable High Street.

Obviously the fact that this lane (a) is wider than (or could be made wider than) the High Street; (b) is less built-up; (c) provides less danger of killing or maiming pedestrians when they step out of their front door or gate; (d) provides less danger of structural damage to private property, drainage etc is irrelevant. Is this back lane being reserved for yet more "executive property development"?

This would explain the delay and dragging of heels in the re-routing of HGV traffic and would-be "Jackie Stewarts" along this alternative route.

An Irate Resident

Name and address supplied

The money for the "by pass" was dependent on housing development and was removed from the funding profile at DCC as a savings measure.

The parish council worked hard with DCC to introduce the 40MPH buffers either side of the village on the B3081 and the 20 MPH zone down the High Street.

Special white lining was introduced to create a narrow road effect. Parking restrictions were not recommended. Other measures such as a one way system and a mini roundabout at the parish office were discussed with DCC Highways and rejected as they would have increased the speed of traffic.

Speed Indicator Devices are regularly deployed by DCC on the B3081 to remind drivers to slow down.

The parish council supported the setting up of the Community Speed Watch programme.

Speed Watch Statistics Jul – Sep 2015

Date	Location	Speed Limit	Total Checked	Number over limit	Percentage over limit	Highest Speed
14/07	Handley Cross Roads	30 mph	84	13	15%	55
22/07	Handley Cross Roads	30 mph	62	13	21%	45
23/07	Church Corner	20mph	115	7	6%	30
11/09	Handley Cross Roads	30 mph	61	14	23%	64

Notes.

Church Corner location: This was a Thursday morning, School was closed but refuse lorry did slow traffic considerably, so low count on speedsters.

We did some activities in Back Lane in late July but evidence of speeding was very low at the time of day.

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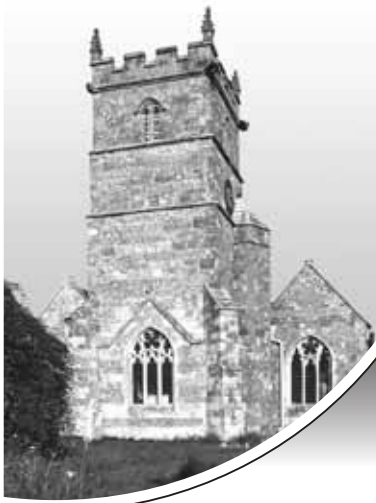
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Young Men in Hoodies

The Right Revd Dr Edward Condry, Bishop of Ramsbury

We say that conscience pricks. Well, I certainly feel very uneasy when I see the plight of those stranded in Calais.

Let's not call them "asylum seekers" or "illegal immigrants" as that just dehumanises them. These are real people with real human stories. The majority of them in Calais have escaped from war torn Syria, and have endured great hardships in their journeys as far as the Channel.

Of course I feel uneasy when I see TV footage of young men in hoodies lit by street lamps. I can too easily imagine that they threaten my way of life. Nevertheless, we have a long history of hospitality in this country. My own ancestors include Huguenot escapees from religious persecution in France, and Irish men and women forced to leave their country at the time of the potato famine. They found their home here.

I am not suggesting that we allow everyone and anyone to come here. However, Jesus asked us always to greet most especially those who are not like us. Those who unsettle our consciences. It is these people who are our neighbours. These people who we should not pass by. Our "neighbours" are not simply those who live next door.

These people who are human beings made, as St Paul said, in the image of the invisible God Himself. They deserve our compassion. So if we are not going to let every one in, then surely we should at least treat all people with respect and care. Razor wire and riot police are not part of giving Christian hospitality to strangers.

Support your local Church

The Church gets no funding from the government – if we want to have a church in our communities we have to do something about it ourselves. In fact, having a church is a bargain! For instance, it costs only about £5 an hour to keep St Mary's open. Please think about paying for an hour or two. After all, this is only the price of a coffee and cake in town. Yet you won't put on weight and it will last much longer!

The church is a presence and a place, offering time and space for celebration and mourning, song and quietness. It is your church. The most efficient way of giving financially is by Standing Order. These can be set up through your bank or building society. You know how much you are giving and we know how much we are getting. Importantly, if you are a UK taxpayer we can claim the tax back through gift aid: If you give £100 we actually get £125.

There are also gold and coloured envelopes that can make planning your giving easier. Gold envelopes are ideal for any one-off donations and are available in the church. For more regular giving, please ask for details of the coloured envelope scheme. You agree to give an amount of your choice regularly, which helps us plan our budget. In return you are given 52 envelopes (the colour varies from year to year) to help you plan your giving. Like the other methods of giving these can be gift aided.



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Thanks!



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On the last Sunday in November we send Mary and Joseph off on their journey around our villages as they begin their travels to Bethlehem. Yes, Christmas is coming! Come along on Sunday 29th November to wave them goodbye – and make sure they come to your house on the way!

Pray like no one is watching you

Imagine you see Jesus sitting close to you. In doing this you are putting your imagination at the service of your faith. Jesus isn't here in the way you are imagining him, but he certainly is here, and your imagination helps to make you aware of this. Now, speak to Jesus if no one is around, speak out in a soft voice Listen to what Jesus says to you in reply, or what you imagine him to say That is the difference between thinking and praying. When we think, we generally talk to ourselves. When we pray, we talk to God.

Anthony de Mello SJ, Sadhana pages 78-79



**Dear
Friends**

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
so thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord
for all His love.*

At the Last Supper, the meal that Jesus shared with his friends the night before he died, Jesus took bread and wine and said, '*do this in remembrance of me.*' This quickly became the basic act of Christian worship. We still gather together to share the food that has been specially set apart and to remember Jesus. The name given to this act of worship has varied over the years and across different church traditions.

In the Church of England we tend to call it '*Holy Communion*', which reminds us of both the sacred nature of what we are doing and that we are in communion with God and each other. Another name in Protestant traditions is '*The Lord's Supper*.' This reminds us that every time we share bread and wine at the Lord's Table we are remembering that Jesus is the host and we are the guests.

The Roman Catholic tradition usually calls this '*Mass*.' This comes from the last words of the Latin service, which mean '*Go, this is the sending out*', and reminds us that sharing communion is not about us. Rather, it is to equip us for service in the world. The word '*Mass*' has also come to be associated with the offering of the bread and wine at the altar that reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

In the Eastern Tradition, the service is called '*Divine Liturgy*'. The word '*Liturgy*' means '*the work of the people*', and points out that this is not done by the priest and watched by the congregation. No, it is the offering of the whole Church all together. And '*divine*' means that this is God's work. Together we are standing on the threshold of heaven.

And finally, another name is '*Eucharist*'. This is simply the Greek word for '*Thanksgiving*'. If it wasn't in Greek it would be a really good name,

as it describes what Jesus was doing and what the church does every time we break bread together – thanking and praising God for his blessings and presence with us.

Not every church – or every service – includes Holy Communion, of course. But at this time of year, as we see the harvest, we are especially conscious of the beauty of the world God made.

We might also, perhaps, be aware of how fragile that beauty is, how easily it can be destroyed. Sometimes, people look at the world and say '*it's not fair*.' But let's be honest, when we say '*it's not fair*' we usually mean, '*it's not what I want*'. But if we look at what really isn't fair, why some people don't have enough, or live in danger – well, God wants to know the answer to that question as well!

We have far more than we need, and we all get far more than we deserve. We have done nothing to enjoy all the life God gives and all the good things around us. God created the world, and he trusts us to look after all of it – not just the bits we like or the bits we happen to live in, but to look after and share all of it.

We are responsible for each other. And so if there is a situation or a place where there are not enough of God's good gifts, he is trusting us to do something about it.

As I go around to our churches – St Andrew's, St Rumbold's and St Mary's – I am humbled by the thought that we have been sharing bread and wine on the same patch of God's earth for almost a thousand years. And we are still going strong today. We come together to give thanks as a community – a community to which all are called and welcome.

Your friend and vicar, Mel



Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November – from 2 pm

It is nearly time to start thinking about Christmas! Come to our Christmas Fayre in St Mary's church, Sixpenny Handley where there will be refreshments available as well as all the traditional Christmas stalls, great gifts and a few surprises. The fayre just gets better and better each year, so don't miss out!

A hundred years ago we were fighting the First World War. Men enlisted, or were called up, in their millions, and were sent to fight in places that many had never heard of before. They were soon caught up in appalling conditions – cold, wet, sticky mud; beating hot sun; no place for proper rest; endless violence. Those who refused to fight were badly treated; white feathers were given to those who did not join the army; those who ran away were shot for cowardice. Nearly everyone will have had a family member directly affected by the war.

Many countries became involved, countries far beyond Europe: after all, this was the first world war. Empires fell: the map of the world was redrawn. Animals and nature itself suffered too: horses were used in battles, pigeons carried messages; vast areas of land were turned into barren wastes.

And millions of letters were written home. Soldiers wanted to tell their families about the way the war was affecting them, yet they also didn't want to worry them. Censorship ensured that they didn't give away military secrets, and often they wished to protect their families from knowing just how awful their lives were. They wanted to express their love for those at home, and to keep alive hope that they would soon return.

Meanwhile, many women left at home were anxious for the safety of those they loved. Nevertheless expectations about women's roles changed, and many took on 'men's jobs'.

This was the first time that so many people had been mobilized. The authorities were shocked at both the physical and spiritual state of the nation. Surprisingly few people had links with church and so a Christian charity called Scripture Gift Mission took the challenge – pledging that every serviceman should have access to the words of the Bible.

They provided over 43 million Gospels and New Testaments to the troops. These pocketsize gospels were given out as men passed from training camps on their way to the front. Each copy included a commendation from Lord Roberts, the former Commander-in-Chief of the Forces, well-known hymns, and what was called a 'decision form' where the owner could record their commitment to Jesus Christ.

Of course, these little books were greeted with mixed results. Many were thrown away. However, one soldier, with time on his hands, read and re-read his Bible. Despite never showing an interest in such things before, the words sunk in and he became a changed man. He sang the hymns to himself and he became known up and down the trenches as 'Singing Jim'. During a reconnaissance mission, a young soldier from his company was wounded between the trenches. A volunteer was asked for to bring him in, and Singing Jim stepped forward. He reached the man under cover of darkness, and began crawling home with his friend on his back. Then a flare burst overhead, revealing their position. A single sniper shot rang out and Singing Jim was killed.

In his pocket was a long letter to his wife about how he had come to know Christ, encouraging her to do the same. The wounded man offered to take it to England and deliver it in person, telling her how her husband had laid down his life for him. He was given the letter and he did indeed deliver it, but his company had one further request. While he was in England, could he pick up some copies of the book Singing Jim had been reading?

The War to End all Wars... didn't, of course. We know that wars continue today. The modern day soldier faces a very different battlefield to that of a hundred years ago, but the message remains the same.

Scripture Gift Mission – now called Lifewords – reprinted over half a million copies of the World War One Gospel last year. At our Remembrance Service we gave everyone a copy of this little book. It is more than a souvenir. I hope you have managed to read it and be touched by its message of hope.

A letter from a vicar to one of his parishioners in the trenches wrote, *Your mother always finishes any news about the war with the remark 'I wish it were all over' – a common remark, but she says it in such a tone that it resembles a prayer.*

Amid all the suffering of war is always the longing for peace, so that people can build homes safely and raise children in security, in communities where everyone is valued equally. Our task, as we commemorate the terrible events of a century ago, and more recent times, is to work for a world of peace, where all have a share of the resources, where people care for one another and where the Kingdom comes, *on earth as it is in heaven*, because love triumphs in the end.

We wear poppies every year to remember, but memories fade and now the living memories of the trenches have gone forever. We cannot imagine the ten million who died in the First World War, but it is ten million individual stories. And millions more since.

We are linked to those people. The link never breaks. We are all part of the company whose job it is to build peace, to build the world the way God wants it to be... *on earth as it is in heaven*. Amen.

Discover our open door policy...

Sometimes people say tell me they don't come to church because they would feel like hypocrites. Let me tell you a secret – the church is full of people like you. We all know we are not perfect. That is why we come to church!

Come and join us, even if only occasionally. You will be very welcome. And if you are worried about all the other hypocrites being in church – well, that is like worrying about unfit people being in a gym. That is what it is for!

This is the time of year when we start planning ahead – so why not think about a wedding or a christening? Please talk to the vicar. Perhaps you might start by coming along to our Harvest celebrations (there is always food involved!) and come to our Remembrance Day services. If you have small children, why not bring them along on the last Sunday of November as we send Mary and Joseph off on their journey to Christmas?



✦ 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 Autumn

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
Oct 4 th	HC	(10.30am)	Informal	Evensong	Harvest	#
Oct 11 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Oct 18 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
Oct 25 th	MP		Informal	HC	#	HC
Nov 1 st	HC		Informal	All Souls	HC	#
Nov 8 th	10:50 Remembrance ➞			Evensong	10:50 Rmbrn	#
Nov 15 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
Nov 22 nd	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Nov 29 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer SofP Songs of Praise # No service						

Harvest Thanksgiving

You may still be in time to celebrate Harvest – at St Andrew's on Sunday 27th September at 6 pm, and at Pentridge on Sunday 4th October at 11.15 am. Both services are followed by refreshments – do come and celebrate the wonderful world around us, and stay for something to eat afterwards!

All Souls Service — Sunday 1st November – 6 pm

You are invited to come along to St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley for this gentle service as we pray together and remember before God those we love but see no longer. There will be a chance to have names of loved ones read out and to light a candle as we pray together. There will be coffee and biscuits afterwards.

October

See side panel for key to symbols

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More Allsorts Concert

Our annual concert will be on Saturday 17th October in St Mary's church Sixpenny Handley, starting at 7.30pm. Come along for all sorts of entertainment – and a wonderful evening!

Turin Talk

Tarka King will give an illustrated talk about the famous Turin Shroud, in Pentridge Village Hall on Friday 16 October at 7.30 pm.

November

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CARE QUALITY COMMISSION

The Care Quality Commission are coming to inspect our Practice on Thursday 17th September. If you happen to be in the building when they are here and they ask to speak with you, please do take the opportunity to talk to them. They need to find out how you perceive us and we would encourage you to be honest with them. And please remember, they are inspecting us not you so no answer is wrong!

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.

What do we do with your information?

Have you ever wondered how we use the information you share with us? Briefly we use it in the following ways.

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future strategy. Be reassured that this use of information is completely devoid of any of your personal details, but knowing that there is an increasing number of people with a particular condition allows the Department of Health to look at ways of meeting that demand.

To assist in research. From time to time we are asked if any of our patients would like to participate in research. There are strict protocols in place to protect your anonymity and the first part of the process is to let you decide if you want to take part. There is no obligation to do so but if you decide to go ahead then you make the arrangements with the research body. Our involvement initially is ask if you would like to be involved. Thereafter we may be involved as part of the process but not always.

This Year's Flu Clinics

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and times. We hope that we have provided enough choice for you but if you have a problem do let us know.

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Monday 12th October 18.30 - 20.00pm

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Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
01725 552397



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

Beavers

The fantastic news is that we have a new Beaver Leader! Just as the new term was about to start, Jane Scott stepped up and offered to take over the running of our wonderful Beaver Colony. Jane faces a steep learning curve as she takes over this role, please may I ask all parents to give her any assistance possible as she gets her records and programme plans in order over the next few weeks. Jane would also welcome some assistance during meetings – if you can give up an hour between 5 & 6pm on Wednesdays, even on an occasional basis, please contact Jane or our Group Scout Leader John Curtis to discuss – no experience of Scouting is necessary!

Summer Camp Report

This summer the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers ventured to Mid-Wales for a week of adventure, challenge, fun and friendship. Home for the week was LLangattock, a small village on the foothills of the Brecon Beacons. This location meant we were perfectly situated to make the most of what Wales had to offer, and boy did we make the most of it!



Probably the most popular activity on camp was the white water rafting in Cardiff Bay. After tuition on all the necessary drills we paddled towards the white water course. This course was specifically built for the Olympics and provides a great introduction into white water rafting. We had to listen carefully to the instructor on the boat and paddle hard to avoid capsizing or getting stuck between rocks. After 5 or so runs down the rapids, we moored the boats on the side of the water

1st Woodcutts News

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

and invested the newest members of the group. The ceremony was finished off with the entire group jumping into the water. This was an investiture we will never forget.



Other activities enjoyed by all over the week included: canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding on the Brecon to Monmouth Canal
pony trekking into the Brecon Beacons, taking the ponies through streams and waterfalls and high into the hills
tubing down at the ski centre
visiting the Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagans exploring the coal mine at Big Pit, by donning a miners outfit and descending in the lift to the coal face
air rifle shooting and competition
Of course there is just the fun of being on camp, playing games in the field and then sitting around the fire at night reflecting on the day and recalling memories we will have for ever.

The Explorers were set the extra challenge of obtaining an award in survival. The tuition was given over 2 days by an ex-special forces instructor and then the Explorers had to demonstrate their new found skills by sleeping out in shelters they had built and dealing with an emergency scenario. The course was assessed by the lead instructor who travelled eight hours just to meet Woodcutts Explorers and test their knowledge. It was only then the Explorers learnt they were the first Scouts worldwide to achieve this new standard and they had set the way for others to follow – wow! They will certainly wear this new badge with pride.



Age 6-8
Wednesday 5 to 6pm
Jane Scott
01725 516294



Age 14-18
Thursday 7 to 9pm
Anthony Brown
01725 552814



Many of the parents followed our adventures on the Woodcutts Facebook page, regularly posting comments and keeping up to date with the good news of the day. We encourage other parents in the group to join the page and keep informed on upcoming activities and share the fun with the young people.

Finally, congratulations to Lucy Green, Cub of the Camp, Scott Allen, Scout of the Camp and Hayleigh Hutton-Smith, Explorer of the Camp. All the young people were incredible on camp, but these three showed exceptional dedication, kindness and a willingness to go the extra mile to help the leaders and other members of the group.

This was probably the best camp we have enjoyed in recent years. The activities were fun, the young people a joy to be with, the campsite was in a beautiful setting and the Welsh weather was not as wet as we expected! The problem is, how do we top this camp next year? Not to worry, planning has already started for Summer Camp 2016.

Subs

This term we are pleased to offer you the alternative of paying subs directly to our bank account using Electronic Funds Transfer instead of paying by cheque or cash. This will save the Leaders time as they won't need to collect cheques at a busy time when they are trying to supervise activities. Account and payment details have already been sent home. If you've mislaid the letter, please contact any of the leaders or ask via our Facebook page. Reminder: subs for this term are £27 per member.

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Forms

We are also trying to get all our records up to date. It is important that we keep full and accurate records and admittedly some forms do go astray as members move from one section to another or sometimes parents assume we have the same form submitted for an older sibling but it is easier to get a second copy. Please bear with us and try to accommodate all requests for forms to be completed while we work on this important initiative.

Dates for the Diary

Bonfire Night this year will be on the 31st October – bring the entire family for a combined Halloween and Guy Fawkes spectacular.
The Remembrance Sunday parade will take place on the 8th Nov. Attendance is compulsory for all members.
Watch this space (and Facebook and letters home) for details of the 2015 Carol Concert and a Valentines Dinner/Dance

Vacancy for a cleaner

1st Woodcuts needs a new cleaner for the HQ. It's a paid position but you will need to be self-employed as the Group does not have employer's liability insurance, tax or NI processing facilities.



Our outdoor competitive season has now finished and whilst it would be true to say that we didn't distinguish ourselves in the leagues, we had a most enjoyable season and now look forward to the short mat leagues through the winter months. In the Bowls Dorset Division 2 league, the men finished 8th with 52 points and a nett shots tally of minus 105. For comparison, the winners, Branksome Park, accumulated 95 points and a nett shots tally of 140.

In the Westbrook mixed triples league, Handley finished 5th with 122 points and a nett shots tally of 51. The winners of that league were Wilton with 190 points and a nett shots tally of 345. So, there is room for improvement but, win or lose, we always enjoy playing.

We held our annual President's Day on August 1st, an event at which we raise money for a charity nominated by the incumbent President. This year, the charity

was Amnesty International and several members of the AI Ringwood branch joined us for the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. None of them had played bowls before but nevertheless they joined in all the games with enthusiasm. There was a barbecue and a bar for refreshments, prizes were given for the winners of the various games, and in all the event raised £350 for Amnesty, a very worthwhile afternoon.

The following week, on Sunday 9th August, the bowls club took over the village hall at Wimborne St.Giles and served tea and cakes between 2.30 and 5pm. There was a stunning array of cakes, worthy of a Bake-off competition, and all baked by bowls club members and friends. More than 20 club members were kept very busy, serving, waiting on tables, clearing, washing dishes and making sandwiches in a real team effort. It was hard work but very enjoyable and we hope to do it again next year, so look out for the date because Bowls Club cakes are exceedingly good. Forthcoming events include our annual jumble sale in the village hall on

September 12th, a trip to greyhound racing on November 1st and a quiz in the village hall on 21st November.

New members, full or social, are always welcome. Please contact the President, Paul Chalmers on 07964769159 or the Secretary Colin Chambers on 01725 552796



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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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Whist!!

In my last report I indicated that whist in the village was, to use a meteorological metaphor, in the doldrums. Now, I am pleased to report, a fresh breeze has picked up and at the opening of the 2015-2016 season on September 2nd, thirty-one players were in attendance. Three were 'new' to the game; Rosalie Adams, Viv Brinsford and Bea Boyland while John York and Betty White made a welcome return to the tables. At least six 'regulars' were absent - only temporarily, so it is hoped that this improvement in what was becoming a worrying situation will continue throughout the season ahead. On the opening night it was veteran Geoff Peach who triumphed with a score of 172 plus 9, with Sam Webber on the same overall aggregate but only plus 8 on the 12th hand. Chris Napier and Rita Austin carded 169, your scribe 168 followed by Mary Braithwaite with 166 and a trio of players on 162; Betty White, Ness Park and Susie White. 10th overall was Rosalie who

returned 161 and with a plus 6 at the end of the first half came in ahead of Stuart Haskell who was plus 5 and whose 161 was the result of a poor cards over the last twelve deals.

Holding everyone up was Kingsley White whose run of cards was so dire that he could only return a miserly 134. Looking at Kingsley's card I note that in the first half he returned three winning scores improving to five in the second, an experience all of us have had in times past.

Bridge!

A tuition day in August went well with players from Tarrant Gunville and Gussage St Michael attending to listen to my lesson on the responses to a weak no trump bid [12 to 14 high card points on a balanced hand] and the advantages to be gained by playing stayman and transfer bids when the cards held by the responder are incompatible to allow the bid to remain at '1 No Trump'!

Bill Chorley



Mothers' Union

After a busy Summer Holiday with outings and events, we started our 'new' season on 10th September. Rev Paul Skinner came to give Holy Communion to our MU branch members, which gave us the opportunity for a quiet and thoughtful time together. Thank you, Paul.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 8th October at the usual time of 2.45pm, at the usual place of Mary's house, 15, Paddock Close, when we have a talk from Michael Rowlandson about The Prayer Book Society.

Enquiries about our branch, or if you need a lift to the meetings, please ring: Sheila 553133 or Mary552401

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This month, our report is focussed on poaching, something that has been preoccupying Dorset Police and other enforcement agencies and which has featured in the reported crimes for our area...

With the harvest completed at last, the police are focussing on poaching as a priority, as this is the time of year when the fields left in stubble attract an increase in poaching and associated acquisitive crime. Throughout August, PC Tom Clements and the police Rural Team carried out a successful Cross Border and Multi Agency Rural Operation run by Bronze Commander Sergeant Nick Lee. Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire Police and HM Revenue and Customs set up at tactical locations across our borders and numerous vehicles were seized for a variety of offences.

On 28th August Mr Scott Cochrane was

issued a Criminal Behaviour Order at Bournemouth Magistrates Court with conditions to prevent his harming wild animals or being involved in anti-social behaviour. The Order states that Cochrane must not act, or incite others to act, in an anti-social manner or use threatening, intimidating, insulting or abusive words or behaviour in any public place in Dorset. He is also prohibited from being in possession of a wild animal or wild bird or any part of the same, living or dead, from being in possession of a catapult in a public place or on private land as a trespasser, and from allowing a dog under his control to be off a lead except on private land with the landowners written permission.

This order sends a strong message that the police will be tough on those who commit rural crime, animal cruelty and anti-social behaviour in Dorset.

Tom Clements and the Rural East Dorset Special Constable Team now have further rural operations set up for the coming month, working in partnership with Hampshire and Wiltshire officers to have a cross border approach to tackling the poaching issue. Members of the public are urged to contact Dorset Police should they see any suspicious activity taking place on land.

Staying in Touch

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On Monday 3rd August a group of members enjoyed a pleasant evening walk on Martin Down. Following a showery day, the weather improved, remaining fine enabling the walkers to inspect and discuss a variety of flora and fauna. We then joined several other members, who were unable to participate on the walk, for an excellent supper at the Fox and Gooose.

A convivial American Supper evening was held at the Old Forge on Monday 10th August. Although most of the day had been showery the evening cleared p enough to allow members to wander around the garden. The buffet supper, provided by those attending, was delicious making it a most enjoyable evening.

At the meeting on 14th September the speaker was Mrs Nicola Whitmarsh. Her talk was entitled "Looking Good , Feeling Fab". Having been trained by Jaeger she gave an interesting and informative talk. Starting with a quiz she then spoke about the various body shapes and how fashionable or classic clothes and accessories compliment the body shapes. There was much discussion about the wearing of "casual" or "smart" clothes; the consensus being that it was important for clothes to be comfortable whatever the occasion.

Hopefully on 26th September many will have visited the WI Centennial Celebration in the Village Hall when the various facets of WI life will have been on display.

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Future Meetings

12th Oct Mrs Janet Stride - A practical demonstration on making Felt Poppy Brooches
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October

- Bring in tender succulents/plants from frost
- Collect seeds from plants for next year
- Continue to harvest root vegetables
- Cover and protect remaining salad crops
- Harvest your best Pumpkin for Halloween

November

- Finish harvesting potatoes/marrows/onions
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- Divide up perennials
- Clear away old crops
- Check over crops for deterioration
- Sow hardly broad beans and peas

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The Proposed Residence Nil Rate Band

It has been announced by the Chancellor that the existing nil rate band of £325,000 is to be frozen until 2021 and that a new “top up” nil rate band of £175,000, applicable to residential property, is to be gradually introduced. This could potentially create a new total nil rate band in 2020 of £500,000 per person, or £1 million for couples if certain criteria are met. The new nil rate band is to be introduced as follows:

Tax year ending	Existing nil rate band	Residence nil rate band	Total nil rate band (per person)
5 April 2018	£325,000	£ 100,000	£425,000
5 April 2019	£325,000	£125,000	£450,000
5 April 2020	£325,000	£150,000	£475,000
5 April 2021	£325,000	£175,000	£500,000

The existing nil rate band

Inheritance tax is currently payable at 40% to the extent that a deceased person's estate (i.e. their assets of any kind that they owned less their liabilities) plus the value of any lifetime gifts made within 7 years of their death exceed the nil rate band allowance of £325,000.

For married couples or civil partners, on the death of the first person where a nil rate band has not been used up in full by lifetime gifts or gifts that are chargeable at death, the balance of the unused nil rate band can be transferred to the survivor for them to set against their estate when they die. On the second death the nil rate band is therefore potentially increased to £650,000.

The “top up” residence nil rate band

In addition to the existing nil rate band, the residence nil rate band will be available:

1. on death;
2. where the deceased leaves their interest in a property that was their “residence”; and
3. to one or more “direct descendants”;
4. regardless of whether they are married or in a civil partnership.

The residence nil rate band can only be offset against the value (net of liabilities such as mortgages) of a residential property, not other assets.

The definitions:

- A “residence” means a property where the deceased was resident at some point of their life. It is likely to follow the meaning used for capital gains tax purposes and perhaps an election of a person's main residence for inheritance tax purposes will now be available too. Where the deceased owned multiple residential properties, the personal representatives will

have to nominate which residential property should qualify.

- A “direct descendant” means a child, stepchild, adopted child, fostered child and their lineal descendants, but no other family members. It is not clear if property left in trust (particularly a discretionary trust) for descendants will qualify.

The residence nil rate band will be transferable to a surviving spouse or civil partner to the extent that it is unused in the same way that the existing nil rate band allowance is transferable. It is unclear whether the residence nil rate band will be transferable if the first death was before 2017/18. For married couples or civil partners the tax saving on the new residence nil rate band allowance is a maximum of 40% of £350,000, i.e. £140,000. Where a deceased person's net estate

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CBA Services.....on by-to-let

Since last writing the Summer Budget has taken place which should receive Royal Assent late in September or early October.

One of the announcements made by the Chancellor was buy-to-let mortgage interest relief is only being available at basic rate whether the individual pays tax at basic rate or higher rate.

For those higher rate tax payers who have buy-to-let mortgages will pay more in tax and some, will be forced to pay more in expenses and tax than they make in profits. However it seems as though this may be applicable to some basic rate landlords who will also be paying more in tax.

This measure will restrict relief for finance costs on residential properties to the basic rate of Income Tax. This will be introduced gradually from 6 April 2017.

Finance costs includes mortgage interest, interest on loans to buy furnishings and fees incurred when taking out or repaying mortgages or loans. No relief is available for capital repayments of a mortgage or loan.

Landlords will no longer be able to deduct all of their finance costs from their property income to arrive at their property profits. They will instead receive a basic rate reduction from their income tax liability for their finance costs.

Landlords will be able to obtain relief as follows:

- in 2017 to 2018 the deduction from property income (as is currently allowed) will be restricted to 75% of

finance costs, with the remaining 25% being available as a basic rate tax reduction

- in 2018 to 2019, 50% finance costs deduction and 50% given as a basic rate tax reduction
- in 2019 to 2020, 25% finance costs deduction and 75% given as a basic rate tax reduction
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At present, if an individual is considering buying a new rental property with a buy-to-let mortgage perhaps you should consider making the investment through a limited company which will continue to benefit, at present, from mortgage interest relief. A limited company pays corporation tax on profits at 20% - soon to reduce to 18%. To withdraw money from a company this is way of a dividend.

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If the above applies to you and you need further information then please contact Catherine at CBA Services on 01258 840306 or 01725 552955. Alternatively, if you have need any assistance with your bookkeeping, accountancy or tax issues then also please call.

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exceeds £2 million, the residence nil rate band will be reduced by £1 for every £2 that a deceased person's net estate exceeds £2 million. Therefore net estates exceeding £2.35 million will not benefit.

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Rob's Column

If we're running here and there
No time to have some fun
We'll never feel contented
Or the warmth of the golden sun
If we never stop a while
When walking life's highway
We won't see the little things
That brightens each new day.

When running out of energy
Pour yourself a cup of tea
Close your eyes and daydream
Of somewhere you'd like to be
Somewhere warm and exotic
Gazing out to shore?
A little time to relax
You'll be recharged once more.

Q: How do Astronauts organise a party?

A: They planet

Q: What do you call a belt with a watch on it?

A: A waste of time

The long light days of summer
Are swiftly passing by
Soon swallows will be gathering
As southwards they must fly
Let's make the most of the pleasures
That nature brings our way
Before our summer season
Once more slips away.

*Yesterday I phoned a satnav
factory and asked if they did
guided tours*

Just got back from the hospital, they
reckon it might have
Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovol
canoniosis
But at the moment it's hard to say

Cleanliness is next to godliness
I really must find the missing pages from
my dictionary

The days can be a whirl, so many things to
do
No chance to even see, if the skies are grey
or blue

That's when to pull back, take a moment of
your time
Sit and catch your breath, enjoy the warm
sunshine

*Everyone makes mistakes
The trick is to make mistakes
When nobody is looking*

*Don't make a mistake by not coming to the
village auction on Oct 10th.*

*Look out your unwanted items or the one's
you have no more use for and donate them
to help boost the village hall funds.*

The other day I bought myself some
sensible walking boots and a little
rucksack. I went up to the Lake District. I
walked for about 5 miles, then I stopped
and sat on a stone wall and had a flask
of coffee. Then I walked another 5 miles
and stopped and had another flask . .
(Oh hell, I'm rambling) but I'll be back for the
auction.

A committee is something that keeps
minutes but wastes hours

A square and a circle walk into a pub
The square says to the circle: "Your round".

I was a town crier once
But it was nothing to shout about.



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Book Review

Aside from the weather, the Royal family and the perceived scandalous affairs of people in high office, the secretive world of our intelligence agencies has a curious fascination with the British populace at large and two of my three books, here reviewed, should satisfy the needs of the latter. However, I begin with a delightful 'little' book penned by Albert Jack titled *Pop Goes the Weasel - The Secret Meanings of Nursery Rhymes* first published by Allen Lane in 2008 and reissued in 2010 as a paperback by Penguin Books. Its title, of course, explains all and what a wealth of knowledge can be gained by dipping into the myriad of rhymes and old songs et al that grace the book's two hundred and seventy-one pages. Space limits me to just a couple of examples; the first is quite well known in that the rhyme Ring-a-Ring 'o Roses relates to the Great Plague of London [1665] or even the much earlier Black Death of fourteenth century. But, I suspect, not so well known are the gruesome outcome that lie behind the innocuous tale of Little Jack Horner which is said to date from the time of Henry VIII and the Dissolution of the Monasteries. At a penny under ten pounds it is a gem that should keep adults and children suitably entertained.

For several decades after the end of the Second World War little could be told of the part played by those employed at Bletchley Park and yet it was their anonymity that played a part most crucial to the Allied victory. By degrees their story has over the past twenty years or more begun to unfold and in the writings of Hugh Sebag-Montefiore a magnificent contribution emerges that pays tribute to the principal 'players' in the drama of how the Allies were alerted to a communications system that on first inspection had a scrambling mechanism which would defy any human attempt to break into its workings thereby giving up the secrets of the Enigma code. As with most breakthroughs by one country against another's cryptography, its beginnings lay in the traitorous actions of one person; in this case by one Hans Thilo Schmidt who in the early 1930s was employed by the German Defence Ministry and working in their Berlin Cipher Office.

His 'story' alone is well worth the reading as is the insight into the duplicitousness between the Allied security services as the code breakers strove to make that all important break that would allow the reading of the enemy's military communications and in particular those originating from the Uboats far out in the Atlantic over which our merchant fleet had to traverse to keep our island home supplied with the materials necessary for the continued execution of the war. Perforce some of the appendices are very technical and for the layman difficult to assimilate but persevere for what Montefiore has to impart is of the highest quality and his story is not devoid of high adventure on the part of the Royal Navy and no little courage displayed by the German U-boat commanders. Titled *Enigma - The Battle For The Code*, Weidenfeld & Nicholson published the original text in 2000 since when additional material has been declassified and released into the public domain, thereby leading to a revision in 2011 from Phoenix. *Enigma* also features, but only on the periphery, in Ben Macintyre's *Double Cross - The True Story of the D-Day Spies* a first rate account of the five principal double agents and their sub-agents, many of whom were completely fictitious [one 'died' and his death notice duly appeared in *The Times*] who played a major role by convincing German intelligence and in turn the German High Command that when the Allied invasion of 'Fortress Europe' came the Pas de Calais and Norway were going to be the main areas targeted; elsewhere and it should be regarded a feint. In the wake of the Normandy landings if those involved were informed that no little part of their success had been secured by the daughter of a Peruvian diplomat with lesbian leanings and a penchant for gambling ['Bronx']; a Pole whose patriotic fervour came close to unraveling the entire Double Cross scheme ['Brutus']; a Frenchwoman with a Russian background and a pet dog 'Babs'* that came paramount before all else [as is revealed as the operation ran its course] ['Treasure']; a Serbian businessman, playboy and womanizer ['Tricycle'] and a failed Spanish chicken farmer whose fertile mind produced missives that on face value were

implausible but at the same time satisfied his German handlers ['Garbo'], their informer would have been regarded with incredulity, disbelief and possibly even anger. For what a motley bunch the five turned out to be with character traits of avarice, vanity ['Tricycle' ran up huge debts in his insistence that only the best silk shirts and tailored suits would suffice], petulance and often vexatious in equal measure. But despite these qualities that some may regard as beyond the pale, their bravery could not be questioned and under the tutelage of Tommy Argyll 'Tar' Robertson and his MI5 team which included an Oxford Don, a lawyer, a traitor [Anthony Blunt] and many others whose talents lay in imagination and the ability to ingratiate themselves with these five enigmatic individuals a deception of such magnitude evolved that by the spring of 1944 the outcome of the Normandy landings, although not guaranteed, weighed in favour of the Allies. At times Macintyre's narrative borders on the almost unbelievable an example being the realization that by the summer of 1942 it was the Double Cross team that controlled the German espionage network in the British Isles; the consequence being that by use of carefully manipulated material sent by his double agents to their German handlers Hitler and his generals would be acting on the lines that 'Tar' Robertson wished them to act. And, somewhat bizarrely, the sizable sums of money sent by an unsuspected Abwehr [some officers were sceptical of what they were being told but corruption on their own part ensured they remained 'silent'] to support their agents was going into the coffers of MI5! Nevertheless, everyone in the team concerned with the running of 'Bronx', 'Brutus' et al knew that a single slip and the entire deception plan would collapse like a house built on sand. A master at explaining the workings of Britain's security agencies, Ben Macintyre here presents the reader with a lucid account of what must rate as the most audacious military deception of modern times. * Ben Macintyre writes, 'The fate of Babs the dog is a mystery. MI5's archives have been routinely 'weeded' since the war... Between 25 November and 29 December 1943, no less than nine separate items were entered in the

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Towards St Vaast

The annual Club cruise towards Cherbourg & St Vaast, was early in August. Originally conceived as an opportunity for 'cross channel virgins' to cruise in company and gain confidence offshore, and has been running for over ten years. This year some 14 yachts signed up, with 12 crossing to Cherbourg, one DNS, and the other had crew with a bad case of mal de mare and sensibly turned back.

We were two up on the Sweden 390, (the owner joining us next day in Cherbourg). We threw off the mooring lines at 07:20, and, as strong winds were blowing and forecast, set off with two reefs in main and genoa. Our course once through Hurst was the North Channel, to avoid big seas in Needles Channel, and at Bridge buoy. A 45' yacht accompanied us as far as Hurst, and then opted for Needles Channel, we shook our heads, but of course, always the skippers decision!

The North Channel was relatively flat, and cutting inside North Head, we tacked as soon as we could clear Shingles Bank. Crossing Dolphin Bank in surprisingly flat seas, and observed very rough water at Bridge, a correct decision then! Once beyond shelter of land, the seas were very lumpy and bumpy, but we maintained good boat speed of 7kn +. The wind was generally South West, and the East flowing flood had started, our rhumb line course was about 180deg. A brief discussion on tactics, do we keep up, or ease sheets for

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Treasure file relating to Babs. The index entry headings are specific: 'Report from Mary Sherer [Treasure's handler] on Treasure and the dog'; Notes of enquiry re: quarantine regulations with regard to Treasure's dog'; 'To SIS [Secret Intelligence Service aka MI6] request for enquiries with regard to Treasure's dog'... Every single one has been taken from the file and destroyed.'

Bill Chorley

The War in the West - Germany Ascendant 1939-1941, James Holland, Bantam Press, 2015; a full review in the next issue of The Downsman.

Gone Sailing



boat speed? The old jog adage of 'get your Westing in first', and 'do not give it away too soon' (the latter referring of course to weather gauge - aficionados of Hornblower, and Jack Aubrey, will understand this, as relevant today as it was then.)

So, we made best course to windward, with tide and leeway our 'drift' was about 5deg to East.

By and by, the lumpy/bumpyness eased a bit, and I made morning coffee (only half a cup would stay in the cup) and with that and choccy bars, spirits were raised, and soon we could shake out a reef.

There was not much shipping as we crossed the shipping lanes, but crossing the East bound lane, and using AIS to determine CPA (closest point of approach) we observed various vessels CPA 1 mile in 15 minutes time, and so on, but one vessel gave us cause for concern, with the CPA reducing from half mile down to 62 feet in 10 minutes time! Avoiding action was required, altered course 90deg to starboard towards the vessel, and noticed the CPA increase, you really do not want to get closer than half a mile. Apart from that, no problems. We could soon take out the first reef, and were sailing fast with all plain sail, with the wind set to veer, we eased sheets a little, maintaining 7 to 8kn boatspeed, and could now lay the Eastern entrance to Cherbourg, Passe de l'Est, sailing into Grande Rade, and then into Petite Rade before dropping sail. (this was one of the 'bucket list' items for Ian, he had long wanted to sail all the way from Hurst to Petite Rade, and now he had!) We dropped sail at 18:15 BST, so about 11 hour crossing. Looking at our track on the chart plotter, we had the traditional 'S' curve of channel crossing, the tide sloshing East and West, whilst the rhumb line heading is maintained.

On the way in we noticed the 45' yacht seen going through the Needles Channel, they had got it slightly wrong, and had to motor the last few miles, we let them go ahead, and rafted against them on J pontoon in Chantereyne Marina, (discount for LTSC rally yachts).

Dinner on board, and an early night. Next morning down to patisserie for; baguettes,

croissants, and pain aux chocolat, well we are in France! Before lunch collected the owner from Ferry terminal (in case he got lost?). And then dinner in the Marina Club, very good.

Saturday, off to St Vaast in light winds, flat seas, and strong tide under us. St Vaast is a locked marina, and so timing is of the essence. Entering shortly after the first exit rush, gives a good chance of finding a reasonable berth, always a bit of a bun fight, amongst the trampoline like finger pontoons (a devilish French invention, no doubt!). Lots of fraternising with other LTSC yachts, and dinner on board.

Sunday brings a mooch around St Vaast, with a few bieres, and then the traditional BBQ on the rocks, overlooking the bay and Isle de Tatihou, as the sun goes down .. idyllic!

07:00 BST, and we leave St Vaast in light airs, which build when we pass Pointe de Barfleur, the wind is aft of the beam, and the skipper calls for 'Big Blue' our big cruising chute to be hoisted, 8kn+ and a big wake! gives a fast passage, with little shipping to bother us. Approaching the Needles the wind starts to gust up to 22kn, bit of a squall, and a bit overpowered, Big Blue is lowered, and we advise the fleet behind of the potential strong winds. A most enjoyable long weekend, with good sailing, good company, good sunshine. Interestingly not all yachts had their full complement of crew, always sailing opportunities with LTSC, why not join us on the next trip? www.ltsc.co.uk
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3-29 Oct	Art Exhibition @ Parish Office	4	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month
10,17 Oct	Flu Clinic @ Broadchalke Surgery	18	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time
10 Oct	Rob's Auction @ 6D Village Hall	7	Tue	6D Handley Tennis Club Session 7pm (Summer)
12 Oct	WI @ 6D Village Hall	26	Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12
16 Oct	Tarka King @ Pentridge Village Hall	5	Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly
30 Oct	Halloween Hooley @ 6D Village Hall	9	Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time
31 Oct	Scout Fireworks @ Church Farm	21		Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 11:30
31 Oct	Mini Monsters @ 6D Village Hall	5	Thu	Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45
8 Nov	Remembrance @ St. Mary's Church	21	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time
9 Nov	WI @ 6D Village Hall	26	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 : 3rd Thursday not August
14 Nov	Charity Clothes Swap @ Pentridge Hall	7	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month
17 Nov	Open Day @ 6D Handley First School	8	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
19 Nov	Strictly Balti @ 6D Village Hall	1		
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