

Waistcoat Festival on it's way

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The Waistcoat Festival team have been working with clubs, organisations and businesses locally to create a plan for this years exciting festival day.

Stalls
Live Music
Crafts
Childrens' Gardens
Cream Teas
BBQ
& more...



Calling all women!

Do you live in Handley or Pentridge?

We want to create a chorus to perform at Waistcoat Festival 2016 celebrating the bravery of the women of Handley who fought hard to put out the fires on that fateful day in May 1892. No previous experience of singing necessary, you will be creating a choral soundscape, as long as you have a voice you can take part! If you would like to be in the chorus please email Naomi on naomi@naomibooth.co.uk

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**Copy deadline for the
next edition
15th May**

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

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Joys of spring...

Spring is certainly in the air and it was lovely to take my Mum to visit a very sunny Stonehenge yesterday on our way back down to Dorset. We have frogspawn in our up-cycled recycling bin and tulips on my table from my lovely friends.



Spring does just make you want to get out and do things... as with most people, work and the business of life often gets in the way of this and so when you make the time it feels all the more special.

Something the Waistcoat Festival team hope you are all going to want to come and do is join in our fabulous day on the 21st May. We have lots of plans, the bones of which you can see on page 8. If you fancy getting more involved we are looking for women to come and create a chorus, people to set up, take stalls, man the carpark and road closures, but most of all to come and enjoy our village, enjoy each others company and raise money for the Community Fund.

If your idea of getting out is something more peaceful the RSPB are having their Spring Open Day the first weekend in May and the Dorset Wildlife Trust have Dawn Chorus walks coming up to page 10.

It is also time to get going in the garden, something my schedule doesn't seem to be allowing for just yet, but hopefully once this Downsman is off of my desk I can get around to following Jane's advice on page 35 and catch up with the planting!

I hope you have managed to escape the winter bugs - we haven't quite managed it (and we were doing so well!). Thankfully not bad enough to have to visit the doctors, but do take a look at the new initiatives on page 15.

Lastly a big congratulations to The Little Pennies Pre-school on their outstanding OFSTED results - a well-earned accolade for all your hard work.

Naomi Booth

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

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Noticeboard

Pentridge Village Hall

Family Games Night 15th April

Further details to follow, keep an eye on the website for more details:
www.pentridgedorset.co.uk

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PENTRIDGE QUIZ NIGHT

Come & enjoy the fun at the Village Hall on 23rd April 2016 from 7.30pm til late

Invite your friends & family All ages welcome

Bring your own drinks

For more details or to book a place email: info@pentridgedorset.co.uk
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Bags 2 School



Wed 22nd April

9am

Bags can be taken to school

from Monday or collected

Phone Maureen 552561

“The Downsman Business Support Group”

Thursday 7th April
9.30am
at the

Town Farm Workshops

An evening with

Fred Taban

from CRESS in South Sudan

Broadchalke Village Hall

Thurs 14th April

7:30pm

Bring and share supper

Presentation by Caroline Lamb OBE and Fred Taban.

Opportunity to financially support CRESS

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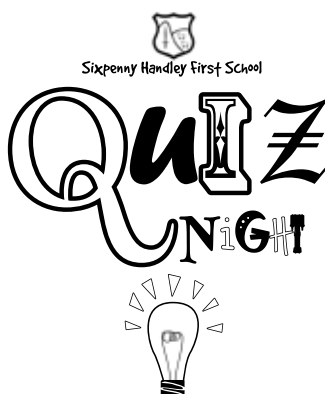
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Downsman Noticeboard

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



12:30pm - late
www.sixpennyhandley.com



6th May
Tickets £5 - 01725 552356
Sixpenny Handley School Office

Bowls Quiz Night

A quiz
organised by Bill
Chorley

1st April

See Bowls on page 18

Community Litter pick

Your Village needs you.
Join us again for the community
litter pick and help make
Sixpenny Handley
a cleaner & tidier place.

Saturday 2nd April
Meet time: 1.30pm
Meeting point: Town farm
workshops.

Dorset Wildlife Trust

The management of the
River Stour
illustrated talk

WEDNESDAY
20TH APRIL

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Garston Wood Spring Open Day

Spring Open Day at the beautiful
RSPB Nature Reserve of
Garston Wood
guided walks hourly
10am - 3pm

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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

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Taste the Chase Food Fair at the Larmer Tree Gardens Wednesday 20th April

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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

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If you follow the Parish Council website, the minutes of all our meetings are published for you to read. We hold two meetings monthly with additional meetings to discuss planning applications as required. The Full Parish Council Meeting includes reports from our County and District Councillors who keep us up to date with matters and are always on hand to assist when needed and support us on difficult matters such as the recent Bus Review.

We were extremely pleased that the service to Salisbury will be retained all be it with some changes to the timetable but should serve everyone's needs whether for work, school or appointments. In addition, we are talking with our neighbouring parishes about additional services taking in the outlying rural villages.

We are extremely pleased that following a site visit, the District Council has kindly agreed to install a ramp on the link footpath from the High Street through to Sheasby Close. The uneven steps currently mean that pushchairs or wheelchair users have to take the long route round. It is hoped the work will be done this summer. I am sure you will also have noticed the fantastic new footpath to the Recreation Area by the Church wall. We thank the Landowner for his help and allowing us to make this path fully accessible for everyone. We also plan to install solar lamps with some grant funding which has been applied for.

Members are currently considering purchasing a 'Speed Indicator Device'. A flashing unit to remind drivers to watch their speed. Dorset County Council used to deploy a unit to Common Road but that service has now been withdrawn. With the help of our Community Speedwatch Team, a device could be deployed at the various entrances to the village. The unit records all the speed data which is helpful when asking for support from the Police. We are considering sharing a unit with a neighbouring parish council. Thank you to everyone, including the Scouts for taking part in this year's Litter Pick. It is incredible how much litter

accumulates in a year and it is so nice to see our countryside clean and tidy. Exciting news is that we are launching a new 'Community Website'. This will be ready very soon and will be a resource for all our local events, information and contacts.

And finally, thank you to everyone who came along to the Annual Meeting on March 27th at the Village Hall, I hope you found it an informative and interesting evening covering various topics of local matters. Remember the Parish Council always welcomes members of the public to the monthly meetings to hear about any concerns which they may be able to help with.

The Parish Office is also open Tuesday morning 10-12 and Friday 8:30-10 if you would like to pop in.

The next meeting of the Full Parish Council will be Thursday April 28th, 7:30pm in the Parish Office.

**The Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group
want views about**

Health and Care in your Community

Health and Care organisations in Dorset are seeking views about ideas to make local services work better together. A series of events are being held, the next being at Christchurch Baptist Church, Christchurch BH23 1QT on Thursday 8 April 6pm-8:30pm. Feedback will help to plan how services in communities across the county can become more joined up to the benefit of local people. At the sessions information will be available to show some ideas of how services could look in the future with CCG staff on hand to talk to people about their views. Further information, along with details of how to register, is available on the website www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/ events. Or call 01305 260972. To ensure there is sufficient space and refreshments at each venue, places must be booked in advance. For events in other areas visit www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk

L. Goodwin

Opening Hours:

8.30am – 10.00am Fri,

7.00am – 7.30pm Thu

10.00am – 12 noon Tue

For Parish Council

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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

PENTRIDGE

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All ages welcome**

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Have your say on the future of mobile libraries

A consultation with communities and library users is being planned to help shape the service for the future.

The number of residents using the public mobile library service has declined over the last few years. However the home library service mobile library, which goes to residential homes, has remained stable.

And residents can already access library services in a variety of ways including online, through the home library service, the public mobile service and of course within the buildings themselves

Cllr Colin Jamieson, Dorset County Council's Cabinet member for economy and growth, said:

"Although the need to look at the service has come from current budget limitations, it is good business practice to reassess our offering, help us deliver a targeted library

service to residents.

"We want to understand the impact of any changes on our customers and by working with communities and the voluntary sector, we will try to reduce the effects that any alterations may bring."

- The council will be consulting
- On maintaining the mobile library service, which goes to residential homes, provided by the council's Home Library Service mobile library
 - To understand the impact of removing the public mobile library services in more detail and to look at overcoming access issues by:
 - Extending the Home Library Service in partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS)
 - Consider the opportunities available within communities to create access to library services and contact with other people through car-sharing, good neighbour schemes etc.

Details of how to take part will be circulated throughout the library service and via parish councils. The consultation will take place during April and May. A previous consultation had already looked at the numbers of people using the mobile library services and services are being withdrawn from areas with low levels of use. This has allowed a reduction in the number of vehicles from four to three and avoided spending on a replacement vehicle which would otherwise be needed. New mobile library timetables will start from 9 May.

Mobile Library	
Visits on Thursday Fortnightly	
CURRENT TIMES - April 4, 18	
NEW TIMES BELOW - May 12, 26	
June 9, 23	
Woodyates - Copley Close	1.30 - 1.45
Dean Lane	1.55 - 2.10
Sheasby Close	2.15 - 2.35
Back Lane/St Mary's Close	2.40-3.00
Roebuck Inn	3.05-3.25

Taste the Chase

Cranborne Chase AONB launches event to highlight local food and drink

A new food fair celebrating local food and drink is set to bring producers, retailers and customers together to showcase products made in the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Cheeses, artisan bread, fish, meats, biscuits, cakes, and a refreshing cider or a mellow glass of wine - it sounds like the perfect ingredients for a summer picnic on the stunning Cranborne Chase. But did you know that all of these delicious local products are actually made in the Cranborne Chase area?

To raise awareness of the range of quality local food and drink produced locally, the AONB, in partnership with the South West Wiltshire Area Board, are hosting a Food Fair at the Larmer Tree Gardens on Wednesday 20th April to bring producers and retailers and consumers together.

During the morning local businesses who use or supply foods, including pubs, restaurants, B&Bs, hotels, farm shops, village stores and supermarkets will be invited to meet the producers and sample and learn more about locally produced food with a view to including it on their menus, or stocking it in their stores.

From 1pm the Food Fair will be open to the general public, no need to bring a picnic, there will be lots of food on offer and the stunning Larmer Tree Gardens will be open to explore, so people can enjoy a wonderful afternoon out discovering the taste of the Chase.



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12 High St, Sixpenny Handley,
Salisbury SP5 5NR

The Waistcoat Festival returns on SAT 21st May

12.30pm – 4.30pm High Street 4.30pm – 9pm Church Farm Campsite



To commemorate the great fire of Handley 1892 when the whole village burnt to the ground after a spark was carried down the high street from the wheelwrights shed. So many clothes were sent for the homeless that they said you could tell a Handley man because he wore two if not three waistcoats! So dig out those waistcoats because this year we are back with more bonkers armless fun and have all sorts of surprises planned as well as the usual great food, stalls, games and mayhem. We also decided that as the music and mayhem was so good last time we will now be continuing into the evening at Church Farm Campsite with more music, family entertainment and of course our beacon lighting until 9pm.

Back for round 2 is **The Water Bucket Challenge** run by 1st Woodcutts so get training and get those teams together now! **The Best Waistcoat Competition** now has an extra category! As well as best female, best male, best boy, best girl and best couple we have now added best DOG IN A WAISTCOAT!! So dig out those waistcoats and get embellishing! Competition was fierce last time and entrants must compete 'Butlins Style' in a line up @ 4pm.

We have teamed up with **Larmer Tree Festival** again this year to bring you the best in new music talent as well as some old favourites 'Mother Ukkers'.

The **Children's Garden** is back this year with more storytelling and crafts, thanks

St Mary's Church	Lorry Stage @ The Pub	Larmer Tree Busking Stage	Church Farm Campsite/ Hanlega's	Children's Garden
12.30pm – 4.30pm Cream Teas	12.30pm Official opening with May King and Queen	1pm – 4pm Larmer Tree Busking stage – live music, beer and cider	12.30pm – 4.30pm Craft Fair	1pm – 4.30pm Bread making
Stalls	12.40pm – 1pm Sixpenny First School will sing	3pm Water Bucket Challenge	Shaftesbury Silver Band	Crafts
Crafts	1pm Still Moving DJ's	2pm Larmer Tree Breakthrough Acts	Bouncy castles and penalty shoot out	Storytelling 1pm - 1.30pm 2.30pm – 3pm
Animations telling the story of the fire 12.30pm – 4.30pm	1st Woodcutts BBQ and games all afternoon	4pm – late – Man Cave Sixpenny Brewery will be staying open late for sitting in or takeaways	4.30pm – Performance and Still Movin DJ's Chill out area	
	4pm – Best Waistcoat Competition!		5.15pm - Raffle draw	
	4.30pm – Choral performance and procession to Church Farm Campsite		5.30pm til 8pm Live Music and Community Fondue! Followed by the beacon lighting.	

to our sponsors at Synergy Homes. This year's theme is bread and cheese after the story of the little boy who buried his bread and cheese in the front garden to protect his lunch from the great fire. The children will be making Handley Hares out of bread which we will bake to eat at our community fondue at Church Farm campsite!

The Fire Beacon Lighting is back this year with more family entertainment including our community fondue, following our bread and cheese theme! There will be hot take away food at Hanlega's, crepes, veggie curry and ice creams as well as the popular children's maze and bouncy castles.

Stalls still available! There are still some pitches left for stalls – if you would like to book contact

Penny_mansergh@hotmail.com

Calling all women!

Do you live in Handley or Pentridge?

We want to create a chorus to perform at Waistcoat Festival 2016 celebrating the bravery of the women of Handley who fought hard to put out the fires on that fateful day in May 1892. No previous experience of singing necessary, you will be creating a choral soundscape. If you have a voice you can take part! If you would like to be in the chorus please email Naomi naomi@naomiboath.co.uk

with thanks to all our supporters especially our main supporters:





Ofsted 2016 - OUTSTANDING



At last – the long anticipated Ofsted inspection had happened – with the best possible outcome: **OUTSTANDING!** Comments made by the Inspectors include:

- Staff know the children exceptionally well. The staff use this knowledge highly effectively to reshape and adapt activities to offer challenge to each child.
- Children learn exceptionally well how to keep themselves safe.
- The staff are extremely skilled at extending children's learning with their teaching and giving children time to answer questions. This helps to support children's ability to think critically and develops their communication skills exceptionally well.
- Children develop an excellent sense of achievement.
- Staff successfully ensure that parents are fully involved with their children's

learning, & frequently evaluate practice to identify and make ongoing improvements.

Staff, Committee, and our families are all quite rightly very proud to achieve this. Huge thanks are due (and have been given) to our staff for their dedication, skill and loving care shown to all children at Little Pennies.

Future Plans

Now we are looking to the future, and plans are being made that will further enhance the experience of the children when at Little Pennies.

Our outside space gets a lot of use because the children play outside whenever possible even in winter. At present it is looking a little sad, not least because of all the wet weather we have had. Much of the equipment and outside toys are coming

towards the end of their life too.

SO – exciting plans are being made to completely resurface this area, replace and improve our equipment, and make the whole area more fun whilst remaining totally safe. Because this area and its equipment is also used by the older children in Allsorts (the After School Club) everything has to be more robust.

Needless to say all this comes at a price, although we are grateful to parents with the necessary skills who are giving of their time and talents to help us.

We are applying for grants, but will also be holding fund-raising events in the coming months. Please look out for information about our progress as well as the events in The Downsman and on the posters around the village. And most importantly of all, please support us.

Thank you

Margaret Durrant (Chairperson)

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GALLERY

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Outstanding OFSTED report 2016

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2-3 years
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£4.00 per hour

Sessions

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

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

Purpose built pre-school at Sixpenny Handley First School



Garston Wood

Spring Open Day

RSPB South Wilts Local Group is hosting a Spring Open Day at the beautiful RSPB Nature Reserve of Garston Wood. The wood is right on the Wiltshire/Dorset border and is a delight in spring. We've added some new features! For example, weather permitting we will run moth traps in the wood the night before and have the most amazing, colourful and bizarre ones to show visitors. The moths are caught live and released later, unharmed.

On the guided walks (on the hour from 10am to 3pm inclusive) we will look for flowers and butterflies as well as birds of course. The walks last about 90 minutes and we are requesting a £2 per adult donation. We'll be listening for the wonderful song of blackcap, garden warbler and willow warbler whilst enjoying a spectacular backdrop of wildflowers, dominated by bluebells but including early purple orchids. Sturdy footwear is recommended. You are welcome to stroll



around unaccompanied if you prefer. Do join us to enjoy the wonderful wildlife and learn about the management of this beautiful woodland of hazel coppice with oak, ash and field maple standards.

This tranquil reserve is one and a half miles north of Sixpenny Handley on the road to Bowerchalke. Walks will start from the entrance car park at the northern end of the wood (SU004195).

Hot and cold refreshments, pin badges and RSPB sales goods will also be available. Well behaved dogs, on leads, are welcome.

Dorset Wildlife Trust

North Dorset Group 20th April

The River Stour is Dorset's major river and supports an abundance of wildlife, including otters and water voles. Although it rises at Stourhead in Wiltshire, most of its 75 mile length flows south-east across Dorset before reaching the sea at Christchurch harbour.

Because the Stour flows over clay and chalk beds at different stretches the character of the river changes. In some areas it is prone to flooding, whilst in others river levels can fall dramatically depending upon the season. This makes management of the river vital to ensure that invertebrates, fish, mammals and plants can flourish. DWT's Conservation Officer will describe the varied tasks that are undertaken in the management of the River Stour when he presents an illustrated talk at Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) on Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm. Refreshments are included in the entry cost of just £2, and there is no charge for children under 16 years.

Dates for your diary:

Dawn Chorus Walks in May:

Wednesday 11th May and Saturday 14th May

at Bere Marsh Farm near Child Okeford. Places are limited for this event (which includes a full English breakfast afterwards) and must be booked by contacting Anna Aubrey on 01258 471339 or email anna.aubrey@btinternet.com

Saturday 7th May

There will also be a Dawn Chorus Walk in Ansty (Dorset) on Saturday 7th May, followed by a full English breakfast in the Fox Inn. Places are limited so please contact Anna Davies on 01258 880 699 if you'd like to join. There are only three places left!



Adam Crick Tribute

29th October 1957 - 2nd March 2016

On Thursday, 17th March 2016, beneath the blue of a sky promising the arrival of spring, a packed St Mary's bid farewell to Adam Crick. The service, conducted by the Reverend Mel Durrant, assisted by the Reverend Simon Woodley from Bemerton was a joyous occasion for in addition to the selection of hymns that included George Herbert's 'King of Glory, King of Peace' there were many tributes paid in the form of readings and poems reflective of Adam's passion for poetry and literature.

My association with Adam was purely peripheral and was mainly confined to an infrequent game of tennis in the days when Ronnie Peck held her Wednesday morning tennis sessions of which Adam was an enthusiastic supporter. My principal impression was of a kind but very private man whose many acts of generosity and support received little or no great publicity - as, I imagine, he so decreed. For the years that I was acquainted with him, I learnt of his scholastic involvement at Sherborne and Winchester and in our few conversations his delight of poetry and, as recounted at his funeral service, a love of food and cooking. Regarding the former, this found fruition in his own contribution to the genre under the title 'Bound in a Nutshell'.

To close this brief remembrance of Adam, I quote the Japanese Meditation that was included in his service and in his case so tragically prophetic:

*Upon this path,
I have long heard others say,
We set forth at last -
Though I had not thought to go
So very soon as today.
Narihiri*

Anon

Sixpenny Village Hall - Spring clean and more great music!

As the sun returns we can see the cobwebs and it's time to spring clean our hall, do come along and help out for an hour or two if you can!

Artsreach returned with a bang this spring with the Magic Beanstalk and Morgan and West's Magic and comedy, thank you to everyone who supported these events. You helped us raise well over £500 for the village hall and both events were fully booked which is fantastic. We are now the second best performing Artsreach rural venue with our audience figures so thank you!!!

Sixpenny Sessions returns in June with more great folk from Reg and Jess and we are looking forward to Steve Knightly on 23rd September. Also lined up for autumn is a fundraising Fashion Show on 21st September – definitely a date for your diary!!

Saturday 9th April @ 2pm -5pm

Annual Spring Clean – free tea and cake if you roll up your sleeves and come and help us with our annual deep clean.

Wednesday 4th May @ 7.30pm

Village Hall AGM is open to all user groups so please do come along and have your say. If you would like to get involved in the running of the hall please do come along as we are always looking for great people to join our happy team.

Friday 10th June @ 7.30pm

Sixpenny Sessions return in June with Reg Meuross and Jess Vincent. Reg is one of the UK's leading song writers and solo performers, recognised as such on stages ranging from village halls to the Albert Hall. Tonight he will be joined by the very talented Jess Vincent. They have been writing & performing together over the last 4 years. Their voices, lyric writing, storytelling and musicianship blend in intimate and

spellbinding performance, with guitar, dulcimer, and baritone ukulele. The stories in their songs unwind and create images as strong as any film script.

Tickets £10 Advance / £12 Door
Tickets available at Styles Mini Market and Eventbrite

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire.

Dates still available for your event.

Our prices:

Half day (9am-1pm) or (1pm-5pm) £36

Whole day (9am-5pm) £66

Children's party's £11 hr or £9 hr for local residents.

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BOOKINGS: Ros Adams 01725 553032 or email 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com



Sixpenny Sessions



Modern Day Troubadour, Reg Meuross And His Special Guest, Jess Vincent To Visit Sixpenny Sessions In June

Singer-songwriter, Reg Meuross and songstress, Jess Vincent will team up to perform together at June's Sixpenny Session at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall, Common Road, Sixpenny Handley SP5 5NJ on Friday 10 June 2016. Doors open at 7.30 pm, music from 8.00 pm.

After 10 album releases, award-winning modern-day troubadour Reg Meuross has returned to the solo format which first

inspired him to write and sing. At our June Session he will be showcasing songs from his heartbreakingly beautiful new album 'December', in which he comments on life as he sees it via the most disarmingly alluring songs. With his captivating tenor voice, Reg weaves the melodies around his sharp incisive lyrics. Quite simply he is an exceptional teller of tales set to great tunes and all delivered in a spell-binding voice.

Reg will be joined by Jess Vincent, whose performances have earned her a reputation as a highly original artist with a unique voice and have gained her a strong following on the folk music scene. Jess will be bringing us songs from her album 'Shine' as well as some favourites from her back catalogue. With her trademark subtle arrangements on guitar, baritone ukulele, shruti box and harmonium Jess reveals a maturity that belies her years, yet allows her vulnerability to shine through. Reg has produced all three of Jess's stunning

albums, and the pair will accompany each other as well as playing solo.

Another memorable Sixpenny Session guaranteed – miss it at your peril!

Tickets cost £10 (in advance) / £12 (on the door) and are available from Styles Mini Market, High Street, Sixpenny Handley or via www.eventbrite.co.uk (+ online booking fee). All profits from this gig will go to the Sixpenny Handley Village Hall 'Raise The Curtain Appeal' which will restore and refurbish the hall's stage and PA equipment giving us greater scope for gigs plus bigger bands and theatre productions going forwards.

For further information about Sixpenny Sessions, please contact us at: sixpennysessions@gmail.com or via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live.



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In February, Mrs Ros Liddington, from Wilton, gave an animated and fascinating talk entitled "Of Corset Art" or "Of Course Its Art". A book lover and collector of everyday objects, her talk centred in past items of fashion, their effect on health and social conditions of the time. She enthralled her audience, promoting the idea of conserving everyday items and not just the best or unusual. Her 'magpie' collection intrigued us all and we hope to welcome her back in the future.

The Annual Jumble Sale on 27th Feb produced a very busy morning setting everything out. After the doors opened at 2.30 we made a profit of £50 more than last year which was excellent. We would like to say a huge "thank you" to those who donated items, helped on the day and to the British Heart Foundation, Shaftesbury.

Walk at Badbury Rings. We left at 10.30am on 12th March in bright sunshine,



happy that the rain had stayed away, and travelled to Wimborne with great anticipation of an enjoyable walk. We were not disappointed; there was a fine blanket of fog which lifted as the morning became warmer and the views across countryside from the Rings were magnificent. After one and a half hours walking, we made our way back to the cars and on to lunch at Pamphill Dairy which was delicious. Everyone enjoyed the time in the country;

the suggestion of a walk and picnic at Studland was mooted. Watch this space!

Following business at the March meeting, nominations were made for next year's committee, the results will be announced next month. This was then followed by a Quiz and Beetle Drive; it amazing what fun can be created by a shaker, dice, paper and pen.

Future Meetings:

11th April : Annual Meeting. Mrs Esme Isaacs, ACWW
Annual Cup Competition – a Photograph – A View From the Window
9th May Resolutions Meeting. Ms Hannah Scriven - Thomas Hardy – Life and Works

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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Bowls Club

The Handley Bowls Club short mat team has had an excellent season so far, winning most of its matches and lying second in the league. They feel a bit like Leicester City football club, rising like a Phoenix from the ashes of last season. The Tanners team feels a bit more like Aston Villa. Never mind, their time will come.

In the internal competitions, the short mat singles, held in the village hall on 7th February, was won by Maxine Keech who defeated Colin Chambers in an enthralling final. Maxine, partnered by Sarah Churchill, also won the pairs competition on 6th March. Maxine and Sarah won all their games to emerge as clear winners. Runners-up were Roger Naylor and Paul Chalmers.

The outdoor season begins competitively on 25th April with the men's league first match at home against Broadstone Wessex. The mixed triples league kicks off (or rather, rolls off) on 17th May away to Devonshire Road club, Salisbury. We are hoping that the club's new shirts, sporting the original Handley Bowls badge will give us the edge in the new competitive season. If not, then maybe the homing devices secreted into our woods will help.

Prior to that, the club's annual Open Day takes place on Saturday 23rd April, starting at 2pm. Members of the public are very welcome to come to that event and try their hand at bowling or just socialise in the warm spring sunshine which we have

ordered, relaxing with some hot food from the barbecue and a drink from the bar. We hope to see many people there.

On the social front, the club played host to two very talented young musicians on Friday 4th March, who performed a very well received programme of 'Songs from the Shows'. Clare Sutherland, who is studying at Royal Holloway, sang beautifully, excellently accompanied on keyboard by her friend, Jo Eun Shim, who studies at the Royal Academy. Jo also performed a charming solo on viola, which is her major instrument. The evening was a delight and we hope to be able to repeat the experience in the not too distant future. Many thanks to Val Martin for organising a wonderful event.

A quiz, organised by Bill Chorley, is calendared for 1st April and there will be other events taking place throughout the season.

The club is adding an extension to the clubhouse, to accommodate a toilet, and constructing a ramp for disabled access. Thanks go to Dave Adams who is masterminding these changes with his spade and trowel.

If you would like any information about the club, try your hand at bowling or join us as a member, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the President, Paul Chalmers, on 07964769159 or the secretary, Colin Chambers on 01725 552796.

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FOOD OPENING HOURS

Wednesday: Steak Night 6-9pm Friday: 6-9pm

Saturday: 8.30-10.30 am, 6-9 pm

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Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club Membership Form

With the lighter evenings gradually approaching we would like to encourage as many people as possible to use the facilities. Annual Membership will now run from 1st February 2016. (As this date has changed, members renewing from 2015 will pay less this year). Below is a membership application form to complete and return to Steph Chick as soon as possible (plus cheque or BACS payment amount & date).

We will be changing the key on Monday 1st February 2016.

We offer lessons to adult and junior members of all levels, including "rusty racquets" sessions. To take part in any coaching sessions you must be a paid up member of the Tennis Club.

Any queries about membership please

contact Steph on 01725 552557. Please send your membership form and cheque back to Steph and a key will be posted to you so you can COME AND PLAY!!!!

**Membership Secretary & Treasurer: Stephanie Chick, Little Bredy, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5NU.
Tel: 01725 552557, email: david@davidchick.co.uk**

Chairman: Elizabeth Nodder, The Surgery, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley. email: enodder@hotmail.com

Name..... Email address.....

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Membership category	Annual subscription New Members	Renewal Sub for existing 2015 members	Name Of Member(s) (plus Date of Birth for junior members)	Quantity	Amount enclosed
Adult	£35.00	£26.25			
Junior (under 18) on 01/02/16	£10.00	£7.50			
Family (2 adults & up to 3 juniors)	£75.00	£56.25			
Non playing Adult Member	£10	£7.50			

Please note junior members will not be issued with a key, unless an Adult is a member/non playing member.

Disclaimer: Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club accepts no liability whatsoever for loss, damage, illness, accident or injury to players, spectators, other persons or property on the club grounds and courts.

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Starts Thursday 14th April, 6.30 -7.30pm

A fantastic opportunity for adults to brush up on old tennis skills & meet other members. Members £5.00 Non-members £7.00

Junior Coaching

Starts Monday 18th April, 4.30pm

All ages and abilities welcome. Members or non members.

**To register for either session please contact Roni Peck: vmp@bryanston.co.uk
Membership details contact: Steph Chick 01725 552557 or david@davidchick.co.uk**

Thanks to The Downsman

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club wish to thank The Downsman very much for their generous donation. As a result of this we have purchased some brand new tennis nets. Our courts now look really spectacular, and are probably the best for miles around! Please look out for our adverts for coaching and membership, and come and play!



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Easter Opening Times

Thurs 24th March - Normal Opening Times
25th - Good Friday - Closed
28th - Easter Monday - Closed
Tues 29th March - Normal Opening Times

Please be aware that should you need to contact a GP out of hours please telephone: 111

Staff Changes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr William Carter this month in his role as Practice Manager. His skills at the Surgery will not be completely lost as he will remain in a supportive role with much more time for his leisure pursuits. Our new Practice Manager is Lynne Godden and we wish her every success in her new role. We welcome Dr Charlotte MacPherson our new registrar who will be joining us in May.

Latest Government Initiative

The Department of Health has stipulated that from March 2016 all patients should have a named GP. They hope that by doing this patients will be reassured that there is someone at the Practice who has overall responsibility for their health. By doing this it is thought that there will be less chance of differing opinion creating delays in treatment, or worse still falling completely through the net. This doesn't change the way that you can get an appointment to see a GP, nor will it stop you seeing a different GP on different occasions. If you would like to know who your named GP is please ask when you are next contacting the surgery. The receptionists will be able to tell you. If you would rather have someone else, then please drop us a brief note stating your name, date of birth, first line of address and who you would like as your named GP. We will amend your records accordingly.

Out of Hours Primary Care Paediatric Service

This is running from 6pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday, and 4pm to 8pm, Saturdays and Sundays.
The purpose of the pilot is to provide an

alternative to A&E for parents with unwell children. The timing of the pilot opening hours has been matched with peaks in A&E attendance to maximise the potential for this pilot to show benefits in a reduction in inappropriate A&E attendances of children into SFT. The focus of this pilot is very much as an extension of GP services but exclusively for children and at times when there is demand but GP surgeries are closed.

Key features:

The service: Primary Care Paediatric
Service Hours of service: 6pm to 10pm, Monday to Friday & 4pm to 8pm, weekends
Days of service: Every day (note: only weekdays during December)
Location: Salisbury Walk in Health Centre
End date: Easter Monday.

Patient Participation Group

We have a Patient Participation Group which runs currently on a virtual footing.

We send regular but infrequent emails asking for comment and advice on potential changes to the Practice. We would like to have more members of this group representing all sections of the Practice, including those people who seldom visit us. If you are interested please email us at sppg@nhs.net or contact Jan West at the Surgery.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Sixpenny Handley Dispensary 01725 552589 (12 – 3pm)
District Nurses 01725 552792
Out of Hours 111

Useful web sites

www.sixpennydocs.co.uk The Practice website
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Antiques needing TLC?

I am a retired GP who moved to Sixpenny Handley 18 months ago. I have a Masters degree in the Conservation and Restoration of Antique Furniture and would like to put my modest skills to use raising funds for a sailing charity to which I belong, (Google Rona Sailing Trust for details).

The Rona Sailing Trust is entering a yacht in the 2017 Tall Ships Transatlantic Regatta, each leg of which will give a terrific experience to a different group of teenagers. While I hope to take part myself, as a watch Officer, I will be paying £900 to do so and I am not seeking sponsorship, but I am asked to try to raise a further £900 towards the project.

If any of your readers had any much-loved but rather tired-looking antique that could do with a little TLC, perhaps I could help with such things as cleaning, French and/or wax polishing, consolidating and re-glueing loose joints, minor cleaning and



repairs to gilt picture and mirror frames, replacement of leather desk tops, etc.

While on my MA course I had some experience handling items from the Royal Collection, the Wallace, the Courtald

Institute and Waddesdon Manor, but I now have a small workshop and can only offer to undertake relatively modest work. I do have experience of working 'on site' and would be very happy to come and look at an item of furniture in situ.

Simon Thompson

Rena Gardiner at Mompesson House

Rena Gardiner [1929-1999] was a quite remarkable lady whose love of art, in its many forms, found fruition in writing, illustrating, printing and publishing her own work. Her output was prodigious and was greatly influenced by that wonderful range of children's books published by Puffin Picture Books [an imprint of Penguin Books]. Subsequently, Rena was contracted by the National Trust to produce illustrated guides for many of their properties and it is fitting that examples of her work will be displayed at Mompesson House, the National Trust property in Salisbury's Cathedral Close throughout the 2016 season.

Opening days are Saturday through to Wednesday, 11 o'clock to 5 p.m. In addition to the Rena Gardiner exhibition, which will delight adults and children in equal measure, this charming 18th century town house features the Turnbull collection of

English drinking glasses and the Bessemer-Wright collection of early English porcelain while within the walled garden is the well established 'tea room' serving a wide range of sandwiches and an excellent selection of cakes.

Bill Chorley



			
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Mrs Hewitt, our Headteacher and Mrs Carter, one of our governors have been busy training for the Vitality London half marathon on Sunday 20th March. They have diligently been running and have successfully got to 14 miles as their long run (often finished off with coffee and pancakes!!).

They are running for Book sponsorship to fill our newly refurbished school library.

Gulliver's Book shop in Wimborne have kindly allowed us to choose some books for school that could be purchased as sponsorship and any sales made have been matched by them giving us 25% back to either spend on more books. Our pupils and parents have been incredibly generous buying these books and each book now has a 'kindly donated by' label on the inside cover.

WH Smith in Salisbury are also supporting our efforts and parents can visit and choose books to donate from them and they have also given the school £500 to buy books.

We have received amazing support from pupils, parents the community and the bookshops and would like to thank everyone; we hope to be able to re-stock the children's selection books with some great new titles



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*more on page 41
David Salmons*



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Totally Locally....

This month we're featuring a Sixpenny Handley business that's just celebrated its 100th year of trading..... W.S. Clarke & Sons, Family Butchers in Sixpenny Handley!

If you ever go up Sixpenny Handley High Street, you can't help but notice Clarke's butchers, with its beautiful carved wood frontage. I was interested to talk to John Clarke about the history of his family business for this month's Totally Locally feature.

Back in 1915, William Clarke opened his first butcher's shop in the village, having previously sold produce from the back of a horse and trap (often behind local pubs). The original shop was at the bottom of the High Street - near the village slaughter house - one of two butchers in the village at that time. William later moved the business to its current location, 57 High Street, where the meat was stored in a cold brick cellar underneath the shop and hauled up through a trap door using a pulley.

In those early years, Clarkes supplied meat to the village and also bought game from local estates and sent it up to dealers in London's Smithfield Market. After the second world war, when meat was in short supply, he collected meat from Verwood and Southampton railway stations in his branded van (shown in the photo). William's sons, Norman and Gordon, both joined the business and continued to run it into the 1980's when John took over.

The shop as it is today would be unrecognisable to John's grandfather. I wonder what he'd make of the importance we place on provenance these days? Provenance is a really important to Clarkes, and that's why they source their beef, lamb, pork, poultry, game and eggs from local farms - keeping quality high and food miles low. And what would he think of a butcher selling a great selection of British (including local) and continental cheeses, wines, spirits, Purbeck ice cream, herbs/spices, condiments, etc?

The small, friendly team at Clarkes today

W.S. Clarke & Sons



- John, Neil and Adam - have a wealth of experience in the meat trade and are only too pleased to offer help and advice (sometimes even be on butchery-related topics!). As well as running the shop, Clarkes also supplies local hotels and restaurants, and offers a return slaughter service for local producers through its small Food Standard Agency-run abattoir

To find out more about Clarkes go to: www.clarkesthebutcher.co.uk

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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

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Service 20

Blandford Forum – Salisbury

Via Pimperne, Tarrant Hinton, Cashmoor, Sixpenny Handley and Coombe Bissett

Mondays to Saturdays except Public Holidays

	SCH	SSH			
Blandford West Street (Crown Hotel)	0715	0715	1020	1450	1715
Salisbury Road Roundabout	0722	0722	1026	1456	1721
Pimperne (Farquharson Arms)	0723	0723	1029	1459	1724
Tarrant Hinton (Lay-by)	0727	0727	1033	1503	1728
Cashmoor (Cashmoor Inn)	0731	0731	1037	1507	1732
Sixpenny Handley (Roebuck Inn)	0741	0741	1047	1517	1742
Handley Cross (Roundabout)	0744	0744	1050	1520	1745
Woodyates (Cobley Turning)	0748	0748	1054	1524	1749
Martin Drove End	0751	0751	1056	1527	1752
Coombe Bissett (Fox & Goose)	0801	0801	1106	1537	1802
Salisbury (New Canal)	0817	0812	1116	1547	1812
Salisbury (Castle Street Tesco)	0821	0814	1118	1550	1814
South Wilts Grammar School	0826				

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Service 20

Salisbury – Blandford Forum

Via Coombe Bissett, Sixpenny Handley, Cashmoor, Tarrant Hinton and Pimperne

Mondays to Saturdays except Public Holidays

		SCH	SSH	
South Wilts Grammar School		1557		
Salisbury (Endless Street, Stop D)	0840	1340	1610	1820
Coombe Bissett (Fox & Goose)	0850	1345	1620	1830
Martin (Drove End)	0859	1359	1629	1839
Woodyates (Cobley Turning)	0902	1402	1632	1842
Handley Cross (Roundabout)	0905	1405	1635	1845
Handley (Roebuck Inn)	0908	1408	1638	1848
Cashmoor (Inn on the Chase)	0913	1413	1648	1858
Tarrant Hinton (Lay-by)	0922	1422	1652	1902
Pimperne (Farquharson Arms)	0926	1426	1656	1906
Salisbury Road (Roundabout)	0931	1431	1701	1911
Blandford (East Street)	0937	1437	1707	1917

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Village Hall Crowdfunder

Many thanks to those who pledged money on our Crowdfunder to 'Raise the curtain' in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall!

We have so far raised a total of £4889.20!! The Crowdfunder raised £310.20 and we have raised the rest through match funding and a series of events over the last six months! We have been able to purchase new curtain fabric for the hall and now continue to fundraise to have the curtains made up. So its not too late to donate by cheque to Sixpenny Handley Village Hall.

A huge SHOUT OUT of thanks goes to: Angie Suth, Lara Cooke, Beth Middlebrook, Paul Styles, Carole Wyatt, Valerie Martin, Susan Gordon, Penny Mansergh, Emily & Tom Ryall, Mike and Diane Davies and Diana Corbett. Thank you all so much for supporting our appeal we will be contacting you individually with your rewards! And thank you to all that have attended our fundraising events, please keep supporting us!

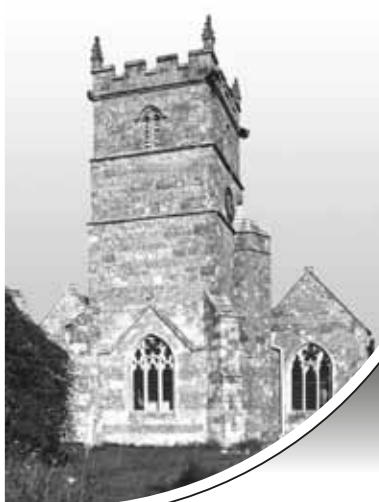
Don't forget to follow the Village Hall on facebook!

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

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A Place of Comfort in Court

The Mothers' Union has opened a café in Salisbury Law Courts. The previous café was losing money and closed in 2014.

"This was a huge loss", says Andrew Wells, court chaplain, "Courts place great stress on defendants, victims, staff, families, and many others. There was nowhere for people to relax or for the team to take people, sometimes in real distress, for a chat and a cuppa."

Diocesan Mothers' Union President Rosie Stiven adds, "We agreed to run the café, which is staffed by volunteers, to help fulfil our vision of supporting families. The Bishop of Salisbury funded the equipment for the project. We need some more volunteers of any age or gender. If you can help, please contact Joanna Wood on 01722 333 402 or joanna.wood054@gmail.com."



Thanks

Over the five Wednesdays of Soup Lunches we enjoyed a lot of good food and company, and supported The Trussell Trust Shoebox Appeal, Samara's Aid, helping Internally Displaced Persons (refugees) in Iraq, ChildLink UK, supporting girls' education in India, Operation Uganda, providing education and opportunities to teenagers and young adults so they can contribute to their local community, and ChristianAid. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the food, and to all the people who helped. See you again next year!



Waistcoat Festival

It is not long now to the Waistcoat Festival on May 21st. Be sure to come up to St Mary's for our famous cream teas, as well as all the usual (and unusual) stalls.



Teddy Bear Anniversary

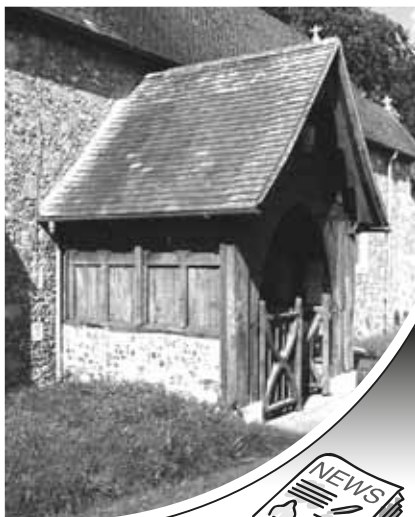
Come along to our celebration of another year of Teddy Bears! On Sunday 22nd May the 11 o'clock Service will be celebrating our pre-school drop in (and we also have a Christening!). Come along for some stories, songs and cake!



The Queen's Birthday

Make a date for Sunday 12th June as we celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with a Garden Party on the vicarage lawn. Come and enjoy tea, sandwiches and cakes as we have a good time and raise funds for the Little Pennies Preschool and St Mary's Church. And you may like to come in your Sunday best (as retro as possible!) to add to the atmosphere.





**News items
and articles welcome!**

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

Thanks!

FROM THE REGISTERS



**The baptism took place of
Eleanor Florence Mitchell**

**The funerals took place of
Cyd Rudd, Joan Clarke,
Douglas Lucas and Adam Crick**

No Chancel Tax here!

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.

In full colour

A full colour PDF of The Seeker is available from our website.



Forty days after Easter we shall celebrate Ascension Day. This is when we think about the resurrected Jesus returning to heaven in human bodily form. The thought of it still blows me away every year!

In the story of Jesus we are at the close of the Gospel. I say 'close' not 'end', for this is not an ending. Jesus goes back to heaven, but the Bible does not end. However, there is waiting. Waiting is part of the journey and forty days is a long time. There is something here for our impatient times. We always want things now – and it is so tempting to expect God to speed things up. But sometimes we just have to wait. Perhaps it is a little bit like a family finishing a large and complex jigsaw. Everybody puts in a bit, and until now they have not been able to see much. At last everything falls into place, and everyone sees the whole picture. We are at both the culmination of the story of Jesus, and the beginning of the rest of the story, the Early Church.

I'm always surprised how few paintings there are of the Ascension. Every other moment of Jesus life seems fair game for artists – his birth, childhood, ministry, death and resurrection, even bits that are not in the Bible. But then, on reflection, the pictures there are of the Ascension are usually pretty bad – perhaps just the feet of Jesus disappearing up into the sky, like he is wearing some sort of jetpack! I think from a very early date artists realized that it just doesn't work. We don't know what it looked like.

What matters is what happens. Jesus is returning to be with his Father – in human, bodily form! Perhaps we can better represent it in music, and indeed there are lots of hymns around the theme. You may know *Christ Triumphant*, *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, *Jesus Shall Reign* or *The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns*. They have a wonderful heavenly focus, bursting with triumphant delight and

hailing Jesus as Messiah, heavenly High Priest, homecoming Son.

But we hear little of this in the Bible accounts of Ascension Day. The significant thing is the earthly impact of the events described. We are at a moment of crisis. After all, Jesus is going – so what are his shaken, unreliable followers to do now?

Jesus makes it clear that they are to continue with faith, trust and patience, and God's Holy Spirit will come to them in time. The heavenly aspect of what has just happened will crop up later. When we reach Pentecost they will learn, in the most spectacular way, that God is actively present with his people. He is present by his Holy Spirit. But right now, things are difficult.

Asked what is the greatest thing in life, President John F. Kennedy is said to have replied: 'To take up a challenge'. As Jesus goes to heaven he says that his disciples are to be his witnesses. For the disciples this is perhaps the greatest challenge of all. They are to go out and tell people everywhere about Jesus and his teaching, and to move from their familiar, comfortable world into the unfamiliar and uncomfortable. The Greek word for witness also means martyr. Quite some challenge!

And, of course, that challenge comes down to us today. It means that we need to be ready to face difficulties, and need to be clear what we are doing, and what we believe. But we can all make the commitment to be a witness. We can decide to make the world a better place, to leave it in a better state that we find it. We may have to wait, but this is what Jesus calls us to do. This is our part in the never-ending story.

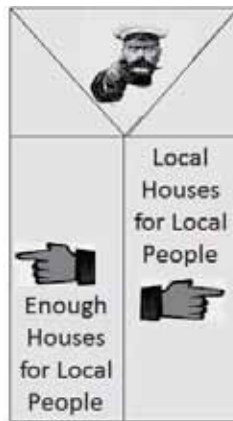
Your friend and vicar, Mel

Join us as we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday 5th May at Gussage St Andrew, beginning at 6pm.



Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust

The community working together for the future of the village



Your Village Needs You – Support the Survey!

Back in 2013 the Parish Council and East Dorset District Council conducted a Survey of Housing Needs to establish whether local people needed more 'affordable/council' 'houses to be available over the next two (2) to four (4) years and to support the Village Plan. This survey established a need which, in turn, led to the formation of the SHCLT and its first project to build some affordable homes for people within the community of Sixpenny Handley, or those with a village connection to Sixpenny Handley.

You should, hopefully, know by now that this has been progressing with the establishment of a Board of Directors (volunteers) and Shareholders (community residents). The Board was formally established during a community meeting in November 2015. Since then, working with the District Council to secure some land, SHCLT have established a project plan that will enable 'Affordable Housing' to be built on an specific plot of land within the village – Common Road. Land surveys have been conducted and in January this year the Board appointed an architect to start the design and planning for the actual houses. All of this has been as a result of the Board having secured grant funding for this work to take place as well as taking input from the community through the Downman, open meetings in the Village Hall and a Facebook/Twitter page.

Now ... to make these new homes a reality a number of things need to be in place...

- We need to confirm there is a local need - how many people need local 'affordable' housing?
- Validate the type of accommodation that should be available– Shared ownership and/or Rented accommodation?
- What type of houses should be built – 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, bungalows, flats, or houses?
- How many of each type of home are potentially needed?

To ensure these details are updated from the 2013 survey, the following pages are for **YOU** to complete...

IF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES to you

- **You meet the local needs criteria (i.e. you have a village connection (Band 5);**
- **You have, or will, register with East Dorset Council on the Housing List; and**
- **You want to be considered for this scheme ...**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY ... and REMEMBER: This project is for the benefit of the community to ensure local people can live near their family and/or their place of work. It needs to be for the parish and its residents so please complete the survey **ESPECIALLY** if you want to be considered for this accommodation when built.

It is important to submit your form in the requested timescales. Mid-April the analysis of responses will start, *the SHCLT Directors will only see the numbers, no personal information will be available to them.* Following this analysis, the SHCLT Board will hold a steering group at which a decision will be made on whether the village need these houses. If so, the type, how many, and occupation basis (rented or shared ownership) needs to be addressed. This ensures that the right number of houses are built and available for local people rather than extending the amount of accommodation open to anyone registered with the District Housing Association.

THIS IS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE WHERE THERE IS A NEED. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY - FILL OUT THE FORM.

**Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust
Follow up Housing Needs Survey 2016**

Since the previous Housing Needs Survey carried out in July 2013 by Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish Council and East Dorset District Council, the Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust has been formed and a proposed development site (at Common Road) has been identified for new affordable housing for the local community. You can find out more details at <http://sixpennyhandleyclt.org.uk/home> and/or contact one of the Board Members as follows:

Simon Parker: simon@sixpennyhandleyclt.org.uk, James Reed: james@sixpennyhandleyclt.org.uk, Matt Gibbons: matt@sixpennyhandleyclt.org.uk, Jenny Chapman: jenny@sixpennyhandleyclt.org.uk

We now need to find out more accurately who will be interested in living in this housing and what type of house they would require. This is the purpose of this follow up survey.

Please complete as accurately as possible.

- 1) Did you complete the previous Housing Needs Survey in 2013?**

Yes	No
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- 2) Do you consider that you will be in housing need and would you be seriously interested in living in new affordable housing in Sixpenny Handley if it became available in the next three years?**

Yes	No (if no please go to question 12)
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- 3) Please give brief reasons why you will be in housing need**

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- 4) Do you have a connection to the parish of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge?**

This means:

- a) Being permanently resident therein for at least four years immediately prior to such occupation, or
- b) Having currently resident close relatives (i.e. parents, children, brother or sister) who have lived therein for at least four years, or
- c) Having permanent employment and having been employed therein for at least 12 months prior to such occupation, or
- d) Other special circumstances which create a link to the given parish (not including resident in a hospital, armed forces accommodation, holiday let, or prison) such special circumstances having first been verified and approved by the borough/district Council.

Yes	No
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- 5) How many people are there in your household?**

6) Please give ages and gender of people in your household, including yourself:

	Under 5	6-18	18 - 55	55+
Female				
Male				

7) Do any members of your household suffer from any disabilities or long term health problems? If yes please give brief details.

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8) What is your current housing situation?

Homeowner with or without mortgage	Renting from Council or Housing Association/Synergy	Privately renting
Living with family or friends	Other (please specify)	

9) What type and size of housing do you need?

	Type – tick all that apply	No of bedrooms needed
Apartment/flat		
House		
Bungalow		
Other (please specify)		

10) What type of affordable housing would best suit you:

Shared ownership (part own and part rent with the option to increase the share you own ¹)	Yes	No
On rural exception sites it is not possible for shared owners to purchase 100% of their home – please indicate if this would be a problem for you?	Yes	No
Do you have any equity/savings that you can use towards purchase of a shared ownership property?	Yes	No
Affordable rented (up to 80% of market rents ²)	Yes	No

¹ Very indicatively, an income of over £25,000 would be needed for a 25% share of a house with a market value of £200,000. The income would need to meet the cost of the mortgage and a rent on the remainder. A deposit would also be required.

² The rent would be no more than the LHA: £115.07/week for a 1bed. £143.84 for a 2bed. £172.60 for a 3bed.

- 11) If you already live in social housing why do you want to move? Please give details below (e.g. overcrowding, downsizing, health etc)

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- 12) Would you be interested in getting involved in the Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust to help ensure affordable homes are built in Sixpenny Handley?

Yes	No
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- 13) Do you have any further comments?

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If you are interested in receiving further information about the plans for affordable housing in Sixpenny Handley please give your contact details below.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone:	

If you would like to apply for social housing, please go to www.dorsethomechoice.org and complete a housing register application for East Dorset District Council. This helps us to make the case for additional affordable housing in Sixpenny Handley. If you are unable to complete an online application, or have queries about applying to join the housing register, please contact the Housing Team on 01202 795213 or by emailing Housing@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk

Thank you for completing this survey.

You can post your response to:

Bryony Stevens, Housing Development Officer, Christchurch and East Dorset Councils, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1AZ

OR

Put in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential - Housing Needs Survey' and put through the Sixpenny Handley Parish Council office letterbox in Town Farm Workshops, Dean Lane.

You can follow the progress of the Community Land Trust at <http://sixpennyhandleyclt.org.uk/home>

PENTECOST – The Power of the Holy Spirit

Paul Skinner

We use some words in church that can be curious and misleading if you are not used to them. We say that we believe in 'the Holy Ghost, the comforter'. To many this sounds very spooky. In fact, 'ghost' is the old English word for a spirit, and the 'Holy Ghost' is not at all spooky or to be avoided. The Holy Spirit can best be defined as God at work, the powerful force of love available to us all.

But how about the word 'comforter'? Children who play with toy soldiers know that they live in a castle or *fort* - a strong place. So in old English, a comforter was one who gave you strength. In the Bayeux tapestry, one of the captions reads, 'Bishop Odo comforts the lads'. You would expect to see him giving the soldiers a pat on the back. In fact he is coming up behind them and prodding them with a spear. He is *comforting* them by putting strength into them and sending them forward to fight. This is what the Holy Spirit can do for us.

'Comforter' is the English translation of a Greek word 'Paraclete'. It crops up in a few of our hymns. There is a story about a new convert having the doctrine of the Trinity explained to him, and getting confused when the Holy Spirit was spoken of as being a dove and was also the Paraclete. He exclaimed, 'Holy Father I understand. Holy Son I understand, But Holy Parakeet?'

Actually the word *paraclete* means somebody called to your side, an *advocate* in a law court speaking for you. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray and to speak out for Christ when we are lost for words on our own.

Jesus warned that some of his disciples would have to defend themselves before king and governors. Today, we are more likely to have to defend ourselves against the scorn of those who think that Christianity is stupid rather than those who want to persecute us for our faith. Either way, we needn't worry that we won't know what to say, the Holy Spirit will come to our side as our advocate. We may stumble and appear inarticulate, but said with sincerity, the Holy Spirit will work through us and be more persuasive than we might expect.

The Holy Spirit is an experience. Often the only way to write about the Holy Spirit is to use a metaphor. The wind is used in the Bible to describe the Holy Spirit. St Luke describes the arrival of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost as '*Suddenly from Heaven there came a sound like the rushing of a violent wind*'. Jesus also uses wind in his description of those who are born of the Spirit. It blows where it chooses, can't be seen and

goes no one knows where. In both Greek and Hebrew the same word 'wind' also means breath and spirit. The Greek word is *pneuma* from which we have evolved the name for the powerful pneumatic drill and the tyres we put on our cars.

Elsewhere in the Bible we also have the description of the Holy Spirit being like tongues of fire and a peaceful dove. These are all attempts to describe the indescribable, and explain the inexplicable.

The image of the mighty wind shows that the Holy Spirit brings dynamic power, provided that we are ready to receive it. Without the help of the Spirit we are feeble or powerless. How often do we feel powerless to be kind to others, to influence others by kind words and caring behaviour? Then we can pray for the Holy Spirit's power to aid us in our endeavours. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit we can the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, and peace. The Holy Spirit will give us the power. Have faith and do not doubt it.

Prayer Time Together

Do you have a Quiet Time? St Mary's and St Rumbold's are open every day for prayer, and of course we can pray anywhere. Or you may like to have a private little prayer at home, and know that others are praying at the same time. If so, perhaps you can set aside a few minutes on Monday evenings at 9 o'clock. Use the prayers included here as well as your own, or just be quiet in the presence of God, knowing that you are sharing the time with others in our area.

If I have wounded some poor soul today
If I have caused one foot to go astray
If I have walked in my own willful way
Dear Lord, forgive
If I have uttered idol words in vain
If I have turned aside from want or pain
Lest I offend some other through the strain
Dear Lord, forgive
Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee
Forgive those secret sins I do not see
Oh, guide me love me and my keeper be
Dear Lord, forgive
as sung by Jim Reeves, Elvis Presley and others

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.
The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be
gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen.
Church of England Compline

Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13 v1-2



Lee Abbey is a beautiful house and community on the rugged north Devon coastline. Visitors often comment that it is a 'thin place', in the sense that God is felt to be very near. It is a great place for families, as there are lots of things for different ages to do. We are planning a visit over the last weekend of June. Please have a look at the brochure, the website or talk to us if you are interested in coming – but hurry, places are limited!



✦ 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 at 7.30pm. Details from David Lockyer (552 492).

✿ **Mothers' Union** – Tea, company and a good talk, usually every second Thursday of the month, from 2.45pm. Details from Mary (552 041).

Join us this Spring

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
Apr 3 rd	HC	(10.30am)	Informal	Evensong	HC	#
Apr 10 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Apr 17 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
Apr 24 th	MP		Inf + HC	AGM	#	HC
May 1 st	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
May 8 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
May 15 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
May 22 nd	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
May 29 th	HC		Inf + HC	Evensong	MP	#

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

Our Informal service is geared more towards families and includes activities for children.



Ascension Day – Thur 5th May

Join us for Holy Communion at 6:00pm, Gussage St Andrew.

Pentecost – Sunday 15th May

Join us as we celebrate Pentecost – the day we remember the Holy Spirit coming on the disciples, the birthday of the Church.

Annual Meetings

It is the time of year to hold our Annual Meetings. Join us at St Mary's on Sunday 24th April at 6pm (in place of the evening service) or at St Rumbold's on Wednesday 27th April at 7pm. Please come along to find out what it takes to run your local church and about the many ways you can get involved.

April

See side panel for key to symbols

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24	25	26 ☕	27 ✦	28 ◆	29	30

Thu 14th 2.45pm Mothers' Union – Dementia Care

May

Updated weekly on our website

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8	9 ✦	10	11 HC	12 T ✿ ◆	13	14 ▼
15	16	17	18	19 T ✦	20	21 ▼
22	23	24	25 ✦	26 T	27	28 ▼
29	30	31 ☕				

Thu 12th 2.45pm Mothers' Union – Children's Chance

▼ Even more open on Saturdays again!

Our Saturday afternoon drop-ins at St Mary's, start up again in May. If you are passing – or would like to have a chat with someone trained to listen – pop in for a cup of tea from 2.30pm (weddings permitting!) This is in addition to our Post Office café and the Walnut Tree drop-ins, when Paul or Mel will be available to chat, which continue throughout the year.



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Musings from a Handley Woodsman

Many folk in Handley use wood to heat their homes, either as their primary source of heating or for the reassurance and comfort that a fire brings. There is something about fire, we feel connected to it even in the modern world, we cling to it like an old friend. Light a fire in the absence of modern distractions and your eye is drawn and attention focused in a trancelike state upon those leaping flames.

Our ability to collect/control wild fire and ultimately make fire ourselves has influenced our evolution. Apart from the warmth and protection that fire brings, cooked food is easier to digest. You therefore need to catch or collect less. Time is freed up for more creative endeavours stimulating intellectual development and ultimately, through evolution, genes for larger brain development were selected. It's not unreasonable to state that 'we wouldn't be human if we hadn't formed a relationship with fire'

Timber suppliers are currently stockpiling wood cross cutting and splitting stacking back to dry. So come the autumn they are ready when we rush to our phones to call for our supply of split Ash and conifer kindling for the winter ahead. Maybe we source wood ourselves in which case we should be doing the same.

A useful poem was often used ,which you may have heard, to remember the relative merits of different woods.

Conifers and birch get a bad review within this poem, and for good reason. They burn up quickly and fir spits quite badly. However it must be remembered that this poem was written when all house fires were open, the heat flaring up the chimney rather than being held in the embers. Different woods were also used for different fire types, i.e. birch bundles known as pimps (Dorset) were used to heat up bakers ovens.

Most people now use wood-burning stoves. These are much more efficient and spitting wood is not a problem. Wood-burners have been used in Scandinavia for 150 years, where they burn predominantly birch and conifers. Newer stoves are now made incredibly efficient by recirculating

The Firewood Poem

*Beechwood fires are bright and clear If
the logs are kept a year,
Chestnut's only good they say, If for logs
'tis laid away.*

*Make a fire of Elder tree, Death within
your house will be;*

**But ash new or ash old, Is fit for a
queen with crown of gold**

*Birch and fir logs burn too fast
Blaze up bright and do not last,
it is by the Irish said Hawthorn bakes
the sweetest bread.*

*Elm wood burns like churchyard
mould, E'en the very flames are cold*

**But ash green or ash brown Is fit for a
queen with golden crown**

*Poplar gives a bitter smoke, Fills your
eyes and makes you choke,*

Apple wood will scent your room

*Pear wood smells like flowers in bloom
Oaken logs, if dry and old keep away
the winter's cold*

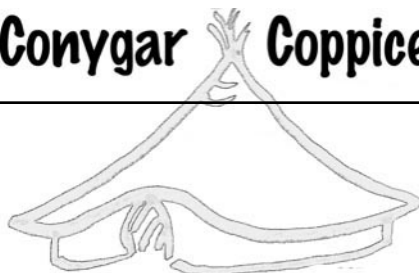
**But ash wet or ash dry a king shall
warm his slippers by.**

The firewood poem was written by Lady Celia Congreve, is believed to be first published in THE TIMES newspaper on March 2nd 1930. © by owner. provided at no charge for educational purposes

air flow. New flues and flue liners reduce issues with tar build up from conifers and ash build up in chimneys which can lead to chimney fires, in short you can burn any seasoned wood other than treated wood relatively cleanly and with less of a carbon footprint than conventional power generation. In fact it's the ultimate renewable resource if managed well. Now I have a bit of a vested interest here as I have a conifer woodland, I also like working with ash it's a beautiful wood and for it to be seen primarily as a firewood is a shame.

In this poem we find that ash is the best; but is it? The answer is yes; and no! In short it's a wonderful wood for timber suppliers, during the winter it has the lowest moisture content of any standing wood meaning that it needs storing for less time and less carefully. However like all other woods it is better properly seasoned. It also splits very easily reducing processing costs and making it easier for clients to handle. But is ash the best wood for burning?

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As you may know I have a background in science so lets get straight to the maths, its not overly complicated as we all have heating bills which are rated KWh a typical 4 bedroom houses uses 3200 KWh a year. Wood is measured in KWh/m3 or per kg (kilowatt hours / m3).

The numbers in this table speak for themselves, but as we live in an area with a lot of beech it might be worth getting some, why not cut down that hornbeam hedge and burn, a replacement mixed fruit bearing hedge would be better for you and wildlife !

As these numbers are per m3 not by weight, you can burn any wood you like you just need more of it to get the same energy yield. So if you can negotiate a reduction for inferior wood have enough storage and don't mind visiting the shed more often, go for it. There is also a certain wisdom in having a mixed pile so you can choose your wood depending on the

Wood type	Average Kwh/m3
Holly	3591
Hornbeam	3511
Beech	3032
Ash	2926
Oak	2926
Douglas Fir	2766
Birch	2660
Poplar	2022

temperature.

The figures are for energy contained in the fuel, even the best stoves are only 70% efficient which compared to 10% for an open fire is still good. Its also easy to forget that wood is incredibly variable even within a species there can be as much as 30% variance in density of growth depending on where and how the tree has grown. I maintain that some of the best firewood is from old gnarled hawthorn and blackthorn hedge stools the wood is really dense and burns hot and slow.

You make up your own mind I will be burning a mixture of Ash, hazel, conifers and old hedge material because its what I have. If you can find well seasoned, Holly , Hornbeam or Beech snap it up your wood pile will be much smaller.

Next:- Symbiosis in Ancient woodlands.

Good reads

Norwegian wood Chopping stacking and drying wood the Scandinavian way (Lars Mytting)

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Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
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Wessex Internet major announcements at its Milestone Event

Superfast Rural Internet provider Wessex Internet uses its Milestone event held at The Grosvenor Arms Shaftesbury to make major announcements to its customers and potential customers in its operating area of North Dorset, South Wiltshire and East Somerset.

At the reception for 120 customers, partners and staff held in The Assembly Room of The Grosvenor Arms Shaftesbury, Andrew Skipsey announced that the 1000th Wessex Internet customer is Helen Lawes of Chettle, who by chance, managed to secure £800 value of free internet connection and service. Local MP Simon Hoare presented the award to Helen who is a Local Hospital matron, and lives with her family in Chettle.



Simon is Vice Chairman of the all-party broadband committee and he spoke about government appreciating the need for better speeds for those who live and work in the countryside. More will be done to help the likes of Wessex Internet expand into hot spot areas and he was delighted to announce that the Dorset Superfast Scheme administrators had been successful in securing BDUK approval to allow businesses and residents who get less than 2Mb/s internet to receive a £350 connection grant and Wessex Internet's new customers can qualify for this scheme. For Wessex Internet, Andrew Skipsey says, "This will be great news to help us serve more remote areas and potential customers where we already have a presence where BT speeds are slow." Technical Director Matthew Skipsey announced that the new website is now live and it integrates with all of the firm's management portals so that new customers can easily confirm a superfast service is available, chose a deal, enter

their details and organise an installation. The site works well for PC, Tablet and smart phone users.

Matthew also explained that we had decided it was a good time to offer our customers a bigger data allowance for no increase in cost. The top Family + package now comes with a massive 500GB of data and the middle popular Family package is now 150GB. Plus we've added 25% more data for Residential Starter and business broadband customers. He explains "we want to pass on improved economies of scale for our growing customer base and we've taken advantage of our recent direct connections to the main content providers like Google, Netflix and the BBC which reduces our own costs and means we can pass on the benefit to customers."

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CBA Services.....

By the time you will be reading this, the new tax year will be only a few days away, so hopefully you have considered the tax planning ideas I mention in my last article. The Chancellor made his Budget 2016 Speech on 16 March and I thought I would outline a number of the topics:

Personal Tax

Personal Allowances for years ended

5th April 2017	£11,000
5th April 2018	£11,500

Stamp Duty Land Tax

Additional properties

From 1 April 2016 when purchasing a second home the stamp duty land tax will be increased by 3% above the normal rate.

Tax Rates for year ended 5th April 2017

£0 - £32,000	20%
£32,001 - £150,000	40%
£150,000+	45%

Tax Rates for year ended 5th April 2018

£0 - £33,500	20%
£33,501 - £150,000	40%
£150,000+	45%

Personal savings allowance

From 6 April 2016 basic rate (20%) taxpayers/higher rate (40%) taxpayers will not pay tax on the first £1,000/£500 of savings income. Additional rate (45%) taxpayers will not qualify for the allowance.

Automatic deduction of savings income tax

From April 2017 savings income tax will no longer be automatically deducted from income received from certain investments.

Taxation on dividends

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2016 Budget

The new rates will be:

£0 - £5,000	0%
£5,001 - £32,000	7.5%
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£32,001 - £150,000	32.5%
(if the total income is within the higher rate band)	
£150,001 +	38.1%

Capital Gains Tax

The tax rates for capital gains tax were reduced to:

Rates from 6 April 2016:

Higher rate	20%
Basic rate	10%

However for gains on residential property which is your second property will be:

Higher rate	28%
Basic rate	18%

Business Tax

National Insurance

The annual employment allowance for National Insurance Contributions will be increased to £3,000 from April 2016. Not available for single director companies. From April 2018 Class 2 NIC will be abolished completely.

Corporation Tax Rate for years beginning

1 April 2017	19%
1 April 2018	19%
1 April 2019	19%
1 April 2020	17%

Apprenticeship levy

From April 2017 an apprenticeship levy will be set at a rate of 0.5% of an employer's pay bill. Each employer will receive an allowance of up to £15,000.

Trading income received in non-monetary form

Where trading receipts take the form of non-monetary assets eg reciprocal exchange of services, these are brought into account for tax purposes at their market value.

Other matters which were raised that may be of interest: Inheritance Tax

From 6th April 2017, for taxpayers who pass their main residence to direct descendants on death, a new 'main residence nil-rate' band has been introduced in addition to the usual nil-rate band.

The following new main residence nil-rate band will apply for years ending:

5th April 2018	£100,000
5th April 2019	£125,000
5th April 2020	£150,000
5th April 2021	£175,000

The existing nil-rate band is to be frozen at £325,000 until year ended 5th April 2021. From 6th April 2016 the tax rate applicable on lump sum amounts paid from the pension of someone who dies aged 75 and over, will reduce from 45% to the recipient's marginal rate.

Note: marginal rate is a recipient's personal tax rate for a tax year.

Other Information

Savings

New "Lifetime ISA" from April 2017. Adults below 40 can contribute up to £4,000 each year and the government will provide a 25% bonus.

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New property and trading income allowance

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"The Downsman Business Support Group"

The first meeting of business people in the Downsman area went very nicely with a good range of local businesses of all different types being present (and a good selection of biscuits). Discussions included Social Media, the Cranborne Chase AONB, our internet connection speeds as well as participating in the Waistocat Festival.

It was good to get together and share our different experiences in business. We hope in this way we can all support each other and make being a rural business owner less lonely!

Come for a chat and a cuppa if you are a business.

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Need any further information please feel free to give Catherine a call (01258 840306/01725 552955 after 7pm/07895 913546) or drop me an email cchapman.cba@gmail.com

Cards

Whist!!

With five competitive rounds remaining, Olive Meaden who rose to head the table in January remains the player to be caught. Presently [as at mid-March] her number of points stands at 1951, twenty-three ahead of her closest rival, John York who has persistently returned a run of high scores since the turn of the year. Likewise, Doug Haskell whose '172' at the end of the 11th round elevated him to third with an aggregate of 1919 points, the same as Chris Haskell but under the archaic rules of the game Doug on the opening drive of the season had a better 'plus' score than that for Chris on the twelfth deal of the evening. Ness Park, meanwhile, has moved into fifth place with 'Your Scribe' maintaining sixth, a mere two points ahead of Sylvia Morrison who slipped badly on round eleven with one of her worst returns of the contest. John Berville [1888], Kingsley White [1878] and Betty White [1875] fill the remaining top ten positions. A run of awful cards relegated Stuart Haskell from sixth to thirteenth but on round eleven his fortunes changed for the better and a '163' restored him to eleventh, eight points adrift of a 'top ten' placing and with five rounds to go he is back in contention, though he will need to score well for the remainder of the contest in order to maintain a challenge to the leaders. John Berville's '184' remains unbeaten; a '182' returned by Doug Haskell before Christmas being the closest.

Bridge!

Attendance at the Tuesday afternoon bridge sessions at the sports' pavilion remains encouraging with three tables in play being the norm. Since my February report we have said 'farewell' to Ray Vidler who has moved from the village to pastures new but our numbers remain constant as we say 'welcome' to Robert Prance who has joined us in order to refresh his memories of the game that he played some years ago. The standard of play continues to be very good with partnerships achieving 'game' scores on a frequent basis - particularly in the major suits [spades and hearts] and in no trumps. As I have mentioned many times in these reports 'slams' are the

principal aim and of late there have been several with Tim Stevens and Nora Davis featuring twice at the six level and Julie and Gerald Trickey also making six. However, it was at the meeting on 9 February that I witnessed a combination of high points between partners that was so remarkable that I was moved to email a report to Andrew Robson, bridge correspondent of The Times. Stu and Sue Coombs play on a very occasional basis and though Susan has played bridge, Stu is a complete novice and, therefore, I sat with him to give advice. Picking up his cards he had a high card count sufficient for him to bid '2 No Trumps' [twenty to twenty-two points on a balanced hand]. This I explained to Susan, Stu's partner, adding that if her hand had a value of five high card points or more she could safely bid '3 No Trumps'; however, what happened next was quite unbelievable. Susan bid '3 Diamonds' and Stu went to a '3 No Trumps', a game call [it would have

been unfair on their opponents, Alan and Margaret Smith and I had looked at Susan's hand before she bid]. When Susan's cards went down the combined high card point in the partnership came to an amazing thirtyseven points, a mere three points short of the maximum of forty. Needless to say Stu made all thirteen tricks which led me to remark "Stu, you could play this game for a lifetime and never close a contract with such a combined high card point total."!

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Book Review

Useful Reading List

In recent years when the House of Commons began its summer recess and the members went off on their holidays, I recall those in the Cabinet received a 'book list' [it may have been a good media story but it gives me a useful lead in to this issue's review] deemed as useful reading when relaxing by the poolside at some exotic location. Well, with spring and summer fast approaching, may I suggest the following authors material as 'useful reading' wherever you may be. To those who like crime fiction, there are a plethora of writers eager for you to sample their work and my recommendations that follow merely scratch the surface of the subject; Colin Dexter of Chief Inspector Morse fame always provides good value for money spent, as does his fellow authors whose work has been adapted for television series: R D Wingfield and his Inspector Frost aka 'A Touch of Frost'; Ruth Rendell [sadly, no longer with us] whose Chief Inspector Wexford books became firm favourites for television adaptations of the same name [she also wrote under the pseudonym Barbara Vine]; Agatha Christie and her remarkable output of sixty-six crime themed novels, the best known being the Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot series, all of which have enjoyed long-running television series and are staple fare to this day on the numerous sky channels. I make mention also of that doyen or early crime fiction, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and though very much of the present generation, Edward Marston sets his work in the mid-nineteenth century with a most easy on the eye series of railway crime, all of which is ultimately solved and the villains brought to justice by Inspector Colbeck and his trusted assistant Sergeant Victor Leeming From America, Ed McBain* [died July 6th, 2005] and his prolific output of 87th Precinct novels set in New York and, to a lesser degree, his Matthew Hope series has much appeal, as does Patricia Cornwell and her well researched and written Dr Kay Scarpetta novels.

For those whose tastes lie in non-fiction, well the scope is endless. My reading [as

many of you will know] tends to be military history and in this context anything by Martin Middlebrook should always satisfy. His subjects have ranged from the Great War to the Falklands crisis of 1982. No longer writing, his books are still in great demand. Recently, I reviewed the first in a projected series of three volumes by James Holland's re-examination of the war in the West, while books by deceased authors Hugh Redwald Trevor-Roper, John Terraine and Chaz Bowyer stand head-and-shoulders over much of what has been written by more contemporary historians, though equal to this respected trio is Antony Beevor; his analysis of the ferocious battle for Stalingrad which was the turning point in Germany's campaign in Soviet Russia is outstanding.

Books with intelligence matters, both factual and fictional are popular; Ian Fleming and his hero James Bond while

anything by David John Moore but known throughout the book world as John Le Carré and equally brilliant in this genre, Len Deighton should suffice for the fictional side of the subject, while factual writing is well taken care of by the likes of Ben Macintyre and Keith Jeffery, Professor of British History at Queen's University, Belfast, who was commissioned to write the authorized history of MI6. I am aware that I have neglected many well known and popular authors but towards the end of the year, and in time for Christmas, I hope to redress this in my recommendation for Yuletide reading.

* McBain, born October 15th, 1926 in New York as Salvatore Albert Lombino, came to the notice of the literary world with his 1954 novel 'The Blackboard Jungle', later adapted for a film of the same name.

Bill Chorley

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Bus Travel @ Crossroads Cafe

**Don't miss it! Villagers catch
a bus that runs once a year**

Spain
Graham Keeley Madrid
When the No 654 bus pulled in to La Torre D'Orieta last week, several residents decided to break with their routine and catch it — it was either that or wait a year for the next one.
The bus arrives at this Spanish hamlet only on the first Monday of March. So rare is it that for years none of the 257 inhabitants had used it. Many were unaware that it even existed.
This time a group of them clambered aboard, partly out of curiosity and partly in protest at the lack of public transport.
"A bus that only passes once a year does not serve anything," Jordi Freixa, a resident and journalist, said.
"Some of the residents did not know anything about this bus. Some wanted to go on it just to see if it really does exist."
For the past decade the bus has been stopping at La Torre d'Orieta, then moving on to two other villages. Before this year it had been a lonely three-hour trip for Miquel Palacios, the driver.
"I have never seen so many people. They should raise my salary," he told *El Periódico*, a local newspaper.
The 654 is run by Sagalés, a large regional bus company, as part of a deal with the Catalan regional government. The service is maintained by the local authorities to ensure that the isolated municipality has some public transport.
A spokesman for Sagalés said: "We have done what the concession demands we should do."

This was produced on Wednesday at the Crossroads Cafe. We reckon we had problems which have been resolved..

You can see the new timetable on page 20.

Dobbin



My niece recently sent me a photograph of 'Dobbin' - our family rocking-horse, now restored and retired!

Needless to say he was well loved and I often recall, with a smile those young pre-war days as we had our adventures with him. My brothers and I travelled imaginary journeys on his back - often with two seated, whilst two others stood upon the side bars. We went so very wild with him that he would jump across the floor as we rocked him around the world.

I was touched to receive pictures of him after so long and felt I just had to write a few words for him. So, for 'Dobbin', now re-named 'Tollers' - a little poem.

Tollers Dream.

I've just been re-christened
And have a different name.
I've been painted, brushed and seen to -
And have a nice new mane.
I'm happy at the window
In my grand new home -
And hope - now that I'm new once more
That no more will I roam

My new name is 'Tollers'.
Quite different from my past,
When it was 'Horse' or 'Dobbin',
But I think this one will last.
For you see I'm now 'up market'
And as tidy as can be -
Those old names won't really suit -
So it's 'Tollers' now for me!

So, I stay here by the window
For I'm really very, very old.
I'm dusted and my mane is stroked,
And I appear as good as gold -
But inside my head is dreaming
Of days so far away -
When all was noise and bustle,
And I was needed every day!

People visit and admire me,
And stroke my nice new mane -
But they cannot see inside me,
For in there I'm just the same.
But I rest here by the window
And with an inward smile -
Dream perhaps there'll come the day
When I'll be needed for a while!

To-day I had a visit
From a nice, old, gentle man.
He stroked my mane, and whispered
'Hello Dobbin' - remember if you can
Do you re-call the capers
We youngsters used to play,
When we rode you - oh so wildly
Each and every day!
Through forests, fields and mountains
As far as eye can see -
But now is time for dreaming
For you are a tired 'old boy' - like me!

But as I stay here by the window
I think, perhaps there'll come a day
When some young lad will greet me
And say 'Tollers, let us play!'
He'll jump into my saddle -
Astride - hands on my mane,
As we rush thru' fields and forests,
And along some sandy shore!
We'll have adventures by the dozen
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Margaret A.P. Quinn. July 2015

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Fundraising Night Raises £5,000 for Two Local Charities!

A Charity Fundraising Night, held at The Stones Hotel, has raised a total of £4,957 for two local charities; The Trussell Trust and Salisbury Trust for the Homeless. The event was organised by Kara Rogers at Bassets Sales & Lettings, to raise money for the charity skydives which are taking place on 10th April. The skydive is in aid of The Transformation Project; a joint initiative between The Trussell Trust and Salisbury Trust for the Homeless which is all about helping people in crisis (homeless and in food poverty) get back into employment and into independent living. Spire FM's Martin Starke hosted the evening, where 121 guests enjoyed an outstanding three course meal at The Stones Hotel and were treated to performances from the fantastic Sticky Toffee Jazz (Sandy Ince). Guests also participated in a raffle and auction, which raised £2,500. Barclays Salisbury generously agreed to match the fundraising, up to £2,000.

David Clayton, Managing Director of Bassets, organised the skydive said "We would like to thank everybody who supported the Charity Fundraising Night, in particular The Stones Hotel for their fantastic hospitality and also to all the local businesses who donated a raffle or auction prize. The event was a huge success, and we didn't expect to raise as much as we did!"

If you would like to skydive with Kara, David and 20 other local people on 10th April at GoSkydive Old Sarum, please contact Amber on 01722 568755 or email amber@goskydive.com to book your place.

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Gone Sailing



Meanderers - East Bound

Wind S or SW F5 to 7, HW Portsmouth 14:24 GMT 4.5m, Yacht Sweden 42, Crew 4 guys (age range 65 - 82).

With East bound tide under us, and wind astern, it was a fast smooth run towards Cowes, under all plain sail. (Wind a bit strong for Cruising Chute!). So fast in fact that we arrived in Cowes Roads shortly after fresh coffee and Mr Lidl's fine biccies. Towards Wootton Creek was suggested - hooray - have not been there for a while, and it is one of my favourite destinations. The Royal Victoria YC is friendly and welcoming. RVYC was originally set up in Ryde in 1845 by Prince Albert to enable Queen Victoria, as a female, to enter a yacht club.

From Osborne Bay the entrance to Wootton Creek is not obvious, but from our position and direction of sail, the Wootton Beacon N Cardinal (Q fl), may be assumed to be under the church tower on the hill behind (something I noted on previous occasions), confirmed by chart plotter, it just makes navigation a bit easier if you can eyeball it. However care is needed for deeper draft yachts, (label on our echo sounder states: aground at 2.1m!) So a little study of tides, HW Portsmouth being 4.5m, and we would arrive at about 12:00, by inspection of the tidal curve we should have a rise of tide of about 3.3m, with a drying height at the pontoon of -1.2m, gives a depth of 2.1m, so as you see, a bit tight on depth. Approaching Wootton Beacon we slowed to allow the ferry to pull ahead, furled the jib, and rolled away the main, motoring slowly in we found a minimum depth of 2.4m, and moored in 3.5m, with a rising tide for a while, all was well.

We enjoyed refreshments in RVYC, and admired the many half models, dating back to Victorian times, which adorn the walls. Time to leave, spring the stern out, and motor gently astern, let the ferry go (again), once out of the narrow channel, hoist the main with two reefs, full self tacking jib, and a beat back to Lymington, strong winds up to 30kn apparent at times, but good boatspeed, and with tide under us 9.4kn

SOG. Dusk was falling as we approached Lymington and navigation lights were switched on. All agreed it was a good days sail, and must return to RVYC soon! Sad news, the Sweden 42 is now up for sail, but the good news is the 390 is due to be launched at the end of March.

Lots of sailing opportunities LTSC 2016

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Cruises to Alderney, St Vaast, and the West Country, through the Summer.
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May 22nd Sunday, LTSC Open Day
August 28th Bath Race, (Scouts take note!) baths are provided, and the race takes place in the open air salt water pool, all you need is imagination to turn a bath into ???
Yes, the plug'oles are sealed!

Or longer passages?

A member is looking for crew, he is bringing his Grand Soleil 50 back from Italy, the yacht is MCA Cat 2 Coding, eg liferaft, lifejackets, EPIRB, PLB, etc.
April - May Italy - France - Spain - Gib.
May - June Gib - Spain - Portugal - Biscay - Falmouth - Solent
? - ? UK - Canaries
November - December Canaries ARC
Another member is looking for crew, UK - France - Spanish Rias - France - UK.
And of course all the dinghy sailing, see www.ltsc.co.uk.
The opportunities are there, all you need to do is join.....
See you with the wind in your hair

Adam

*ps this is my 21st log,
I do hope that some have been
encouraged to take to the water?*

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Speakers and topics already arranged for 2016 include Terry Vincent (China in the Present), Dame Annette Brooke PC (Tales from Westminster), Ian Dickins (Nursing through the Great War), Terry Fulton (Gibraltar), Mike Phipps (Flying Boats) and Ron Evenden (Dog sledging in the Arctic). We meet at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of each month at the St. Leonards Village Hall, Braeside Road, BH24 2PH. For a friendly chat and further information please contact our Membership Secretary, Deirdre, on 01425 472940 or email our Secretary, Linda, at lindadickins@hotmail.co.uk

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Scout Night Hike

At first it was thought the HQ had been invaded by Zombie Scouts this morning..... thankfully it was just the result of a 14km hike and a couple of hours (at best) sleep! Turns out the remedy for near zombie Scouts is a bacon buttie and hot chocolate. BRAVO to the 24 Scouts and 4 leaders who faced the near-freezing conditions to hike until 3am. In the spirit of helping other people and doing a good turn every day, the Scouts raised a whopping £300 for Project Uganda with many of the Scouts giving their own money rather than expecting Mum or Dad to pay. They also each carried 4 and 6 pint containers of water for the duration of the walk, as a reminder of the distances young people the same age in Uganda have to walk just to access a water supply. Top Job Woodcutts Scouts.



Subscriptions

(note from Acting Treasurer)

Many thanks to all those of you that have adopted payment by Electronic Funds Transfer using your internet or mobile banking service. This makes tracking who has paid much simpler and also helps with future Gift Aid claims. We will continue to accept cheques and (reluctantly) cash but both generate significantly more work for us. Subs for the next term will become due at the first meeting of term and should be paid within 3 weeks, please. Abi will be collecting again.



Looking back over the accounts for the last few years we clearly have a problem with Subs not being paid by all members. Mostly, I imagine, through oversight and potentially because of failure on our part. However, I can see that over 10 members have still not paid for the Spring term. If you think that you may be 1 of them, please check your bank statement and if it looks like you have not paid us, then please talk with Abi when paying at the beginning of next term.

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Date	Function	Page	Day	Club or Group
1 Apr	Bowls Quiz @ Bowls Club	5	Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time
2 Apr	Community Litter Pick	5	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month
7 Apr	Business Meet @ Town Farm Workshop	5	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time
9 Apr	6D Handley Village Hall Spring Clean	11	Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12
11 Apr	NEW BUS TIMETABLE STARTS	20	Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly
14 Apr	CRESS talk @ Broadchalk Village Hall	5	Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time
14 Apr	Rusty Raquets @ 6D Handley Tennis Court	15	Thu	Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 11:30
15 Apr	Games Night @ Pentridge Village Hall	5	Thu	Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45
20 Apr	Taste the Chase @ Larmenr Tree	7	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time
20 Apr	DWT @ Fontmell Magna	10	Thu	6D Handley Tennis Club Rusty Raquets 6:30-7:30
23 Apr	Quiz Night@ Pentridge Village Hall	6	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 : 3rd Thursday not August
27 Apr	Easter Egg Hunt @ Pentridge	4	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month
4 May	6D Handley Village Hall AGM	11	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
6 May	Quiz night @ 6D Handley School	5		
7 May	DWT Dawn walk @ Ansty	10		
12 May	NEW MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE	7		
21 May	Waistcoat Festival @ Sixpenny Handley	1		
10 June	Reg & Jess @ 6D Handley Village Hall	11		



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