

## Crossroads Cafe



The offer of a brief period of respite for harassed mums over the school holidays wasn't taken up and therefore peace reigned throughout the barmy summer days. Teddy Bears are back from their summer holidays so there is an opportunity for mums of preschool children to meet there for a chat and the children to play with loads of toys with plenty of space.

The café provides a welcoming space for people to meet and chat over a cuppa with a grand assortment of biscuits and is the community's way of providing a regular (every Wednesday morning) opportunity to socialise. It's fun and we would love to see you and we're sure you will enjoy the company – if you have difficulty in getting there maybe you have a neighbour who could spare a little time to drop you off. It is very informal with no agenda – it is truly a café – your stay can be as short or long as you like during the opening hours. The cost, a suggested donation of, 50 pence for a cuppa, be it tea, coffee or hot chocolate – profits are recycled into the community.

Topics of conversation are very varied but issues which affect the lives of the community often surface; transport, assisted living and services provided by the local authority. Should you wish to help occasionally I would love to hear from you.

*David Salmons*

Silver Line (The free, 24 hour, confidential helpline for older people) 08004 708090 – there is always someone to take your call.



*Come and try Crossroads Cafe in the Parish Office Wednesdays 10:30am - 12:00 noon*

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## Parish Councillors Sixpenny Handley

|            |                      |        |
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|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
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|                                           |        |  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Overall Co-ordinator & Police Focal Point |        |  |
| John Curtis .....                         | 552397 |  |

## Co-ordinators

|                                                    |                      |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
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| 2 - Lower Handley David Chick                      | .....                | 552557 |
| 3 - Upper Handley John Clarke                      | .....                | 552674 |
| 4 - Deanland & N.E.                                | Charles Nodder ..... | 552292 |
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|                                       |       |              |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
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| Police non-emergency number.....      |       | 101          |
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|           |                     |        |
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## Schools

|               |                            |              |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|
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| Upper School  | Queen Elizabeth's School   |              |
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|             |                        |        |
|-------------|------------------------|--------|
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|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
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|                    |                                                                                    |              |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Group Scout Leader | John Curtis .....                                                                  | 552397       |
| Explorer Leader    | Anthony Brown.....                                                                 | 552814       |
| Scout Leader       | Rob Easton .....                                                                   | 552038       |
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| Beaver Leader      | Jane Scott .....                                                                   | 01725 516294 |
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|                    | <a href="mailto:bookings@firstwoodcutts.org.uk">bookings@firstwoodcutts.org.uk</a> |              |

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|           |                          |        |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------|
| President | Mrs Bobbie Carter .....  | 552042 |
| Secretary | Mrs Margaret Jones ..... | 552358 |

## Sixpenny Handley Mothers' Union

|           |                    |        |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| Leader    | .....              |        |
| Secretary | Mary Macleod ..... | 552041 |

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|           |                   |              |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
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|           |                     |               |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|
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## Sixpenny Handley Sports Association

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
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|------------------------------|--------|

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|           |                     |        |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|
| President | Paul Chalmers.....  | 516316 |
| Secretary | Colin Chambers..... | 552796 |
| Treasurer | Paul Chalmers.....  | 516316 |

## Handley Sports Club

|                                           |                 |              |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
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## Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club

|                      |                       |                                                              |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Membership/Treasurer | Stephanie Chick.....  | 552557                                                       |

## Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

|                 |                         |        |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Evening Captain | David Cross .....       | 552640 |
| Secretary       | Frances Churchill ..... | 552868 |

## Citizen's Advice Bureau

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
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| Ferndown Branch .....      | 01202 893838 |
| Out of Hours Service ..... | 08444 772022 |

## Next edition

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

If possible please email your articles to [editor@thedownsman.org.uk](mailto:editor@thedownsman.org.uk).

## Advertising

Our advertising offers great value. The Downsman is currently delivered to over 700 households within the parish. Email David: [downsmanadverts@sixpennyhandley.org](mailto:downsmanadverts@sixpennyhandley.org) for more details.

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

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## Into the woods...

I'm embarking on my next musical adventure which is Into the Woods with Milborne Port Opera, but that's another story, never mind, anyway...

Plenty of new adventures to be had this autumn. New schools, new teachers, new clients, new websites, new cough... well you have to take the rough with the smooth :-)

If you are looking for a new adventure, please do consider our Scouting friends (page 18) who are in need of some Adult Assistants... I have just joined the committee myself so can see the enthusiasm and commitment put in by the leaders and committee members first hand - and this week I am going to Garston Wood with the youngest section, the Beavers on a scavenger hunt as part of their explorers badge.

The village hall is going to host it's major fund-raiser for the year - Rob's Auction - so if you have anything that could be sold to raise funds please see the ad on page 7 - and if not just come along and see what treasures you can find!

The evenings are drawing in already - my daughter asked me at 7:20pm this evening - so is it winter now? And it feels like it is going that way. It'll soon be time for Fireworks at the Campsite but I can't start thinking about the C festival yet as some of my friends are... more like time for cosy nights in, maybe a film night at Pentridge (see page 9) or theatre at 6D Handley Village Hall with My Big Cow Pat Wedding (page 11) - sounds very intriguing!

More reasons to celebrate - It is lovely to hear Sixpenny Handley Football team have had an amazing start to their year which you can read about on page 14.

And we also have two nice history moments in this issue., some old photos from Annie Gale and a comparative walk around the streets of Handley with Rob (page 38).

On a more serious note, the council is consulting about how it is going to change it's structure so it is time to have your say and there is information on page 6 and 27.

*Naomi Booth*

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

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## To the Editor

### Faster broadband for Sixpenny Handley

Faster and more reliable fibre broadband is now available in Sixpenny Handley.

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Contact your supplier now or for more information visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast)

### With Thanks

The Happy Nappy playgroup is currently looking for someone to take over the financial and paperwork side of the group so managing the weekly books, hall bookings etc, no need to attend Happy Nappy's so can be from any walk of life. For more information please call Sarah Styles on 01725 552544.

Can we also take this opportunity to thank Jen Netherton for doing such a great job with this previously from Sarah, Laura and Emma and all those at Happy Nappy.

### Colin Napier

Chris and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the many cards and letters of sympathy received following the sad loss of Colin – a precious husband, Dad, Grand and Big Grand. Grateful thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service and kindly sent donations for Sixpenny Handley Surgery. Special thanks to Dr Elizabeth Nodder and the District Nursing team for your care and kindness. Thank you all so much.

*Apologies from The Editor for missing this message about Colin Napier from the last edition of the Downsman*



## Remembrance Day parade and service

The 1st Woodcutts Scout Group invites all ex Servicemen and women to join them in the parade up the High Street to the War Memorial. It is a wonderful and appropriate occasion on which to link the generations, so please join us and 'Fall In' once more. Muster on the parade ground (Town Farm Workshops) at 1020 on Sunday 13 November.

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## Downsman Noticeboard

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

**Rob's Auction**  
**SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 8TH**  
**OCTOBER - 6pm**



**Viewing from 2pm**  
**Contact Rob 07534798978**  
**or Carol 552572**

## PENTRIDGE MOVIE NIGHT

**14th October 2016**

Venue: Pentridge Village Hall  
Film: Eddie The Eagle (certificate PG)  
Doors open: 6.45pm  
Film starts: 7.30pm  
Tickets: £7.50 per person  
Family tickets: £20  
(2 adults, 2 kids 16 years and under  
Visit [www.pentridgedorset.co.uk](http://www.pentridgedorset.co.uk)

## Do Not Miss! MY BIG FAT COW PAT WEDDING!

(Kali Theatre)  
**20th October**

Tickets available from Styles Mini  
Market or reserve with Jen on  
077515 25200.

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Sixpenny Handley

## FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

**5th Nov** Tickets from shops  
**CHURCH FARM CAMPSITE**  
**Gates open 5:30pm**  
**Displays 6:30pm & 7:30pm**



## Under a Magical Moon

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

**Artsreach**  
Tickets available from  
Styles Mini Market  
or reserve with Jen on 077515 25200  
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**10th Oct**

Mrs Liz Ford – a work evening  
making a Christmas Decoration

**14 Nov**

“I Will Tell You a Story” - The  
Members

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

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

*full details page 44*

## The Downsman Business Support Group

Will be meeting again on  
Thursday 3rd November  
9.30am - 10.30am  
At Hanlega's Restaurant,  
Sixpenny Handley

Catherine Chapman 07895 913546 or  
Sarah Taylor 07852 324112  
or email [downsmanbsg@gmail.com](mailto:downsmanbsg@gmail.com)

*See page 7*





## Clerk's Corner

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council  
[www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk](http://www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk)

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

Email: [sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

Clerk to the Council (Lisa Goodwin) 01258 840935

Assistant Clerk (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211

**All Dorset's Councils are working together to seek the views of residents, businesses and others about proposals to reduce the number of councils in the county from nine to two from 2019.**

Dorset's nine councils are responsible for housing, planning, social care and protecting the vulnerable. They also empty bins, maintain roads and run libraries. It is important therefore, that you have a say in how these and many other services are delivered in the future. The amount of council tax you pay would be affected by the proposals outlined. Public Consultation on the proposals for change close on 25th October 2016. Dorset residents, local businesses, town and parish councils and other organisations are being asked to share their views on the proposals by completing a questionnaire. This is available online at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk). Paper copies are also available in local libraries. In early Autumn there will be a series of roadshows across the county for local people to come and find out more. Once Dorset's councils understand local people's views they will consider them along with the other evidence and make a final decision as to whether they will propose to central Government a change in local government structures in Dorset. If this is decided in January 2017 councils will work together on a final proposal to put to the Government early in 2017.

### Power Cut?

A new national FREE phone number "105" has been launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area. Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from. Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the

emergency services too.

### Superfast broadband now available in Sixpenny Handley.

Faster broadband is now available to residents and businesses in Sixpenny Handley thanks to Superfast Dorset . . . and we need to spread the word. Residents and Businesses won't get faster broadband automatically. People must contact their supplier and ask to switch to a fibre service. Superfast broadband is now cheaper than ever. The cost will depend on what the customer orders, but prices can be comparable to standard broadband. Check the coverage map to see availability and future plans at [www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast).

### Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council is seeking 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. 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 on 01258 840935 or email [sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

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

### Opening Hours:

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

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

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

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

£10 per session

**Book in with Ciona on**

**01725 552211 or 01725 553040**

- On the website at [www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk](http://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.

### Scout Group

And finally, everyone in our community is aware of what a wonderful facility exists for our young people in the 1st Woodcuts Scout Group. Not surprisingly it is very popular and the demand is increasing, however, it has been necessary to start a waiting list because of a shortage of leaders and supporters. The leaders are a highly motivated and enthusiastic team and the work is very rewarding. For more details please read the Scout Group Report on Page 18

*L Goodwin*

## Communion Rails Continued

This information has been sent to me by Andrew McCoull and it sheds light on my article published in December 2014 [church communion rails].

"Stanley Thompson 'Jim' McCoull. He was my uncle, although our lives did not overlap. Jim was his nickname, or at least the name he was always known by in the family. Similarly, his younger brother, my father, was Denis Cecil but was always known as 'Paddy'. Their father, Stanley, was a doctor in Sixpenny Handley for some years, although I cannot tell you which years - I'm afraid. He was one of a number of brothers, all doctors, from Wylam and the surrounding area on the Tyne. Jim and Paddy's mother, Florence, died in 1924, from tuberculosis - I believe - and Stanley later married Florence's cousin Madge with whom he was living in Seascale in 1945 when 'Jim' died in Italy. My father told me that Jim was "a gentle soul", who loved nature and the outdoors and "wouldn't have liked the army life." Before the war he had been working on a farm near Pershore in Gloucester-shire, hence his enlistment in the Gloucestershire Regiment. The farm was owned by a childless couple, who became very fond of him and intended to leave the farm to him. In '45 he was, I believe, attached to the Intelligence Corps, although in what capacity I don't know."

Bill Chorley via Andrew McCoull

### Do you need a babysitter?

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

**Ros Adams on 01725 553032  
or 07495343720**

## Paul's Tandem Skydive

Thank you to everyone who Sponsored my tandem skydive in aid of the 'Little Pennies' preschool outdoor play-area development fund.

On Sat 13th Aug I completed my Skydive at Netheravon. It was a brilliant experience and I enjoyed some superb views of Salisbury plain in free-fall!

I've collected £700 in sponsorship from the shop and £200 donated via the web page.

I'm waiting for outstanding money to come up with a final total but thanks to your generosity I'm confident that we exceeded the £1000 target



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## Rob's Auction

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

# SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 6pm



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

**Smaller items of furniture accepted**

**Viewing from 2pm  
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**Proceeds to The  
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**Help required Fri  
evening & Sat**

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or Carol 552572**

## Old Photographs – by Clare O’Brien

My grandmother – Annie Gale – lived in the village as a child and was either related to, or was a close friend of the Adlem family. I recall many trips when we were children to visit ‘Pop’ and Glad Adlem. I visited Handley again two years ago and saw their graves in the churchyard. I took my late mother – who, sadly, had dementia – and it was a last trip down memory lane for her. She (Pam House) was Annie Gale’s daughter and she spent time in the village as some sort of informal evacuation during the war. Whilst clearing my mum’s house following her death, I found these old photos and rather than put them away in a cupboard I thought it would be nice to let you have them, as I understand they would, at times, be displayed and perhaps would bring pleasure to Handley’s residents. They are in not too bad a condition but I didn’t want to pull them off the card, as they’re a bit fragile.

I assume that it is my nan (Annie Gale) that is ringed in the photos. I understand that her father, my great-grandfather (I think his name was Cecil Gale), was an itinerant farm hand who followed ‘work’ and ended up being in Handley for some time. He settled in Lymington and later, Milford-on-Sea, and lived a long life, passing away just before he reached a hundred years old! His wife Lucy Gale (Annie’s mum) had been estranged from him for many years but had obviously been at Handley with him in the early years of their marriage.

There was also a son Ali (Annie’s brother) who would have also lived in Handley. He went on to meet an untimely death, falling into a water mill at a relatively early age. Incidentally, the picture of my Nan above the ‘Handley Choir’ picture shows her with a man in clerical-type clothes. He looks like her father, my great-grandfather – but it may be the vicar of the time. I’m not sure.



*Handley School Maypole*



*Church Choir Handley*



*Handley School 1923 Teacher Mrs Dove*



*Handley Choir 1923*



*Lucy Martin's Farm, Handley Green 1920*

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### Village Hall 100 Club

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| 3rd | £10 | 17  | Mrs. Parker |

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| 1st | £25 | 2   | Mrs. Broadway |
| 2nd | £15 | 118 | Mrs. Hayes    |
| 3rd | £10 | 74  | Mrs. Summeril |

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

# PENTRIDGE MOVIE NIGHT

Date: 14th October 2016  
Venue: Pentridge Village Hall  
Film: Eddie The Eagle (certificate PG)  
Released 2016  
Doors open: 6.45pm  
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## Sixpenny Sessions

Steve Knightley & Christmas Event



We are really looking forward to welcoming Steve Knightley tomorrow night to an amazing sell-out audience at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall. We are sorry to those of you who couldn't get tickets for this event, but we hope you can come to one of our next gigs.

Look out for a Christmas event which is being planned for Friday 9th December - and it will be something a bit different, that

we hope you will enjoy and maybe make a party night out of!

To keep up to date with our plans Like our Facebook page  
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See you soon

## Telephone and Online Scams increase in Dorset

Dorset Police is alerting local residents about the latest phone and online scams, after seeing a large increase in the number of reports compared to previous years.

The two most common companies criminals are pretending to be from are currently Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Talk Talk, but the Microsoft name is also used.

Over the last couple of years, fraudsters have pretended to be police officers and bank workers when they've called their victims, but the latest phone scam involves criminals pretending to be from HMRC. Fraudsters are cold calling members of the public to tell them that they owe HMRC a sum of money or that HMRC owe them a refund.

Criminals then obtain bank details and personal information from their

unsuspecting victims and commit fraudulent activity on their bank accounts. Some individuals have received an answerphone message and are advised to call 01202 281260 and 01202 834780, but these numbers are not connected with the real HMRC.

Dorset Police received 71 reports linked to HMRC scams between 1 and 31 May 2016, compared to one report in the same period in 2015 and three reports throughout May in 2014.

The vast majority of people who have been contacted have not suffered any financial loss.

Detective Sergeant Andrew Kennard of the Economic Crime Unit, said: "Criminals contact their victims by telephone, mail, over the internet, social media, email and on people's doorsteps. They are always thinking of new ways to steal money from people, particularly the elderly.

"Remember - never give out bank details or bank cards in person, email, in the mail or over the phone - no matter where people say they are from and don't let anyone into your property if you don't know them."

A 70-year-old man from Wimborne was recently targeted by fraudsters who pretended to be from Talk Talk. He lost approximately £6,000. Police are still investigating this crime.

Sergeant Farrell continued: "If anyone calls you unexpectedly and asks you to do something on your computer, please hang up and contact the company yourself to verify the call.

"Dorset is a safe place to live overall, but the offenders who commit cyber-crime know no boundaries. They may be sat in another county, country or continent, but they commit crimes in our communities.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, of any description, contact Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visit their website, [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

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## Sixpenny Village Hall - Arts, Fashion and Auction

Summer break, Autumn music with Steve Knightley and MY BIG FAT COW PAT WEDDING! (Kali Theatre)

### Do Not Miss! MY BIG FAT COW PAT WEDDING!

(Kali Theatre)

20th October – Be our guest at this hilarious play set within an inter-racial wedding with delicious Indian food included!

As this copy reaches you our exciting Autumn programme has already begun and we will have enjoyed the fashion show and the wonderful Steve Knightley @ Sixpenny Sessions. There are plenty more great events to come and we continue to raise money for the hall refurbishment so please do keep supporting our events. Here are the dates for your diary!

#### Robs Auction-Saturday 8th October Viewing from 2pm with a 6pm start

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. This event raises valuable annual funds to keep the hall running. So make sure you do your big September clear out and deliver any unwanted items to the Village Hall on FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 5pm-8pm  
SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER 9am – 12pm

#### Thursday 20th October @ 7.30pm

Artsreach – Play plus Indian Meal

#### 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 is included in the ticket price, please state your pref Beef or Veggie curry when you book. Tickets £15 Adult



£12 U18's and £45 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 for your event.

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## Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Following on from the success of our 25th anniversary celebrations in June, the club has had a most enjoyable season. The men's league team finished a creditable 7th in Division 2 of the East Dorset league, having won 7 of their 16 matches and accumulating 72 points. In the Westbrook Mixed Triples League, Handley finished 2nd with 152 points, having won 12 of their 16 matches. Congratulations to all the players concerned.

Internal cup competitions are still in progress and, of course, social bowling continues with club sessions on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons for as long as the weather remains accommodating. Our indoor short-mat season also starts in September with the first league match on the 27th.

On Saturday 16th July, the club held its annual President's Day when we raise money for a charitable cause. This year we raised funds for HASAG (Hampshire

Asbestos Support and Awareness Group) a charity which has been supporting a couple of our members. Linda Howard gave an informative and eloquent talk on the work of the charity and then the afternoon was devoted to various bowls games including bowls-skittles and bowls-darts, and a small tournament, all complemented with barbecued food, scones and refreshments from the bar. A very impressive £270 was raised on the day for HASAG.

For the second successive year, the club served afternoon teas at Wimborne St. Giles on a Sunday in August, organised by Patsy Hoddy and Val Martin. We were blessed with a warm and sunny afternoon and as well as a variety of sandwiches, there was a stunning array of cakes, all baked and donated by club members. The event is a real team effort with some members serving at the counter, others making tea and coffee, others delivering tea trays to tables and clearing used dishes, some slaving at the sinks and of course the

supervisor sitting out the back drinking wine. It is worth joining the bowls club just to get involved in this event (especially as a supervisor of course). There was also an outdoor stall, manned by Vic Howard, selling garden produce as well as Vic's own drawings and carvings

A jumble sale was held in the village hall on Saturday 10th September, organised by Pat Oxford, and was a good success despite the inclement weather in the morning.

The club will be holding its Presentation Lunch on 30th October at the Rushmore Golf Club and later in the year there will be a Christmas Party for members and guests, in the clubhouse on 16th December.

If you would like to join the bowls club as a playing member (indoor or outdoor or both) or as a social member then please call the President, Paul Chalmers on 07964769159.

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# Handley Sports Football Club

As a club, season 2015/2016 will go down as a difficult, challenging and unfortunately at times upsetting.

We were very rarely able to put out our very best team on a regular basis due to work commitments, holidays etc, meaning we didn't gain anywhere near the kind of results we'd hoped too.

However much more challenging times came in February when one of our own Andy Paterson lost his short battle with cancer aged only 32. Andy was everything you'd want in a player. He gave his all every single minute of every single match, you could rely on him in any given situation. More importantly he was a fantastic person, kind hearted and would give everyone and anyone the time of day, Andy will be greatly missed by us all.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to personally thank every single one of you from the village who contributed towards Andy's final treatments. Andy and his family were overwhelmed with all the support and money raised. Thank you.

Andy's passing gave everyone a stronger determination to achieve something in the time that was left in the season and it saw us reach our second successive Cup Final, unfortunately as much as we put everything into it we lost 2-1 after dominating the match.

Two short months later and we were already returning back for pre season training. Mostly the same squad with a few quality additions.

The friendlies went very well as we beat Verwood Victory 5 - 2 and then in our final friendly we beat Shillingstone with a huge 12 - 2 scoreline, special mention to Ben Edmunds scoring 6!

The following week we began our season officially hosting Marnhull at the Recreation Ground.

*Match report courtesy of Stuart Haskell*

**Football is back and Handley FC entertained Marnhull for the opening fixture in div 3.**

It was a very wet miserable day with the



subs and few spectators all trying to cram into the dug outs.

Marnhull started the stronger and put Handley under a fair bit of pressure in the first 20 mins but Handley were holding their own, with the Handley keeper Charlie Cross making some fine saves to keep the game at 0-0.

Half time comes and its still 0-0 , the main talking point at half time was we are too quiet, let's up our game and we can win this. We start the second half a lot more like our old selves, not many chances for either side however.

80 mins had elapsed and its still 0-0 with myself thinking of bringing on a fresh pair of legs on to try & win the game.

When captain Adam Day picks the ball up about 25 yards out and shifts it on to his right foot and buries it into the bottom corner of the net : goooooaaalllll 1-0 Handley!!

Marnhull now having to go for a goal push more players forward, but Jack Leonard pressures their defender taking an age on the ball, wins the ball and fired the ball past the keeper making it 2-0

*The following week we travelled to Corfe Mullen to take on Allendale A. Match report provided by Stuart.*

## Allendale 0 Handley Sports 3

Handley's second game of the season and we are playing Allendale A away at Corfe Mullen recreation ground.

We couldn't have got off to a better start; Handley FC 1-0 up in the first min with a goal from Ben Edmunds after a good ball

from Adam Day played out wide to Tom Brown who beat his marker for pace and pulled the ball back for Ben Edmunds.

A scrappy first half followed, probably ruined by some decisions by a poor ref. Half time arrives and it remains 1-0 Handley.

The second half was hard fought then on about 70 mins a good move between Tom Brown and Jack Leonard resulted in jack being brought down in the box for a penalty. Up steps Josh Davis and puts the ball in the corner of the net, 2-0 Handley!!

With 20 mins to play now Allendale must push forward to try and get something out of the game and with 7 mins to go William Walters got on a great through ball from Tom to poke the ball under the keeper and get his first Handley goal to seal the game 3-0.

2 wins out of 2 and 2 clean sheets all equal a great start to season !

Some fantastic individual moments, great spirit shown, and some amazing scenes.....Adam Day of all people telling Jack Leonard to calm down and keep his cool and not speak out of turn!!

## Handley FC win again!!

That's now 3 matches played, all 3 won and no goals conceded!

Handley Sports 2 South Cheriton 0 We were up against very tough opposition today that had won their opening 2 games 2 - 0 and 9 - 1 but in one of the best all round performances in my time at Handley we came away with a 2 - 0 victory.

Goals came from William Walters & Jack Leonard. The entire team were immense and I'd like to apologise to the substitutions that didn't get on today but you are all part of a great squad.

Mentions to Jaydon Barry who probably had his best match in a Handley shirt at the back, and William for his tireless running and hold up play upfront. Also Ben Holden who travelled back from London just to play before going straight back after!

Well done lads, proud of you all and the entire club today

On a serious note however, the entire club would like to dedicate our recent wins to Pete Godden a true Handley man, Pete loved the village and the village loved him. Our thoughts with all the family.

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*Adam Day - HSFC*

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On Monday 8th August the annual American Supper was held at Pentridge Village Hall attended by thirty members with four guests. It was a fun evening with eleven quizzes on a variety of subjects organised by the President, Bobbie Carter. Everyone was encouraged to do them individually or in small groups. Mrs Val Martin was judged the overall winner and presented with a suitable prize. The American Supper itself was delicious with a wide variety of dishes to tempt the appetites.

The Institute runs a number of clubs alongside the monthly meetings:

#### Craft Club

This meets regularly to work together on a project. The latest large project was making Twiddle Mitts which were given to two local residential home and were much appreciated by the residents. We are now knitting dog blankets needed by the Dogs Trust.

#### Book Club

The club has been running for some time now and goes from strength to strength. All our members love to read but we have a very different taste in books. We read and discuss a new book each month and this can often lead to debates about topics covered within the story. After an interesting meeting we finish with refreshments and of course, homemade cake.

There are also flower arranging, walking

and theatre clubs.

At the September meeting Mr Malcolm Angel gave an amusing and informative talk on "Facts, Myths and Legends". A long-time resident of Wimborne Minster, Mr Angel has extensively researched the town and in particular the double Benedictine Abbey that existed in the 700s. He told us about the Abbess Cuthberga and her links to the Boniface (originally Winfrith) and his mission to evangelise Germany taking 30 nuns from the Abbey. Mr Angel is writing a book on his research and we look forward to seeing it published.

#### Future Meetings

10th Oct Mrs Liz Ford – a work evening

making a Christmas Decoration

14 Nov "I Will Tell You a Story" - The

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### Autumn Term

Everyone has returned from their summer destinations and the kids are back at school. And so the Scouting term has also started in earnest. Each of the sections is filled with enthusiastic young people looking forward to an exciting term of activities. And the Leaders, as always, will fulfil their expectations.

### Beavers

Bubbles and Rosebud will be assisted this term by a rota of parent helpers who are stepping in to replace Becky Clinch who has sadly decided to move on. She has been a great support for the last couple of years and she will be missed. Many thanks, Becky, for all the hard work. There are 9 new Beavers joining as 7 older children move on to Cubs. Activities planned for this term include a Scavenger Hunt, Campfire Safety and Campfire Singing (the two things go hand in hand), a Sleepover (with a Campfire of course), Halloween craft making, a Halloween party, celebrations and visits and story writing leading to the Faith badge, Christmas crafts, Christmas baking and Christmas Party. It is exhausting just thinking about it all.

### Cubs

Akela and the team will be working just as hard to keep their section busy. The Cubs are slightly older and start to learn about being responsible for others. The term will start with a reorganisation of the Sixes and identification of those Cubs ready to assume responsibilities vacated by last term's seniors who have moved on to Scouts. There will also be a forum where the children will have a chance to discuss the running of the pack and to put ideas forward for activities that they would like to see take place. The Autumn programme will contain the usual crop of core Scouting skills (map reading, navigation, knots and rope work) plus all the fun of cooking, messy science and sticky construction. And also a Halloween party to organise, a fireworks spectacular to support, a Parade and Christmas celebrations to look forward to.



### Scouts

The Scout section is now bulging at the seams and would benefit hugely from being split into 2 separate Troop nights. This would allow the Leaders to give each individual more attention and deliver a higher quality and more varied programme. It would not only position us for future growth but also provide some young people the opportunity to attend who have conflicting arrangements on Monday nights.

**However, to do this, we need more Adult Assistants who are prepared to give up a small amount of time to guide and supervise the young people.**

It need not be every week and it need not necessarily even be a uniformed position although we would encourage anyone helping to take the bold step and reap the rewards of knowing that you are making a difference to young people's lives. We are at the point that if we cannot find more adult helpers we may not be able to take on any more Scouts because the Troop will just be too big.

Activities for the term are still being planned but will include elements of the

things already mentioned for Beavers and Cubs along with even more adventure and excitement.

### Explorers

The Explorers group is growing fast. The meetings are less formal to reflect the maturity of the young people attending and the programme is flexible to accommodate the increasing pressures of both education and social life that mean that time is a precious commodity for the Explorers. However the Leadership have grand plans to take the Explorers along a structured path that will hopefully lead to a number of Queen's Scout awards. This will require commitment from the Explorers but they are all up for the challenge.

Coming Up – Dates for the Diary

**1st October  
Quiz Night at the  
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**5th November  
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## 13th November Remembrance Sunday Parade

We would like to remind all the members and ex-members of the Services that they are invited to join us in the Parade and march up the High Street to the War Memorial in time for the 2 minutes silence. Also, parents, please remember that this is a uniform event and we encourage every member to attend.

### Summer Camp

This year Summer Camp took the Scouts and Explorers north of Hadrian's Wall and into Scotland. The Leaders knew that the group had been well prepared when they were asked on the drive up if Birmingham was in Scotland? It took many hours of driving but eventually they arrived and had a fantastic week of trekking, mountain biking, white water rafting, visiting Edinburgh, cooking pizzas in a wood-fired oven, grass-sledging and....possibly a few bites from the midgets.



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## Totally Locally....

I can't believe that it's been over a year since I started to write this "Totally Locally" column. I've met lots of lovely people, and had the opportunity to find out about an eclectic range of local businesses. It's wonderful to think that, within just a few square miles, we have a Designer (Jacquie), a Chartered Accountant (Catherine), a Nordic Walker (Lou), a Butcher (John), two Artists (Martin & Rosemary) and a Master Thatcher (Nigel)....and many many more talented people. Thank you to everyone who's given their time to be featured in this column so far, and to you for reading it!

That very first article, back in August 2015, featured my own business "Ten & Six". Looking back, it's amazing to see how much my business has changed....as well as quirky fascinators, I now design and make retro 50's style hairbands and other hair accessories, kiss-clasp purses & bags (with a little sixpence stitched into the lining!), jewellery and even the occasional piece of clothing. I've been doing lots of local craft and vintage events, including the fantastic (though slightly damp, ok very wet!) Waistcoat Festival and in August I shared a stall at the Great Dorset Steam Fair. Under the name "3 Crazy Dorset Ladies", myself and two crafty friends were delighted to be awarded "Best Rural Craft Stall" for 2016! I couldn't have even imagined doing an event on that scale 12 months ago, never mind winning a cup..... if you're a Facebook user please look us up @3crazydorsetladies.

As a direct result of this column, the "Downsman Business Support Group" or "DBSG" was born. Big thanks to Catherine of CBA Services for coming up with the idea and for making it happen. If you don't already know about it, the DBSG is

a friendly group of local business owners who meet every couple of months to network & support each other over a cup of coffee. Through this group, I've met even more local business owners, and it's great to meet up to share upcoming events & opportunities, discuss issues & problems and everything else in between! If you run a local business and would like to join us, please do pop along to our next meeting. We'll be at Hanlega's 9.30am - 10.30am on Thursday 3rd November - please contact me for more details or just turn up on the day.

So, as I say every month, if you run a business in The Downsman's catchment area and would like to see it featured in this column please contact me direct at [tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you for reading....

Sarah

## One year on



### The Downsman Business Support Group

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or just turn up on the day

If you can't join us in November,  
our next meeting will be Thursday  
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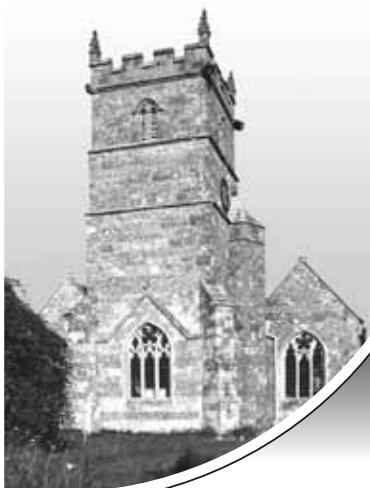


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## Talks Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The Mothers' Union group (you don't have to be a mother to come along!) meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley. In October Rev Francis Canham will talk about the Salisbury Hospital Chaplaincy, and in November Emma Gothard will talk about her family's project in Uganda. There will be items from Africa for sale. Come along, have a chat and a cup of tea, and meet some friends!

### Red Remembrance

The red poppy is worn by millions of people every year. The British Legion website reminds us what the red poppy is, and, very importantly, what it is *not*. It is *not* a symbol of death, or a sign of support for war. It is *not* any reflection or support of political or religious beliefs. It is *not* red to reflect the colour of blood. No, poppies are red because that is their natural colour, and they are the first thing to grow and flower when land is disturbed. Poppies are worn by millions of people coming together, as a symbol of remembrance and hope.

It is the stories of individual people that make history come alive. For instance, Albert Penn, newly married to Florence and living in a village near Chesterfield. Keen Sunday School teachers, their lives focused around their little chapel and their home.

In 1916, Albert volunteered. At first he was refused because his wife was pregnant, and he was told to return when the baby was 3 months old. He did, and 8 months after that, when baby Mary Estelle was just 11 months old, Albert was dead.

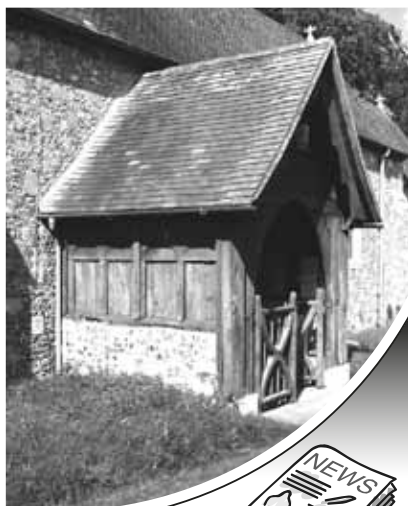
He died as Passchendaele on 30th October 1917, just 29 years old. His body was never found – the last recorded sighting of Albert was of him standing in an open field, with his Bible in his hand. Soon after this, the regiment went over the top. Florence was a widow at the age of 23.

Their granddaughter, Cynthia Hardiman, said *'in that situation, in war, he was still preaching. He was still encouraging young fellas and trying to keep up morale. I like to think that in that terrible time, he didn't keep the faith. The faith kept him.'*

At this time of year we give remember and thanks for people like Albert. His name does not sound as old-fashioned as it used to; names like his are back in fashion. Perhaps this can prompt us to keep praying and working for peace in our own time, in so many places in our troubled world, both near and far.

This year we come together to remember those who have suffered in war and conflict at our services at the War Memorial in Sixpenny Handley on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November and in St Mary's and St Rumbold's on Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please join us.





**News items  
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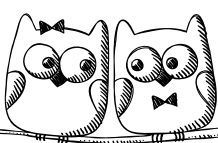
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**Thanks!**



### Planning Ahead

This is the season when we start planning ahead for next year – so why not think about a wedding or a christening? They are wonderful times when families come together to celebrate. Please talk to the vicar for more details.



### No Chancel Tax here!

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

### In full colour

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



## Dear friends...

Have you ever heard something so ridiculous that you find yourself exclaiming ‘*Oh come on!*’? Sometimes the world is just so ridiculous. For instance, I read the other day about someone being arrested for ‘stealing electricity’ from a train company by plugging his phone in on the train. Then he was de-arrested, because it was so ridiculous, and then he was re-arrested because of some ‘inappropriate behaviour’ related to the original arrest. ‘*Oh come on!*’

For some people, the most ridiculous thing they have ever heard is that God loves them and sent his Son for them, died and rose again for them, and wants to know them as a friend... ‘*Oh come on!*’

Psalm 67 says, *The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.* At this time of year we celebrate the harvest, and we are very aware of change. The turn of the seasons brings changing colours of the leaves and changing patterns in our lives. For farmers this means bringing the dairy herd in, getting the ewes in good condition before they go to the ram, bringing the sheep down off the hills, drilling the winter wheat, and all this before the heavy rains come. And so the farmer’s work goes steadily on, season after season.

Autumn is all about mists. It is the famous *season of mists and mellow fruitfulness*, (which sounds much better than ‘*damp and dull!*’). Mist and fruit go together at this time of year, like apple and blackberry – and I think they can be found together in our spiritual lives as well. So I wonder what ‘season’ you find yourself in at the moment. There is no right or wrong answer.

Perhaps it feels like *winter*, when the soil of your faith is cold and there is little sign of anything that might bear fruit. Or do you feel like it is *spring*, and your life sees signs of growth? Or do you feel like you live in warm *summer* days? Or have we come full circle and you are living in the *autumnal* mists again? You know there is much to give

thanks for, but your inner questions seem unanswered and the way ahead is unclear.

The seasons of our lives are constantly changing, and we need wisdom to recognize the gifts, challenges and opportunities of each one. Perhaps God gives us earthly seasons to remind us of the things that really matter, and to push us to explore further and further into the reality of His love for us.

There is an old hymn that goes,

*Through all the changing scenes  
of life, in trouble and in joy,*

*The praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.*

So perhaps the problem is how we look at things. We usually say, ‘*Oh come on!*’ in a negative way. But think about how powerful it becomes if we use it as a request, an invitation, a prayer to the living breathing God to enter a situation – our situation, ‘*Oh come on, Holy Spirit, come!*’.

Let’s give thanks for what we have: God gives us an amazing world. And we can think about those who have less than we do, and ask for God to move in our lives, in their lives, and in his world, to make it and us the people we should be. This is a journey that starts right here and right now, *for the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* Amen.

**Your friend and Vicar, Mel**



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.

# Prayers

## A Prayer for Today

I remind myself that I am in your presence, O Lord.  
I will take refuge in your loving heart.  
You are my strength in times of weakness.  
You are my comforter in times of sorrow.  
Lord, you granted me the great gift of freedom.  
Remind me, Lord, that we are all equal in your loving eyes.  
Help me to see others as you do.  
As I turn my thoughts to you  
I will take rest and refreshment in your presence Lord.  
Amen.

## A Prayer for Autumn

There are some who rejoice in this season, Lord.  
The harvest past, we welcome the darker nights  
and the joys of cosy nights by the fire,  
talent shows on the television,  
and groups and societies in full swing.  
Thank you, Lord, for the joys of autumn.  
But for others, this season is dark in more ways than one.  
The days diminish, and the nights are long;  
some are lonely, finding no solace  
by empty fireside of noisy TV;  
going out in the darkness is fearful,  
a primal anxiety which grips the soul.  
We pray, Lord, for those who suffer as autumn sets in.  
For some, this is a time of settling:  
settling of the year, settling of the spirit.  
For others, it is unsettling, as the shadows creep and fall.  
Lord, take us all into the shelter of your being;  
let us dwell in the shadow of your love.  
Amen.

## Support your local church

The church is a presence and a place, offering time and space for celebration and mourning, song and quietness. It is *your* church. We get no funding from the government – if we want to have a church in our communities we have to do something about it ourselves. In fact, having a church is a bargain! For instance, it costs only about £5 an hour to keep St Mary's open. Please think about paying for an hour or two. After all, this is only the price of a coffee and cake in town, less fattening and longer lasting!

If you shop online, you can raise money at no cost to you by registering at [www.easfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easfundraising.org.uk). Top retailers donate a percentage of what you spend to say thank you for shopping with them. It is a very simple process, with a handy toolbar reminder. What we do with our money says everything about who we are. As we start to think about Christmas, let's remember that our God is a giving God. He gives us life and his giving is renewed daily. In giving to others we have the opportunity to reflect something of God's nature.

## A Prayer for Peacemakers

History can inspire or trap.  
Walls can protect or divide.  
Words can encourage or inflame.  
Power can free or destroy.  
Touch can comfort or violate.  
Peace can be shared or withheld.  
Gracious God, as we remember past and present conflicts,  
we pray for the divided people of the world,  
that leaders, governments and each one of us  
may use our resources,  
our opportunities and our lives  
in the service of reconciliation,  
for the sake of future generations  
and to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

## Prayer Reflection

*A seasonal way into prayer for winter*  
On a large dinner plate, stand a tea light surrounded by three or four ice cubes. Watch the ice melt.  
(Or freeze some cubes with dilute food colouring or ink and put them in warm water to melt.)  
Think of the Spirit of God, which cannot be contained.  
The Spirit of God moves where it will. Even the water will not stay on the plate but will, in its own time, evaporate and rise invisibly into the air.  
What comes to mind when you consider frozenness, melting, movement, rising, air?  
Offer your reflection to God and listen to what God might say in response.  
The next time you see frost on the grass or ice in a drink, remember your prayer and offer a new one.

## Excuses, Excuses

If you take the same excuses that people use for not going to church and apply them to other important areas of life you realize how inconsistent we can be in our logic. For example:

### Ten Reasons Not To Wash

1. I was forced to as a child.
2. People who make soap are only after your money.
3. I wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
4. People who wash are hypocrites - they think they are cleaner than everyone else.
5. There are so many different kinds of soap, I can't decide which one is best.
6. I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.
7. None of my friends wash.
8. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
9. I'll start washing when I'm older.
10. I can't spare the time.



### ✦ Bible Study Group

As we hope you see from *The Seeker*, the Bible is THE Book! Read it and understand more in good company on alternate Thursdays at 7.15pm. Details from Mike on 01725 552 720.

### Come and meet friends

▼ **Drop into St Mary's** — on most Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm during British Summer Time for a cup of tea and a chat with someone trained to listen.

✱ **Drop into...** the Post Office Coffee Shop on the first Monday of the month from about 11 o'clock, or The Walnut Tree on the last Wednesday, for a coffee and chat with the vicar or curate.

#### T Teddy Bears

Pre-school children and their carers are invited to St Mary's on Thursday mornings during school term from 10.30am to noon, for fun, drinks and biscuits and maybe a Bible story or two. There is no charge.

#### ◆ Fellowship Group

Meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm for a steak supper at the Roebuck.

☕ **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).

## Join us for Autumn

| SUNDAY SERVICES      | St Mary's Sixpenny Handley                |                                                                                   |          |           | St Rumbold's Pentridge | Gussage St Andrew |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|
|                      | Informal service includes children's time |                                                                                   |          |           |                        |                   |
|                      | 9.30am                                    |  | 11.00am  | 6.00pm    | 11.15am                | 9.30am            |
| Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | HC                                        | (10.30am)                                                                         | Informal | Evensong  | Harvest HC             | #                 |
| Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>  | MP                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | Evensong  | #                      | HC                |
| Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> | HC                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | Evensong  | MP                     | #                 |
| Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> | MP                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | Evensong  | #                      | HC                |
| Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> | HC                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | All Souls | HC                     | #                 |
| Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>  | HC                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | Evensong  | HC                     | #                 |
| Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> | 10:50 Remembrance ➤                       |                                                                                   |          | Evensong  | 10:50 Rmbrn            | #                 |
| Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> | HC                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | Evensong  | MP                     | #                 |
| Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> | MP                                        |                                                                                   | Informal | Evensong  | #                      | HC                |

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

You may still be in time to celebrate Harvest – at St Andrew's on Sunday 25th September at 6pm, and at Pentridge on Sunday 2nd October at 11.15am. Both of them are followed by bread, cheese and cider refreshments – do come and celebrate the wonderful world around us, and stay for something to eat afterwards!

### All Souls Service

You are invited to come along to St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley at 6pm on Sunday 30th October for this gentle service as we pray together and remember before God those we love but see no longer. There will be a chance to have names of loved ones read out and to light a candle as we pray together. There will be coffee and biscuits afterwards.

### Posada – Starts 11am Sunday 27th November

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

#### October

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#### November

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# Musings from a Handley Woodsman

I have always liked change - this sounds like a strange think as most people crave some form of stability. The changes in seasons I especially like. The light, the dappled shade; the smells on the air - it's all good as far as I'm concerned. Spring I think everyone loves, except maybe those afflicted with hay fever; but autumn with its nod towards colder inclement weather, and drawn in nights is another matter.

Each season has its merits and this time of the year in the woods is my favourite, it's a time of bounty with nuts, fungi and fruits ready to harvest. I shall make my annual visit to my favourite chestnut soon collecting nuts for our Christmas stuffing. The quality of the light is also amazing with the mellowing tones of the leaves beginning to turn and fall. The sun shining through the trees at sunset the deer barking their autumn call. There's also an earthy smell in the air which is difficult to explain, but I just love.

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, springs to mind. I've used this quote so many times and as I'm not one for literature I wondered where this came from, I stumbled across this.

**John Keats (1819)**

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-  
eaves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-  
trees,

And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel  
shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their  
clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while  
thy hook  
Spares the next swath and all its twined  
flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost  
keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook;  
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozy hours by  
hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where  
are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music  
too,-  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying  
day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats  
mourn  
Among the river shallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly  
bourn;  
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble  
soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-  
croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

*Anthony Brown*

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## Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

Dorset Police report that the few crimes locally this Summer have mainly been thefts from unattended motor vehicles. There were two such thefts and one attempted in the parish during a single week at the end of August and quite a few more round and about.

We've said it often enough before but it really doesn't pay to leave anything of value in your car or van. The hassle of removing your valuables will be a lot less than losing them and having to claim on your insurance etc etc.

One place where these sorts of thefts regularly occur is the Garston Wood car park and it is good to be able to report that the RSPB, who own the nature reserve of course, have agreed to meet with a Homewatch representative shortly and, we hope, the police to see what can be done to make the car park a less attractive location for criminals. We may be able to report

more in the next Downsman.

Meanwhile, police advice to all motorists to not to leave any valuables in their vehicles and to lock them up with the alarm on if one is fitted. They also advise that all work vans are emptied at night and that whilst their drivers are out at jobs, they keep their vans locked with alarm set. Less convenient, of course, but better than losing a load of tools....

Keep safe and keep vigilant.



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## Reorganisation Of Dorset Councils

All Dorset's Councils are working together to seek the views of residents, businesses and others about proposals to reduce the number of councils in the county from nine to two from 2019. Dorset's nine councils are responsible for housing, planning, social care and protecting the vulnerable; they also empty bins, maintain roads and run libraries. It is important therefore, that you have a say in how these and many other services are delivered in the future. The amount of council tax you pay would be affected by the proposals outlined. In early Autumn there will be a series of roadshows across the county for local people to come and find out more. Once Dorset's councils understand local people's views they will consider them along with the other evidence and make a final decision as to whether they will propose to central Government a change in local government structures in Dorset. If this is decided in January 2017 councils will work together on a final proposal to put to the

### Option

**1** Retaining all nine councils

### Option

#### Unitary council A

#### Unitary council B

**2a**

**LARGE CONURBATION:**  
Bournemouth, Christchurch, East Dorset and Poole, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area

**SMALL DORSET:**  
North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area

**2b**

**MEDIUM CONURBATION:**  
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area

**MEDIUM DORSET:**  
East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area

**2c**

**SMALL CONURBATION:**  
Bournemouth and Poole

**LARGE DORSET:**  
Christchurch, East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, plus the services currently provided by Dorset County Council in this area

Government early in 2017. Public Consultation on the proposals for change closes on 25th October 2016. Dorset residents, local businesses, town and parish councils and other organisations are being asked to share their views on the proposals by completing a questionnaire. This is available online at <https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/>

reshaping your councils/. Paper copies are also available in local libraries. It is important that you have your say. Do you want to be part of the Bournemouth and Poole conurbation (Option 2a) or part of rural Dorset (Option 2b or 2c)? Further details are available in the Parish Office. This reorganisation would not affect the existence of your parish council.

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| Monday    | 19:00 | MM      | Bishopstone Village Hall      |
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North Dorset gardeners proved very successful, with Bernard Sullivan from Bourton coming First in the medium sized garden category, and Richard and Linda Hart from Gillingham took Third place in the small garden section. There were also several Highly Commended awards

for: Peter Schouler (Shaftesbury), Sally Murch (Sturminster Newton), Darren Griffin (Blandford Forum), Mr & Mrs Morton (Blandford St. Mary) and Steve Morris (Iwerne Minster). The children at Wyke Primary School in Gillingham also received a Highly Commended award (Community section) for their hard work.

Winners receive DWT membership for a year, a wooden plaque and a gardening kit. Everyone receives a certificate, feedback form and gift voucher for The Gardens Group (Poundbury, Sherborne and Yeovil). Mike Burks, Managing Director of The Gardens Group said after the judging was completed: "Each year the bar is raised and the entrants get more creative and sophisticated in their efforts to provide vital corridors for our wildlife."

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## CATCHPOLE LAW.....on law

### An hour in the day of a solicitor - meeting with client "Mr A" regarding his Will

S: So, Mr A, you would like to make a Will. I see you have completed our Will questionnaire. This confirms:

- you are married with three young children;
- your estate comprises a house in your name valued at £250,000 and you have savings of £75,000; and
- you want to leave everything to your children.

Mr A: Correct. All to my children.

S: How will your wife manage and where will she live if you predecease her?

Mr A: She will be OK – she will find somewhere.

S: Do you realise that she will be able to make a claim against your estate – as you have not provided for her?

Mr A: Oh! I thought she would benefit under the Intestacy Rules.

S: Sorry, but these Rules ONLY apply if you die leaving NO Will.

Mr A: I wish to leave all to my children but do not want my wife to make a claim. So what would you advise?

S: Apart from the potential claim your wife could make, you will need to establish a trust for your children. They are all under 18 (infants) and therefore legally your executors have to look after the children's entitlement to your estate until they are 18 – or whatever age you specify.

Mr A: I do not want to set up a Trust now – I am here to do a Will. In any case, what is a trust?

S: I am not advising setting up a Trust now, but under the terms of your Will. The trust will only come into existence following your death.

Mr A: I have no intention of dying now.

S: I quite understand, and I was not suggesting this.

Mr A: I still want to do a Will so what do you advise?

S: I believe the way forward would be me to draft a Will which provides for your estate to be held on discretionary

trusts for beneficiaries which will include your wife and children. By including your wife your executors would avoid a claim from her and the children's entitlement would be looked after by your executors until they reach 18.

Being a discretionary trust your executors have a discretion in the way they act as guided by a separate Letter of Wishes which you would sign which would reflect your wishes.

Mr A: This sounds sensible and yes, could you draft a Will along the lines you have advised. I will need help with the Letter of Wishes.

S: Not a problem. I will draft a Will and Letter of Wishes based on our discussion for your approval.

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## CBA Services Ltd

A client and I have recently been discussing whether it is still worthwhile offering a Salary Sacrifice scheme. After the various discussions I have had, I thought it would be an interesting article for this month's edition of the Downsman.

### Salary Sacrifice – still worthwhile?

Under a salary sacrifice arrangement the employee gives up part of his or her cash pay in return for a non-cash benefit. This can be very beneficial for both the employer and the employee. However, the Government are unhappy about salary sacrifice arrangements. While they have yet to ban them, they are considering what to do with them and some of the newer exemptions do not apply where the benefit in question is provided by means of a salary sacrifice arrangement. Making the most of an exemption Salary sacrifice arrangements are frequently used to take advantage of the tax exemptions, such as that for childcare vouchers. The employee gives up taxable and NIC-able salary in return for childcare vouchers, which are exempt from both tax and National Insurance. The employer also saves employer National Insurance contributions.

### Example

Holly is a basic rate taxpayer. She swaps salary of £55 per week for childcare vouchers. The childcare vouchers are exempt from tax and National Insurance. This saves her tax of £11 per week (£55 @ 20%) and National Insurance of £6.60 per week (£55 @ 12%) – a total savings of £17.60 a week, or £915.20 per year. Her employer also saves employer's National Insurance of £7.59 per week – an annual saving of £394.68.

Until 2017, employer Childcare Voucher schemes remain the best way for working parents to reduce the rising cost of childcare. Many parents will not be able to claim under the new Government scheme so perhaps should join an employer scheme before the Childcare Vouchers scheme closes to new entrants from April 2018. Parents can remain on the Childcare Vouchers scheme beyond 2018 and for as long as they require.

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### Employee NIC savings

Salary sacrifice arrangements are also effective even if the benefit is not exempt. Most benefits in kind are liable to employer-only Class 1A National Insurance contributions rather than Class 1 contributions payable by both the employee and the employer. Swapping cash salary for a benefit in kind swaps the liability from Class 1 to Class 1A, saving employee contributions.

### Example

Naomi is a basic rate taxpayer. She gives up £300 of her salary in return for private medical insurance, which costs her employer £300 a year. Although she is

taxed on the benefit of the private medical insurance, she saves National Insurance of £36, which she would have paid on the £300 of salary. Although the employer does not save any money, there is a cash flow benefit as Class 1A National Insurance is not payable until after the year end.

### Keeping it effective

To benefit from the advantages offered by salary sacrifice arrangements, the salary sacrifice must be effective. This means that the reduction in salary must be contractual. It should be noted that a salary sacrifice arrangement cannot reduce the employee's salary below the National Living Wage (or National Minimum Wage for employees under the age of 25). It may also impact on the employee's entitlement to contributory benefits.

### Limited opportunity

Salary sacrifice arrangements are under the HMRC radar. Some tax exemptions, such as those for trivial benefits, qualifying paid and reimbursed expenses and

workplace meals, do not apply where the benefit is provided under a salary sacrifice arrangement. Further restrictions are expected. The message is to take advantage of salary sacrifice arrangements while you can.

The evenings are now getting darker! It looks as though the summer has finally left us. Hopefully you will now be able to sit down and gather all your tax return/accounts information and give them to your accountant (or if you need a hand, please do not hesitate to give Catherine a call).

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## Cards

### Whist

The 2016-2017 whist championship at Sixpenny Handley got under way on the 14th of September with a mere six tables in play, but what the lack of numbers was compensated by some outstanding performances by those present. Defending champion, Olive Meaden [partnering Kingsley White] mopped up all thirteen tricks on the first deal of the evening but fell away, slightly, to finish third overall with an aggregate score of 173, seven points behind the eventual winner, Sylvia Morrisson. 'Master of Ceremonies' and a persistently high finisher, Stuart Haskell carded a respectable 177, while Doug and Chris returned 158 and 167 respectively. Kingsley and David Brine each returned a 169, with Kingsley placed ahead of David in the table by dint of a better score on the last hand of the first half. In addition to Chris, whose 167 was good enough for sixth, John Davis [163], John York [159], Nora Davis [158] and Doug, also 158,

completed the 'top ten'.

### Bridge

Since my last column, the bridge club has enjoyed an excellent summer barbecue while at the tables play has been in excellent with 'slams' aplenty over the past few weeks, one of the most recent being a 6 Clubs vulnerable well bid and brilliantly played by Nora Davis.

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### October

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

### November

- Finish harvesting potatoes/marrows/onions
- Wash down greenhouse and tools
- Divide up perennials
- Clear away old crops
- Check over crops for deterioration
- Sow hardy broad beans and peas

*October is a great time to plant spring bulbs and divide perennials*

### Dorset Wildlife Trust

#### North Dorset Group Events

Dorset Wildlife Trust – North Dorset Group:  
Event dates for your diary:-

**Wednesday 19th October** – an illustrated talk on the Great Heath Project by DWT Learning & Interpretation Officer, Nicky Hoar.

**Wednesday 16th November** – Film Night: Two short films on Blandford Otters and Blandford Kingfishers by local film maker Dudley Higginson.

All talks start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Fontmell Magna (SP7 0JU).

A small entry fee of £2 (no charge for children under 16) is requested to help defray expenses, and the price includes tea/coffee & biscuits.

More details of these talks will be available in the October and November editions of this magazine. If you would like more information of the work of the Dorset Wildlife Trust in North Dorset please contact Anna or Roy Davies on 01258 880 699 or email roydavies0302@gmail.com.



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# Sixpenny Handley Village Walk

Please be careful walking down the High Street and do not enter any properties

Start from St Mary's Court and walk down the street. The fire started when spark from the Wheelwrights Yard opposite which set alight the thatched roof of No 56 High Street. During this walk you can see how much the village has changed over the years.

## Then

On the right was Handley House  
On the left was a Barbers shop  
Next on the left was a paper and sweet shop  
Then, on the left a café / tea room  
Right side, oldest thatch cottage (No 67)  
Right side, Clarke's Butchers shop.  
Right side, village grocery stores  
Left side, Farm barn (used for cider making)  
Right side, village milk delivery store  
Left side, Post Office  
Left side, Roebuck pub  
Left side, Dibbens Workshop, the track to the old village hall (Unity Hut) cadet hut, play area and tennis court  
Left side, Adams car repair garage  
Petrol station  
Right side, two bungalows  
Right side, Methodist chapel  
Right side, Buddens bakery and grocery store  
Left side, Star Inn  
Left side, Star Inn outbuildings, stables etc  
Right side, Hardware store  
Left side, Chip shop / shoe repairs  
Right side, Police Station  
Turn Right at Cross Roads  
Right side, farmer's fields  
Right side, farm buildings, yard pond  
Left side, Town Farm House  
Fields around farmhouse  
Right side, farm buildings, agricultural dwellings  
Right side, farm yard  
Right side, field  
Left side, council bungalows and houses  
Right side, Old Forge(1573) and cottages  
Road continues to Deanland and New Town  
Left side, Fields  
Right side, fields  
Frogmore Farmhouse turn right along Back Lane  
On right, Littlefield Lane  
On left at junction, Undertakers  
On right, village school  
On right, Common Road council houses  
Lead to Village Hall and Recreation Ground  
Turn Round and Walk back to School  
On right, Green Close  
On left, Adams Bus yard  
St Mary's Church  
On left, Church Farm

## Now

St Mary's Court – 16 houses  
Walnut Tree Gallery and café  
Hairdressers (for sale)  
The White House (No 44)  
Only thatch on High Street to survive the fire  
Still the same (No 55)  
Now converted to private house  
Still there (next to No 28)  
Private bungalow  
Post Office and café  
Has been burnt down twice, new houses built behind  
cadet hut, play area and tennis court  
Bus Stop and telephone exchange  
Adams Lane houses  
New houses  
Private house  
Private house (No 27)  
Closed and converted to 4 flats  
Sixpenny Handley Mini Market (No 9a)  
Converted to house (No 9)  
House (No 8)  
No private house (No 3)  
  
Town Farm Workshops - Ten units  
Town Farm Place – 10 houses  
Now two dwellings  
Sycamore Close (15) and The Orchard (18)  
The Parsonage (13)  
Mulberry Court (10) leading to Keats Meadow (10)  
Doctors surgery  
Some now private  
Now houses  
Return to Cross Roads and straight over  
Paddock Close  
Sheasby Close  
Farmhouse is one of the oldest in the village  
Leads back to High Street  
Still the same  
Double in size in last 15 years  
Some now private.  
Bowling green, cricket, football, tennis, playpark  
  
4 bungalows, still the same  
Wheelwrights Close  
Still there  
Church Farm Camping and Caravan site

## Rob's Column

Autumn leaves are falling  
Winters drawing near  
Darker nights are on us  
Soon another year  
Yet think of cosy evenings  
We share with family and friends  
A very simple pleasure  
But one to recommend.

*(So bring family, meet friends at the auction  
– 8th October if you need a reminder.)*

Pottering in the garden,  
Can be relaxing and calming too  
As well as being rewarding  
When we see our work on view  
Time spent with a friend or neighbour  
Sharing a friendly brew  
Can pick us up no end  
With usually a laugh or two.

One day when evening shadows fall  
And old we are, you see  
A time to sit and reminisce  
And think what used to be  
Our memories are so precious  
No one can take away  
Just thoughts with fond remembrance  
Out lives yesterday

Enjoy yourself it is not how much we have  
But how much we enjoy that makes  
happiness

Don't try to do everything  
In only just one day  
Time can slip by fast  
It seems to fly away  
Why miss the bluest sky?  
Or the warmth of golden sun  
Don't ever get weighed down  
Make some time for fun

**"Its raining cats and dogs"  
said an old man  
"I know" said his wife "I've  
just stepped in a poodle"**

If life were like a cake  
It would be a treat  
With the right ingredients  
Then it will turn out sweet  
A little understanding  
Some wisdom in the blend  
A heart open and kind  
Yes, you've made a friend

A friend wears a smile, when the world  
sports a frown,  
A friend is there to help, when others let  
you down,  
A friend is there day or night, to help when  
you're in strife,  
A friend is what I'll be to you, throughout  
this happy life.

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Dad's reply:

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### St Vaast 2016

Regular readers of this log will recall my account of last year's trip, which gave strong headwinds and lumpy seas. This year was rather different, with smooth seas, and at times too little wind.

05:30, Thursday, saw us leave the mooring, in order to be at The Needles by 06:30. Leaving a day later than the rest of the fleet, we intended to make passage direct towards St Vaast.

Off The Needles, a course of 165 deg magnetic was steered, wind was light from North West, and so the Spinnaker was hoisted, unfortunately, this proved to be the wrong sail for the prevailing conditions, and was changed to the Cruising Chute, the wind being further forward than we thought. (Discussion was had regarding two guys approaching 70, working on the foredeck? - this used to be delegated to the youngest crew, but where are they now? - urgent plea for young people to learn the gentle art of foredeck!)

West bound and East bound shipping lanes were crossed, using AIS to determine CPA, without any causes for concern. Came across a pot buoy in about 40m depth, strange, but who knows? Best to ignore! The winds were light, sunny and blue sky, factor 30 regularly applied, silly hats worn. By and by French coast was raised, but what is that large post doing in the middle of the sea? Bins were set on it, and one tall and one short post was observed, charts and almanacs were examined to no avail, but an ancient pilot book had a black and white photo, all was revealed, it was Barfleur Light, and the land attached to it was below our horizon.

Ran down the coast towards St Vaast, with many pot buoys to avoid, arriving at the lock gates with an hour to spare, and the marina full on entry, found a rather inconvenient berth at the end of a pontoon, which was long enough for half the Sweden 390, bit tricky but OK, and we can move tomorrow, when lots will leave (we hope). Also hope nobody tries to raft alongside, but squelch and gentle bump a single handed Frenchman comes alongside, (silent grrr) but we take his lines, he is smaller and lighter so OK. It was

## Gone Sailing

Bastille Day! and a terrific firework display that night!

Friday, and yes, many yachts left on the morning tide, when the gates shut we moved to a much better berth, although not a lot of depth any where.

The rest of the fleet were due from Cherbourg on the afternoon tide, and we had a look round to see where they might berth. Not a lot of space! And there was a race fleet of about 80 yachts due also but later .. they said. We went and had a look over the harbour wall, Ah! LTSC yachts and 80 race yachts in a holding pattern (aeronautical speak for milling around) awaiting the gate opening.

We had a plan, skipper with VHF and walkie talkie on high point to direct, me with walkie talkie on pontoons to direct LTSC yachts and take lines. Warning gate lights flash, LTSC yachts advised, 'get ready', gates start to open, LTSC yachts advised 'go'. Our commodores yacht has a lifting keel so he lead the way closely followed by a French yacht without a lifting keel, you can guess what happened, but with soft mud and a rising tide all would be well. (The moral is of course, do not assume the yacht ahead draws more than you!) Well it was anarchy in the marina, our plan of berth allocation was sabotaged by 80 race yachts, but we did manage to get all our yachts a berth. Race yachts were rafted so deep, you could walk from pontoon to pontoon, but all good fun, all done with a smile. And what a spectacle, with battle flags flying. BBQ on the rocks Saturday night, and an early start for most of us Sunday morning. We left 15 minutes after lock opening to avoid the 'bun fight' to get out, so 06:00 and a chilly start. Towards Barfleur the fuel gauge suddenly dropped, some concerns as the wind was light, we radioed the fleet that we would slow down to conserve fuel, another LTSC yacht advised that he had a spare 10 litre can, a fuel transfer was arranged, we maintained course and speed, a line was passed, the fuel can tied on (as a precaution) and than passed across. The can nozzle was transferred via boat hook, and the whole operation was carried out perfectly. Of course in the end we did not need the spare fuel, and the

wind filled in.

More shipping on the return, and some CPAs less than half a mile, (our) AIS does not indicate if vessel will pass ahead or astern?, Simple just speed up a bit if CPA increases will pass astern, and vice/versa . One yacht spotted a Sunfish - a very colourful member of the Bass family (I think). Once again, smooth, sunny, and Cruising Chute, another great trip to St Vaast.

### Go Sailing

I started this log after 2012 Olympics, in the hope that some would be fired up by the sailing events to at least give it a go! We now have, Sir Ben's America's Cup programme, and have had 2016 Rio Olympics, if that does not fire you up ... what will?? ([www.rya.org.uk/go/getafloat](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/getafloat) or [www.ltsc.co.uk](http://www.ltsc.co.uk))

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## Quiz time

- 1 Who picked a peck of pickled pepper?
  - 2 In Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, what is Charlie's surname?
  - 3 Which artist painted a number of pictures of sunflowers?
  - 4 What is the name of Peter Pan's piratical enemy?
  - 5 What kind of animal is Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggly-Winkle?
  - 6 In a nursery rhyme, how much are the bells of St Martin's owed?
  - 7 What was the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
  - 8 Who is the son of Widow Twankey and brother of Wishee Washee?
  - 9 Who created Tracy Beaker?
  - 10 What is the artistic technique of gluing a number of items together to form a new work called?
- See more at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/7877363/Childrens-quiz-questions.html>

1) Peter Piper 2) Bucket 3) Vincent van Gogh  
 4) Captain (James) Hook 5) A hedgehog  
 6) Five farthings 7) Hedwig 8) Aladdin 9)  
 Jacqueline Wilson 10) Collage

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# What's On

| Date    | Function                               | Page  | Day | Club or Group                                                                                                                        |
|---------|----------------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st Oct | Scout Quiz Night @ 6D Handley Hall     | 18    | Mon | Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30<br>Weekly in Term Time                                                                      |
| 8 Oct   | Rob's Auction @6D Handley Village Hall | 7     | Mon | WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month                                                                                     |
| 10 Oct  | WI meeting @ 6D Handley Village Hall   | 15    | Mon | Pilates : Village Hall 4:30pm                                                                                                        |
| 14 Oct  | Film Night @ Pentridge Village Hall    | 9     | Mon | Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time                                                                                           |
| 20 Oct  | Cow Pat Wedding @ 6D Village Hall      | 11    | Wed | Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12                                                                                          |
| 3 Nov   | Business Meeting @ Hanlega's           | 20    | Wed | Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly                                                                                                   |
| 5 Nov   | Fireworks @ Church Farm Campsite       | 5     | Wed | Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time                                                                                     |
| 13 Nov  | Remembrance Parade @ Service           | 4, 19 | Thu | Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 9:30                                                                                                 |
| 14 Nov  | WI meeting @ 6DHandley Village Hall    | 15    | Thu | Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45                                                                                     |
|         |                                        |       | Thu | Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00<br>Weekly in Term Time                                                                    |
|         |                                        |       | Thu | 6D Handley Tennis Club Rusty Raquets 6:30-7:30                                                                                       |
|         |                                        |       | Thu | Bingo : Village Hall 7:30 : 3rd Thursday not August                                                                                  |
|         |                                        |       | Fri | Chase Community Friends Lunch<br>Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month                                                              |
|         |                                        |       | Sun | St Mary's Church<br>9:30 Traditional 11:00 Informal 18:00 Evensong<br>Alternating weeks St Rumbold's 11:15 Gussage St<br>Andrew 9:30 |



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## Lunch

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

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