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Time for a holiday

Having just got through the Waistcoat Festival when the last issue went to print, we had another amazing fetetastic weekend for the Queen's Official Birthday.

It all kicked off on Friday night with the school fete, the rain just about kept away while the teachers got soaked in Charlie Regnart's water chair, the children sang and danced and adults searched for wine on the water and wine table! Saturday was the very lovely Pentridge Fete with some very handsome Klngs, Knights, Queens and princesses... we ate Royal cakes, had fun with the dog show and tried out best to win a coconut! On Sunday the threatened weather finally caught up with the fetes and the Royal Garden Party on the vicarage lawn was moved into the church... thankfully there were still plenty of beautifully cut sandwiches, strawberries and cream tea to be enjoyed while I painted some faces and the children played giant Connect 4!



It has also been a good time to get out exploring - the butterflies were fabulous on Martin Down last week, we visited Larmer Tree Festival for the first time, we have been down to the sea, danced at Gold Hill Fair with a local English Folk Dancing group my two have recently joined, been to Moors Valley with the Beavers pond dipping and down to Simon Meadens Open Fam Sunday...

It has also been a busy time for me at work, creating the sixpennyhandly.info website among others, so yes now I am ready for a holiday - which is just as well as the children break up in two days time!

Keep your diaries handy for the events coming up over the summer and in the early autumn term, they will be here before you know it, and Rob is still looking for space for his auction items so if you can help out do get in contact with him.

I hope you have a lovely summer... and if you are looking for a new challenge come autumn do think about offering to become a councillor (see page 6) or help the 1st Woodcutts Beavers, Cubs or Scouts as they are looking to expand to cater for their growing numbers (see page 18) ... I'll leave the thought with you :-)

Naomi Booth

editor@thedownsman.org.uk

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

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To the Editor

Synergy Zone 8 Grants For Community Projects

Please note that the Synergy Zone 8 Grants have come to an end from the beginning of April and no further applications can be accepted. As a Parish, we were successful in obtaining grants for the Football Club (2); Bowls Club; Waistcoat Festival; Pentridge Village Hall and Play Equipment on the Recreation Ground, so we did ok.

Bowls Club

I recently attended the 25th anniversary of the Bowls Club and would like to congratulate the Committee on a well organised event. However, not intending to belittle this event, I just wish to correct the matter of the commencement of the Club. Brian Hansford and I were responsible for starting the Club (with the help of Pauline Bailey- Wright, who was our District Councillor at East Dorset and obtained the loan of equipment from them). As Brian regrettably died last year, I was the sole surviving founder member present at the celebration, which unfortunately was not recognised at the time. I was also the Club Secretary for the first 14 years of the Club.

Gill Martin

Deanland Doggerel Reply

I fully subscribe to the sentiments in "Deanland Doggerel" (Anon, Downsman June 2016)

The matter of dog fouling within the village has also received attention in previous issues. Regrettably, simply talking about it does not dissuade mindless, selfish offenders and they also give responsible dog walkers a bad name.

I believe that the time has come to hit the offenders (the owners, not the dogs) where it hurts most – in the wallet.

I propose a team of voluntary community dog walkers to work in conjunction with the Parish Council and the permanent official dog warden at East Dorset District Council.

These community wardens would patrol the regular dog-walking routes and have the authority to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders. They would also carry microchip detectors.

The scale of fines would be as follows:

1. Dog not microchipped.
National / statutory fine
2. Fouling without picking up
£1000 fine (subsequent offences £2000 fine)
3. Not carrying the means to pickup
£500 fine (subsequent offences £1000 fine).

There would be no question of cost to either council because the scheme would

be self financing, with all the fines going directly to them.

If you consider this to be a positive idea, please let the Parish Council know. If, however, you do not feel such a scheme is necessary, thank you for reading this letter and enjoy your walks anyway.

Name supplied.

Mr Dick Pettis

Mr Dick Pettis and family wish to thank all those who came to his aid on 23rd June when he collapsed in St Mary's Close. Special thanks to Teresa Marshallsay, Neil Reid, Andrew Kellaway and Sarah Jones who also took care of Harry the dog. Dick has recovered well and is now out and about again, walking his dog.

Doreen Leverton

Doreen's family would like to thank everyone for the support they all gave their Mum, the love and warmth and friendship you all showed her and for coming to Doreen's funeral. Her love will live on in our memories.

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Friday 23rd September

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**Saturday 8th
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**Sixpenny
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Hall**

**The Battle of
the Somme**

July 1st to November 18th, 1916

An overview of the
Battle

**Friday, September 9th,
2016**

7 for 7.30 p.m

Parish Office,
Sixpenny Handley

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On Thursday 8th September
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At Hanlega's Restaurant,
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Sarah Taylor 07852 324112
or email downsmanbsg@gmail.com

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Coffee morning with knitting for
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**10:30-12pm
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the Month
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Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
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Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council is in need of an additional member to represent Sixpenny Handley. Anyone living within 3 miles of the Parish Boundary may be considered for co-option to this role. To become a Parish Councillor means you will be one of over 80,000 local councillors in England. In this voluntary role, you will be held accountable by local people for things that happen locally. So why get involved? You almost certainly want to do something positive and, like most councillors, you hope to make a difference by influencing decisions that affect your community. Councillors work together in the Parish Council to serve the community. Your task will be to bring local issues to the attention of the Council and help it make decisions on behalf of the local community. The role of the Parish Council is increasing and more decisions will be made locally. Be part of an enthusiastic team, supported by two members of staff and the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils who provide guidance and training. If you would like to know more, please call

into the Parish Office for an informal chat or alternatively contact us by telephone or email.

Application forms available from the Parish Office or by contacting the Clerk
 Mrs Lisa Goodwin 01258 840935 or email
sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

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

- On the website at www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk
- On the 'Clerks Corner' page of The Downsman.
- On Noticeboards.
- By visiting the Parish Office, open Tuesday 10-12pm and Friday 8:30-10am.
- By attending Parish Council meetings which members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

L. Goodwin

Lisa Goodwin, Clerk to the Parish Council

Opening Hours:

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For Parish Council

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May 2016

1st £25 110 Mrs. Coombes
 2nd £15 75 Mrs. Symes
 3rd £10 49 Mr. Henderson

June 2016

1st £25 16 Mr. Jesse
 2nd £15 118 Mrs. Hayes
 3rd £10 20 Mrs. Howard

If you would like to join the Village Hall 100 club please contact me, Bea Boyland, on 01725 552805

New www.SixpennyHandley.info



Want to know what is going on in
Handley without waiting for the next
Downsman?

Want to see if the village hall is
available?

Want to find a local business?

Want to advertise your local business
online?

The parish council wanted to create a new
web portal for the village so residents and
visitors can get a glimpse into like in our
Parish and find out what is on and how
they can contact local services, businesses
and facilities.

You will find the website at
www.sixpennyhandley.info.

If you run club, event or business locally
and it is not on the list, or the entry needs
amending please fill out the form and let
us know!

Naomi
The Web Booth



Collection 2016 Thank You

A different approach was used this year.
After missing last year the familiar RED
ENVELOPE was delivered to 400 homes
in the village with a note to say that they
wouldn't be collected, I am pleased to say
that 40 were returned to the collection
points containing donations of £305.81
enhanced by Gift Aid to £362.06. A great
big thank you to all of you who made
such generous donations. The good news
doesn't end there as St Mary's Church very
generously set aside one of the Lenten
Soup Lunches which raised a further
£205.50 with Gift Aid. The grand total being
£567.56 which will help those who are

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A heartfelt THANK YOU on behalf of those
who will benefit from your generosity.

David Salmons

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Chalke Valley History Festival 2016

This year's festival goes down on record as being the wettest in memory but despite a week of almost continuous inclement weather the festival organizers, backed by a magnificent team of on site volunteers and quite amazing car parking marshals, rose to the challenge and provided those of us who braved the rain and the glutinous mud [and there were thousands of us] with a series of lectures delivered by speakers well versed in their subject material, plus a myriad of 'pop up' history talks, equally well received. Furthermore, the now customary final weekend air display went ahead against a backdrop of clouds that one moment threatened a deluge to be followed by towering cumulus dazzlingly white and lit by the sun. Of particular note were displays by two aircraft closely associated with Naval aviation; the Vought F4U Corsair and the Fairey Swordfish. Of the former it was a Corsair flown by Canadian born Lieutenant Robert Hamilton 'Hammy' Gray that the last air Victoria Cross of the Second World War was won when on the 9th of August 1945, 'Hammy's' aircraft was shot down during an attack on Japanese shipping in Onagawa Bay. His was the second such award posthumously awarded to a Fleet Air Arm pilot, the first going to Lieutenant-Commander Eugene Kingsmill Esmonde who on a bleak February morning in 1942 led No 825 Squadron out from Manston and into the Strait of Dover where three enemy capital ships, Scharnhorst, Prinz Eugen and Gneisenau, heavily protected by destroyers and an umbrella of fighters were steaming at speed towards the North Sea and their

home ports in northwest Germany. The entire formation of six Swordfish were shot down and only five of the eighteen airmen survived. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster, I am sorry to report, is presently out of service, but an excellent replacement was found in the shape of a Boeing B17 Flying Fortress Sally B which was admirably shown off to an enthusiastic audience. And so, to reiterate, another excellent Chalke Valley History Festival despite all the vagaries of English summer weather.

Bill Chorley

The Battle of the Somme **July 1st to November 18th, 1916** **An overview of the Battle** **Friday, September 9th, 2016 for 7.30** **p.m** **Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley**

Owing to limited seating the presentation is restricted to a maximum of thirty persons. The talk of forty to forty-five minutes in duration will be followed by light refreshments and a questions and answers session. The emphasis will be on the reasons for the Battle and its aftermath.

Tickets at five pounds per person may be obtained from 10 Sycamore Close, Sixpenny Handley.

Contact: Bill Chorley 01725 552776 or email wr.chorley@gmail.com

Crossroads Cafe

We are open every Wednesday and would love to see you drop in to chat over a cuppa with a good selection of biscuits, with friends or to meet and make new friends. It is an opportunity to join in and enjoy the buzz of conversation and also catch up with happenings in the community. Conveniently situated and easily accessible a change of scene can be helpful in breaking up the week. This time of the year presents an ideal opportunity for cross generational socialising with beverages available at a suggested donation is 50p a cuppa (coffee, tea and drinking chocolate). Soft drinks are also available (cordials). All profits are recycled into our community charities and activities.

With the school holidays upon us it could provide an opportunity to fill one of the 'don't know what to do' slots. We have a selection of table/board games available to challenge all ages – some are rather old fashioned but fun challenging both dexterity and mind. For the very young there is a (clutter box), not as extensive a toy collection as Teddy Bears, to explore while Mum's have a cuppa and chat until the resumption of their Thursday slot on 8th September at St Mary's.

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David Salmons



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For further information please contact
Catherine Chapman 07895 913546 or
Sarah Taylor 07852 324112

or email downsmanbsg@gmail.com
or just turn up at the meeting on the day
If you can't join us in September, we will be
meeting again on
Thursday 3rd November 2016 9.30 - 10.30
(venue tbc) and
Thursday 2nd February 2017 9.30 - 10.30
(venue tbc)

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Pentridge
Village Hall



The Sixpenny Sessions team is super excited to announce that 'Show of Hands' acclaimed frontman, **Steve Knightley**, will be performing at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall on Friday 23 September 2016. Doors open at 7.00 pm, music starts at 7.30 pm.

'Show of Hands' are undeniably one of the strongest current forces in acoustic music. As one of England's finest and most popular roots partnerships and something of a "people's band", they are widely recognised for their resonating original songs, stunning musicianship and remarkable audience rapport. Their latest album 'Long Way Home' has received rave reviews across the board and seen regular airplay on BBC Radio 2 by Mark Radcliffe, Steve Wright and Janice Long. It was nominated in the 2016 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 'Best Album' category and followed hard on the heels of their hugely successful 2015 Autumn Tour, which was hailed as their best yet.

Sixpenny Sessions

Steve Knightley @ Sixpenny Handley Village



A Larmer Tree favourite, Steve Knightley is renowned for his strong, trademark narrative songs which reflect the escapades of people in his native West Country and beyond and he pulls no punches when writing highly literate songs about bigger, global issues. He won the Best Original Song category at the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for his biting, banker-baiting 'Arrogance, Ignorance and Greed' (some might say as apt today as it was 6 years ago!) and has a prolific back catalogue of inspired songs.

Since 2014, Steve has played over 160 solo "Grow Your Own Gigs" in village halls and smaller venues across the country and this year has already performed over 30 coastal gigs in his hugely successful "All at Sea" tour. We are delighted that he has agreed to include Sixpenny Handley on this tour, even though we are not in sight of the sea!

Tickets will be £16 in advance (£18 on the door) and will be available from Styles Mini Market and on Eventbrite (plus booking fee) during August – look out for further news on ticket availability on the event posters around the village. Don't miss out - this guy has sold out the Albert Hall 3 times so we are expecting a village hall sell-out on 23 September!

For further information, please see our Facebook page – 6Dacoustic.live or via: sixpennysessions@gmail.com





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As the sun struggles to come through we are all definitely ready for a summer break. So before our exciting Autumn programme begins don't forget the hall is still available right through the summer for hire for your party, family gathering, group meet ups and even as somewhere to play with the kids if the weather lets us down. Do contact Ros for all your booking enquiries on 01725 553032 or email 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com

Steve Knightley comes to Handley!

Sixpenny sessions attracts a big name this autumn as Steve Knightley one half of the famous 'Show of Hands' will play Sixpenny Handley on Friday 23rd September. September also brings more fundraising for the hall with a Fashion Show on Wednesday 21st – definitely a date for your diary!! Kali Theatre take over the hall on 20th October with an Indian wedding, you are cordially invited to be one of the guests at this hilarious interactive performance!

Refurbishment Update

We are putting in our Stage 1 bid to Big Lottery now, it has taken a long time to get the quotes in but we now have a plan. However more time has meant we have raised more match funding. We, with your help and local funding, have raised a massive £4926.59, the Parish Council have added £15,000 and we are all set to put in our bid of just under £90,000 to redo our roof and refurb the hall. Thank you to everyone who supported events and our Crowdfunder appeal! Please cross fingers, toes, legs etc etc for the next stage of the project.

Urban Myth Dispelled

A popular misconception or urban myth is that the village hall is sitting on £20,000 worth of reserves, we only wish that were true! I can assure we are not sitting on a pot of gold. Your village hall trustees work very hard to keep the hall going. We need to raise £9000 of income each year just to cover our running costs. We hope that by refurbishing the hall we will attract more users and be able to increase our percentage capacity and put money back into better facilities for our community.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our fantastic events at the Village Hall this autumn including more amazing theatre from Artsreach. Here are the dates for your diary!

Wednesday 21st September @ Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start

Fashion Show – Stella and her girls bring you all the latest trends from all your High Street favourites, full bar and snacks and cake of course. A fab night out for the girls, great opportunity to get your Autumn wardrobe. More details soon and watch out for posters in the village. Tickets £5



Friday 23rd September @ 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Sixpenny Sessions – Steve Knightley brings his fabulous folk songs to Sixpenny Handley. Since having Phil Beer last year we have been anxiously trying to book Steve to complete the Show of Hands package and we are pleased to have secured a September booking. We hope to see lots of you there, there will be food available too, full bar and all proceeds will go to the Village Hall refurbishment project. Tickets £16 from Styles Mini Market and Eventbrite.

Robs Auction-Saturday 8th October.

Robs 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 and is a great night out. A special request from Rob this year, he is looking for storage now for the donated items, if you could offer an empty shed or garage then please contact the hall.

Thursday 20th October @ 7.30pm - Artsreach

MY BIG FAT COW PAT WEDDING

Kali Theatre invite you to join their guests at Clare and Arjun's wedding reception. A celebration of a mixed marriage between a girl from the country and a boy from the city. What could possibly go wrong? Plenty does in this comedy drama set in the reception of an interracial wedding. The hall will be decorated for the wedding reception with the audience as guests in this hilarious interactive and immersive performance. Food will be additional, details to follow. Tickets £10 Adult £6 U18's and £25 for a family of 4. Tickets available from Styles Mini Market or reserve with Jen on 077515 25200.

Friday 25th November @ 5pm food and 5.30pm start (1 hour show)– Artsreach

Under a Magical Moon – Tutti Frutti theatre present the story of Peter Pan from Wendy's point of view. Wendy Darling is the owner of stories, mother to the lost boys, a believer in fairies, and a young girl with her feet firmly on the ground. Fly into a fantastical world of adventure in this sparkling new production, featuring exquisite music, enthralling movement and a sprinkle of tutti frutti magic. Suitable for children aged 3+ and their families. Tickets £10 Adult £6 U18's and £25 for a family of 4. Hot dogs and warm drinks available after the show. Tickets available from Styles Mini Market or reserve with Jen on 077515 25200.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire.

Dates still available or your event.

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Sixpenny Handley First School News

Eco Week

From 23rd to 27th May 16, Sixpenny Handley First School enjoyed our annual Eco Week. The theme for this year was habitats. We started the week with a special visitor called Charlie. Charlie is a barn owl rescued by Kevin at Creatures in Crisis, a charity who help sick and wounded animals based in Salisbury.

The children learnt all about animals in their local environment and spent the day becoming hedgehog heroes. They made hedgehog homes, which have been positioned around the school grounds and also, made different texts to persuade people to save hedgehogs. Other activities through the week included learning about the importance of hedgerows, finding out about habitats on a global scale, being wildlife photographers and holding a pupil pipeline (a human water line to raise awareness of the charity Water Aid). It was a busy and fun week, which culminated in Grounds Day, an annual day held to decorate the school grounds. Children had the opportunity to learn new skills by rotating around lots of activities including den building, blindfold rope walk, hubcap flowers, bird feeders and much more.



Our School Trip to Weymouth Sealife Centre



On Friday 24th June the whole school were very excited as we were off on a trip to Weymouth Sealife Centre! We climbed onto the coach and set off on our journey. When we arrived we had our snacks and then looked at the map to plan out our day. The Ladybirds first stop was the Bumping Barnacles ride and the Seal ride. We had so much fun! Next stop was a tour of the creatures at the park. We met penguins, crocodiles, seals, otters, stingrays, sharks, clownfish, jellyfish and so much more! We got to touch anemones and starfish at the rockpools and looked through the magnifying glasses to see underwater. We really enjoyed the tunnel where the sharks and turtles swam over our heads...we were underwater!! After our lunch we even got to enjoy a delicious ice cream! What a fun day out, thank you very much Sixpenny Handley First School.

Sports Day!

On our second attempt (the first one was 'rained off') Sixpenny Handley First School held their annual Sports Day. The weather threatened rain throughout the morning and even dropped the odd reminder, but nothing dampened the spirit of the children or staff. The children entered, as a sea of red stepping out on to the field to a large crowd of family support. They started out with the flat races showing their all-out speed, followed by the skills races displaying things that they have learnt during the year, before competing in a theme race to celebrate their current class themes.



The day was rounded off with a toddler's race with over 15 prodigies entering. The parents' races were a display of great sportsmanship whereas the staff race was less serious! It was the final Sports day for the Scorpions teacher, Mr. Thomas and fittingly he and his teaching assistant, Mrs Laing, won his final race.

The morning was an amazing success rounded off with a family picnic on the school field followed by ice creams and lollies.

Year 4 Leavers

Another year over already and another class moving on from Sixpenny Handley First School. The Year 4 children are currently preparing for their leavers' service after an amazing time in Scorpion class.

They have been on a residential visit to Leeson House, competed in numerous sports competitions with other schools from The Heath Academy trust, visited the Houses of Parliament and even produced their own film which was shown at the Shaftesbury Arts Centre.

They have all worked extremely hard and deserve a break before heading on to their new schools. Well done Year 4's and thank you for such an exciting year! Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Laing



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On 19th May eleven members attended a Beacon Group meeting at Iwerne Minster where the guest speaker was Julian Richards of "Meet the Ancestors" fame. He gave an interesting and informative talk on the role of horses during the First World War plus a presentation featuring an archaeological investigation of a horse hospital at Larkhill Camp, now the home of the Royal Artillery. "Something I Dug Up" was the theme for the exhibition which was well supported, although not all recognisable. The evening ended with excellent refreshments as usual.

June's Garden Meeting was held at The Old Forge although sadly the weather was inclement. Following business of the day, members took part in a quiz which was won by Lydia Carter and Joyce Waker. Between showers members were able to walk around the garden prior to enjoying the refreshments provided by the committee. A relaxed, informal meeting was enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday 22nd June, Sixpenny Handley WI hosted a very special afternoon for the Beacon Group when fifty ladies met together at Dr Martin Green's farm. Although it was wet underfoot the weather was kind enough, warm with grey sky's (some of us were pleased to be wearing our wellies). We split into groups for a tour of the fascinating archaeological excavations which included observing and discussing the wildlife and exquisite meadows brimming over with wild flowers.

Everything was special but the pond held us spellbound with its flowers, sense of calm and almost a spiritual peace. We were also treated to a guided tour of the museum which houses exhibits excavated on the farm and around the local area. We needed more time to take it all in and some of us will definitely return to look at things more closely and ask more questions. The afternoon was finished off perfectly with a yummy cream tea in the village hall made and served by our WI members. Thanks to all involved especially Martin and his wife.

At the meeting of 11th July the speaker was Pamela Fudge, a local authoress, who spoke about "Writing Your Life Story". Having published 14 books and in the midst of writing her own life story, she gave lots of helpful hints in an amusing way. To start the meeting, she asked all members to write a sentence, title, or paragraph about early memories which was then read out (a startling array – some factual, some intriguing, some humorous). This sparked a good discussion prompting members to think about reading her books. The institute already has one authoress – will there be more? Mrs Fudge's autobiography should be worth reading. With the business out of the way there were the usual delicious refreshments to ensure an enjoyable meeting.

Future Meetings:

8th Aug American Supper
12th Sep Mr Malcolm Angel – "Facts, Myths and Legends"
10th Oct Mrs Liz Ford – a work evening making a Christmas Decoration

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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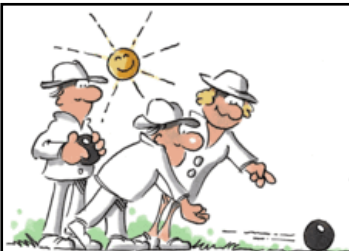
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25th Anniversary

On 4th June, Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club celebrated its 25th anniversary with a very enjoyable afternoon event. Representatives from various other clubs, the President of Bowls Dorset and a dozen or so founder members attended the celebrations on a warm afternoon, perfect for playing bowls. The Handley President, Mr. Paul Chalmers delivered a speech outlining the development of the club and then most of the afternoon was devoted to a mini-league competition which was won by John White, Patrick Taylor and Chris Wadge.

Mrs. Patsy Hoddy baked a cake of epic proportions which was the subject of a weight-guessing competition before being eagerly devoured at the end of the afternoon. There was also a raffle and a barbecue and guests and members were presented with mementos as a reminder of the celebration and a symbol of the progress that the club has made. The anniversary event coincided with the completion of the new washroom block, masterminded by Dave Adams. Plans to



build a swimming pool may have to wait another 25 years but the bowls club is now a first-class sports facility for the entire village and surrounding area.

The league teams are doing well and we are looking forward to a successful outdoor season as well as to future social events including President's Day when we will be raising funds for HASAG (Hampshire asbestos support and awareness group). Later, on 7th August, club members will be

serving afternoon teas at the village hall, Wimborne St. Giles.

There is always something going on at the bowls club, even including bowls from time to time, and if you would like to get involved please call Paul on 07964769159.



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Sixpenny Handley Surgery Building

Project Update

Plans to make use of the generous donation of the late William Gronow Davis have advanced. We need to improve the working environment for our staff in the administration and reception teams as well as the dispensary. Sadly we were unable to procure funds from NHS England or the Wiltshire CCG on the grounds that we were relatively well provided for and we were not an area of deprivation.

We obtained planning permission for a two storey project and later revised the plan to a more affordable single storey project.

We were poised to start work when we were informed of an inheritance tax issue. As William's donation was within seven years of his death, the executors of his estate informed us that we as the donees would be subject to inheritance tax. We have now paid 40% of William's gift back ultimately to the HMRC.

This is a major setback and we are looking at plans to see what more we can do to improve the surgery in Sixpenny Handley. We hope to find an affordable improvement to the building in Sixpenny Handley in the near future.

Broad Chalke Surgery

As from 1st July, 2016 the Broad Chalke Surgery will be closed every Monday afternoon from 1-6.30pm

NHS England is cutting the funding for Phlebotomy Services and in order to keep this service running we have had to take this step. Over the course of the last two months we have been monitoring the usage of the surgeries at both Sixpenny Handley and Broad Chalke and closure on a Monday afternoon at Broad Chalke would seem to cause the least disruption.

As with Tuesday afternoons in Sixpenny Handley and Wednesdays in Broad Chalke the GPs will be working normally and are available until 6.30pm when all phone calls

are directed to the out of hours service 111

The Sixpenny Handley site will remain open on Mondays for surgeries by appointment only and collections of medications until 8.30pm

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

www.nhs.uk NHS Choices – a web site for health advice

www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk – for travellers

We shall be running ADULT FLU CLINICS in:

Sixpenny Handley

Saturday 1st October 9:30am – 11:30am
Saturday 15th October 9:30am – 11:30am

Broad Chalke

Saturday 8th October 9:30am – 11:30am
Saturday 22nd October 9:30am – 11:30am

Adult clinics only – there are ONLY 4 clinics - please ensure you attend

Children's Flu Clinics

Monday 24th October 2016
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Tuesday 25th October 2016
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1st Woodcutts News

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Age 10½-14
Monday 7 to 9pm
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01725 552038



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



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

The committee has asked me to point out that unfortunately our Beavers section now has a waiting list – when a place becomes available, the leaders will consult the list and the place will be allocated to the eligible child that has been on the list for the longest time. I'm afraid 1st Woodcutts is now such a successful group that you can no longer simply assume that your child will have an automatic place in Beavers. To get onto the waiting list, please contact Jane (beavers@firstwoodcutts.org.uk or phone number as above) to get a registration form. Note that there is no minimum child's age at which you can complete this form.

In order to improve this situation, we would dearly like to start a second Beavers section (and second Cubs and Scouts sections too); in order to do this, we would like to invite you to volunteer to become a leader at 1st Woodcutts. No prior experience of Scouting is needed – just a desire to help bring the fun and benefits of Scouting to the next generation; it's fun and all necessary training and mentoring will be provided. Please contact our Group Scout Leader (or, indeed, any other Leader in the group) to discuss what is involved.

Scouts

The summer term is always a favourite at Woodcutts. The long evenings allow us to be out and about on troop nights and exploring our local community. Over recent weeks the Scouts have been honing their outdoor skills, practicing fire lighting, building shelters and refining their navigation techniques. The culmination of the term's activities will be the Troops Summer Camp to Scotland. This year's camp is set to be something special a quite the adventure. The Scouts and Explorers have a jammed pack week exploring Perthshire. There will be a mountain biking safari, white water rafting, pioneering, sledging, helping the community and a day trip to Edinburgh. We look forward to telling you more about our adventure in the next edition of the Downsman.



Explorers

In May we joined the cubs at Brownsea to celebrate their centenary. We paddled over in a giant canoe then set up a hammock camp up amongst the trees. We also built a tree house from pioneering wood, helped with activities and hid Nigel's cheese! We are really looking forward to our next adventure in Scotland

This term we have made a flaming cockerel for the waistcoat festival the techniques learned we will use make something for the firework display. We have also been working on the fire circle at the HQ constructing a more permanent seating arrangement. We have whittled spoons, daubed a roundhouse and set up and Christened the air rifle shooting at the hut with the help of Peter and Nick, complemented by Dr Swan's intro to game shooting.

Several of the explorers have been supporting other sections within the unit which is fantastic, all arrangements have been made by the scouts themselves, they clearly see the benefit of scouting and want others to enjoy scouting in the same way as they did.



Invitation to become a leader at 1st Woodcutts

Subs for next term

At its most recent meeting, the committee reviewed our income and subscriptions for the last year. Unfortunately, it has proved necessary to increase our subscription rate to £30 per term starting in September. This can be paid per term or as a single lump sum of £90 for the full school year (note that if you withdraw your child from 1st Woodcutts part way through the year, we will not be able to refund the money as it will already have been allocated to support Scouting activities across 1st Woodcutts). It is also necessary now for us to say that all payments must be made either by cheque or by bank transfer - if this is not viable for you, and your only possible option is to pay cash, please contact the group secretary (secretary@firstwoodcutts.org.uk or via any leader) to arrange an exceptional payment in advance. Starting in September, cash payments of subscriptions will not be accepted by leaders during section meetings.

Totally Locally....

This month's Totally Locally features our very own local Master Thatcher, Nigel Turton.

Like me, you've perhaps seen Nigel's truck in the village, but did you know he'd won Best Thatched Property in the World - yes, the world! - in 2015? And that he's Chairman of the National Society of Master Thatchers and President of the International Thatching Society....amazing, you never know who lives just around the corner do you!

So how did he get started? Well, way back as long as he can remember, Nigel's always wanted to restore things. When it came to a career choice, he decided not to follow in his father's footsteps (a job in The City) but to do something he loved, eventually narrowing the field to thatching, carriage-making or black-smithing. In his last year at school, he wrote to every thatcher in the country seeking an apprenticeship, but without success, resulting in a tough 18 months working on a North Sea trawler. Then, in 1987, an apprenticeship opportunity cropped up in the New Forest, so he moved himself to Hampshire on a wage of £30 a week! Nine years later he set up his own thatching company, working in and around Dorset....the rest, as they say, is history.

Nigel now balances his time between running his thatching business, lecturing and attending meetings in his thatching society roles, and scouting. Oh yes, Nigel's also one of the 1st Woodcutts Scout Leaders, something he obviously cares about with a passion. Having benefitted hugely from being a scout himself, he now gives his time to help others gain the same experience. The 1st Woodcutts scout family now has around 35 members, girls and boys aged between 10 and 14....you might have seen them on the litter pick, at the Waistcoat Festival or even trekking across into the woods to build shelters! If you're interested in getting involved, they're always looking for volunteers.....

Nigel Turton Master Thatcher



Oh no, I'm out of space to write any more, and there's so much more to say! Suggest you look out for Nigel on Countryfile Live 4th-7th August!

Thanks for reading.....and if you'd like to be featured in a future Totally Locally article, please contact me at tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk

Sarah x



Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Community Fund

Until last year The Community Fund was a sub-account of the Parish Council. However, because of a change in the structure of the Parish Council in May 2015 the fund was re-established as an independent 'Unincorporated Charitable Association' on 8 June 2015. The purposes of the charity within the combined parishes of Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge are –

- the advancement of education
- the advancement of health or the saving of lives
- the advancement of community development
- the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage
- the advancement of amateur sport
- the advancement of environmental protection or improvement
- the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- the promotion of community safety and security

Nearly £5,000 was transferred from the Parish Council sub-account and just over £4,000 has been donated in the last 12 months, the larger part resulting from the extremely successful Big Session music festival last summer. A permanent float is maintained to assist with the start-up costs of major events and this summer it has also functioned as a working account for The Waistcoat Festival. Grants distributed to date are as follows –

£500.00	Repairs to St Mary's churchyard wall.
£120.00	Happy Nappy Club
£2000.00	Village Hall roof replacement
£1000.00	Waistcoat Festival additional pre-event costs
£2,000.00	Little Pennies pre-school
£1322.50	Community Speed Watch for a Speed Indicator Device

Anyone who may have any queries about the fund or would like to know how to make a donation or request the

process for a grant application can ring the Parish Office during Open hours for friendly advice. Right now, however, there is no money in the kitty available for new grants although donations or other sources of potential income would be most welcome! Hopefully this situation should soon change. There is a recognised need to bring our community's charitable activities up to date and in compliance with current charity legislation to which end an application is underway to Register a Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission that will incorporate among others the existing Community Fund. The Objects of the new CIO will be – "to further or benefit the residents of the parish of Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge ... by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to provide resources in the interests of social welfare, recreation and leisure time

occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents". It is a tortuous bureaucratic process but we are cautiously optimistic that this will be achieved in the next few months. Such a move will provide a simpler and more efficient infrastructure to enable far greater scope and flexibility than has been the case hitherto and thus to enable potentially more ambitious projects. We are indeed living in exciting times.

David Lockyer - Chairman



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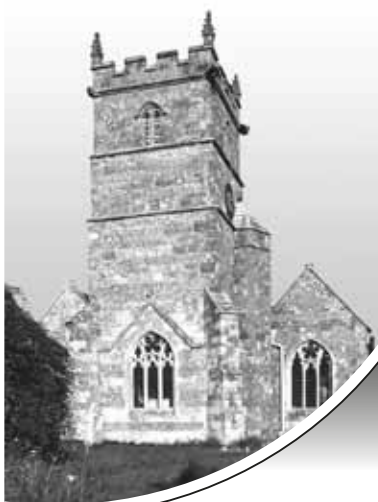
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Dorset Ride+Stride – Saturday 10th September

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

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It costs over £40,000 each year just to keep our churches open and functioning. Remember, we get no funding from the government at all, so if you would like to keep the church open near you, we need your help! Please think about giving regularly. There are different ways you can give. The easiest is a Standing Order, which gives regularly for you. A set of dated envelopes also helps you to give regularly. Please talk to us if you are interested - and think about giftaid if you are a UK taxpayer so we get 25% extra at no cost to you. The Church is for everyone, so please contact the vicar if there is any way we may be able to help you.

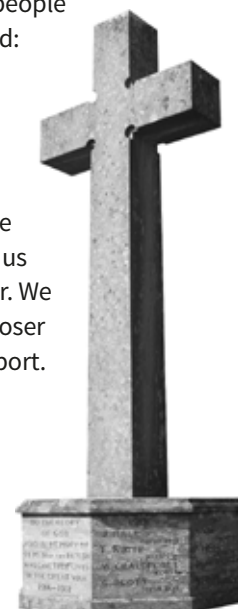
Trussell Trust wins two awards

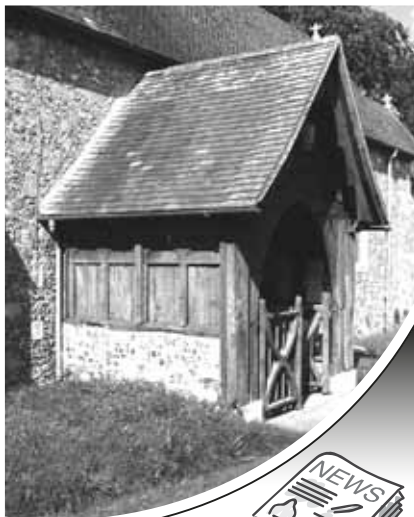
From the single dad struggling to feed himself and his ten-year-old son on just £10 a week, to the man who almost cried when he was given a new toothbrush; they are just some of the people Foodbank Manager, Laura Chalmers has helped. Anyone could find themselves in a crisis needing emergency food, with Laura seeing people from all walks of life coming through the foodbank's doors. She said: "We see people from all social classes. Numerous times in the foodbank, I have spoken to people and thought: 'that could so easily be me'."

We were delighted and humbled to receive two accolades at the Charity Awards ceremony in 2016 – a category award for Social Care and Welfare and the Overall Winner. These awards serve to remind us that we have an important role to play in helping to stop UK hunger. We must thank all of you who help us every day to get just a little bit closer to making that happen by giving food, your time and financial support. Thank you. Best wishes, The Trussell Trust team

War Memorial awarded listed status

The War Memorial outside St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley, has now been awarded grade II listed building status. Listing helps mark a building's significance and celebrate its special architectural and historic interest.





**News items
and articles welcome!**

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

Thanks!



FROM THE REGISTERS



The funerals took place of
Violet Nye, Colin Napier,
Doreen Leverton, Leslie Rimen

The wedding of
Peter and Jennifer Netherton

The baptisms took place of
Lily and Freddie Netherton

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Prayers

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.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Dear Lord, remind me constantly that in the end I shall reap what I sow and that I cannot escape the demands of your law of love. Fill my life with all the fruits of the Spirit so that I may walk with You and serve You faithfully in spirit and in truth.

A Thank You Prayer

God's world is good. We like it. He made the sun to give us light and to keep us warm. God's world is full of twinkly stars, Beautiful flowers and furry animals. God made us. He made this world. God wants us to be happy. God loves us.

Yvette Leavy (age 5)

A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, union.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

A Prayer for the Countryside

Dear God, help us to appreciate your creation and hard work.
Some of us need to be taught how to love and respect our birds, sea creatures and land animals. Please help us to care for animals around us as if they were our relatives. Lord hear us.
Amen.

Caroline (age 10)

Dear friends...

The Good Samaritan is such a famous story. You can look it up in Luke 10:25-37. Jesus tells it to make us think. And he uses a standard format, rather like we used to tell stories jokes that started 'there was an Englishman, Irishman and Scotsman. In those days it would go 'there was a priest, a Levite and an ordinary Israelite'. But the story jars with when Jesus makes the third character... not a Scotsman or an Israelite, but a hated Samaritan. We stop and listen.

In the usual way, we would expect the story to end with the Israelite being the one who helps the injured man. And we might conclude that we need to widen our idea of who is a neighbour - to include all people who are a bit like us. But following God is not about 'us' and 'them'. Instead, Jesus goes way beyond anything the original audience would have expected, in at least two ways – first, that a neighbour can be anyone, even a hated foreigner like a Samaritan. And then, more surprising still, the logic of the story pushes us to identify with the victim.

The people in the story who should be neighbourly pass by. It is the hated Samaritan who becomes the loving neighbour, the one who actually comes to help. And this help includes getting messy and spending money. It is all there in the Bible. This, Jesus says, is what it means to follow God.

The problem is that being a neighbour can be inconvenient. It can be asked of us at an awkward time, or by the person we would least like to help. It might involve us going out of our way. And yet this is what the story is all about.

For all the characters in Jesus' story, the victim is an inconvenience. And we can all say we are in a hurry, we are tired, we can't afford it, we can't get involved, we don't like the look of them, we don't want them here...

Of course we have to be realistic and sensible about what we can and can't do, but if someone is in need and we know about it, we are responsible.

The story is prompted by the question 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus reframes the question at the end; 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour?' And Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Have a great summer, Mel

HEART CASTLE

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

Once upon a time a King built himself a castle. It was magnificent, beautiful and could stand the fiercest storm, and he called it HEART CASTLE. And not only was it splendid, it spread an air of confidence throughout the whole area, and people looked towards Heart Castle and took fresh courage and hope.

But when the King went away, things began to go wrong. It was not that there was anything wrong with the castle for, as I have told you, it was perfectly made, but something went wrong with the people looking after it. A bad spirit crept into the place, with the result that lawns were left unmown, the paths unweeded, broken windows were not mended, and Heart Castle, that had been such an inspiration to so many, became little more than a monumental joke.

In command of the castle was a man called Sir William Power, usually known as WILL POWER, or sometimes just plain WILL. He was one of those well-meaning people who have all the right ideas, but he could not make other people obey his orders or follow his example. Mind you, he had a very difficult task, with the people he had to deal with. For instance, there was IVOR GRUDGE. Ivor was never happy unless he could find something to grumble about. If it wasn't the food, it was the weather. And if it wasn't the weather it was the government. Wherever he went he spread an atmosphere of gloom. Being in his company was like standing in a steady drizzle without an umbrella.

And then there was Mark – MARK TIME. Mark was one of those people who would never get a move on with what he had to do. He was all right so long as he was being watched, but as soon as he was on his own he would put down his tools and have a jolly good rest. He never seemed to make any progress. He had a twin brother – JUSTIN TIME, and he was the sort of person who turned up at the very last minute for a job, usually without all the equipment he needed and hopelessly out of breath. I am afraid Mark and Justin gave Sir William a great deal of trouble.

Then there was Luke – LUKE WARM. Everybody liked Luke. He was friendly and easy-going, but he was apt to make friends with the wrong sort of person and was quickly lead astray. Like a pillow, he always bore the impression of the last person to sit on him!

And then there was Peter – PETER OUT. He was a very good beginner, but he never saw anything through to the finish. If he took a book out of the castle library, and three weeks later you looked to see how he was getting on, he would be on about page four. He had started, but he just couldn't finish. He was a good cricketer – he used to go in first for the team. But when he reached double figures, and everyone was looking at him to make a decent score, he would lose his head and throw his wicket away with a careless stroke. He was the despair of the castle's fine old cricket coach, a man called GERRY HATRICK.

And I could go on. There was another Will in the castle – WILL KNOTT. He liked to think of himself as independent. He looked the word up in the dictionary one day and thought, 'that's me!' Everyone else just thought him disobedient. And, of course, the castle had the greedy one, PHIL ME. He was all right until he met a chap called ROLAND BUTTER, who led him badly astray. There was also a cheat, OWEN MONEY, a joker, JOE KING, and, I'm sorry to say, the castle even had a bully, PERCY CUTE.

But I mustn't give you the impression that it was only the male members of the castle who were so difficult. There were some pretty tiresome females as well. For instance there was

ANNIE MOSITY, who had a tongue like an adder. No one's reputation was safe in her hands, especially when their backs were turned. Will Knott had a sister, MAY KNOTT, who was hopelessly unreliable. Peter Out's sister was just as bad – CLAIRE OUT. She was just plain unfriendly, and no one could stand her company for more than a few minutes. There was another grumbler, MONA LOTT, and it was no surprise when she became engaged to Ivor Grudge. They found a dark, damp place to live called BLEAK HOUSE, and they lived miserably ever after. At the same time Percy Cute married RUTH LESS.

So you can see that poor Will Power had his work cut out. He tried everything he could think of, until he finally decided that there were really only two options left – religion and discipline.

He tried religion first, and appointed a chaplain to the castle – the Reverend NEIL DOWN. He held lots of special services. Peter Out came to a few, and was never seen again, and after a while Neil Down resigned and went to work in the East End of London.

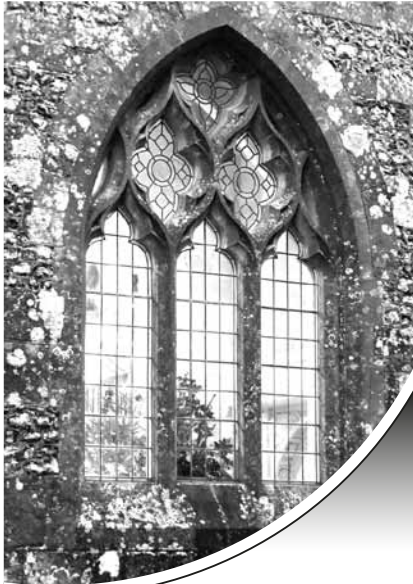
Will Power wrote to the army and asked them to send the toughest Sergeant Major they could find. They produced a terrific man called Sergeant Major Dover – BEN DOVER, and he turned up with CORPORAL PUNISHMENT and they tried to instil some discipline into the place. But the result was nothing changed, and after a while they asked for an easier posting and were sent off to Greece.

It was about this time that news got through to the King that all was not well with Heart Castle, and he decided to come down and see for himself. He was met by a shame-faced Will Power, and although he said very little, it was obvious that the King was very disappointed. When they returned to Sir William's office, the King said, 'I see you have done your best, but the only hope for the castle is that my son, the Prince, should come and take charge. It will mean you must step down, and that some of the castle staff must be sacked. Would you be willing to do that?'

Sir William asked for a few days to think it over, and then he sent a message to the king to say, 'Yes, he would be willing.' A week later there was a knock at the castle gate and a voice said, 'Look, I am standing at the door knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.'

Sir William heard the knock and recognised the voice. He opened the door and invited the Prince to come in, and handed him all the keys. Not everything was put right at once, but slowly and surely things began to improve. New names appeared in the castle, including splendid people like ERNEST ENDEAVOUR, FRANK SPEECH, PERCY VERE and JOY FULL. Once again Heart Castle became the splendid place the King had meant it to be, and once again it spread an atmosphere of security and peace throughout the whole land.





✦ 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.

☕ **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 2.30pm. Details from Mary (552 041).

Surprise yourself and come along

SUNDAY SERVICES	St Mary's Sixpenny Handley			St Rumbold's Pentridge		Gussage St Andrew
	Informal service includes children's time					
	9.30am	☕	11.00am	6.00pm	11.15am	9.30am
Aug 7 th	HC		#	Evensong	HC	#
Aug 14 th	MP		#	Evensong	#	HC
Aug 21 st	HC	(10.30am)	#	Evensong	MP	#
Aug 28 th	MP		#	Evensong	#	HC
Sept 4 th	HC		Informal	Evensong	HC	#
Sept 11 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Sept 18 th	#		Harvest	Evensong	MP	#
Sept 25 th	MP		Informal	#	#	Harvest

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.

Harvest Festivals

Looking ahead, make a date for our Harvest Festivals – at Sixpenny Handley on Sunday 18th September at 11 o'clock, at St Andrew's on Sunday 25th September at 6pm, and at Pentridge on Sunday 2nd October at 11.15am. All of them are followed by refreshments – do come and celebrate the wonderful world around us, and stay for something to eat afterwards!



Summer Holidays

The summer holidays are on us, and things quieten down a bit during August. The 11 o'clock Service at Sixpenny Handley combines with the 9.30 service. Our pre-school drop-in Teddy Bears has a break (perhaps they can go down to the woods for a picnic). We all start up again at the beginning of September. Other drop-ins and services run as normal, so please join us.

August

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Grace's Concert

Make a date for Saturday 24th September when we have another concert at St Mary's. The range of talent in our villages is amazing, and this is another chance to sit back and enjoy a lot of fun, talent and entertainment.



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Musings from a Handley Woodsman

Forest schools

A large part of my work for the past 20 years has been in education, I am after all a teacher. However, I have made a conscious choice to work outside of the classroom. This has taken a variety of forms including: environmental education, sustainable transport choice promotion (London), conservation, living history education and now forest schools.

Forest schools is an approach which has gained massively in popularity over the last 10 years. This is the antithesis of modern trends in education which seem to be moving endlessly towards increased assessment, and a narrow curriculum largely focusing on the 'core skills' of literacy and numeracy.

So what is the forest schools approach and how does this enhance educational experiences?

In 2002 an attempt was made to define forest schools as:

'An inspirational process that offers children, young people and adults regular opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a local woodland environment.'

Following the formation of the forest schools association in 2011 the following was drawn up:

1: Forest School is a long-term process of frequent and regular sessions in a woodland or natural environment, rather than a one-off visit. Planning, adaptation, observations and reviewing are integral elements of Forest School.

2: Forest School takes place in a woodland or natural wooded environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world.

3: Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners

4: Forest School offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves.

5: Forest School is run by qualified Forest School practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice.

6: Forest School uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for development and learning

When we use the term 'learner-centred', what we mean really is play; we all learn at our best when playing, adults and children alike. We have all experienced the state when we are totally absorbed in an activity, and this is when we are learning at our best. Many educational psychologists have also proven this to be the case.

Our goal as forest school tutors is to promote opportunities for this by supporting and facilitating play in a non-interventionist style. This is done through flow-learning techniques, with reflection, risk awareness, active games, team working, peer-review, routine and free play sessions carefully balanced to enhance learning.

One of the most important outcomes of forest schools is its ability to promote growth in emotional intelligence. This is increasingly seen as much more of an indicator of success than IQ or academic attainment.

New fangled ?

The forest schools approach to education is by no means new, having its roots in the in the 19th century Romantics movement (awe of nature and the sublime creativity, freedom and innocence of the child). This influenced philosophers and pedagogists of the time, which in turn led to the foundation of educational and out of school activities which were child-centred, whilst at the same time promoted independent learning through play.

At this same time the factory and work houses of the industrial revolution were subject to a series of Acts of Parliament. This started with the Peel Factory Act, and was developed further by Lord Shaftesbury who then pushed through subsequent acts. These acts limited the hours children could work, they also imposed the requirement of employers to provide education for children in the three Rs.

In the 1950s the Romantics approach was adopted by nurseries in Germany, and schools throughout Scandinavia to the age of seven. In the UK there were nods towards this, with the foundation of the comprehensive schools system bringing a more child-centred approach to learning.

In the 1970s and 80s, in an endeavour to increase literacy and numeracy skills, a more teacher-led outcome centred approach was adopted, with the National Curriculum as its centre piece. As a reaction to this there was a growth in alternative education models such as Montessori, Waldorf Steiner schools and a natural education/forest schools approach to learning. By 2008 some balance was introduced, with the child-led approach of the early years foundation stage adopted universally for children up to five years old.

Summary

I'm not sure about you but I feel that the time I spent playing out in the fields and woods as a child was hugely valuable to my upbringing and development. Forest schools provides a way in which this can still be done in our risk averse society, through giving children the ability to assess risk, build in self-confidence and independence, in a way that is both monitored and safe. From an educational perspective, forest schools help to build upon the skills that schools are finding it harder and harder to squeeze into their teaching schedule, and the positive outcomes are now well-documented by both pedagogists and psychologists. I hope that in time, it will ultimately be acknowledged that attainment levels will only show significant improvement through the integration of teaching methods employed within forest schools.

<http://www.forestschoollassociation.org>

Anthony



Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Crime levels in nearby areas of East Dorset have increased lately, with a spate of shed breaks and thefts from outbuildings. The areas around Holt, Verwood, Three Legged Cross and up to Wimborne St Giles have been particularly bad. Mowers, power tools and bikes have been taken, with the focus often on very new or high value items. At the time of writing, Sixpenny Handley Parish has so far got off lightly but increased vigilance is clearly sensible and the police have asked us to advise you to re-assess and if necessary improve the security of any sheds and outbuildings. We have often written about this before. The key things are to fit a decent padlock and a shed alarm (costing less than £20 and available from garden stores etc); record the serial numbers of high value items and prominently mark each item with your post-code to make it less easy to sell on.

Once again the Garston Wood car park has been hit, with two incidents of thefts

from cars. We are writing to the RSPB, who own the wood and provide the car park, to see what more can be done to protect their members and other parking there. For locals, the option of walking to visit the wood rather than driving may well be worth considering.

Dorset Police report that their summer drink drive campaign, which coincided with the UEFA Euro 2016 football tournament, saw a total of 43 people charged with a drink or drug driving-related offence. The campaign ran from Friday 10 June 2016 to Sunday 10 July 2016 throughout the county's road network. A total of 43 people aged between 19 and 72 were charged with a drink or drug driving-related offence. Of these, 37 were men and 6 were women. During the campaign Dorset Police carried out increased traffic patrols and roadside checks, with every driver involved in a collision throughout June and July being breath tested, irrespective of whether they

were suspected of drink driving.

Occasional fly tipping continues to blight local farms and these days is largely a Local Authority rather than a police enforcement matter. It can be very hard to get the Council to pursue a case unless there is clear evidence of who dumped the waste so, if you do see fly tipping in progress, please help by taking any vehicle numbers and a description of those involved and ringing 999 immediately. Whenever a crime is actually in progress it is perfectly legitimate to do so.

This year's Steam Fair is in the last week of August. Last year for the first time, increased vigilance locally actually led to a decrease in crime during the period, so lets keep that going.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and please help your community by quickly reporting anything untoward that you see.

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Monday	19:00	MM	Bishopstone Village Hall
Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
Tuesday	14:00	Pilates	Radnor Hall
Tuesday	18:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Friday	09:15	FP	Broadchalke Sports Hall
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Judging followed two months of speed tests undertaken by Wessex's customers, which proved it provides the fastest service of its kind in the country. The judges were also impressed with very high levels of customer service and flexible contracts available to its customers.

ISPA Secretary General Nick Lansman said "A big congratulations to all the winners at the 18th ISPA Awards. A huge range of companies won this year, showing the continued diversity, innovation and

competitiveness of the UK Internet industry in what has been an eventful year for the sector."

For Wessex Internet, Managing Director Andrew Skipsey said, "We are absolutely delighted! To be recognised as being the best at what you do is a great feeling and I feel very proud of our team who are driving ahead with improving Internet services

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1. Locate any documents relating to the property which you were given when you purchased it and any paperwork you have acquired during your ownership, for example guarantees or warranties, boiler service certificates and any planning or building regulations paperwork for work you have carried out.

If the property is mortgaged, it would also be helpful to have a copy of a recent mortgage statement to hand.

2. Decide which firm of solicitors will be acting for you and instruct them in good time. We often receive instructions to act for the seller of a property only after a sale has already

been agreed and the memorandum of sale issued by the estate agents. This means that you are under immediate time pressure to complete the property information forms and collate all of the supporting paperwork about the property as quickly as possible to avoid delaying the transaction. Instructing your solicitor in advance avoids this problem, not least because we can let you have the standard Law Society Property Information Form in readiness. This form runs to 16 pages and although the questions are relatively self-explanatory, it inevitably takes some time to complete.

By collating your documentation in advance, and instructing your solicitor in readiness, it means that your solicitor is ready to act quickly and issue a comprehensive pack of contract documentation just as soon as a sale has been agreed.

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Summer has now arrived and expect everyone is getting excited about that week or so away.

I have been contemplating what is topical and thought everyone must be fed up with the EU Referendum. One thing someone said to me recently "now we are going out of the EU any EU legislation can be ignored." Unfortunately, for tax in any case, this is not correct so all is as it was - for the time being anyway!

You will recall from my previous article that HMRC are bringing in digitalisation and potentially from April 2018 all self employed individuals and those with rental income will need to submit quarterly accounts. There are/will be a number of accounting packages coming onto the market, so I thought I would outline the benefits of "bookkeeping in the cloud" packages:

With the increasing broadband speeds/better coverage of 4G networks (soon to be in the area - we hope!) and more and more devices being connected to the internet, keeping your books in 'The cloud' is becoming easier than ever before. Providing you have internet access, your data is available anywhere, on any device and at any time; the software application (App) you use will always be up to date and the data is safe, secure and always backed up.

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An important allowance which some individuals are not claiming – are you?

The marriage allowance:

The marriage allowance should allow spouses or civil partners to allocate 10% of their personal allowance to their spouse or partner, assuming that neither pays tax above the basic rate.

For the current tax year, 2016/17, that could make a couple £220 better off, while a claim for 2015/16 could have yielded up

to £212. Many potential claimants will be pensioners or families with young children. Spouses and civil partners are being referred to as 'partner' to mean one of the couple.

Many couples have yet to make the claim, whether this is due to lack of awareness, uncertainty as to how it might be made, or misleading guidance. Initially HMRC were only taking claims online, which acted as a deterrent for many people; but it is now possible to make a claim by telephone or even by letter.

In order to make a claim you must be:

- The parties to the claim should be married or in a civil partnership for at least part of the tax year to which the claim relates (and be in that relationship at the time the election is made);
- Neither partner should pay tax higher than at the basic rate;
- Neither partner should have claimed the married couple's allowance;

- One partner must elect for a reduced personal allowance: the allowance that can be transferred is 10% of the basic personal allowance for the relevant tax year;
- The recipient must not be using the remittance basis; and the recipient must satisfy the residence conditions.

As long as the conditions are satisfied, the recipient receives a 'tax reduction' representing the basic rate tax on the allowance transferred. In most cases it will be clear if this condition is satisfied. Entitlement to the marriage allowance continues when a couple separates, but ceases in the year after divorce. The election may be withdrawn earlier by the partner who originally made it. 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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Book Review

On a bright summer day in August 2004 a lone Spitfire* swept across Dunkeswell Airfield high in the East Devon hills overlooking Honiton and after turning for a second pass, and slowing, those gathered on the ground watched in respectful silence as a small cloud of dust issued from the cockpit. For several minutes the ashes of the late 'Jackie' Moggridge continued to drift serenely through the skies in immortal purity before falling to earth on an airfield that was so familiar to her during a long and quite amazing life spent 'chasing the clouds'.

Born in South Africa on the first day of March 1922, Dolores Theresa Sorour, but simply known to her family and friends as 'Jackie', was already a qualified pilot of light aircraft when she arrived in England in the summer of 1938 in order to advance her desire to become a commercial pilot and but for the intervention of the Second World War 'Jackie' would have undoubtedly achieved her aim. War, naturally, put an immediate brake on her flying but while serving with the Women's Auxiliary Air Force came the opportunity to join the Air Transport Auxiliary, an organization that was opened up to women through the drive and determination of Pauline Gower, one of the country's best known female pilots of the prewar era. The remit of the Air Transport Auxiliary was to deliver aircraft from the factories and maintenance units to units of the air force. Initially, 'Jackie' was restricted to flying light trainers - her first delivery in August 1940 was a Tiger Moth but a year later she was at the controls of a Spitfire, a type that became synonymous for much her five years in service flying and which in 2014 was the title of the book published by Head Zeus *Spitfire Girl - My Life in the Sky*. Apart from the introduction written by her daughters Veronica Jill Robinson and Candida Adkins with an afterword from Caroline Grace, *Spitfire Girl* is a reprint of 'Jackie's' memoir first published in 1957 by Michael Joseph as *Woman Pilot*. As a memoir it is a remarkable story of a woman passionately driven to rise to the pinnacle of a profession that in the aftermath of war was still male dominated. Now married, her numerous letters to the civil airlines were

met with one rejection after another but undeterred she pressed on and one avenue which provided some satisfaction was to be accepted as a pilot with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. However, her many approaches to the Air Ministry seeking permission to be allowed a conversion to jet fighters in order to be the first women to 'break the sound barrier' were met with firm rejection, though possibly as a sop to soften the blow of disappointment 'Jackie' was given permission to join No 9 Flying Training School at Wellesbourne Mountford [twin-engined Airspeed Oxford trainers] where she underwent a shortened course, qualifying to wear the official Flying Badge awarded to all successful pilots of the Royal Air Force. Unfortunately, soon after this success cuts in defence expenditure resulted in the closure of the reserve flying schools and 'Jackie's' weekend flying with the Reserve was over.

Resorting to the more mundane tasks of charter flying a life changing moment came when by pure chance she met a colleague from her Air Transport Auxiliary days who steered her in the direction of ferrying ex-Israeli Spitfires to Burma and it is an account of one such delivery that forms the greater part of the second half of this most readable and inspirational book.

* Known throughout the flying display world as the Grace Spitfire and flown with great élan by Caroline Grace ML407 was one of the last of an order for 1,930 Spitfire Mk IXs built at Castle Bromwich and delivered between August 1943 and April 1944. By sheer coincidence ML407 was delivered by 'Jackie' from the factory to No 485 Squadron of the Royal New Zealand Air Force based at Selsey on the 29th of April 1944. Subsequently flown by Flying Officer Johnnie Houlton DFC, ML407 is credited with shooting down the first enemy aircraft to be encountered over the D-Day beachhead on the 6th of June 1944. Postwar, ML407 was sold to the Irish Air Corps and converted to a two-seat trainer. Fifty years later to the day Caroline Grace and 'Jackie' Moggridge took off from North Weald and flew to Duxford where 'Jackie' and ML407 were re-united with twenty surviving ground crew members from No 485 Squadron RNZAF and its original service pilot, namely Johnnie Houlton. How movingly fitting, therefore, that 'Jackie's'

ashes should be borne aloft in the Spitfire which had such treasured memories.

My second review concerns the last of Gloster Aircraft Company's long and illustrious fighter aircraft for the Royal Air Force, namely the all-weather delta winged Gloster Javelin. Written by Michael Napier, who served as a Royal Air Force fighter pilot flying Tornado jets in the closing years of the 'Cold War' and later over Iraq in the 'Gulf War', *Gloster Javelin - An Operational History* charts its introduction to operational service in January 1956 when the first examples reached No 46 Squadron, then based at Odiham in Hampshire, through to its eventual demise on the last day of April 1968 when No 60 Squadron disbanded at Tengah in the Far East. Profusely illustrated with many previously unpublished photographs backed by a series of anecdotal accounts from both air and ground crews associated with this massive beast of an all weather fighter. In addition to the text a coloured section shows squadron markings for the nineteen squadrons issued with Javelins and the sole Operational Conversion Unit, plus a table of serials outlining issues and fates for the one hundred plus aircraft that either crashed or were damaged beyond repair in ground accidents [the Javelin being quite prone to engine start-up fires].

Spitfire Girl - My Life in the Sky, Jackie Moggridge, Head Zeus, 2014, 8.99 in paperback

Gloster Javelin - An Operational History, Michael Napier, Pen and Sword Aviation, 2016, 25.00 in hardback

Bill Chorley

*Gardeners Notes***August**

- water crops regularly/including feeding tomatoes
- deadhead flowers for a longer flowering season
- continue to sow salad leaves
- check plants for signs of disease
- trim back/shape shrubs etc...

September

- lift and store your onions/ shallots/garlic/ potatoes
- harvest apples and store
- start clearing out greenhouse ready for winter
- dig over and prepare soil once crops are finished
- collect seed from your favourite flowers and vegetables for next year

Cards**Whist**

Although playing support fell away towards the end of the 2015-2016 season, a full programme has been confirmed for 2016-2017 and it is hoped the format will remain unchanged; however, more on that in my next column. As in the past play on Wednesday evenings, at the village hall, will commence at 7.30 p.m. on the following dates:-

14th and 28th September; 12th and 26th October; 9th and 23rd November; 4th and 18th January; 1st and 15th February; 1st, 15th and 29th March; 12th and 26th April and 10th and 24th May.

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Family Connections!

Like many people I enjoyed the television screening of Tolstoy's War and Peace, but for a particular reason. Some 60 years ago when I was in my early teens my father showed me two champagne flutes which he told me were a gift from Czar Alexander I, to one of our forebears, Dr James Wylie of Kincardine on the river Forth in Scotland. The whole thing was so improbable that I never pursued the matter assuming it was a family myth based on the fact that they came from that village. Then three years ago, in the doctors waiting room reading the Scottish Field I came across an article entitled "Great Scots who are unknown in Scotland" among the first of whom was Dr James Wylie doctor to Alexander I Czar of Russia. He died a bachelor so my relationship is not direct but through one of his sisters, but his story should be better known.

Age 24, as a medical graduate of Edinburgh University then in the forefront of medical science, he went to Russia and joined a group of Scottish doctors in the then capital St Petersburg. He made his name quite quickly by saving the life of Count Kutaisov ex barber and greatest friend of the then Czar Paul, by performing the first laryngotomy in Russia. As a result he was appointed to the court as physician to the Czar. His technical skill was clear but he was also quite a psychologist which was just as well since the Romanovs were not mentally robust. On one occasion the Czar complained of a buzzing in his ear. Wylie procured a dead bee and while examining the Czar's ear "found" it and presented it triumphantly to the Czar as explanation of his problem. Paul was delighted and sure enough he was cured.

When Czar Paul died, Wylie signed his death certificate as having died of apoplexy when in fact he had been strangled by his bodyguard.

He continued as personal physician to his successor Alexander I and accompanied him everywhere. He was with him at the battles of Austerlitz and Jena where he saw not only the incompetence of the Russian

generals but also their shocking disregard for, and treatment, of their wounded. To improve this situation he was one of the early pioneers of field surgery and the introduction of field hospitals. This work had its fruition at the battle of Borodino where he was said to have operated on 200 soldiers (of both sides). Dr Wylie's biographer confirms that under the Russified name of Villier he is mentioned in Tolstoy's War & Peace and although I have not been able to locate it in my translation of the book, she is clear that the doctor who "came out of the tent in a blood stained apron holding a cigar between the thumb and little finger of one of his small blood stained hands so as not to smear it" to treat Prince Andrew at Borodino, is indeed he. Almost more exceptional after Borodino when Moscow was abandoned and despite the utter chaos that ensued, as director of medical services for the Ministry of War, Wylie managed to organise the evacuation of 30,000 casualties to a makeshift hospital a safe distance from enemy guns. It was as a result of these experiences that he persuaded the Czar to reform the whole domestic medical system along the lines of the best European practice for which he is recognised in Russia today.

During the 24 years as his doctor Wylie was constantly at his side even on the most important occasions, such as the Czar's meeting with Napoleon at Tilsit or on lesser occasions such as his visit to England at the invitation of the Prince Consort. There they were taken to Epsom Races where, at the request of the Czar, the Prince Consort knighted Wylie and later confirmed him as a Baronet.

Sir James Wylie signed Alexander's death certificate in 1825. About that a legend grew up that the Czar wasn't in fact dead but had been spirited away to Siberia as a holy man. Given the mental frailty of the Romanov clan and a number of other oddities arising from the fact that the death took place far from St Petersburg, it was certainly possible but not likely.

After Alexander's death, Wylie continued under Nicholas I until his own death in 1854.

He left his money to the State which founded the Mayakovskaya Hospital, designed in the shape of a W in his memory with 150 beds of which 120 were to be free. Today it is still operating, his grand house still standing and his statue graces a big park in St Petersburg. He is certainly not unknown in Russia.

It has been said that the champagne flutes do not match the aristocratic vulgarity of the glasses portrayed on television, but they are very pleasant to look at and used on special occasions.

My connection with the Romanov saga doesn't quite end there. In 1957 I was a member of a tourist group in Bulgaria, organised by Progressive Tours and led by a Sofka Skipwith. Shortly I learnt that she was the daughter of Prince Dolgorouky and through her mother Sophy Bobrinsky descended directly from the illegitimate son of Catherine the Great and Count Orlov. Although at this stage a communist, she considered the Romanov upstarts. I could understand her point.

Possibly because I was interested in the history or rather possibly because we were both born on the same day (although I, 21 years later) we hit it off and to my pleasant surprise she invited me to share her sleeping compartment on the train from Sofia to Varna - a rare privilege and memory. She had the build and personality of Margaret Rutherford and conducted our group in that manner. It was a joy to have met her.

John Pollock

Rob's Column

Your good old days are still ahead of you
– may you have many of them. The really
frightening thing about middle age is
knowledge that you will grow out of it.

I asked a friend “How did you find the
weather while you were away?”
“They said it was just outside the front
door”.
Now why didn't I think of that.

Yesterday was long ago
Tomorrow comes too fast
In between seems like a blur
And nothing seems to last.
Life passes like a puff of smoke
Can time be just a cosmic joke?

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About the things for which they fought.

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The other day this complete stranger came
up to me in the street and handed me some
plasticine.
I really don't know what to make of it.

I got home yesterday and saw the missus
had a box of Daz on top of the telly.
I asked her why it was there and she said
“We've got no Ariel”

*Don't forget the auction in October – (So
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ANOB Bird of the Month

Is.....The Great Bustard! Otis tarda

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flying birds alive today and can be found
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species became extinct in the UK in 1832.

The Great Bustard Project on Salisbury
Plain is working to reintroduce the species
to the UK and to promote its interests
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Gone Sailing



South of St Cats

South of St Cats (St Catherines Light) is the LTSC 'round the Island', but we stop for dinner in Portsmouth!

Portsmouth LW 11:39 1.6m, HW 18:53 4.1m, wind NE 3 or 4, variable 2, SW 3 or 4. Note the dreaded 'variable'. Yacht Sweden 390. 11:14.40 Saw us 'start' with Needles Light and Bridge buoy in transit. Sailing in a good breeze, the prevailing conditions meant we would be close to the Island, and St Cats was abeam at 13:45, and a good photo opportunity. After a little calm, we hoisted the cruising chute and enjoyed a good sail in light airs, and sunshine. Nearing Bembridge Ledge cardinal, we turned to port, and gybed the chute, sailing between the forts, and headed for the 'finish' line off Portsmouth. our time was 5hr 45mins 06secs. Dropped sails and motored up the small boat channel into Portsmouth, and Haslar Marina.

Drinks on board with two other yacht crews, and then a good evening meal in Mary Mouse II (converted lightship), the restaurant and seating incorporate many lightship 'bits' which all adds to the ambience.

The return Portsmouth towards Lymington, we started at 09:34.26, to catch the ebb, and then close hauled towards Lymington, approaching Cowes, AIS showed a large vessel heading west and then probably up Southampton water, the CPA was a 1/3 mile in 15 minutes, and the vessel was 850 ft long, 146 ft beam, and 11m draft, we were well out of the channel when abeam, and noticed the accompanying tug going backwards, strange, but all became clear, at the turning point, when the tug powered ahead to aid the tight turn around Brambles. We continued down the western Solent, and finished, our time was 3hr 33mins 09secs. A good weekend.

Bunkside Reading

My second new book is, 'Deep' James Nestor, sent to cover the world freediving championship at Kalamata - Greece (also



well known for its olives). James becomes intrigued by freediving, and takes it up. There are many interesting effects on human physiology, including 'Master Switch of Life'. You need to read it! James runs his 1978 Mercedes on used cooking oil, and rebuilt his house in San Francisco, so another good guy!

Afloat yet?

If you have not managed to get on the water yet ... www.rya.org.uk/go/getafloat , or of course www.ltsc.co.uk .

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Dark Skies

Cranborne Chase AONB ranks 8th darkest out of the 34 AONBs

CPRE Dark Skies MapNew interactive maps offer most detailed ever picture of England's light pollution and dark skies. The most detailed ever satellite maps of England's light pollution and dark skies, were recently released by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). They show that 52% of Cranborne Chase AONB is in Band 1 - which is the darkest category.

CPRE Dark Skies

The maps, produced using satellite images captured at 1.30am throughout September 2015, show that as well as having 52% of the AONB in the darkest category, 40% of the AONB is in the next darkest category. This makes the Cranborne Chase AONB one of the darkest places in England!

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What's On

Date	Function	Page	Day	Club or Group
8 Aug	WI American Supper	14	Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time
8 Sep	Business Meeting @ Hanlega's	7	Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month
9 Sep	Battle of the Somme Talk @ Parish Office	5	Mon	Pilates : Village Hall 4:30pm
12 Sep	WI @ 6D Handley Village Hall	14	Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time
17 Sep	Quiz Night @ Pentidge Village Hall	9	Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12
21 Sep	Travelling Trends @ 6D Handley Hall	5	Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly
23 Sep	Sixpenny Sessions @ 6D Handley Hall	11	Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time
24 Sep	McMillian Coffee Morning @ Pentridge VH	5	Thu	Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 9:30
1 & 15 Oct	Flic Clinic @ 6D Doctors	16	Thu	Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45
8 & 22 Oct	Flu Clinic @ Broadchalke Docs	11	Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time
8 Oct	Rob's Auction @ 6D Handley Hall	5	Thu	6D Handley Tennis Club Rusty Raquets 6:30-7:30
10 Oct	WI @ 6D Handley Village Hall	14	Thu	Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 : 3rd Thursday not August
20 Oct	Artsreach Event @ WI @ 6D Handley VH	11	Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month
25 & 25 Oct	Children's Flu Clinic	16	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
25th Nov	Artsreach Event @ WI @ 6D Handley VH	11		



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

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