



The Downsmen

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

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

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

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

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

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Half Page	186mm x 122mm
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*without frame which will be added by us.

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

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

Fabulous Festival

Thank you so much to everyone who came, helped and supported the Waistcoat Festival this year. We had an amazing day of history, singing, making handley hare rolls, music and merrymaking - the weather couldn't dampen the firebird either!

Needless to say this week creating a Downsman and helping with the festival has been a little busy, but as these things do, they get done, and with a little help from a lot of friends we seem to have got there!

I hope you like the colourful cover, we splashed out on it this year as it is one of those questions I get asked a lot, "why don't we go for colour?" It costs more is the simple answer and I like the fact that extra money we raise through advertising goes back into the community to help groups like Tennis Club, Football Club, Scouts, The Little Pennies pre-school and more... but to share our Community day and fabulous Sport Relief photos we thought this issue we would go for it!

Pentridge seems to be the place to go in June - Molly's Marvellous Mini Nature Reserve, Tess is coming to Pentridge Green. They have their amazing looking Royal Fete with so much going on I had to give them a whole page!

There are also a great many other events - so do get your calendars out and visit the Noticeboard or What's on (inside the back cover today!). There is also more information on Martin Lloyd's Dorset Artweeks exhibition in Chettle page 19.

Whatever you get up to make the most of summer when it happens as it doesn't seem to last very long... the posts on Facebook when the weather broke last week were very amusing - "Well that was summer, nice while it lasted" and RIP Summer 2016" I'm sure it will be back though at least for a day or two, I'm getting my sandals out ready!

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

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To the Editor

Deanland Doggerel

Coming down the lane to Deanland,
Up the path and by the stile,
Down the track and in the gateway
Mind your step – there's something vile!
Gone, the days we'd look around us
As we walked, to see the view,
Now our gaze is strictly downwards
To make sure we miss the poo.
Deanland's dogs are over thirty;
Many more come passing through.
Fine! But I don't want their dirty
Excrement smeared on my shoe.
If this rhyme has made you shudder
At the thought that you're to blame,
Maybe you'll decide you'd better
"Pick it up and take it home".

Anon.

Do You Have Any Old Photos Of Pentridge?

As part of Pentridge Village Fete on 11th June, there will be a small exhibition in the village hall highlighting the short history of the village school.

This will include extracts from the original school log books showing an amazing insight into life in a Victorian village school. It will also include copies of articles discovered amongst the archives of the Shaftesbury Estate.

However up until now I have been unable to locate any photos of the school and its pupils and I hope that there is someone out there who can help. Surnames of some of the children who attended the school between 1877 and 1930 are listed below: SARJEANT, HERRINGTON, THICK, WICK, NOKE, COOK, SELLWOOD, DIBBEN, FRAMPTON, ISAAC, COLEMAN, BLAKE, YOUNG, NEWMAN, WILLIAMS, BENNETT, TROWBRIDGE, BLANDFORD, SILVERTHORNE, DAY.

I wonder if you, or anybody you know, with these surnames or others, has any old photos lurking in their albums. If so I would love to hear from you.

I am also looking for any stories relating to the school that have been passed down through parents and grandparents. If you have any information or photos I would be most grateful if you could contact me, details below.

e-mail: Jillpreston9@gmail.com

Tel: 01725 552050

Noticeboard

**Molly's
Marvellous Mini Nature Reserve**
Come on Saturday 25th and
Sunday 26th of June, in Pentridge
at 12:00 till 3:00. Follow the
directions from the top of the lane
or from the church after the service.

Dogs welcome on leads.
£1 per adult and under 18s free.
Family ticket £1.50
Cakes and drinks available and
picnics welcome.
In aid of Pentridge village church.

**Open Farm
Sunday
5th June**



**at
Myncen Farm,
Minchington**



"Dorset Art Weeks" are running
from 28th May until 12th June, and
Sixpenny Handley resident Martin
Lloyd, and fellow artist Rosemary
Westlake from Shaftesbury, are
holding their own exhibition right
on our doorstep in Chettle Village
Hall

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A
GARDEN PARTY
CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON
THE VICARAGE LAWN
SIXPENNY HANDLEY
SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 3-5.30pm

This will be followed by
A ROYAL SONGS OF PRAISE AT 6pm

**Sixpenny
Handley
School Fete**

All Welcome

**10th June
5:30pm**

**Farnham
Open Gardens**

**Saturday 25th June
Sunday 26th June
11am until 5pm**

**refreshments all day
free parking
Admission £5**

Downsman Noticeboard

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

Cranborne Chase Guided Archaeological Walk

In The Footsteps Of Pitt Rivers

Friday 24 June, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 pm (Meeting at Win Green Hill car park)

“The Downsman Business Support Group”

9.30 - 10.30
on
Thursday 2nd June

at
Myncen Farm,
Minchington

Pentridge Village Fete on 11th June 2016

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Spitfire: 80 Years of History

A talk by Bill Chorley
Parish Office,

Friday June 3rd, 2016

7 p.m. for 7.30 start

‘Paws in the Park’

Wimborne St Giles on

Sunday July 24th

This event will include a sponsored walking event and dog show set in the glorious grounds, gardens and surrounding Wimborne St Giles House, the ancient seat of the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Tess of the d'Urbervilles
Live in Trantridge
Thursday 21st July 2016
6.30-8.30pm



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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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Reg Meuross & Jess Vincent
Friday 10 June 2016. Doors open
at 7.30 pm, music from 8.00 pm

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FATHER'S DAY
SPECIAL!

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE

11am SUNDAY 19TH JUNE
ST MARY'S SIXPENNY HANDLEY
A FUN CELEBRATION OF FATHERLY LOVE
(COME EARLY FOR COFFEE!)



Clerk's Corner

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

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

Email: sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Clerk to the Council (Lisa Goodwin) 01258 840935

Assistant Clerk (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211

Annual Report of the Parish Council by Cllr James Reed, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
Presented to the Annual Meeting of Electors
23rd March 2016

May 2015 saw some changes to the Parish Council with 7 new Councillors taking on the increasing challenges the Council faces. The Parish Council expects to be made responsible for the provision of more local service in future. DAPTC provide training to existing and new Councillors to help keep members up-to-date.

The Council agreed to provide the Village Hall with funds of £15,000 over the next 2 years from the property maintenance budget and reserves. This will largely go towards the replacement of the roof but will also act as match funding in the Lottery Fund application which will enable a more comprehensive refurbishment and some improvements.

The sports facilities have been taken on by the Parish Council in place of the Sport Association. Pavilion bookings can be made at the Parish Office and use of the pavilion includes bridge, Pilates, history talks and a wedding. Thanks to Dave Adams and Stuart Mclean for their work on maintenance, cleaning and resolving some problems with utilities. Thanks also to Mark Young for grass maintenance. The PWLB loan will be paid off in October 2019 which will release funds for ongoing upkeep and maintenance of what are very valuable facilities.

The Parish Council continue regular inspections of the Recreation Ground play area with monthly checks in the winter, weekly checks in the summer and quarterly inspections by Mike Duro who also carries out any necessary repairs.

The Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust (CLT) is making progress with the aim of providing some additional affordable housing in the village. Four acres of land at Common Road would provide one acre or so for housing and would be purchased by the CLT from the District Council. The

balance of the area will be secured by the Parish Council for future use by the community. The Parish Council is starting negotiations with East Dorset District Council with the hope of purchasing the land although a lease is an option.

The Parish Office has become a useful venue with regular bookings including weekly Coffee Mornings and an art exhibition. There is now a projector and screen in readiness for online viewing of planning applications. The projector is available for bookings with the office.

Councillors attended an Emergency Planning seminar and flood signs are now kept at the Parish Office. Luckily the signs weren't necessary this year although the springs came close to breaking in Handley.

The Parish Council held a busy meeting when the Rural Bus Review was discussed. Thanks to everyone who completed the consultation questionnaires and made their views known. Importantly the bus service will remain although there will be some changes to the operator and the number of buses.

A new Community Website is being designed to draw together all the useful information and links for facilities and businesses.

Woodcuts are renovating their telephone box and the Deanland box continues to be used as an information point.

The Community Speed Watch have performed speed checks and the Parish Council are considering the purchase of a speed indicator device, potentially sharing with another Parish. This will hopefully help deter speeding when the Speed Watch can't be out and about and also collect useful speed data.

The Council has improved the footpath behind the Church to reduce mud and enable easier access to the Recreation Ground.

Opening Hours:

8.30am – 10.00am Fri,

7.00pm – 7.30pm Thu

10.00am – 12 noon Tue

For Parish Council

information visit:

www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

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

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

£10 per session

Book in with Ciona on

01725 552211 or 01725 553040

The planning committee is undertaking a Tree Management Plan and this will also look at planting some new trees if possible.

Thanks to Steve Butler and Simon Tong for their work and support as our County and District Councillors. Thanks to Regard Partnership for Play Area Inspections, Mr Dennett for litter picking, Mr Ryall for clearing vegetation in Post Office Lane and Rob Jesse for emptying bins. Finally thank you for the work Adam Crick did repainting the lettering on the war memorial. Adam wasn't able to complete the repainting having been taken ill and sadly he recently passed away. If anyone would like to complete what Adam started please do speak to the Parish Council.

Audited Accounts for year ending 31st March 2015.

The Audited Accounts for 2015 of which there were no matters arising are available for scrutiny on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard at the Parish Office.

L Goodwin

Cranborne Chase Guided Archaeological Walk

In The Footsteps Of Pitt Rivers

Friday 24 June, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 pm
(Meeting at Win Green Hill car park)

A guided walk around Cranborne Chase visiting archaeological sites excavated by General Pitt-Rivers. Led by Adrian Green, Director of Salisbury Museum.

An enjoyable circular walk on uneven ground including some steep climbs.

The walk lasts approximately 4-5 hours stopping at Rotherley and Tollard Royal along the way with fantastic views of Cranborne Chase and the Ashcombe Estate. The total distance is about 6 miles.

Please bring clothing suitable for the weather and stout footwear, sun protection, drink and snacks as required. Picnic or pub lunch at Tollard Royal.

Location: Meet at the Win Green Hill car park, grid reference ST 922 204. Turn off the A30 at Ludwell, a few miles east of Shaftesbury and continue south for about a mile and a half. Take the gravel lane on the left (signposted 'By-Way to Win Green') at the top of the hill, to the National Trust car park on Win Green.

Please indicate if you would like to join us for lunch at the King John Inn at Tollard Royal.

The cost for the day will be £25 including lunch, which will consist of a fish and chip meal and a drink (beer, tea, coffee, etc.) or £10 for the walk only.

Please complete the form and return to the address on the booking form on our website (<http://pentridgedorset.co.uk/event/cranborne-chase-guided-archaeological-walk/>), with your cheque by 10th June.

There will be a maximum of 30 places for the walk and it will be on a first come basis.

Vacancy For One Parish Councillor

For Sixpenny Handley

Applications are invited from any person who wishes to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. Forms available from the Clerk to the Parish Council
Mrs Lisa Goodwin 01258 840935 or email sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Sixpenny Handley Mini-Market

Extensive range of groceries
In-store bakery
Chilled & Frozen Food
Local Bread and Milk Daily.
Fruits & Vegetables.
Off-licence:
wines, ciders & ales



Mon - Fri 7am - 7pm
Saturday 7:30am - 7pm
Sunday 7:30am - 1pm
Tel: 01725 552658



12 High St, Sixpenny Handley,
Salisbury SP5 5NR

“To demand peace is not a crime”

Turkish academics on trial

Margaret Owen's account of her experience in Turkey. Margaret lives in Pentridge, is an international human rights lawyer.

President Erdoğan's attack on academics and freedom of speech calls into question whether Turkey will ever comply with the Copenhagen Criteria which govern EU accession. But does Turkey care?

Last Friday, April 21st, four Turkish academics, Meral Camci, Kivanc Ersoy, Muzeffer Kaya and Esra Mungan, after five weeks remanded in prison, were brought to the Heavy Penal Court in Istanbul to face charges of making “propaganda for terrorism” and of association with the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party), labelled as a terrorist organisation by the EU and the US. The indictment accused them under Article 7(2) of Turkey's anti-terror law and if convicted they could face sentences of up to 7 ½ years in detention.

These four defendants, two women

and two men, were selected for arrest and imprisonment simply because they happened to be the ones who publicly read out, on March 1st, in the offices of EGITIM SEM, the Education and Science Workers Union, the press statement affirming their commitment to the January “ACADEMICS FOR PEACE PETITION” to President Erdogan entitled “WE WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO THIS CRIME”.

Although at the end of the day, the prisoners were released, and the Judge adjourned the case to September 27th, confusion reigns among the academics and the lawyers.

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/margaret-owen/to-demand-peace-is-not-crime-turkish-academics-on-trial>
Follow Margaret on twitter
[@electionmargie](#)

Tess of the d'Urbervilles

Live in Trantridge (Pentridge)

Tess returns home to Trantridge...

We are very pleased to announce the live performance of Tess of the d'Urbervilles by SISATA Open Air Theatre Group right here in Pentridge!

Pentridge, like many Dorset villages, has a strong connection to Thomas Hardy. Hardy was said to have stayed here in Pentridge for some time and was inspired to create his own Pentridge, known as 'Trantridge' especially for Tess. This makes the performance of Tess of the d'Urbervilles here in Hardy's Trantridge, incredibly special!

About the performance

Adapted and directed by Charmaine K Parkin
Part of the Theatre Fest West 2016

Four actors play multiple roles in what is an enigmatic and fast paced telling of virtue, love and injustice, but above all the impact of this on the human condition.

Bringing to life the Wessex of the past and honouring the beautiful countryside where the story takes place, whilst also highlighting the timeless issues that this story presents. However, in true SISATA style there will still be fun, interaction, laughter and song to tie together this heart-breaking tale.

Tickets & Information

This is an open air event taking place on Pentridge Village Green. Please bring along blankets and cushions as required. There will be a licensed bar and food available to purchase at the event.

Adult: £8.50
Child: £6.50
Family: £24.00

Tickets can be purchased by telephone on 0333 6663 366 or online via: www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/FILKF



SISATA

SISATA was created out of our passion for Shakespeare, making theatre accessible and the Swanage Amphitheatre. Starting out with just a week's run at this spectacular site in the Prince Albert Gardens in 2012 we have since grown and our annual show now tours to various locations and theatres across the South of England. Adapting to each location, we hope to bring classic stories alive and enable audiences to come enjoy, learn and laugh at our work and the worlds we inhabit.

We bring to life classic texts adapted for four actors; producing energetic, fun and playful pieces of theatre which are suitable

for all ages. We want our audiences to be part of storytelling that is enthralling and stimulating.

This year SISATA is making the bold move away from Shakespeare to tackle a classic novel, which is rooted in the same beautiful countryside as the company. We bring you our version of Thomas Hardy's infamous novel Tess of the d'Urbervilles.

See more from SISATA:
Slate: <https://slate.adobe.com/cp/8dk7g/>
Website: www.sisata.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/sisataopenairtheatre
Twitter: @SISATA1
#SISATA2016

Beer Tent & Barbeque 'Pentridge Porkers'



Cream Teas at The Pentridge Village Fete



Fun Dog Show at The Pentridge Village Fete



Royal Theme Fancy Dress Competition



Best 'Royal' Cake Competition



Pentridge Village Fete

Date: Saturday 11th June Time: 1:30pm – 5:30pm

We are pleased to announce that the date for our annual Village Fete this year is set for 11th June

This year will be a Royal Theme to celebrate our Queen's official 90th Birthday and the day will also see the Grand Opening of Pentridge Village Hall, a recently restored former school house.

Location: Pentridge Village Green and Pentridge Village Hall, East Dorset

Funds Raised: Profit from the Fete will be divided equally between Pentridge Village Hall and St Rumbold's Church, Pentridge.

<http://villagefete.pentridgedorset.co.uk>

Entry: £1 adults, Free for children

What's on:

Fun Dog Show
Beer Tent
Royal Fancy Dress Competition
Best Royal Cake Competition
Barbecue - Pentridge Porkers
Cream Teas
Homemade Cake Cafe
Verwood Brass Training Band
Produce Stall
Catapult Alley
Welly Wanging Competition
Traditional Games
Face Painting
Tombola
Raffle
Silent Auction of Promises
History of the Village
Hall exhibition
And much much more...

*Come and celebrate the opening
of our newly refurbished Village Hall*

- Fun dog show
- Royal themed fancy dress
- Verwood Concert Brass Training Band
- Traditional crafts & games
- Barbecue, Beer Tent, Cream Teas & Ice Creams

• Cake competition (prizes for best decorated & best tasting)	• Wellie wanging	• Auction of promises
• Children's carousel	• Horseshoe Pitching	• Cake stall
• Catapult shooting	• Tombola	• Produce stall
	• Face painting	• Raffle
		...and much, much more!

£1 entry – kids go free • Free parking
Dogs welcome on a lead

Pentridge Village Fete 2016



**Saturday June 11th
from 1.30 to 5.30pm**



Waistcoat Festival Best Man's Waistcoat - Leonard won!

Dorset Wildlife Trust

North Dorset - 23rd June

Thursday 23rd June – Morning walk at Ashley Wood with DWT Warden, Steve Oliver. Meet at 10am at the True Lovers' Knot car park, Tarrant Keyneston on the B3082. There is no charge for this event, but voluntary contributions to DWT would be welcomed. Booking is essential – please telephone Steve Oliver on 07824874273. The walk will last about two hours and sensible footwear is advised.

'Paws in the Park' which will be held at Wimborne St Giles on Sunday July 24th

This event will include a sponsored walking event and dog show set in the glorious grounds, gardens and surrounding Wimborne St Giles House, the ancient seat of the Earl of Shaftesbury.

This beautiful place, including the glorious gardens are not normally accessible to the general public and this is a unique opportunity for garden-lovers to explore this stunning landscape.

<http://www.pawsinpark.org/>



*Waistcoat Festival
Best Women in a Waistcoat*

Restoring Traditional Village Signpost

The Turton family removed the finger post and sanded the wood and lettering, before re painting with several coats of paint. The photo shows Bella Turton carefully repainting the lettering.



Molly's Marvellous Mini Nature Reserve

10 year old Molly Stoddart has decided to open her wonderful garden in Pentridge to the public for one weekend in order to raise money for St Rumbold's Church.

Molly's Marvellous Mini Nature Reserve is an attempt to show people that you can have a very beautiful garden whilst still attracting wildlife.

On the afternoons of the weekend of 25th and 26th of June her garden will be open to visitors who will be asked to pay £1 each (adults) to visit.

Molly will be selling drinks and cake and people are welcome to picnic and bring their dogs as well as look around at the dozens of examples of ways of bringing wildlife into your garden. Molly, a pupil at Ringwood Waldorf School, was inspired to create a Mini Nature Reserve by the RSPB. She loves all wildlife and feels very lucky to have such an abundance of it in her garden. As well



as a massive variety of birds and insects, lizards, slow worms, mice and voles are also regular visitors.

Please come and support her and local wildlife...We are sure that you will have a lovely time and maybe even come away with some new ideas!!!

Sixpenny Village Hall - Arts, Fashion and Auction

Thank you to the groups that attended the Halls AGM on the 4th May. We're delighted to say that the majority of the Trustees are remaining to continue to work on our refurbishment program. We feel we have a wonderful team with Carole Wyatt leading as Chairperson. Thank you to all the trustees for their hard work and commitment. The committee would also like to thank all the volunteers who have given their time and skills to benefit the hall, amongst others to Rob Jesse & family, Sixpenny Sessions, 1st Woodcutts Scouts and Dave Adams.

Artsreach

We will be continuing to host the wonderful Artsreach events in the Autumn. We have 'bid' for a diverse range of entertainment, which we know you'll love and can't wait to hear what shows we've been given. Please continue to support the shows which contribute to our fundraising efforts and keep our hall alive!.

We requested funds from the Community

fund to go towards our 'Raise the curtain' appeal to upgrade the hall's stage and sound system. We are delighted to say that we have been awarded a £2000 donation to our cause. Many thanks!.

Sixpenny Sessions returns on Friday 10th June with Reg Meuross & Jess Vincent. The team are kindly donating proceeds from the evening to the hall's refurbishment plans.

Dates for your diary.

Wednesday 21st September.

Fundraising Fashion Show – The hugely popular fashion show returns. Ladies, a great opportunity to grab a bargain and a great night out!.

Saturday 8th October.

Rob's Auction – YES, It's time to think about Rob's famous Auction!!!. We need your unwanted treasures again so our excellent host can turn them into CASH!. The evening seems to increase in popularity each year

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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.

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Chalk Valley History Festival

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The challenge facing organisers of annual events is how to make their forthcoming event more successful than that of a year ago. From the programme released for the 2016 Festival the challenge has in all aspects been met and visitors can look forward to a week of historical talks and live reenactments of the highest quality. As is now customary the focus on presenting a range of talks along with active participation over the first three days of the Festival with school children in mind is truly extensive. Starting on the Monday for 'Year 6' students Martin Brown will entertain with *Horrible Histories* while 'hands-on' events range from Anglo-Saxon bread making, Tudor music and dance, archery demonstrations, World War 2 tanks [an absolute winner], plus enactments featuring the Celts, the Romans and the Vikings along with many others designed to 'whet the appetite' of the curious.

Moving on to the Tuesday and 'Year 10' I am intrigued by *The Mummy of Sixpenny Handley*; Local Iron Age Discovery by Dr. Tom Booth while a highlight for Wednesday and 'Year 12' students will be a presentation by local historians Guy Walters and James Holland titled *Unlocking the Past; How to Research & Investigate History*. Among the many speakers making their debut at the 'Chalk Valley' are former politicians Jack Straw and Peter Mandelson [their respective posts in labour cabinets are well known], Field Marshal Lord Bramall whose long and distinguished army career culminated in the post of Chief of the Defence Staff; Jonathan Dimbleby of television fame and his radio counterpart the veteran broadcaster Melvin Bragg, while Festival 'veterans' Dan Snow, the ever popular Ian Hislop to name but two will be presenting talks during the week. Last year full-scale replicas of the Spitfire and the Hurricane adorned the main arena and at various times Paul Beaver and James Holland presented thirty-minute 'pop-up' talks and took questions from all who cared to linger and listen - and many did. Similar 'pop-up' histories are promised for this year.

Weather permitting, the closing weekend promises a thrilling display of historic aircraft [who can forget last year's amazing demonstration by, I believe, Lee Proudfoot in the P-51D Mustang *Ferocious Frankie* the roar from its Rolls-Royce Merlin at full bore echoing back from the surrounding valley slopes produced a quite emotional sound]; well, this year it is hoped that two different Mk's of Spitfire will perform, plus a Hurricane while American representation comes in the form of a Curtis P-40 Kittyhawk and Vought F-4U Corsair, a carrier type which not only served with the US Marines but equipped several squadrons of the Fleet Air Arm and, in 1945, it was a Corsair pilot, Canadian born Robert Hampton 'Hammy' Gray serving with No 1841 Squadron aboard HMS *Formidable* that won the last Victoria Cross of the war and only the second awarded to a Naval pilot during the Second World War. But the highlight, I am certain, will be the appearance [it is envisaged on both days] of the Avro Lancaster. This will be particularly poignant for on the Saturday James Holland will be in conversation with George 'Johnny' Johnston - the last Dambuster and whose book I reviewed in the February 2016 edition of *The Downsman*.

However, I suggest that this year's 'star' will be the amazing *Great War* replica trench; I am told it is as accurate a representation as possible and will, no doubt, be a focal point for the commemoration service on the Friday, July 1st, when the events of 100 years ago will be brought to the fore as the day on which Sir Douglas Haig launched the fateful *Battle of the Somme*, a day for ever etched in the memory of the Army's illustrious history and the awful cost to the thousands of British and Allied 'Tommies' who went 'over the top' never to return.

Bill Chorley



Spitfire: 80 Years of History

A talk by Bill Chorley

Parish Office, Friday June 3rd, 2016
7 p.m. for 7.30 start

Admission: three pounds per person to include light refreshment.

Owing to limited seating [twenty-four] please telephone me on 01725 552776 or email to wr.chorley@gmail.com. Additional to the talk will be the opportunity to view part of my current work, researching Royal Air Force aircraft and crew losses from 1 April 1918, with a selection of pages covering the 15th of September 1940, now commemorated each year as Battle of Britain Day.



WI News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES

The Annual Meeting on 11th April saw the committee returned and Mrs Bobbie Carter was re-elected President. After the business the annual cups were awarded to Mrs Linda Gilbert for her photograph "A View from My Window" and to Mrs Jan Gibb for the most points in the Flower of the Month competitions.

As it was the institutes 94th birthday celebration, Bucks Fizz and scrumptious fruit cake, made by Mrs Bobbie Carter, were served.

Mrs Esme Isaacs then gave a talk supported by slides about her work for the Associated Countrywomen of the World (ACWW) and her involvement in its many projects. In August Esme will represent the Dorset Federation of WI at the ACWW World Conference at Warwick.

Our annual Birthday Celebration to commemorate our formation in 1922 was held at Druscillas on 19th April. It was a lively evening, enjoyed by all and the

choice of meals was excellent. We now look forward to the next milestone in 2017.

On Friday 29th April twelve members joined 160 ladies from other Dorset institutes for a bluebell walk and cream tea at Edmondsham. The event was organised by Esme Isaacs in aid of ACWW, thankfully the threatened hail and thunderstorms held off and we enjoyed a leisurely walk through the stunning woodland, the scent and sight of the bluebells, primroses and wild orchids was Mother Nature at her best. After the walk we congregated at the village hall where Esme and her helpers were very busy serving the delicious cream teas. Approximately £800 was raised by the event.

On 9th May the Resolutions Meeting saw two resolutions deliberated and then voted upon; both go forward to the WI AGM in Cardiff in June. Miss Hannah Scriven, a local English teacher, gave a fascinating

and informative talk on Thomas Hardy. She ended by reading three of his poems which has inspired some members to revisit his works; a most enjoyable evening.

Future Meetings:

13th June : **Garden Meeting at Dean Cross Farm** at 6.30pm

22nd June : Beacon Group visit to Down Farm.

11th July : Mrs Pam Fudge – "Writing Your Life Story"

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Bowls Club

The indoor short mat season finished in April and both our teams, Sixpenny Handley and The Tanners, had enjoyable and successful league runs, with the former in particular doing especially well and finishing in second place. The outdoor bowls season is now well under way, the first competitive league match having been played, and won, on the evening of 25th April. The club has a new strip for this year, simple white polo shirts with the original bowls club badge embroidered on the left breast. We are hopeful that our new look will inspire us to great achievements. Speaking of great achievements, the club has recently built an extension to the clubhouse to incorporate two toilets and we have constructed a disabled-access ramp to the entrance. It was a bold and challenging project, undertaken by club members themselves and the splendid result is a credit to all those who gave up their time and labour and expertise to make it happen.

Back in March, a few club members helped with the Handley Sport Relief event, providing refreshments for participants and spectators. On 1st April there was a fundraising quiz organised by Bill Chorley and much enjoyed by all those who attended. The club's annual AGM was held on 15th April, at which officers were elected for the year ahead and new subscription fees set.

Our official Opening Day took place on 23rd April and although the warm sunny weather that we had ordered failed to arrive, there was a good attendance and we were able to enjoy an afternoon on the green. Friday 6th May was horse-racing night and we thank Vic and Helen Hatton for setting this up for us once again and for running the tote and to Rob Jesse for his tireless and enthusiastic commentary. It was a very pleasurable evening and we hope it will be a regular feature of our annual social calendar.

Forthcoming events include our 25th anniversary celebrations on 4th June, our President's Day on 16th July and on Sunday 7th August we will be offering afternoon tea at the village hall in Wimborne St. Giles. Our busy social programme owes much to the dedication of Val Martin, our social secretary and we owe her a great deal of thanks.

We are always happy to welcome new members. We particularly need more playing members so if you would like to try your hand at the game of bowls please get in touch (07964769159) or come along to any of our club sessions on Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings throughout the season.

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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.

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)
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Survey of Housing Needs – THE RESULTS!

In the last issue of the Downsman there was a questionnaire which had a great take up from everyone. A BIG THANKYOU for completing and returning them. The results are now in and the SHCLT Board today (19th April) have received confirmation that building Affordable Housing in line with the previous survey is credible and that your responses confirmed that a mix of houses to meet new homeowners and elderly residents in the same numbers as the 2013 survey is still the target. This is the case even though some people who filled out the 2013 survey no longer require these houses; the village continues to have the same mix of people which reaffirms the belief that Affordable Houses for local people ARE NEEDED. Again Thankyou!

Surveys – The story so far, we didn't stand still.

So whilst all the turmoil of identifying the right number of houses with the right number of bedrooms and configurations was being confirmed, the Board have appointed an Architect, gained agreement about the purchase of the land including the excess potentially being purchased by the Parish – this protects its future use is in line with local needs. Additionally, all but one survey has been completed. The Surveys covered Topographical, Engineering and Ecology with the latter requiring a revisit to establish whether there are Crested Newts in the nearby pond. The outstanding survey will be completed later in the year aligned to the project plan to establish the irrigation needs based on the final number of houses to be built.

SHCLT Board – The Next steps

The SHCLT Board will be meeting to finalise the number and types of houses so that they can meet with the Architect to complete their final brief. This will enable drawings to be completed and agreed ready for planning and public consultation. Further grant applications will be submitted based on the recent Government announcement on additional grant funds being released. So its onwards and upwards, a great achievement to

know houses are really needed which is now driving the board forward to deliver affordable houses for local people. Watch this space!

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

be involved please contact a member of the SHCLT Board.

Please feel free to call any of us listed below.

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Totally Locally....

For this month's Totally Locally feature we're looking at something a little bit different. The "Dorset Art Weeks" are running from 28th May until 12th June, and Sixpenny Handley resident Martin Lloyd, and fellow artist Rosemary Westlake from Shaftesbury, are holding their own exhibition right on our doorstep in Chettle.

Martin describes himself as a "Sunday painter". First inspired by a visit to the Tate Gallery back in 1954, Martin is a self-taught artist. Having painted on and off since his school days, he's created a huge collection of wonderful oil paintings featuring landscapes, portraits and a few abstract pieces.....Martin will have some beautiful Dorset landscapes in the exhibition, as well as a brilliant self-portrait. Remember to ask him about his dalliance with the Royal Academy too!

Rosemary, by contrast, is a Textile Artist. Having embroidered as a hobby for many years, she has a City & Guilds in Creative Embroidery and creates the most amazing pieces of art from textiles. Her embroidery depicts striking images - such as cave paintings or desert scenes. She also creates her own fabrics and up-cycles other fabrics to create pieces of art. One of the exhibits you can see is a bowl and vase created by up-cycling her grandsons old jeans. Brilliant!

The combination of painting and textile art should make for a very interesting exhibition, so just follow the red and yellow flags to Chettle Village Hall, DT11 8DB. (If you have a copy of the Dorset Art Weeks brochure, this exhibition is #263). The exhibition will be open daily 11am to 5pm from Saturday 28th May to Sunday 12th June. Either Martin or Rosemary will be there to welcome you, it's free entry and there's lots of parking. If you'd like to make a day of it, then you can follow the "North East Dorset Artists Art Trail" which will take you to a further 9 artists in and around Cranborne Chase. For further details please visit www.dorsetartists.com and www.dorsetartweeks.co.uk.

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Community Litter Pick

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Thank you for the brilliant turnout again this year. Rob Jesse attended and spoke to the group about his constant effort to keep Handley litter free and then we picked for 2 hours from Garston Wood, Endless Pit and New Barn into the village while the Scouts did the village.

Litter is an ongoing antisocial, damaging & costly problem that should not be ignored and this community's effort to keep our countryside clean is a positive result for everyone involved!.

Thank you to Sixpenny Handley Parish council for their support and 1st Woodcutts Scout Group.



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Summer Open Day

Sunday 17 July 2016

RSPB South Wilts Local Group has a Summer Open Day at the beautiful RSPB Nature Reserve of Garston Wood, near Bowerchalke.

On guided walks (on the hour from 10am to 3pm inclusive) we'll look for flowers, butterflies and birds. The walks last about 90 minutes and we are requesting a £2 per adult donation. Silver-washed Fritillary and White Admiral butterflies should be flitting along the rides. Do join us to enjoy the wonderful wildlife and learn about the history and management of this beautiful hazel coppice woodland. Sturdy footwear is recommended. You are welcome to stroll around unaccompanied if you prefer. Weather permitting we will run moth traps in the wood the night before and have the most amazing, colourful and bizarre moths to show visitors. The moths are caught live and released later, unharmed.

The 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.

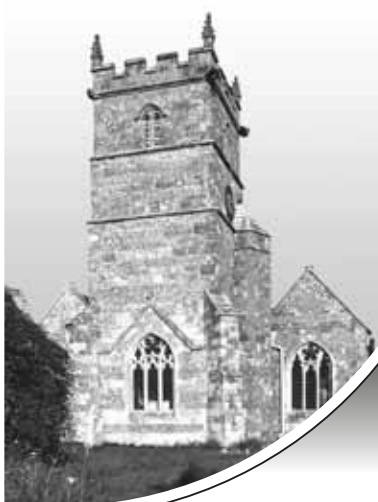
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**The church magazine
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The Bishop of Salisbury writes

I hope churches will find ways of praying and talking about the Referendum to help people engage and make prayerful, thoughtful, decisions. It is one of the most important political decisions of our lifetime. There are Christians on both sides. Here are a few of the things Christians might want to make sure are considered.

Christianity in Europe: Christianity has vitally influenced European self-understanding, politics and culture. In some ways, Europe is a Christian construct. Our society now is more secular and pluralist. Although there is a risk of growing hostility and enmity, European society is enlightened and tolerant. How do Christian faith and values strengthen our identity and help us to get the best from our diversity?

Love your neighbour as yourself: We live in an inter-connected world. Unless we are good neighbours, our lives on this fragile earth are threatened. I find myself praying about what it means to be English, British, European and Global. Stay or Leave, what is the vision of how we belong together?

Blessed are the Peacemakers: The European Union was created following two World Wars. It has made a huge contribution to peace and prosperity. Given the challenges we face, with instability in the Middle East and the biggest refugee movements for decades, how can we best be peacemakers?

Care for God's creation: There is a consensus about the scale of the environmental challenge facing us. We cannot continue defining success by consumption. We need to move quickly to a sustainable and renewable use of resources. Nature knows no national boundaries, so we must work together. What political institutions will best support caring for God's creation? Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Let's do it.

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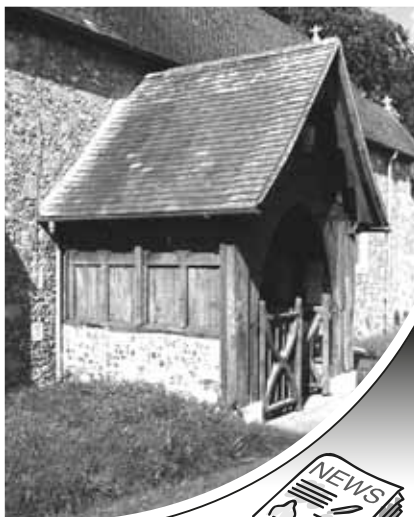
That's the amount of three-day emergency food supplies the Trussell Trust network of 424 foodbanks gave out to people during 2015/16, with 415,866 of those having gone to children. It's a 2% increase on the figures released this time last year, when we first crossed the one million mark. One million three-day food supplies given out by our foodbanks every year is one million too many. This must not become the new normal. As a society, we need to listen to the experiences of people facing hunger and poverty, and work together to find solutions to this problem.

Kane and his wife Chelsea were both working professionals, but when his mental health deteriorated and there were complications with her pregnancy, they were both temporarily unable to work. Kane said: "We never expected to need a foodbank, but our lives completely changed in two months. Just five minutes to breathe can really make all the difference, that's why foodbanks are such a lifeline."

Benefit delays and changes remain the biggest cause of foodbank use, which is reinforced by new research from the University of Hull that gives a fresh insight into UK hunger by mapping foodbank data against census data. While The Trussell Trust foodbank figures prove that the numbers of people hitting a crisis where they cannot afford to buy food are still far too high, we want to thank you for your support in helping us respond to their crisis.

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Angus McIntosh**

**The wedding took place of
Nicholas and Alison Podevyn**

**The funeral took place of
June Elizabeth Jory**

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.

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Prayer

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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. However, you may like to have a private little prayer at home, knowing 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.

A Prayer for Justice

Strengthen us, O God, to relieve the oppressed, to hear the groans of poor prisoners, to reform the abuses of all professions; that many be made not poor to make a few rich; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658)

A Prayer for God's Help

I am only a spark.
Make me a flame.
I am only a string.
Make me a lyre.
I am only a drop.
Make me a fountain.
I am only an ant-hill.
Make me a mountain.
I am only a feather.
Make me a wing.
I am only a rag.
Make me a king!

Source unknown (Mexico)



A Prayer for Daily Work

O Lord, I do not pray for tasks equal to my strength: I ask for strength equal to my tasks. *Phillips Brooks (1835-93)*

Jeremiah 29:11

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

A Place of Comfort in Court

An extract from Bishop Karen's sermon in Sherborne Abbey

Our churches are in fact powerhouses, be they old or new, large or small. If we truly believe that God in Christ can make all things new, what goes on in our churches must be the charging up of each one of us to go out and be the people God wants us to be. The potential is enormous and we underestimate the power of God's Word, the power of the sacraments, Jesus in bread and wine, and the power of human encounter with God's Spirit if we think otherwise.



So today I want to encourage us to see each Christian community, be it a church, a chapel, a house group, a chaplaincy, a school, college or Christian union, anywhere Christians come together for worship and prayer, confidently declaring their faith, as vital powerhouses for the work of God in the world. Places to which we belong, priests and people together, expectantly knowing that there we will be resourced, equipped and given courage to go and partake in God's mission.

One of my tasks, I see, is to encourage the local church or Christian community, to be what God has called it to be, an effective and confident body, for the celebration of God in our midst and the equipping of the saints. Powerhouses where change is not feared, but expected because of Christ's renewing power.

These powerhouses are already making a significant difference to our communities, as transformation takes place by our activities, our community involvement, by our bringing about change together.

FIRST STEPS

Adapted from John Eddison in 'Heart Castle'
with thanks to Tim Reynolds

When I went to school, one of the first books to which I was introduced was called 'First Steps in Latin'. It was not a popular book, and never became one of my favourites, but I think the title was a good one, because whatever we do in life – cooking, carpentry, cricket – has certain 'first steps', and if we can master these, then much else will follow easily and naturally. So what are the 'First Steps in Christian Living'?

The first is this, that we **believe** in Christ, One of the earliest names given to Christians was 'believers', and that is how they are still described in some countries such as Russia. But when the Bible talks about 'believing' in Christ, it doesn't just mean giving our mental consent to the fact that he was what he claimed to be, the Son of God. It means committing ourselves to him as our Saviour and Lord.

Imagine two people waiting for a bus. They are both quite sure that it will come. They have often seen it do so in the past. The timetable tells them that they are right to expect it, and if they are still in any doubt, there are lots of other people waiting for it as well. Sure enough, a few minutes later the bus arrives. The first man gets on it, but the second shakes him by the hand, waves goodbye and walks away. Both those men believe it would come, but only one of them is committed to it.

And it is that sort of faith, or belief, that God wants us to exercise – putting our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and inviting him to come into the house of our lives. There must be what we might call 'head-belief', of course. We can't begin without that. But more important still is 'heart-belief', when we commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and receive him as our Saviour and Friend.

The second step is this: that we **belong** to Jesus Christ. The letters 'i-a-n' at the end of a word often suggest this idea of belonging. A 'Canadian' is someone who belongs to Canada, probably lives there, and gives that country their loyalty and support. A Christian is someone who belongs to Jesus Christ, who has joined his side and is determined to fight under his banner against all that is bad and unworthy.

We often read of a footballer being transferred at a huge fee from one club to another. He is now under new management, and his new captain has the right to expect his complete loyalty and support. The Christian is rather like that. On the cross, Jesus paid our 'transfer fee' and as the Bible says, brought us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. We might take those three letters, 'i-a-n', and make them stand for '*I am now*.' '*I am now*' on the side of Jesus, and must fight his battles and try to please him in everything I do. '*I am now*' one of his followers, and must not be ashamed to let others see that I belong to him.

King Edward VII had a favourite dog called Caesar. It was so devoted to its master that it followed his coffin in his funeral procession. Engraved on its collar were the words, '*I belong to the King*', and those same words are stamped on the heart of every true Christian.

And so we come to the third step, and this remind us that as a Christian we **behave** like Jesus Christ. Christianity is not much good unless it makes us better people, and Jesus wants to see in his followers a reflection of himself – his kindness, patience, humility, cheerfulness, and so on.

Someone asked an old Indian gold-refiner how he knew when the gold was completely refined. 'When I can see my face in it', was his reply. And God wants to go on working at us until he can see in us the image and likeness of his Son. It will be a long process and sometimes a difficult one, but that is his purpose for us all. The Christian is someone who has been transferred that he may be transformed.

The artist Gustave Dore once arrived at the Italian border, but without his passport. In vain he protested that he was the famous French painter Gustave Dore, but the guards would not let him pass. In the end they allowed him paper and pencil, and with a few deft strokes he drew a perfect likeness of the king of Italy, and that convinced them that he really was who he claimed to be. There is an old legend (and of course, it is nothing more than that) that St Peter stands at the gate of heaven with a portrait of Jesus in his hands, and when any newcomer arrives, Peter compares him with the portrait, and if there is, so to speak, a family likeness, then he is allowed to enter.

I don't think it will happen quite like that, but it does remind us how important it is to grow more like Jesus every day, for after all, it is very difficult to convince other people that we are true Christians unless they can see we behave like our Master.

It is an old story, but there was once a small boy who was busy with a huge sheet of paper and some crayons. 'What are you drawing?' his mother asked, hoping he might be another Dore or Picasso. 'I'm drawing a picture of God,' came the solemn reply. 'Oh, but you can't do that,' she said, 'because nobody knows what God looks like.'

'I know they don't,' he said, 'but they will when I've finished.'

Garden Party

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 along between 3.00 and 5.30pm 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.

Royal Songs of Praise

The Garden Party will be followed by a Royal Songs of Praise in St Mary's at 6 o'clock. Join us to celebrate!





✦ 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 to finish off 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 Summer

SUNDAY SERVICES	St Mary's Sixpenny Handley				St Rumbold's Pentridge	Gussage St Andrew
	Informal service includes children's time					
	9.30am		11.00am	6.00pm	11.15am	9.30am
June 5 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
June 12 th	MP		Informal	S of P	#	HC
June 19 th	HC	(10.30am)	Fathers'	Evensong	MP	#
June 26 th	MP		#	Evensong	#	HC
July 3 rd	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
July 10 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
July 17 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	MP	#
July 24 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
July 31 st	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.

Fathers' Day: 11am June 21st at St Mary's

Come along and celebrate Fathers' Day, beginning at 11am. It is a bit like Mothers' Day, but different! Come along if you are a father or not - after all, we can all show fathering love as well as mothering love. Come early for a cup of coffee and a biscuit!

Summer Holidays

The summer holidays are not far away, and things settle down a bit in church at the end of July. Over the school holidays the Teddy Bears have a break (perhaps they have a picnic), and the 11 o'clock Service at Sixpenny Handley combines with the 9.30 service. It returns to 11 o'clock at the beginning of September. Evensong, and services at St Andrew's and Pentridge continue as normal.

June

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▼ Saturday afternoons – just drop in to St Mary's

Don't forget 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 the drop-in in the Post Office café on the first Wednesday of the month and the Walnut Tree on the last Wednesday of the month, when Mel or Paul will be available to talk about anything at all, which continues throughout the year.



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Musings from a Handley Woodsman

Symbiosis in Ancient woodlands.

What a wonderful time of year to be in the woodlands, the Wood Anemone and bluebells are now passing their best and the Ramsons are in full flower. Just the other day I walked through a beautiful carpet of wood sorrel in full flower, couldn't resist a little nibble.

Early purple orchids and Toothwort are starting to pop up in the woods. If you wander through Garston you're bound to see both of these beautiful plants, well at least one of them is beautiful in the normal sense. Toothwort is a parasitic plant, it is a member of the Broomrape family and looks like an orchid with no Chlorophyll or colour, except a light pink tinge. You will see it sprouting around the bottom of the Hazel trees on which it feeds.

This brings me to thinking about the relationships plants have with each other and with other organisms. The mechanisms required for one organism to tap into another's resources either as symbiont or parasite fills me with fascination.

When looking at a native broad leaf woodland its easy to see the layers therein. Starting from the top there's the canopy of standard tree, moving down to the understory of hazel, the shrub layer and then the ground flora. The system however is much more complicated also continuing below the ground.

Years ago I was working on urban tree planting projects in Swindon with the conservation volunteers; we were planting acres of woodland. As part of the process we were collecting and propagating seed so that these areas could have woodland wildflowers within them. At the same time when newly planting we were inoculating the soil around our plants with fungi. It turns out that most of our native woodland species will grow at a much faster rate if they are in association with fungi.

These micycorrizal fungi have a complex relationship with the roots of the plant;

they do this by infiltrating the roots. There are several ways they do this but putting it simply, they can wrap around and between the cells, and even go through the cell walls directly into the vacuole. This is a mutualistic relationship from which both the plant and fungi benefit. Basically the plant provides the fungi with sugars and the fungi in turn increase the root area of the tree giving the increased water, minerals and nutrients. However there is an added benefit as they can also help the trees have a greater resistance to toxic substances, drought and disease.

Many other plants including crop species use forms of mycorrhizal associations. Orchids also have a critical mycorrhizal association as their seeds do not hold enough nutrient reserves to germinate without them, some orchids maintain this relationship throughout their life cycle.

So imagine the woodland with its many layers supported by an almost invisible

(unless fruiting) mass of white fibrous mycelium, running through the soil, which make the woodland a positive factory for the processing of nutrients. Yet another reason why its important for us to preserve our ancient woodland.

Sorry the article is a little short this month; NVQ marking and a house move are to blame.

Next issue, Forest schools.

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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



As predictable as the spring cuckoo was the first theft from an unattended motor vehicle left at the Garson Wood car park. This and other beauty spot car parks are always attractive to thieves, who typically watch someone leave their car for a walk and know that they almost certainly have uninterrupted time to break into the vehicle for any valuables left in it. Sadly it happens almost every year, often several times. If you really need to park at one of these crime hot spots, secure the car properly and leave nothing of value inside, whether on view or not.

More positively, police efforts to target poaching in our area lately have resulted in the arrest of some much-wanted individuals. Thefts from outbuildings and of farm diesel and the like appear to have lessened somewhat since we last reported. Perhaps there is a connection?

There was a bad night in Handley itself

during April when several cars in the High Street and Dean Lane had windows smashed. The police made widespread enquiries but no arrests have been forthcoming so far.

The community Speedwatch programme is still active in the village and there have been some official police speed traps in the area as well. The Parish Council is discussing with neighbouring parishes whether the purchase of a portable automatic speed camera with an associated sign displaying an offender's speed is a worthwhile possibility.

One particularly dangerous bend in our village is that by the school and illegal parking by a few individuals when dropping off and collecting children exacerbates this and led recently to one quite serious collision. If you drive children to and from the school, you must use the car park which was specifically

provided for this purpose to make our village - and our children especially - safer.

The Great Dorset Steam Fair is one week earlier this year, from 25th to 29th August. The large number of visitors this draws, of all types, makes extra vigilance around that time a sensible precaution.

Martyn Underhill (Independent) was re-elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset in early May. He has visited farmers in the area to discuss poaching and rural crime in general and his election manifesto promised to make the policing of rural Dorset a priority.



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Wessex Internet reaches finals of ISPA Awards

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The ISPA Awards recognise ISPs of all shapes and sizes and the shortlist highlights the true breadth of the industry, plus the services that keep the UK at the leading edge of the digital economy. The winners will be announced at the gala ceremony on 7th July. Speed tests were carried out to identify shortlists for the broadband, hosting and VoIP categories. The results showed Wessex Internet to be the second fastest non-FTTP provider in the UK, and overall 5th fastest UK broadband provider overtaking the

likes of Gigaclear and Vodaphone. The business operates across North Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset. In the last 3 years Wessex Internet has connected over 1000 homes, rural businesses and schools to its superfast network which has over 150km of buried fibre and over 100 radio masts and telegraph poles which serve properties with up to 100Mbps. The business' rapid

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What are the consequences of not having a Will if you are separated from your spouse?

A recent case dealt with the situation where a bereaved woman owned a house with her long term partner, who had died. Her partner had not updated his Will following his separation from his estranged wife and, as a result, his share of the house went to his estranged wife. At Court, the Judge in the case ruled in favour of the long term partner. Even though the matter was eventually resolved, the bereaved woman said that the experience had been traumatic.

The Court case could have been avoided if her partner had made a Will. It would have avoided additional stress at a time when someone is already dealing with the grief of losing a partner.

The case highlights the importance of having a valid and up to date Will. It is important to seek legal advice where any property is co-owned, particularly where couples do not get a divorce but separate. This is increasingly the case as people prefer to avoid the expense of getting a formal divorce.

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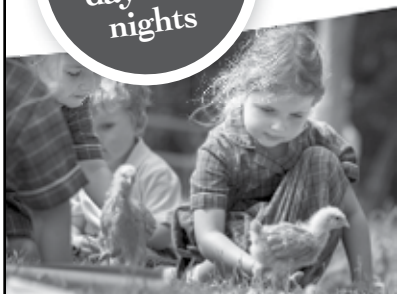


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Are you ready for HM Revenue & Customs new vision....
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March 2015 Budget saw the Government set out its vision for MTD:

- By 2020, businesses/individual taxpayers will be able to register/file/pay/update their information to suit them, meaning for the vast majority there will be no need to file an annual tax return.
- Over 2 million small businesses are already using HMRC digital accounts. Digital accounts for individual taxpayers have been introduced this year – have you obtained yours?;
- Annually £6.5 bn is lost through errors, MTD reforms will improve the quality of record keeping/reduce mistakes, and collect the right amount of tax on a more timely basis.

Based on 4 foundation principles:

1. Tax simplified

Taxpayers should not have to provide HMRC with information it already holds/ receives from third parties (employers/ banks/other government departments). Taxpayers will see the information HMRC holds through their digital tax accounts, and check at any time their details are complete and correct.

2. Making tax digital for businesses

Businesses should not have to wait until the end of the tax year or even longer before knowing how much tax they owe. HMRC will collect/process information in real time to stop tax due/repayments owed from building up.

3. Tax in one place

By 2020, taxpayers will see their complete financial picture in their digital account/ offset an over-payment of one tax against the under payment of another. Digital tax accounts gives one point of access for all aspects of tax; income tax/NIC/VAT/ corporation tax/child benefit/student loan repayments/state pension/construction industry scheme. Where more than one tax liability arises one payment should be able to be made, offsetting any tax owed on one liability against an overpayment on another, hence appear like paying “a single tax”.

4. Making tax digital for individual taxpayers

April 2016 saw every individual/small business having access to a digital tax account which presents individual taxpayers with a personalised picture of their tax affairs/along with prompts/ advice/support through webchat/secure

messaging.

All of this will be implemented over the next couple of years. By 6 April 2018 the self-employed and individuals letting out property, will update HMRC quarterly through new software and apps!

So I ask the question again – are you ready for the Government’s new vision – Making Tax Digital?

If you need assistance with any accountancy or tax related matters, please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306/07895 913546/ Catherine@cba-services.co.uk

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Cards

Whist!!

A 'Two Horse race' sums up the outcome of the 2015-2016 championship where two very experienced players, Olive Meaden and John York, have dominated since the 10th round. Both have been consistent in returning high scores and though John carded a 181 for the 17th and final round of the contest it was not enough to overhaul Olive who produced a very useful 176 to remain 23 points to the good. Below them, and vying for the remaining eight places and cash rewards, the situation has been a seesawing run of fortune. Third spot changed hands on a fairly regular basis with Chris and Doug Haskell, and, eventually, Ness Park holding the position at the end of round 15; however, Ness had a miserable return at the penultimate drive but retained her place with a much reduced points cushion between herself and Doug. But with neither player doing well on the 17th round it was Betty White who 'came up on the rails' to finish behind Olive and John, albeit 93 points adrift which illustrates the dominance of the top two players whose aggregate scores were 2813 and 2790 points respectively [Olive's average over the seventeen rounds was 165; John's was 164]. Thus, final returns for the next seven places were Ness 2696 - a mere one point behind Betty, Chris Haskell 2691, Sylvia Morrisson 2683, 'your scribe' 2676, Stuart Haskell 2672, Doug Haskell 2669 and John Berville 2668.

John also finished the competition with the highest individual score of 184 set early on in the contest, though on two occasions he came close to being overtaken when on two separate occasions Doug and John scored 183, while on the final round Peter Braithwaite must have thought he was in with a good shout when he racked up 102 points in the first half only to fall away late on in the second to finish with 176. Thus, to complete my report and keeping to a horse racing analogy, the 'also rans' were David Brine 2658*, Kingsley* and Susie White* 2646 and 2645 respectively, Mary and Peter Braithwaite 2640 and 2634, Pam Cole* 2624, Sam Webber* 2619, Rita Austin and Gerald Trickey each with 2596,

Sylvia Berville 2579, Bill Peach* 2575, Barry Park 2567, Sylvia Thorne 2544, Nora David 2528, Chris Napier 2524, Geoff Peach* 2522, Dave Welch 2514, Yvonne Bundy 2499, John Davis 2741, Paul Chambers 2458, Clifford Miles 2457, Doris Day 2452, Amy Caines 2448, Rosalie Adams 2447, Christopher Haskell 2418, Chris Wadge 2405, Bea Boyland 2399, Stu Coombs 2389, Gillian Wadge 2376, Viv Brinsford 2362, Susan Coombs 2358, Liz Davies 2350 and Saul Chambers 2331. The lower order scores should not be taken as a reflection on their skill as whist players, but for the simple fact that their attendance was such that more often than not they had to be content with the lowest score recorded for the round from which they were absent.

* Indicates attendance at all seventeen rounds.

late four tables have been necessary. For several months I have encouraged the partnership pairings to remain together throughout the session and by starting promptly some tables are witnessing 24 deals between 1.30 p.m. and finish at around 4.30, and this includes a break for tea/coffee/biscuits. The now established pattern of giving out prizes for achieving game successes [in various formats] has proven popular, particularly as our village mini-market has a wide-range of very competitively priced snack biscuits et al!

Bill Chorley

Bridge!

In a word 'flourishing' for on average at least three tables are occupied and of

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- Support flowers and crops
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- Plant out all potted crops
- Keep pots and baskets watered
- Thin out seedlings

July

- Continue sowing salad leaves
- Start digging early potatoes
- Plant seedling in final position
- Cover over soft fruit and brassicas
- Water regulary
- Sow herbs

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Brownsea Camp 2016

This year Cub Scouting celebrates its 100th anniversary and what better way to celebrate this milestone than by having a huge party at the birthplace of Scouting, Brownsea Island. Over the Bank Holiday weekend over 100 members of 1st Woodcutts made their way to Brownsea and enjoyed a long weekend of fun, friendship and adventure.

Most of the group were content to taking the yellow ferry from Sandbanks, but the Explorers were looking for something more challenging and adventurous and opted to canoe from the mainland to the island, taking their kit for the weekend with them. Just in case that was a little too easy, they chose to complete a lap on nearby Furzey Island for good measure! Also, not content with sleeping out in tents for the weekend, the Explorers built shelters and slept in hammocks whilst on the island. Their sense of adventure particularly impressive as temperatures dropped below freezing during both nights.

There were new activities for the other members of the group with the Cubs and Scouts trying their hand at canoeing, low ropes course, archery and helping the

Wardens on the island by doing a good turn in clearing undergrowth.

On the Sunday, the Beavers and friends of Woodcutts joined the other sections on the island and met for a special investiture in front of the Memorial Stone. New members were invested into all sections, including our newest member joining the Active Support Unit. The ASU is for adults who wish to support Scouting but may not want to wear the full uniform or are unable to commit to regular meeting nights each week. The ASU plays a huge part of the success of Woodcutts, an example being Peter Briggs, ASU Member, who kindly lead the archery activity for the weekend on Brownsea.

As always, no camp is complete unless there is a roaring camp fire and Woodcutts know how to have a great campfire. It is often said what we lack in talent we make up for in volume and it is quite possible that the good people of Poole heard our singing on the Sunday evening! The young people, parents who helped during the weekend and leaders all returned home very tired on the Monday evening but with stories and memories which will last a lifetime.

Summer Camp

We have only just finished Brownsea Camp and we are already looking ahead to the Summer Camp for 2016. This year the Scouts and Explorers will be travelling to Meggernie, Perthshire, for the annual camp. It is a long way to go, but we are already looking forward to a packed week. Plans include hill walking, visiting Edinburgh, white-water rafting, mountain biking and all the normal fun and activities around the campsite.



Rob's Column

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
The troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.
Irish Proverb
(Sorry I forgot the deadline date for the last issue – did you miss me?
Make a date for the village auction 8th October

Taking someone to something new can inspire them to join, the person might not but then you don't know they won't. How many of us owe an interest, a hobby or even a career to someone who took the time to open up a possibility. They didn't know it would make a difference but they didn't know it wouldn't. So go along and have a go and take the time, it might make a difference in life to you.
I don't know that you'll read this but I don't know that you won't!

Our children keep us young they say
And keep us on our toes
They brighten each and every day
A gift that love bestows
So cherish them just while you can
For they are part of life's great plan.

What starts with E and ends with E
But it only has one letter in it
(Look for the answer later on)

I couldn't remember how to throw a boomerang
But it eventually came back to me

I still use vintage digital calculation
I add things up on my fingers!

You can't do everything, even if you try
You have to stop sometimes, take a breath and sigh
Don't try to be perfect, in everything you do
Just take it steady, make time for you.

If the sun shines today, why stay inside?
It's there to be enjoyed, mother nature's

little pride
Yes, there are things to do, but just leave the chores
We all need to relax awhile
It's too nice to stay indoors.

Time spent tending the garden is rewarding
No doubt you'll find
It can also be relaxing
And help you unwind
The lazy drone of bumble bees
And ground birds chirp and sing
Fresh air and exercise play a part
Of the wellbeing gardening can bring

As the days get longer
The sunshine is so bright
Flowers begin to bloom
Bounding lambs bring delight
Happy faces here and there
Parks full as children play
Get outside, enjoy the heat
Summer's on its way

Wet Welcome
OK, so the rain returned with a vengeance to many area (as I am writing this column)
But altogether now "It's good for the garden"

Perfection doesn't make for good memories so we should be grateful for the imperfect moments. They are what we remember after all, and it's true, perfect organisation and perfect anything else slips by unnoticed. We do remember the mishaps or mix ups; and we all have them.
(Like me missing the deadline date for

the last issue or have I said that, but don't forget the 8th October. (Items will be needed for the auction, also if you have any room to store things it would be gratefully needed)

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Gone Sailing



IT Problem

This log very nearly did not get written! Intermittent fault with my PC, but was fixed under warranty - new; graphics card, card reader, motherboard, RAM, and updated AMD drivers, fixed the problem - so thank you 'Chillblast' good service. (Wow reading this it looks like I know IT things!)

Go West

HW Portsmouth 10:00 BST 4.5m, LW 15:35 BST 0.9m, wind Southerly F3, yacht Sweden 390, crew three guys 69 - 82, one girl 60+. Studland beckoned, and so with full main and genoa, we set off, through Hurst narrows taking North Channel, an easy sail with wind just forward of the beam, (so sadly no kite or chute). Flat seas, sun, and just the right amount of wind, what more do you need? Lots of small boats at anchor, and fishing, and many pot buoys, at Christchurch Ledge and other places, so need to keep a good look out. Why are pot buoys so badly marked?, many are just old plastic bottles and difficult to spot, some are pulled under by the tide and float just beneath the surface, an unnecessary hazard, I think!

At Studland, RNLI lifeboat training, but no SBS training today! Anchored in 3m depth avoiding the Seahorses (of course). A pleasant lunch in sunshine, a photo of Old Harry at low water (the rocks, not the Skipper!) And return, surprise, the wind has backed and is still forward of the beam. Leaving Studland astern with sparkling sea, we take Needles Channel, with a bit of a chop for a while. This was one of those rare perfect days, and smooth enough for afternoon tea, silver teapot, tea cosy, and china cups!

Bunkside Reading

There have been a few additions to the bookshelf, which I shall give details of over the next few logs, for now; 'Waterlog' Roger Deakin, Roger was a founder member of Friends of the Earth, and did other good things, so a good guy. His book is a swimmers journey through Britain, before the term 'wild swimming' became popular. He swims from Scilly to Corryvreckan (but



does not swim there - sensibly) Dorset, Hampshire, East Anglia, and many other places. Lots of local bits and pieces, a good read.

Are you on the water yet?

Hopefully you made LTSC Open Day, 30 memberships were taken up, and even those who did not join on the day had a good time, (drinks, lunch and so on.) We even had a couple from Sweden who called in for lunch before returning home (to Sweden).

Also hope you made RYA Push The Boat Out events (at LTSC or other clubs) If you could not get to either, you can always contact the club and arrange something, ltsc.co.uk.

In haste

Must dash now - South of St Catherines towards Portsmouth this weekend. This is LTSC 'round the island' but we stop at Portsmouth for dinner, aboard 'Mary Mouse' lightship.

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3 Jun	Spitfire Talk @ Parish Office	5
5 Jun	Open Farm Sunday @ Myncen Farm	4
10 Jun	Sixpenny Sessions @ 6D Handley Hall	11
10 June	School Fete @ First School	4
11 Jun	Pentridge Fete @ on Pentridge Green	9
12 Jun	Garden Party @ The Vicarage	4
19 Jun	Father's Day Service @ St Mary's	5
24 Jun	Archelological Walk @ Win Green	5
25 - 26	Molly's Wildlife @ Pentridge	10
25-26	Farnham Open Gardens @ Farnham	4
21 July	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	8
24 July	Paws in the Park @ Wimborne St Giles	10

Day	Club or Group	
Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time	
Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month	
Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time	
Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12	
Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly	
Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time	
Thu	Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 11:30	
Thu	Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45	
Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time	
Thu	6D Handley Tennis Club Rusty Raquets 6:30-7:30	
Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 : 3rd Thursday not August	
Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month	
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Sixpenny Handley Walked Themselves Proud!

Over the weekend of 18th – 20th March, taking place across the country were Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile Events. They were being held in order to raise much needed funds to transform people's lives. Half of all the money raised by the public for Sport Relief is used to make a difference, right here at home in the UK. The other half is used to transform lives across the world's poorest communities.

On a very chilly Sunday morning in March, Sixpenny Handley hosted its own Sport Relief 'Handley' Mile Event. Over 100 people of all ages and abilities pulled on their running gear in aid of Sports Relief. Villagers gathered at the Sports Pavilion to take part in either a 1 mile, 3 mile, or a 6 mile route around our beautiful surrounding countryside. Thanks to Natalie Pidgely a local aerobics instructor, as she organised a much needed warm up session for all competitors prior to the start. Thankfully the weather stayed dry (if a little bit chilly) although this didn't hinder the support from the side-lines. Loud cheering, encouragement and specially selected 'running' tunes for all of the runners and walkers. Medals were awarded to all participants who completed the course and refreshments were on hand courtesy of The Bowls Club, who kindly supplied teas & coffees along with delicious home-baked cakes.

We had runners of all ages participating from 1 to over-70 and even a number of four legged friends took part too. Thanks to the Sixpenny Handley First School, Little Pennies Pre-School and 1st Woodcutts' Beavers & Scouts - the support was fantastic.

Special thanks to Mark Young (Groundsman) who as always, quietly worked hard to ensure the Recreation Ground was the perfect backdrop to host this terrific event.

A huge 'Thank you' to all of the competitors for their generosity of spirit and donations



Left: The Grainger Family Below: Brandon Gatrell beats his Dad Drystan Gatrell to be first over the winning line in the 3 mile route! *Photos by Charley Wallworth.*



& to the volunteers who managed to create yet another successful, worthwhile and memorable 6dHandley Community event!

Amount Raised is around £600

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