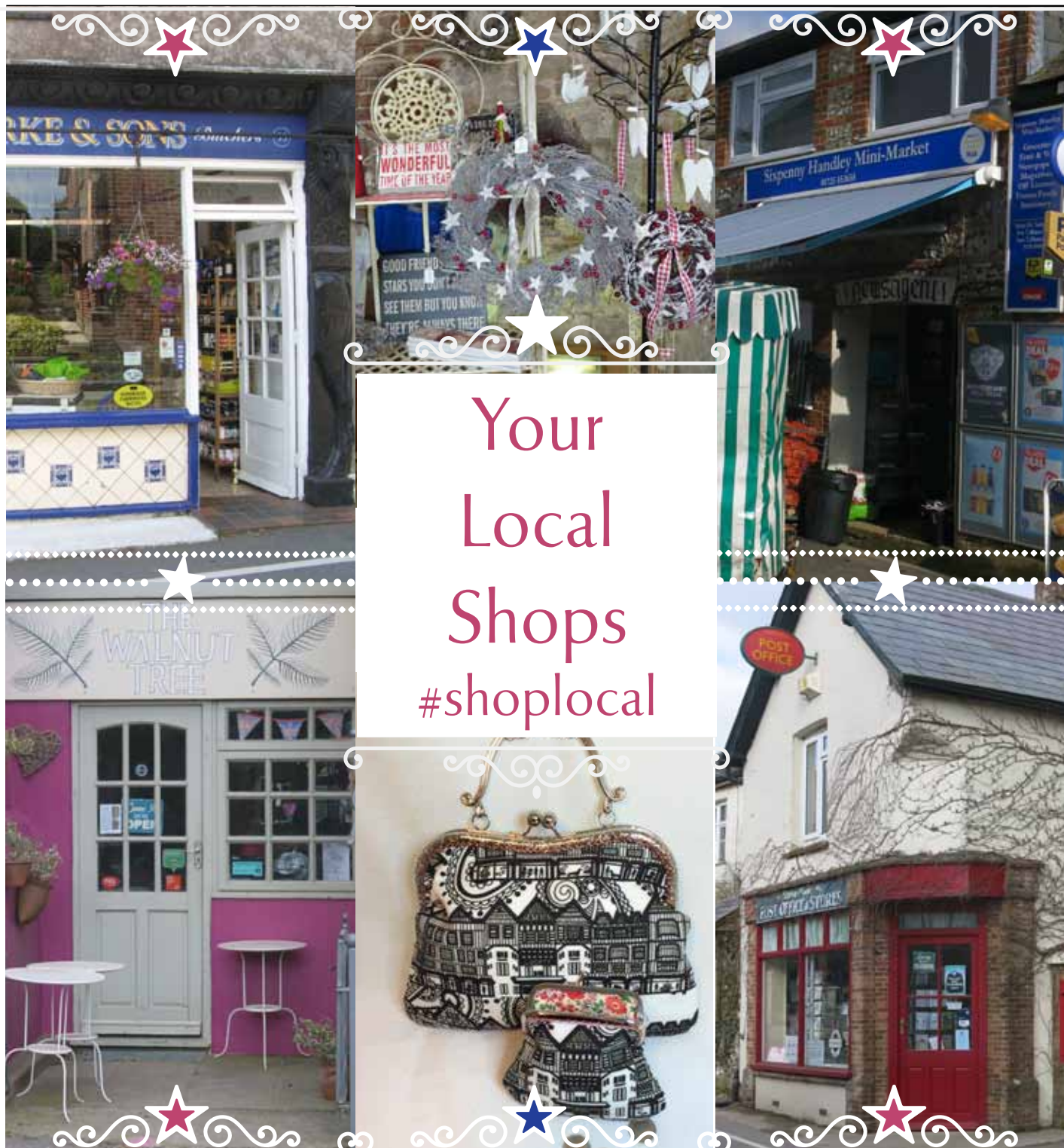


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The Parish of Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge, including Woodyates, Deanland and Minchington

Delivered by Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

December 2016



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Smells like Christmas

But I have to find the right flour to make pastry so I can make mince pies... something else for the To Do list - but I guess that means experimenting and so more mince pies for me!!!

Anyway you may have noticed that Christmas is coming - we even splashed out on the colour cover to help highlight the #ShopLocal campaign... and we are so lucky to have great shops and services available in the village... so I hope you like our little celebration of Sixpenny Shops and can find some of your special Christmas gifts, food and luxuries within! And speaking of food, but thinking of drink - Totally Local is highlighting the multi-award winning Cranborne Chase Cider in this issue so do take a peek and maybe buy some of their lovely bottles for presents (or yourself)!



There are lots of other Christmas events coming up too. Wreath making in aid of Pentridge Village Hall, or The Larmer Tree (who also have a whole Christmas Festival including naughty tree!!), plenty of singing (hooray) at Carol Services (see the Seeker and an invitation to sing page 25) and around the village (see page 5)- do phone John if you would like a singing visit. And if all you fancy is a party Hanlega's has it's menu and opening hours on page 17/18 or there is a Jazz & Supper night put on by Sixpenny Sessions on the 17th Dec proceeds for CLIC Sarget... hope to see lots of you there.

Many of you will be saddened by the loss of our Mobile Library Service, Tony Gibb has written about it for us on page 8.

On a positive note it seems we have such a generous and giving community. Thanks to Trish for being our local Trussell Trust Shoebox Ambassador for so many years - another 70 boxes off to Bulgaria and there will be more going from the Frist School next week too. The WI have sent still more off with the Rotary Club which Cranborne Middle School also support... so let's hope the support we have shown will show people not so well off that there are people somewhere in the world who are thinking of them this Christmas.

Which just leaves me to say, thank you to all the contributors, proof readers, advertisers and Downsman Team for another fabulous year, Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year!

p.s. if you are looking for What's On other than the noticeboard you can find it at www.sixpennyhandley.info

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editor@thedownsman.org.uk

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

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More about the parish can be found at www.sixpennyhandley.info

To the Editor

6D Handley Village Hall Big Lottery Bid

Our Big Lottery Bid is in and we hope to hear before Christmas if we have got through to Stage 2. Between us and enormous support from the Parish Council we have managed to raise a staggering £32,400.83 of match funding for the bid – WELL DONE EVERYONE!

“The Chairman would like to take this opportunity to thank very sincerely the Trustees of the Village Hall, in particular Jenny Gordon and Paul Styles together with Sixpenny Sessions, for the enormous amount of enthusiastic support and help they have all put in over the past year to ensure the continued running and upkeep of the Hall and several very successful fund raising activities towards match funding our lottery bid – we would not have got this far without their enthusiastic efforts. Thank you all.”

A heartfelt message from Diane Appleby

The family and I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the many cards of sympathy received and wonderful support given following the recent death of Kevin after he had suffered for 11 years with Alzheimer's disease. Kevin was a lovely husband, father and grandfather now at peace.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Celebration of Kevin's Life at St.Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley on 4th November and for the donations generously given to be shared between Alzheimer's Research and Birds Hill Nursing Home, Poole, where Kevin spent the last 6 years before sadly passing away on 10th October.

The support and help of friends during all the difficult years have been exceptional and has helped my life to have some normality. Thank you all very very much.

Special thanks to Mel for a lovely Service and Richard for his kindness and care, and Liz for the beautiful flowers.

Diane

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. 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

In memory of Peter Godden

Lynne, Kate, Lucy and Darren wish to thank everyone for their kind words, love and support during this tragic time in their lives. Everyone has been completely amazing.....hugs, flowers, kind words of wisdom to support us, cakes, cups of tea.....the support has been truly amazing. Thank you to all who attended Peter's service, to Steve, Lee and Paul for the lovely food at The Shed, Katie and Liz for arranging the beautiful flowers and to our very dear friends at The Surgery and also some villagers who kindly donated all the scrumptious puddings and cakes. A collection for Mind amounted to £1000 and Kate and Lucy are running a half marathon in March at Silverstone Race circuit to raise more funds for MIND in Peter's memory. We live in a wonderful community.....Peter so loved this village.

Ted Cox

I would like to thank all those who visited me, sent cards and messages and prayed for me as well as supporting Meg during my unexpected, eight weeks in hospital. I will never forget the kindness shown to us both.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Ted Cox

*More letters to the editor
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Noticeboard



6d4all
youth club

**Sixpenny Handley
Youth Club
Sports Pavillion
Age 10 - 16 welcome
facebook.com/6d4all**

Contact Liz 01425 654467, Vicky 01725 552549, Graham 01725 516973

**Saturday
4th Feb 2017**

*Coffee Morning/
Bring & Buy*

for St Rumbold's Church
in Pentridge Village Hall

see page 17

17th February 2017

The Odyssey (Greek Stuff) live theatre
in association with Artsreach
from 7.30pm

LICENSED BAR

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**Pentridge
Village Hall**

Downsman Noticeboard

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

16th December
**Fun with flowers for
Christmas workshop
with Sue Taylor**
9.30am to 1.30pm

Cake & coffee will be served
during the morning

This is a very popular event so
please call Sue on 01725 553148
to book your place

 **Pentridge
Village Hall**

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE!

This is planned for 6pm on Tuesday
20th December, in Sixpenny Handley
and will be raising money for
CLIC Sargent.

Please contact John Cullingford
(516453) if you would like to host the
group, or if you would like to join in.
Children with good voices especially
welcome!

PATRICK TAYLOR

The Bowls Club are hosting a Buffet
Lunch in their clubhouse on Thursday
Jan 19th 2017 at 12 p.m. to remember
Patrick and celebrate his life.
Anyone who knew Patrick and would
like to join us will be welcome and
perhaps share their memories of him
with us.

Proceeds from donations will be
shared between Macmillan Nurses
and The Woodland Trust.

Contact Val 01725 552697

Bea 01725 552805

Please note new email address

valandpetermartin@btinternet.com



15th December

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Doors Open 7pm
Start 7.30pm

Complimentary mulled wine
Great prizes to be won,
ALSO note Race Night 4th Feb...

Christmas Bingo

All proceeds to The Little Pennies Pre-School
Registered Charity no. 1137622



Supporting CLIC Sargent

17th December

7:30pm (supper at 8:15)

Tickets £14 from Styles £16 on door

Crossroads Cafe

Wednesdays

10:30am - 12noon

Parish Office

Town Farm Workshops

All Welcome



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 12

The Downsman Business Support Group

Will be meeting again on
Thursday 2nd February
9.30am - 10.30am

At Hanlega's Restaurant,
Sixpenny Handley

Catherine Chapman 07895 913546 or
Sarah Taylor 07852 324112
or email downsmanbsg@gmail.com

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W.I. Future Meetings:

Jan 9th 2017

**Mr John Combes - "Nature's
Magic Moments" (Part 2)**

Feb 13th

**Mrs Jacquie McLean
"Interior Design"**

If you are interested in our
meetings or would like further
information please don't hesitate
to contact the Secretary, Margaret
Jones on 552358. You will be made
very welcome.



Clerk's Corner

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

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

Email: sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk

Clerk to the Council (Lisa Goodwin) 01258 840935

Assistant Clerk (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211

Expenditure has been approved to purchase a Speed Indicator Device for the village, kindly supported by a grant from the Community Fund. At the moment we are awaiting approval from Dorset County Council on locations the unit can be sited. This will be moved around the village to remind drivers to observe the local speed limits.

The Parish Council is currently considering laying a path from the Village Hall Car Park to the rear entrance to the School to allow parents to park safely when taking children into school. We are seeking funding for this as it is quite a large project and considering options for the type of surface which will best suit the location.

Members are currently preparing the budget for the next financial year and considering the Precept demand. Careful consideration is given to responsibility of Parish Council assets and the possible increase in services expected to be provided by the Parish Council in the proposed Local Government Reorganisation. This will be finalised at the Full Parish Council Meeting on 22nd December.

Members are very pleased to support the proposal to open 'The Penny Tap' at the Sports Pavilion. This venture will not only enhance the use of the building but provide a great community asset following the relocation of the Brewery out of the village and be a social networking venue for the community.

With the recent loss of the mobile library service, we are planning on opening a corner of the Parish Office as a Book Exchange/Library. Once shelving is in place we will be able to stock and will be looking for a willing volunteer to manage the books! Please let us know if you would be interested in helping.

And finally, the audited Annual Return of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2016 from which there were no matters arising, have been approved and accepted. This document is available to view on the Parish Council website or on display in the Parish Office.

Information

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.

Provision of sandbags in the case of flooding this winter.

East Dorset Council has a policy of trying to provide free sandbags to any resident or business in need at times of high flood risk. They will do their best to deliver these to the areas in most urgent need at the time but, as in previous years, it may not always be possible to deliver to individual properties. Residents in need can obtain filled sandbags from Furzehill Council Offices (yard adjacent to car park). They currently have over 300 filled sandbags ready and in excess of 9,000 empty sandbags stored under cover in

Opening Hours:

8.30am – 10.00am Fri,
7.00pm – 7.30pm Thu
10.00am – 12 noon Tue

For Parish Council

information visit:

www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

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

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

£10 per session

Book in with Ciona on

01725 552211 or 01725 553040

Christchurch which they will start to fill if there is an Environment Agency warning of flooding.

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

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

L Goodwin

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Would you like to help our Village Hall and at the same time have a chance to win some money?

Join the 100 club

for £12 a year (or £1 a month if you prefer) the number you chose will go in a draw every month for £25, £15 or £10

Please help us to make some more money for the refurbishment of the Village Hall, and contact me Bea Boyland on 01725 552805 or bea-boyland@btinternet.com

PATRICK TAYLOR

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Please note new email address valandpetermartin@btinternet.com

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

To the Editor



Christmas Bingo

Come and join us for a festive evening of fun at the Little Pennies' Christmas Bingo on Thursday 15th December. Lots of great seasonal prizes to be won with complimentary mulled wine & mince pies, tea and homemade cakes.

Doors open at 7pm in the village hall for a 7.30pm start - Hope to see you there!

Thank you

The Little Pennies PreSchool give a HUGE thanks to Paul Styles for raising over £1000 by a sponsored sky-dive towards our fund-raising for the refurbishment of our outside space. He's a brave (or foolhardy!) man!!

We are pleased to say that with lots of hard work by many people we have nearly reached our target, and the work is planned for during the Easter holidays. We will keep you updated. The next big event is a Race Night - further details will be available soon.



Peter Hall

I came across your magazine The Downsman while googling last night and was very pleased to find it. I was born in Sixpenny Handley in 1947 at 1 The Cross (Frogmore Cottages), my father Arthur Hall worked for Joe Sheasby. Times were much simpler then. My uncle Fred Hall made hurdles and I would go with him in the holidays sometimes. He lived with my grandmother Emily Hall (she died in 1958) on the way to Deanland. I remember we had the sewers put in and we got a bathroom built on our house in the late 50's, before that it was a tin bath. Chip shop open twice a week. My cousin is Ena Goddard and I used to go with her husband Derry sometimes in his travelling grocery van (sorry to hear of his passing). My mother and father are both buried at St Marys.

My Grandfather John Hall was killed in World War 1 and his name is on the Memorial. I would be interested to know when the school children photos in the magazine were taken.

We left the village in 1960 and I have now lived in Walland Tennessee USA since 1988.

My email address is peterhall@smokiesgateway.com and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who remembers me.

Thanks

Peter Hall.

Sixpenny Handley Mini-Market

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Farewell To The Mobile Library Service



Christmas will see the end of the mobile library service visits to the villages of this part of Dorset. The County Council has not listened to the voices of those who completed the consultation documents, they prefer to continue their process of strangulation of the rural communities. Now, if you want to borrow a book, you will have to go to Verwood, Blandford or Wimborne on one of the non-existent buses which have also been cut by the County Council.

People who are unable to access a library

due to a disability or frailty will continue to have access to books, and other reading material delivered to their homes through a partnership with the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS). The council are also encouraging community transport to help people have access to libraries.

Our grateful thanks go to Robert Ashford and his fellow librarians who have so cheerfully supported our requests over the past years. Young and old have benefitted from his friendly helpfulness. We wish Robert a very happy retirement.

AG

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Trussell Trust Shoebox Appeal 2016

The collection of shoeboxes for Bulgaria this year amounted to 70 boxes.

Thank you to all who contributed towards these, whether by covering boxes, giving donations of goods or money, filling a box or by knitting hats & scarves. All equally important!

I am afraid I shall not be continuing to organise this collection in future, due mostly to health issues. However, I intend to continue filling some boxes myself and these will go by September 10th as usual. Some people have indicated that they wish to continue filling a box & I am willing to provide a label/gift aid form for these. If it is absolutely impossible for anyone to get

a box up to Salisbury, my husband will take it for you when he takes mine. Should you still wish to give a donation he will also take this, but cheques must have an Autumn Date & be made out to the Trussell Trust!

Thank you on behalf of the Trussell Trust for all the support you have given towards this charity over the past few years, also:

A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED A SHOEBOX IN BULGARIA

These shoeboxes really are very much appreciated, and it makes such a big difference to them knowing someone in the world cares for them enough to give these.

Trish Chorley
Trussell Trust Shoebox Ambassador

Dorset Wildlife Trust

The Hampshire based Hawk Conservancy Trust works to conserve and rehabilitate a variety of hawks. On Wednesday, 18th January 2017, Dr Campbell Murn, FRBSFLS, of the Hawk Conservancy Trust, will give an illustrated talk on the Trust's work at Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) at 7.30pm. We ask a small charge of £2 (including refreshments); no charge for children under 16.

Products from the popular DWT online shop will also be available for sale.

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Dorset "Partnership for Older People Programme" (POPP)

As the first cold spell of the '16/'17 winter arrives it might be time to reflect upon how things might be changed as time passes and we get older, how things might be made better for us, our families and friends. For example, there are energy saving devices on the market, energy deals and free energy monitoring systems available. And there is an organization to get you advice on this and any other topic which could improve things for you.

The Dorset "Partnership for Older People Programme" (POPP) has been set up to do just that. It is jointly funded by the County Council and NHS Dorset, and works in partnership with other statutory bodies and charities to deliver this aim. The current provider of the service is the Dorset-based charity "Help and Care" (www.helpandcare.org.uk).

Each town or group of villages throughout Dorset has been allocated a POPP "Wayfinder" – these are people whose job it is to give information to individual clients. It is a free, impartial and completely confidential service for those who ring in and request it.

Wayfinders are not "counsellors" or "advisors"; they do not intrude, but simply give you the information you need over a vast range of subjects – so that you can make your own mind up. Typical requests for information might be:

- Caring for my elderly mother is getting too much for me – what can I do?
- We want to get out a bit more – what clubs and activities are there locally?
- Can somebody check if I'm on the right benefits and allowances?
- I need somebody to chat with
- Is there a reliable, local, plumber/gardener/handyman who won't overcharge me?

You will have gathered by now that while Wayfinders are not necessarily individual experts on any individual subject, they ARE highly experienced at knowing whom to turn to for help, and where the experts

are on almost any subject under the sun. They will research for you, and give you an open and confidential answer to your query, together with any pamphlets or information leaflets on the subject. In short, Wayfinders are a sort of One Stop Information Shop, free at the point of delivery.

This is actually a win/win situation for Dorset residents. Because while helping people in this way, as an additional benefit, cost savings of hundreds of thousands of pounds have been made for council tax payers by funded projects and falls prevention activities which have reduced hospital admissions, care home placements and helped with a reduction in the need for health care and other services.

Your "One telephone number does it all" POPP Wayfinder for the area is Alan Pearce on 07971 338 381 and he will be pleased to give you the information you need either

on the spot, or he will go out and gather information for you, or refer you (with your permission) to an expert who will be able to give you the help you need.

Remember: Dorset POPP is a "One call does it all" service!

Village Hall 100 Club

July 2016

September 2016

1st £25 109 Mrs. Coombes

2nd £15 104 Mrs Martin

3rd £10 9 Mrs. Rhodes

October 2016

1st £25 19 Mrs. Olsen

2nd £15 142 Mrs. Gray

3rd £10 114 Mrs. Collins

If you would like to join the Village Hall

100 club please contact me,

Bea Boyland, on 01725 552805

What's on in Pentridge

16th December

**Fun with flowers for Christmas workshop
with Sue Taylor from 9.30am to 1.30pm**

Cake & coffee will be served during the morning

This is a very popular event so please call Sue on
01725 553148 to book your place

17th February 2017

**The Odyssey (Greek Stuff) live theatre
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Tickets: Adults £9, Children £7, Family £28

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Pentridge
Village Hall



LOTTERY FUNDED

Larmer Tree Christmas Fair

2nd, 3rd, 4th December

Friday 2nd December 6.00pm to 9.00pm,
Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th 10am to 4pm
Larmer Tree Gardens, Tollard Royal,
Salisbury, SP5 5PY

The delightful Larmer Tree Christmas Fair will take place during the first weekend of December. Now in the 6th year, Larmer Tree offers an opportunity for a selection of local crafters, companies, and producers to showcase their products.

The Christmas Fair takes place within the Victorian Jubilee Hall and New Pavilion but visitors also have the chance to walk through the beautiful gardens that were laid out by General Augustus Pitt Rivers back in 1880.

Entry charges are Adults £4.00, Seniors £3.00 and Children under 12 free of charge. The fee includes a warming welcome drink of mulled wine, mulled cider or spiced apple juice.

Larmer Tree's fabulous in-house caterers will be providing delicious festive fayre throughout the event. Grab a mince pie, a slice of stollen or delicious sausage roll to eat on the move or sit down for a mouth-watering snack or lunch.

On Friday evening the adorable Abbey Primary School Choir opens the fair, entertaining visitors with charming renditions of modern and classic festive songs and carols. Over the course of the weekend musicians will be dropping in to entertain, including Wilton & District Brass Band and the Shaftesbury Ukulele Band.

The Naughty Christmas Tree will be visiting on Saturday 3rd December. The Naughty Christmas Tree does not want to be decorated and would rather play silly games, like hide and seek. We need childrens' help to make sure that the tree is decorated in time for Christmas.

There is a huge selection of Christmas shopping on offer this year and to keep the children interested, we are delighted that Elm Tree Studio will be supervising pottery painting again this year. For a small charge, children can decorate pottery as a special personalised Christmas gift. The pieces are taken away for firing and are then available for collection the following week, so if you are struggling to find the perfect gift, this could be a brilliant and unique solution.

As a tradition, we always like to support a charity at Christmas and this year it is the turn of the Teddy20. This Blandford based charity offers financial and emotional support to children and families undergoing treatment for cancer. Any help you can give at Christmas or throughout the year, would be most appreciated.

We would love to welcome you to Larmer Tree this Christmas.

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*From Steve, Lee and Paul
At Hanlega's*



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The Naughty Christmas Tree

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

The indoor short mat season is well underway, several league matches having been played already and so far Handley are not just holding their own but doing rather well in a higher league, having won promotion last season. At the time of writing, the Tanners team had only played one match, their league having started later. Club sessions on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons in the village hall have been well attended and if there is anyone out there who would like to try their hand at indoor bowls, then please come along to one of those club sessions. Short mat bowls is a very gentle game, requiring minimal exertion. As well as offering mild exercise, it is a straightforward game in principle, but quite challenging to master in practice. It is an excellent way to socialise with a group of very friendly folk and we would welcome anyone, of any age, who cared to come and join us.

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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.

Interest Groups

CCF interest groups include a book club, and a record music group.

Transport & Help

We also provide transport to the surgery, dentist, etc, with a contribution from the user of 45p per mile while in the car to cover fuel costs.

It greatly helps if you can give us as much notice as possible should you require transport.

We can also help with the collection of prescriptions, local shopping for the housebound, and dog walking.

Volunteers

We are always looking for new volunteer drivers in all the areas the CCF covers.

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it within the Cranborne Chase villages.

So come along and make new friends.

"Have we missed you?"

If you know someone who might like our help, please let us know.

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

We are supported by Dorset County Council Social Services Committee

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On the 16th September, the club held a lively quiz, compiled and hosted by Bill Chorley, in its clubhouse. A good number attended and enjoyed the evening and Bill was an excellent quizmaster.

The annual Presentation Lunch took place at the Rushmore Golf Club on 30th October. Fifty-five members and guests sat down to a lovely meal with splendid views of the golf course on what was a beautiful autumnal afternoon. After the meal the club president gave a speech in which he summarised the activities of the bowls club over the past year, told some bad jokes and thanked those who had worked hard to make the club a success throughout the season. This was followed by the presentation of trophies to the winners of internal competitions for the season past, with certificates for runners-up too. Trophy winners and runners-up were as follows:

Novices cup - winner Gordon Beckley, runner-up Gary Curtis; Ladies singles - winner Stella Symes, runner-up Stella Olsen; Men's singles - winner Dave Adams, runner-up Vic Howard; President's cup - winner Paul Chalmers, runner-up Roger Naylor; 2-woods singles - winner Paul Chalmers, runner-up Stella Olsen; Patrick Taylor cup - winner Barbara Sewell, runner-up Ron Jermyn; Open pairs - winners Stella Olsen & Roger Naylor, runners-up Gordon Oxford & Ron Jermyn; Open triples - winners Sarah Churchill & Don Gray & Dave Adams, runners-up Cliff Miles & Gordon Beckley & Paul Chalmers; Open fours - winners John White & Roger Naylor & Dave Adams & Paul Chalmers, runners-up Peter Martin & Brian Staplehurst & Cliff Miles & Colin Chambers; Short mat singles - winner Maxine Keech, runner-up Colin Chambers; Short mat pairs - winners Sarah Churchill & Maxine Keech, runners-up Roger Naylor & Paul Chalmers; Best lady (short mat) - winner Maxine Keech. Congratulations to all trophy winners and runners-up.

Forthcoming events are the Hamper Day on 11th December, an internal club social/competition arranged around a mini short mat league, the prize being an attractive food hamper, and the annual Christmas Party a few days later on the 16th, with



Hanlega's Christmas Menu 2016

£22.95 Including Coffee

Spiced Parsnip & Coriander Soup
Warm Salad of Oyster Mushrooms, Hazelnuts & Blue Cheese
Rich Chicken Liver Parfait with Spiced Apple Chutney & Toast
Parcel of Smoked Salmon, Crab & Cucumber
Warm Salad of Crispy Duck Confit & Orange Dressing



Traditional Roast Turkey, Chestnut & Herb Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
Homemade Game Pie, Herb Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables
Herb Crusted Salmon, Roast Vegetables & Potatoes with Tomato & Basil Sauce
Roast Pork Loin, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Cider Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables
Chestnut & Vegetable Rissoles, Mushroom Risotto & Cranberry Butter Sauce



Miniature Christmas Pudding, Cinnamon Ice Cream & Brandy Sauce
Tangerine & Ginger Crème Brûlée
Chocolate & Chestnut Sponge with Chocolate Sauce & Clotted Cream
Iced Baileys Parfait & Amaretto Biscuits
Selection of Cheeses & Biscuits

food, games, a quiz and usually something very silly.

The bowls club is always keen for new members to join, so if you are interested please call the president, Paul, on 07964769159

Ride and Stride

The annual Ride and Stride for Dorset Historic Churches Trust took place on Sat. Sept 10th. A wet morning turned into a fine afternoon. The Riders/Striders were few, but the supporters were generous and many. £471 was raised, of which £235.50 was paid back to the Parish. Thanks to everyone. John Cullingford (Parish Organiser).



Sixpenny Sessions

Jazz & Supper



What a truly great night 'Steve Knightley @Sixpenny Sessions' was!! Completely sold out. Thank you to the 110+ people who supported our session. Wasn't he fab & an extremely nice chap too.

We were delighted to hand over **£851.50** from the event to the village hall to go towards their tremendous fund-raising efforts. Thank you to Rob Easton and Hall & Woodhouse for the ale and to all the volunteers who make every event possible. Well done Carole, Gary, Naomi & Jenny for cooking the yummy food!.

Our Christmas Session will be the fabulous **Bell Street Jazz Band on Saturday 17th December, 7.30pm**. It will be a very special fundraiser for our friends in the village Clair and Anthony Brown who's daughter is currently being treated for childhood cancer. Clair has asked that we raise money for CLIC Sargent, a charity that has already supported them a lot.



Photo with thanks to Chris Stanbury

The charity provides much needed funds for families with a child undergoing chemotherapy by helping cover the extra costs involved in multiple hospital stays,

travel and parking. A lot of locals have asked how they can support Clair and Anthony at this time so please do come along and enjoy a night of great Jazz, Christmas cheer and great food.

Supper is included in your ticket price. Supper that night will be Beef Bolognese with garlic bread or veggie curry.

ALL the profit from this gig will go direct to CLIC Sargent, Cancer Support for the Young. Tickets are £14 advance or £16 on the door, available from Styles Mini-Market or Eventbrite (follow facebook page for details. Booking charges will apply.)

Looking on to next year!! we have already lined up the superb '**Hightown Crows**' to **return for us on Sat 18th February**. They headlined 'The big session' in 2015 and we are delighted that they are coming back!. The Hightown Crows are a rockabilly blues band who play "seriously boppin' blues".



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Sixpenny Village Hall Autumn Winter events including a Jazz Christmas

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A rescheduled gig for you on Friday 7th April 2017. We tried to bring you 'Junco Shakers' in December but our dates clashed so we have them all booked for April!. Junco Shakers are a 4 piece band influenced by 50's rock n roll, skiffle, and jazz artists. With Acoustic guitars, double bass and the washboard topped off with gospel vocal harmonies, Junco shakers create their own music dubbed "skifflebilly swing". Throwing music back to its roots whilst crafting contemporary songs. Based in Southampton Junco Shakers are quickly making a name for themselves as a must see band. Miss their live show and you'll regret it!. Support from 'Johnny boxcars solo'.

Thank you to everyone for your support this year, you've helped us raise a fantastic amount of money for our community and have some brilliant entertainment in our village hall. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Jazz session for a brilliant cause. Have a great Christmas.

*The Sixpenny Sessions team
Jenny, Naomi, Penny, Gary & Paul.*



Our autumn/winter events are well underway. A HUGE thank you to Rob Jesse, his large team of helpers and 1st Woodcutts Scouts for another fantastic auction. This year the auction raised a healthy £1968.20. A massive thank you also goes to Liz and Stella who worked hard to bring us a great evening of fashion in September. The evening was great with some well known faces doing the modelling! The fashion show raised a fabulous £474.24 which Stella and Liz wanted to go to the village hall refurb fund. Thank you Liz and Stella.

A staggering 119 people packed into the hall to see Artsreach's 'My Big Fat Cow Pat Wedding' last month. The play was hilarious and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It's so great to see this kind of immersive

theatre in rural Dorset and to have it so well supported, thank you to all who came. We raised £777.00 for our halls general funds. I'd like to say a special thank you to all my fantastic waitresses on the night as well as Naomi, Sue and Carole who helped prep the food to keep costs down.

Our Big Lottery Bid is in and we hope to hear before Christmas if we have got through to Stage 2. Between us and enormous support from the Parish Council we have managed to raise a staggering £32,400.83 of match funding for the bid –

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Saturday 17th December @ 7.30pm
**Sixpenny Sessions present The Bell
Street Jazz Band – with supper**

This is special event is to raise money for CLIC Sargent. A children's cancer charity that has already helped Anthony and Clair Brown in the village. For our Christmas event we wanted to raise money for this brilliant charity so please do come and support this event. This is a great way to kick off your Christmas season, fabulous traditional jazz, Christmas classics, full bar, supper of Bolognese and veggie curry is included in the ticket price.

Tickets £14 in advance £16 on the door.

**Tickets are available in
Styles Mini Market.**

**Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available
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Our prices:

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Highclere Castle

The 16th August dawned bright and sunny, the perfect summer morning. Seven Sixpenny Handley members joined a coach party of other Dorset Federation Women's Institute (DFWI) members for a day trip to Highclere Castle which is the family home of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon. It is often described as the finest Victorian mansion in England, also well known as the setting for the popular television programme Downton Abbey. Many of the rooms are easily recognisable to fans of the series.

The cellars house the Egyptian exhibition which celebrates the fascinating story and achievements of the 5th Earl who, in 1922, with his colleague Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. There are many interesting artefacts and relics, both original and copies, on display. The park and gardens have existed since medieval times, ideal for an afternoon stroll, taking in the walled gardens and woodland areas. Much of the park is the result of collaboration between Capability Brown and the 1st Earl in the 18th century. We all came to the conclusion that we had very much enjoyed our day out.

Woburn Abbey and Bletchley Park

On 15th September, an outing to Woburn Abbey and Bletchley park organised by DFWI saw four Sixpenny Handley members join a coach party at 7.15 at Blandford Forum!

After several delays, we arrived at Woburn an hour late, approaching the house and gardens through the magnificent deer park, where you are likely to see 9 species of free roaming deer. We then had a hurried tour of this most interesting historic house. Originally a Cistercian monastery, Woburn Abbey was given to the Russell family by Henry VIII in 1547 and is still home to the current Duke and Duchess of Bedford. The whole party was ready for the set lunch in the Duchess' Tea Rooms which everyone enjoyed.

Onward then to Bletchley Park for the afternoon. WW2 Headquarters of Codebreakers and the now famous Enigma machines. There was so much to see here,

we did not have time to visit all the huts and exhibits but what we did manage to see was remarkable and thought-provoking.

We all agreed that both venues deserved a whole day to fully appreciate what each had to offer. We were glad to arrive home at 10pm, safe but weary after a very hot day which included heavy thunderstorms and torrential rain on the journey back.

Blandford Fashion Museum

On Monday 15th September, our social secretaries Diane and Hazel organised another successful outing on this occasion to the Blandford Fashion Museum. On arrival, we were given a very interesting and informative talk on the history of the museum by Mr Gordon Boutelle, one of the curators. We were then at leisure to peruse the various fashion accessories and costumes displayed throughout the house. The visit ended in the tea room with inevitable cream tea! A pleasant afternoon was had by all.

To anyone interested in fashion and history this local, independent museum is well worth a visit.

October Meeting

The October meeting had a lot of business to deal with but once over, refreshments were taken. Members had been requested to bring scissors, red thread and a needle. Mrs Liz Ford then guided the 30 members through making a Christmas decoration by hand for the tree or use in an arrangement. From a cork, red and white felt, a cocktail stick, a tiny polystyrene ball, felt tip pens and sequins unique individual figures were made. It was a most enjoyable, successful evening.

Eight of our members joined others from Beacon Group for another most enjoyable evening at Manston Village Hall on 28th October. Emily Newton from Dorset Wildlife Trust told us about her work plus some interesting facts about the life of Barn Owls and the things necessary for their survival. It was a surprise to hear that their plumage is not waterproof, so in cold wet weather

they are unable to hunt for food. The evening finished with an invitation to share in a delicious buffet.



Christmas Boxes

Thanks to the generosity of members, the Institute filled 15 Christmas boxes which were passed to the Blandford Rotary to send to needy children overseas.

November Meeting

Stella Olsen reported on the DFWI Annual Meeting at the Lighthouse, Poole to which seven members went. In particular she praised the three excellent speakers who kept the 3000 ladies entertained. Four members kindly agreed to give short talks on a variety of topics. Jean Elliott spoke of her time as a care worker for a small independent company. She enabled us to see the lighter side of the dedicated work a carer does. Lydia Carter told us about Peters Yul and a Danish Christmas. She read a Danish poem before translating it to give an insight into the different customs. She also produced a delicious traditional pudding for everyone to try. Rosie New talked about her memories "When I Was Three" growing up in South Africa before arriving in Devon in the snow via the Suez Canal and Mediterranean. Maureen Lockyer told us about her education work in various types of prison ranging from Category A to Young Offenders. All the speakers were much appreciated and thanked for their efforts.

Flower Club

Liz Coombs has been running our group for a few years, helping us appreciate the beauty of flowers and how we can maximise on their colours, textures and

hope to catch an eye eye-catching display. She also understands that we are novices and is always helpful and encouraging. We have arranged flowers for a "Harvest Wedding" and for the St Mary's Flower Festival in 2015. Thank you, Liz. New members are always welcome.

Future Meetings:

Jan 9th 2017 Mr John Combes -
"Nature's Magic Moments" (Part 2)
Feb 13th Mrs Jacquie McLean - "Interior Design"

If you are interested in our meetings or would like further information please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary, Margaret Jones on 552358. You will be made very welcome.

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Staff News

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Sat 24.12.16	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
Sun 25.12.16	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
Mon 26.12.16 Bank Holiday	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tue 27.12.16 Bank Holiday	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wed 28.12.16	Open as usual	Open as usual	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thu 29.12.16	Open as usual	Open as usual	Open as usual	Open as usual
Fri 30.12.16	Open as usual	Open as usual	Open as usual	Open as usual
Sat 31.12.16	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
Sun 01.01.17	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	WEEKEND
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Good Deeds Day

It was a fine Sunday in September, and skipper and me strolled down the pontoon towards the Sweden 390. A visitor was clearing out his yacht prior to leaving for a while, I advised him that LTSC had a few trolleys which might help him, many thanks and off he went (good deed 1) We decided that the HM pontoon in Hamble River would be a good destination, and off we went with strongish winds from the West, under genoa, a good sail and a mid river mooring. As we were preparing lunch a skippered charter group turned up, one comfortable motor cruiser with many guests, and one fast rib with many wet guests (why people think it fun to be soaked in spray at high speed - dunno?) However the skipper of the motor cruiser had his hands full mooring up, so our skipper gave him a hand (good deed 2). Lunch over, it was time to return, strong winds and two reefs, a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 informed us that there was a couple in a kayak struggling a bit

somewhere in the Solent, the caller could only advise the coastguard as he was single handed and could not easily assist, so the situation was monitored. We sailed back against the wind, and off Thorness spotted the kayak, one of those grey inflatable ones, they were paddling hard against a three knot tide (bit futile really). The skipper decided that we should run down wind and see if they were OK, we approached as close as was safe to do so, and suggested they paddle to the Island shore which was closer than the mainland. We then advised the coastguard of the situation, and approximate location. A few minutes later the lifeboat called us up and requested a countdown from 9 (as a means of location) we complied, but said that we were now some way from the kayak, but they would be found in the vicinity of the anchored freight vessel. Unbeknown to us at the time, one of our members, also a member of Coastwatch, was monitoring the situation, complemented the skipper on his actions, and advised later that the Lifeboat had assisted the kayak to shore, and that a power boat race was due to start and traverse that stretch of water later!!

And that we were mentioned in dispatches by way of Coastwatch report. (good deed 3).

Moored up and the yacht all snugged down we made our way back down the pontoon, in time to take the lines of a single hander trying to make up to a windward berth (good deed 4).

So if you feel the strange urge to go kayaking (or paddle boarding, or anything like that), for your own safety understand what the tides and winds are doing, take a handheld fully charged VHF, and learn VHF procedure, wear lifejackets, make sure you are are Hi Viz! And why not have something like a fibreglass rod with a day glo flag at the top?

Learn How To Do It

The water is great fun, but conditions can change rapidly and become dangerous, learn how to cope, and have fun, www.rya.org.uk or www.ltsc.co.uk.

Time riddle

'Is time the wheel that turns, or the track it leaves behind?' (Robin Hobb)

Have a very Merry Christmas on the water
*Adam (Yachting correspondent
for Sixpenny Handley)*



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1st Woodcutts News

www.firstwoodcutts.org.uk



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Age 6-8
Wednesday 5 to 6pm
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Age 14-18
Thursday 7 to 9pm
Anthony Brown
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Firework Spectacular

Thank you to all those that made this year's display so spectacular. It is only with the support of many people and organisations in the village that we can make the evening happen.

Thank you to all at C&B Styles, Clarke the Butchers and the Post Office for selling the tickets ahead of the night. The display only happens because of Steve and Leigh at Church Farm Campsite who kindly allow the use of the site over the weekend.

There were over 40 volunteers on the night, working the gate, organising the car park, cooking burgers, serving on the bar, setting up the fireworks and then firing them.

So a big thank you to everyone who helped make the night happen and to the many, many people who came out to enjoy the crisp autumn evening and oooh and ahhh at the display.

We are pleased to say the night raised over £6500 for the Scouts and many other organisations also benefitted from the evening.

The funds raised for the Scouts help with the maintenance and improvements to the HQ and providing fun and challenging activities for the young people.

Adult Assistants

If you read our plea for Adult Assistants in the last issue and have been thinking about it in the back of your mind - we would really like to hear from you.

Any time or expertise you can offer will be most welcome.

Just contact Rob 01725 552038 for a chat!



Fireworks Photo by Andrew Chorley

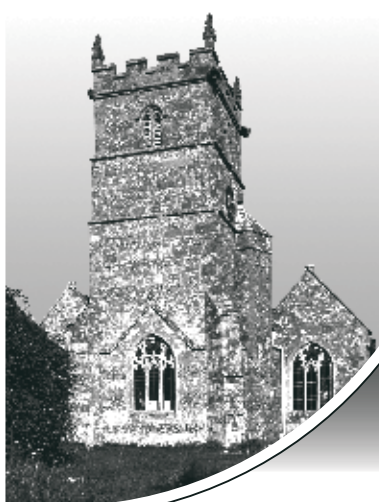


Remembrance Sunday

On a bright November morning 88 members of 1st Woodcutts Scouts met at the Town Farm workshop and then paraded up the High Street, following ex-serviceman, to the War Memorial.

The Scouts laid a wreath they had made themselves to remember the fallen and the Beavers created a wish chain earlier in the week when they visited the Church with Vicar Mel. With so many members on parade it showed just how strong Scouting

is in Sixpenny Handley and that the young people wanted to remember those who had lost their lives in the past in order for us to have the freedom we enjoy now.



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

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A Christmas Story

Johnny went to stay with his Aunt and grandmother for Christmas. His Gran loved having him, but she was getting old and his aunt thought it a pity that he had come at this time of year, as Gran had not been too well lately.

Most of the time the Aunt could be around and make sure he stayed quiet, or she took him out doing things. But one afternoon she had to go to a meeting and couldn't take Johnny, and she was anxious about leaving him alone with Gran, even though the old lady assured her they would be alright and she would like to have Johnny to herself for a little while.

Just before the Aunt went out, she took Johnny to one side and said, 'you will be a good boy, won't you? You won't disturb Gran? You mustn't make a noise. You can sit over there and read that nice book. Don't pull on the curtains and don't touch the ornaments.' She drew a breath and, looking round the room, her eyes fell on a text Gran had embroidered and framed many years before, and now hung over the mantelpiece. 'There', she said, pointing her finger, 'Can you read that?'

Johnny carefully read '*Thou, God, seest me.*'

'Yes', said his aunt. 'Just you remember that. Whatever you do, *God will see you* – so be a good boy.' And on that triumphant note she went out. Johnny looked around the room, hardly daring to move, and cast a wary eye on his Gran. She was smiling and shaking her head with a laugh.



'You know, Johnny,' she said, 'She's got it all wrong. It doesn't mean what she said at all. It means, *God loves you so much that he simply can't take his eyes off you!*'

The Christmas story is just the place to start such a journey of revelation, of transformation and love, because it represents the everyday aspect of God's love. The divine and the ordinary go hand in hand in a stable, because *God can't take His eyes off you*. Love wins in the end. And this is what Christmas is really all about. **Mel**

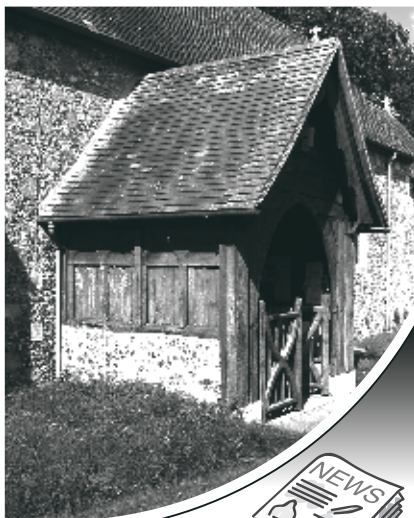


Eat the Christmas Story!

A great way to share the real meaning of Christmas. There's a line of the Christmas story and a chocolate behind each window. There is also a Christmas story and activity book. You can also buy the 12 Days of Christmas Truffles and angel tree decorations. Donations are made to The Leprosy Mission, Christians Against Poverty, Baby Lifeline and other charities – and the chocolate is Fairtrade. It is available from a range of shops. Full details at www.realadvent.co.uk/shop

And please remember to make sure all the chocolate you buy comes with the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance logos!





**News items
and articles welcome!**

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

Thanks!



FROM THE REGISTERS



The Wedding took place of

Olivia and Ben Broad
Glen and Vicky Arnold
Leon and Fiona Walton

The funerals took place of

Dave Weeks, Derry Goddard,
Peter Godden, Phyllis Chown,
Judith Gillespie-Smith and
Kevin Appleby

Are you sitting comfortably?

At St Mary's we are looking at ways of making the church more comfortable. This includes improving the heating. If you would like to help us (perhaps by paying for a pew to be heated) please talk to the vicar or churchwarden.

In full colour

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



Dear friends...

You may have seen shock horror headlines that nearly 40% of the population don't believe Jesus was a real person. However, when you look at the details the actual figures are a bit more subtle (as usual).

The survey, conducted for a group of churches including the Church of England, found that 22% of people think Jesus was a mythical figure while 17% are unsure whether he was real or not. Together, that makes 39% of people who actively don't believe or are unsure about Jesus. Not quite as bad as it first sounds. And, bizarrely enough (although encouragingly), some 43% (a higher percentage) of adults believe in the Resurrection, the Easter Story. If these figures are accurate, it shows a massive polarization about belief in Jesus in the UK. But the Christian story is either true or it is not. And even secular historians will tell you that Jesus really existed.

However, the precise details may not quite be the same as the school nativity play you remember. For a start, the real Christmas story was spread over a much longer time – the Wise Men, whose gifts are why we give Christmas presents, probably came several years later than everyone else. And the stable was almost certainly a cave. But these details don't really make much difference.

Except, think on. You can't have Christmas without Easter, and what started in a cave ended in a cave. A man called Joseph gave his cave for the burial of Jesus on the first Good Friday. He gave up a precious possession as a gift. And so (in a way) he was no different from the unnamed person who gave Mary and the other Joseph the cave, for the birth of their baby.

This first cave was a gift to a powerless child and a family in need. The second was a gift to a dead, penniless man. Neither gift could be paid for, but they were freely and lovingly given. They weren't even asked for, but they were needed. Jesus needed them because he was fully human, and being human means to be in need.

We all need someone to help us, in at least two crucial and powerless points in life, our birth and our death. We can never give back these gifts. At these moments we rely on the generosity of others. So did Jesus.

The Wise Men brought three famous gifts, of course: Gold, incense and myrrh. Years later, women brought similar gifts to the tomb. In the early Easter morning they wanted to anoint his body before it started to decay. But these gifts turned out not to be needed or used. Jesus body was not there.

The two sets of gifts are similar but the two groups of people, separated by time, are very different. The Wise Men were learned leaders and rulers: The women were at the lowest end of their societies, marginalised and uneducated: The humble innkeeper and the wealthy tomb-owner. What connects them is that each was generous and their gifts came from their hearts. They responded to the love of God, choosing to be generous in return.

So our challenge, this Christmas, this New Year, and always, is to be generous ourselves – to be a gift to someone, maybe a neighbour, or someone we don't know and who will never be able to pay us back. We may be generous with our time and our talent, our money, or just with ourselves.

Christmas is about being a little bit like God, being generous and available. After all, as I've said before, anyone can go to a stable.

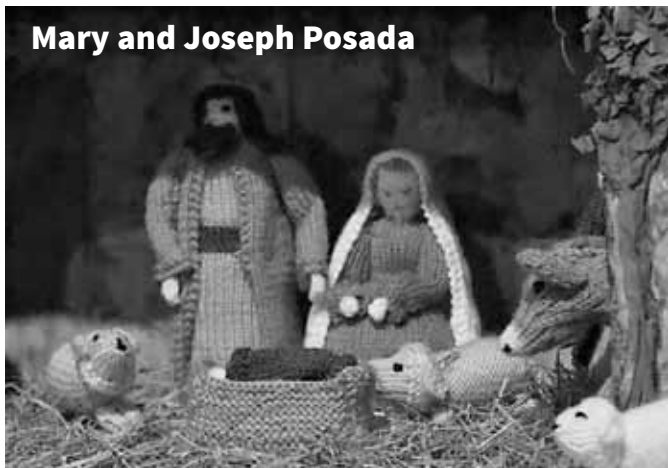
Your friend and Vicar, Mel

This Year's Present

When you don't know what to give, give something else. Many charities give more than a gift, they give dignity, hope and freedom. You can buy ethical gifts from The Salvation Army, Christian Aid and many other charities. You get a card to give to your loved one telling them what you have done, and someone you will never meet gets a better life.



Mary and Joseph Posada



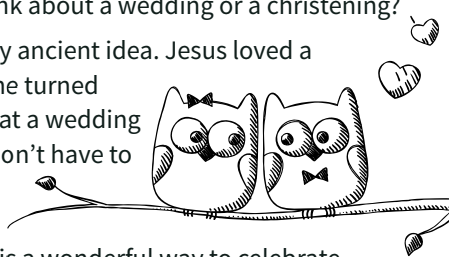
At the beginning of Advent we send Mary and Joseph off on their journey around our villages as they begin their journey to Bethlehem. This is a tradition from Mexico called Posada, which means Inn. Come along on to St Mary's on Sunday 27th November and Pentridge on December 4th to see them off – and make sure they come to your house on the way!

Looking Ahead

This is the time of year when we start planning ahead – so why not think about a wedding or a christening?

Marriage is a very ancient idea. Jesus loved a good wedding; he turned water into wine at a wedding reception! You don't have to be christened to get married in church and it is a wonderful way to celebrate one of the biggest days of your life.

And we can thank God for the gift of life, and give that life the best start possible in a christening. For your child, christening marks the start of a journey of faith. Teenagers and adults can also be christened – or you may like to think about Confirmation, confirming the promises made on your behalf. Like God's love, christening is free and a marriage needn't cost the earth. Talk to the vicar today.



Quiet Time

You may like to use these prayers in your own time. Perhaps you can set aside a few minutes on Monday evenings at 9 o'clock, using these prayers 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. Remember that St Mary's and St Rumbold's are open every day for prayer and reflection.

A Prayer for Christmas

We thought we knew where to find you:
We hardly needed a star to guide the way,
Just perseverance and common sense;
Why do you hide yourself away from the powerful
And join the refugees and outcasts,
Calling us to follow you there?
Wise God, give us wisdom.

We thought we had laid you safe in the manger;
We wrapped you in the thickest sentiment we could find,
And stressed how long ago you came to us;
Why do you break upon us in our daily life
With messages of peace and goodwill,
Demanding that we do something about it?
Just and righteous God, give us justice and righteousness.

So where else would we expect to find you
But in the ordinary place with the faithful people,
Turning the world to your purpose through them?
Bring us to that manger, to that true rejoicing,
Which will make wisdom, justice and righteousness
alive in us.

Stephen Orchard

Lord, you know what it means to be vulnerable
A fragile young life, a defenceless young babe.
So mat my heart be vulnerable and open
This Christmas with Christ, walking closer each day.
Amen.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of
Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child, be
ours this Christmas. Amen.

A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, at the beginning of this year I offer you my life.

Come, take my voice: may the words I speak be filled
with encouragement and goodness.

Come, take my hands: may the work they create be
generous and giving.

Come, take my feet: may the journeys I walk be led by
your Spirit.

Come, take my life: for I love your goodness, your
kindness and your leading. Amen.

The easiest way to support your church

Do you shop online? Every time you buy you could also be raising money for Sixpenny Handley Church. Over 2,700 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco will donate a percentage of what you spend to say thank you for shopping with them. It's a really simple process; all you have to do is register at **easyfundraising.org.uk**. When you're asked to choose your cause, select **Sixpenny Handley Church**.

Easyfundraising has already raised over £5 million for over 50,000 good causes across the UK. Spread the word to family and friends this Christmas to let them know just how easy it is!



✦ 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...** 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.

L Church Lunch

Join us at Hanlega's, at the campsite, on the first Sunday of the month at 1pm for Sunday lunch – Everyone is welcome.

☕ **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 Christmas and the New Year

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
Dec 4 th	HC	10.30am	Informal	Evensong	HC	#
Dec 11 th	MP		Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Dec 18 th	HC		Informal	Carols	MP	#
Dec 25 th	HC		#	#	HC	#
Jan 1 st	HC		#	#	HC	#
Jan 8 th	Look out for details of our 2017 service pattern*				HC	#
Jan 15 th					#	HC
Jan 22 nd					MP	#
Jan 29 th					#	HC

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

*At the time of writing we are still discussing how we can serve our communities in the best way possible – look out for details on the notice boards, notice sheets and website.

Celebrate the Reason for the Season — with friends...

Tue 13th Dec 1.30pm Preschool Nativity, St Mary's
Wed 14th Dec 10.30am School Praise Assembly, St Mary's

Carols by Candlelight

Fri 16th Dec 6.00pm at Gussage St Andrew
Sun 18th Dec 6.00pm at St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley
Mon 19th Dec 6.00pm St Rumbold's, Pentridge

Christmas

Sat 24th Dec 4.00pm Christingle, St Mary's
11.30pm Midnight Communion, St Mary's
Sun 25th Dec 9.30am Family Communion, St Mary's
11.15am Holy Communion, St Rumbold's, Pentridge



December 2016

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Crossroads Cafe

The cafe continues to provide a meeting place and an opportunity to socialise on a weekly basis from 10:30 to 12 midday every Wednesday. From conversations with various members in the community it appears that there are those who have expressed being lonely, but, for whatever reason, do not want to visit either the cafe or Chase Community Friends monthly session. These activities are available to all in the hope of enabling one to meet new people and make friends in a very informal atmosphere.

Come along and meet us, the venue and company are warm, the 'cuppa' be it coffee, tea or hot chocolate (suggested donation of 50p) and a good selection of biscuits awaits you. There is always a real buzz of conversation (it beats talking to oneself) with a chance of also sharing problems that are encountered from time to time. Should you wish to help occasionally we would love to hear from you.

David

Silver Line on 08004 708090 – there is always someone to take your call.

Christmas Choir 2016

The Annual Carol Service at St.Mary's, is on Sunday 18th December.

This is an invitation to add something special by joining the Christmas Choir.

There will be three rehearsals: Friday 2nd and 9th Dec. at 7 pm, and Friday 16th Dec. at 7.30 pm. This last rehearsal is the most important, and if you are free for this and one of the other two, then please contact John Cullingford (516453), or Mel or Margaret Durrant (552608).

Children with parents (or Grandparents!) are very welcome. You don't have to read music, but you do have to love singing!



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Totally Locally....

Did you know that we had an award winning cider made just down the road in Minchington? The Sweet Farmhouse Cider - from Cranborne Chase Cider - won the coveted gold medal in this year's British Cider Championships, and the awards continue to roll in for this wonderful local cider maker.....including 3 golds, 1 silver and Reserve Champion at the Mid Somerset Show in August!

In October, just before apple picking was due to begin, I met Bill Meaden down at his home at Myncen Farm. A little visit to a local cider-maker didn't feel like too much of a hardship on a lovely Autumn day! I found out that Bill began Cranborne Chase Cider back in 2011, but before then had learnt the basics of cider making at The Square & Compass pub in Worth Matravers, where he used to deliver apples grown on the family-managed orchard in Minchington. After studying Agriculture, Countryside Management and Blacksmithing at local college Kingston Maurward, Bill took time out to go travelling in Asia and Australasia. Returning home, he began working at the Sixpenny Brewery, as well as Sixpenny Forge, where he built his first cider press.....and the rest as they say is history!

Amazingly, over 40% of the apples that go into the dry, medium and sweet cider versions of Cranborne Chase cider (named "The Smuggler", "The General" and "The Whitewigs") come from the 50 or so trees in the Minchington orchard, with the rest of the fruit being sourced throughout Dorset. After being pressed at the farm using solar energy, the juice - with nothing else added - is matured over the Winter in ex whisky and rum barrels, giving the cider it's distinctive, award-winning flavour which differs slightly year on year. The whole operation has grown from 7k litres to 23k litres in just 5 years.

The ciders are available to buy in varying sizes direct from the wonderful "Cider Shack" at Myncen Farm (a beautifully converted shepherd's hut, open whenever someone's home - afternoons are best!).....

Cranborne Chase Cider



just follow the "Cider" signs from the main road (A354, Cashmoor), you can't miss it! They're also available locally from Clarke's butchers and Church Farm in Handley, Chettle Stores, Coombe Bissett Stores, The Castleman, The Drovers and many a local festival! Oh, if you're a cider fan, the "Last of the summer cider" festival will be held at Myncen Farm again in September 2017!

If you're passing, or even if you're not, do pop by and see the "Cider Shack". As well as cider, you can also treat yourself to a lovely selection of homemade preserves, cider vinegar, eggs and seasonal veg (pumpkins and squashes when I visited!). Some Christmas specials will also be available, including mulled cider, Christmas gift packs and hampers.

For more information you can contact Bill by email at atcranbornechasecider@gmail.com, phone on 07745 802225 or follow Cranborne Chase Cider on Facebook www.facebook.com/cranbornechasecider

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Sarah x



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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



There have been several instances of poaching in the area recently, some involving the illegal taking of pheasants, others targeting deer and hares with running dogs. Dorset Police have been excellent in response. One incident near Common Road resulted in the police helicopter and two squad cars attending within minutes, leading to two arrests. This is in marked contrast to events in and around the Chalke Valley, where locals are finding it extremely difficult to elicit any material support from Wiltshire Police, who recently cut most of their rural policing team.

Poaching is a Government wildlife crime priority and Dorset Police are right to take it seriously. We are fortunate indeed that they do as those involved are often associated with other crimes that can affect us all. The obvious example is thefts from sheds and outbuildings and there have been further incidents of these in the parish since the last Downsman went out. Make sure your shed is secure and remember that tools and garden machinery are particular targets. Christmas is expensive, as we all know, and there is usually a crime spike just before it as a result, so please keep alert.

One or two people have asked us whether they are within their rights to put up automatic cameras to record events on their property. Having checked with Dorset police we can confirm that this is in order provided you do not film or photograph events beyond your own boundary. Pictures taken in these circumstances would be admissible as evidence in court as cameras set by owners on private land are not covered by the restrictions that affect police surveillance.

A further reminder from Dorset Police is always to use 999 when you think a crime may actually be taking place. The 101 number is for non-emergency reporting, for which you can also use the 'Report' button in the 'Contact Us' area of the DorsetPolice.co.uk website.

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The last Downsman included an article about telephone and internet scams in Dorset. These continue to increase and are now an almost daily occurrence for those of us who are regularly online. Learn to look out for them and NEVER give out your financial or banking details. Likewise, NEVER open an email or click on an attachment that you think may be fraudulent. Some of them are now very sophisticated, purporting to come from HMRC, for example, complete with the Government crest and security information. Ignore and delete. There is more information on the Dorset Police website in their Cyber-Crime section. Its well worth a look as we are all just one ill-advised click away from becoming victims.

Finally, we have warned before that the increasing practice of local councils

charging for leaving waste at recycling depots would lead to more fly-tipping in the countryside. It has. One local estate now spends a five figure sum each year clearing up rubbish left in gateways and elsewhere. We need to help catch the culprits behind what is often thought to be a trivial crime but in fact harms our countryside and impacts law-abiding individuals. If you see fly tipping in progress, don't hesitate. Call 999 immediately. You are witnessing a crime in progress and the police will want to know.

Keep safe and have a peaceful Christmas.

Sat 4th February

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Sixpenny Handley First School News

Jessica Ennis Hill Competition

Sixpenny Handley First School entered a competition, 'Thank you Mum', last year as part of our 'Sports Week'. It celebrated all the support that Jessica Ennis Hill had received from her mum. In the run up to the Olympics we learnt all about how her mum inspired her to compete as a young girl.

The children at Sixpenny Handley First School got to work creating their own displays about who has inspired them to play sport or get active. We submitted 3 entries, of which there were 2,000 entries in total and we came in the top 20 places and won a signed shirt from Jessica Ennis Hill. This is proudly displayed in our School Hall.

In the letter we received with the shirt we received the following comment:

"The judges loved how much effort and creativity you put into each of your class displays and finding out about the people who support and inspire you."

The letter also said that we narrowly missed out on the top prize of a visit from Jessica Ennis Hill. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the children from Sixpenny Handley First School on their amazing effort and creativity.

Ladybirds Class

The new Reception children at Sixpenny Handley School have well and truly settled in! All fourteen children are now full time and have enjoyed a packed half term of activities so far. The teachers were able to visit each child at home before they started School, so that was great for the children and a very helpful time for the Teachers to get to know everyone and their family. During the first half of the term, the children took part in a wide range of activities including our 'Family Day' in which the children were invited to bring members of their family into school to see their classroom and meet their teachers. The whole class have enjoyed getting to know each other better over the weeks and as part of our 'Wonderful World' topic,



we have been learning about and tasting food from around the World. We even had a special visitor from 'Tesco' to help us learn about more unusual food! We also designed and made our own pizzas. This half term, we have taken part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' in which we all dressed up as a Nursery Rhyme character. It was a lot of fun! During the week, we practised learning four rhymes and then performed them to the Bumblebees class. Our performance went really well! We are now focusing our efforts on our new topic and getting ready for our Christmas Performance!

On Wednesday 9th November, twenty Year 3 and 4 boys and girls went to Cranborne Middle School for our annual football festival. The event was attended by Sixpenny Handley First School, Cranborne First School and Wimborne St Giles First School. Fortunately, the rain from the previous day did not make an appearance and the children played in glorious sunshine! Lots of parents and carers came to support and did a great job cheering for the players. The children showed incredible determination and sportsmanship playing lots of games in quick succession. We had a great morning and although it wasn't our year to win the tournament, the children had a great time and made some new friends.

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We thought we would follow up on an earlier article as a reminder of the Intestacy Rules. The example we give below highlights how important it is to put in place a Will.

By way of an example, husband dies leaving a wife and two children under 18. He owns a house in his own name worth £375,000 and has savings worth £100,000. The mortgage on the house is covered by an insurance policy and so the total estate is £475,000. He had been thinking about making a Will and had expressed the wish that the whole of his estate should pass to his wife but if she had died before him, a trust for the children with capital passing to them at age 30. Unfortunately, he never got around to doing a Will and on his death the Intestacy Rules were applied:

1. The wife gets a legacy of £250,000 which is less than the value of the house. She also gets the contents of the house and any car which her husband owned.
2. What is left is divided in half. The wife gets one half.
3. The other half will be held for the benefit of the children on what is called statutory trusts until they reach 18.

On the figures given in the example, the wife does not get the whole of the value of the house. This is all very different to what the husband intended - namely that everything went to his wife. He was also thinking of putting the house into joint names with his wife, but did not get around to doing it. Had he done so, this would have made life easier for the wife as his widow.

If you would like advice on putting in place a Will or on how to hold your property in joint names, contact Michael Catchpole or Tamasine Hankey at Catchpole Law.

Cards

Whist

Following the dominance of Olive Meaden and Sylvia Morrison who have shared the top two place from the outset of the 2016-2017 competition, David Brine carded a total of 182 in the fifth round which not only moves him to the top of the leader board, but in the process pipping Peter Braithwaite's highest individual score by a single point. A lowly 155 [by her standards] saw Olive drop to third but Sylvia Morrison managed to hold on to second overall, trailing David by one point, their respective aggregates being 836 and 835. A more comprehensive report will appear in the next issue of The Downsman, by which time the Christmas drive will have been played; hopefully, this will attract more than the average of six tables which has been the norm of late.

Bridge

Continues to attract an average of three tables with the standard of both bidding and play encouraging with the majority of players returning overall totals of between 2,500 and 3,000 points in an afternoon's play of between sixteen and twenty deals.

Book Review

My recommendations for seasonal reading are restricted to four authors headed by the eminent historian Simon Sebag Montefiore's whose epic biography 'Jerusalem' was published some years ago by Wiedenfeld & Nicolson in hardback but is now available in soft covers. For a much lighter read I offer the output from Edward Marston's railway detective series [Allison and Busby publishing], though it is worth noting that Edward's output includes three other series titled respectively 'The Restoration', 'Captain Rawson' and 'The Bracewell Mysteries'. Without a shadow of doubt when it comes to penning a detective novel few can better the Swedish author Henning Mankell whose Wallander thrillers reach a standard that has few equals. Finally, with Christmas in mind and in particular children's stories Beatrice Potter delightful animal 'adventures' continue to entertain the younger reader [and no few adults alike].

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By the time you read this the Autumn Statement 2016 would have been announced. Unfortunately the deadline for the December Downsman going to press, was before this so please check out the details on our website
www.cba-services.co.uk

You may recall in a couple of our previous articles, I have advised about the new tax system coming in from April 2018 and cloud based accounting.

To summarise, individuals complete a self-assessment tax return which need to be submitted to HMRC by 31 January following the tax year end i.e. for 5 April 2016 the Return needs to be submitted prior to 31 January 2017.

However, from April 2018, individuals who are self-employed and in receipt of rental income will need to submit quarterly returns, the first Return being due the first quarter after their accounting year, e.g. accounting year end 31 March will need to complete their first Return to 30 June, which will need to be submitted to HMRC by 31 July. The Return will need to show the income (*takings/fees/sales or money earned together with any other business income*) less expenses (*cost of goods brought for resale/goods used; construction industry - payments to subcontractors; wages/salaries and other staff costs; car/van and travel expenses; rent/rates/power and insurance costs; repairs/renewals of property and equipment; telephone/fax/stationery and other office costs; advertising/business entertainment costs; interest on bank/other loans; bank/credit card and other financial charges; irrecoverable debts written off; accountancy/legal and other professional fees; depreciation and loss/profit on sale of assets; other business expenses; goods and services for your own use*).

The quarterly "updates" will cover income tax and VAT - therefore if you are VAT registered it would be better to align your accounting year end with your VAT quarters, i.e. accounting year 31 March but your VAT quarters are April, July, October

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and January. Need to align the quarters to June, September, December and March. Firstly it was anticipated that there would be three “quarterly updates” with the final fourth quarter incorporating all the accounting/tax adjustments. However it seems that there will be four quarterly updates and the fifth one will be required to be complete which would include all the adjustments etc. This will need to be submitted to HMRC nine months after your year end. In addition to this, remember for those who also have investment income you would possibly need to be required to complete a sixth update as the year for this runs from 6 April to 5 April!

If the deadline is missed, there will be a new penalty regime which will be based on a point system. Once a penalty has been incurred you would incur further penalties if you fail to meet HMRC subsequent submission obligations. The points total would remain unchanged until such time as a sustained period of compliance caused it to be re-set to zero which would be after 24 months of compliance submission obligations.

If the turnover/income received is less than £10,000 then potentially you will be exempt from joining the new quarterly Return system.

HMRC may possibly defer the start of “making tax digital” by one year if the unincorporated business (sole trader) and landlords with an annual income of above £10,000 but below a threshold (yet to be decided – talk of it being £50,000 announcement in the Autumn statement). This will give those businesses extra time to become accustomed to the new requirements.

It has been announced that there will be financial support to help some businesses make the transition. HMRC will be consulting on the support required and what form this will take – a grant? There will be no Government television publicity campaigns advising of this so please if you are self-employed and

undertake your own accounts/tax return it would be best to start getting organised now as it is only possibly over eighteen months when this will be in place. In addition to this it was thought companies would be brought into the system in 2020. However, if the company is VAT registered then 2019 will be the “D date”!

So, if you take one thing from reading this article, for all your friends and family who are self-employed/receive rental income or are sole directors of a company, start planning for “Making Tax Digital” now as it is NOT going to go away!

There are plenty of “free” cloud based accounting packages out there. However, check with the provider to see how they will be approaching this.

As explained previously, we use Xero. I appreciate it is an added cost to a small

business, but hopefully it will help you save time and penalties going forward. Please feel free to give me, Catherine Chapman, a call if you need any further information about “Making Tax Digital”. We are hoping there will be more information being supplied in the Autumn Statement.

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

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- Clear up fallen leaves
- Tidy up for next years crops
- Harvest brassicas

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- Plan the years crop rotation
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From the outset the air forces of both sides were heavily engaged; the Luftstritkrafe providing maximum support for their

ground forces while at the same time having to fight off determined counter-attacks from the scout squadrons and oppose our day-bomber raids on key lines of communication. Leapfrogging to the 1st of April, this was a day of considerable air activity. De Havilland DH.4 bombers from at least three squadrons were in action, their operations being hotly contested by intense anti-aircraft fire; No 27 Squadron, based at Ruisseauville attacked a target at Peronne in the department of the Somme during which shrapnel from bursting shells severely damaged Second Lieutenant F Carr's aircraft. Calling on all his flying skills he managed to regain the safety of the allied lines before forced-landing without injury to himself or his observer Second Lieutenant J H Holland*. Meanwhile, from Le Quesnoy, No 57 Squadron mounted a heavy raid on Bapaume which had fallen to the German 'storm troopers' on the first day of the battle. This small town occupied a strategic position on the road leading almost arrow-straight over the Pozieres Ridge to Albert and where on 1st July 1916, had proven a road too far for the 34th Division at the commencement of the 'Battle of the Somme'. Two crews failed to return; Second Lieutenant Edgar Whitfield and Lieutenant William Cecil Frederick Noel Hart and Second Lieutenant Douglas Price Trollip, a South African from Mount Prospect in the Eastern Cape and his Canadian born observer Lieutenant James David Moses whose military service had started with the infantry. All four are now commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial*, as are Scout pilots Second Lieutenant John Richard Greasley of No 65 Squadron and Stanley Hugh Winkley from No 84 Squadron. John's Camel and Stanley's SE.5a fell victim to ground fire, probably while attacking infantry columns.

Camel fighters from No 54 Squadron at Conteville also flew offensive patrols mixed with harassing attacks on ground targets and it was while engaged in a strafing run that Captain George Chapman Cuthbertson's aircraft was hit by return fire. Severely wounded, he managed to

regain the lines and crash-landed. Rushed to a hospital near Rouen he succumbed to his injuries a week later and was laid to rest in the city's St Sever Cemetery. George Cuthbertson formerly served with the Alexandria, Princess of Wales's Own [Yorkshire Regiment], subsequently transferring to the Royal Flying Corps. Posthumously awarded a Military Cross, the citation duly appeared in The London Gazette published on 22 April 1918; 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a period of two months he has destroyed two enemy machines, one of which was a triplane, and sent down one other completely out of control. He has also carried out at very low altitudes several valuable reconnaissances at a long distance behind enemy lines, and has set an example of the greatest pluck and determination to all ranks.' Consulting Air-Britain [Historians] Camel File, superbly researched by Ray Sturtivant and Gordon Page, I have been able to trace at least three aerial victories attributed to Captain Cuthbertson. During the mid-morning of February 3rd, 1918, he destroyed an Albatros scout over Honnecourt, describing his victim's aircraft as being painted yellow with a green tail plane. The previous day he had downed another Albatros, this time in the vicinity of Bellenglise while on 1st March he added a Fokker Dr.I to his tally following an engagement over Esnes in the Nord department.

Perhaps the most unusual fatality of the day concerns Captain Frank Everest Banbury, a Camel pilot with No 209 Squadron [formerly No 9 Squadron of the Royal Naval Air Service]. Taking off from Clairmarais for an offensive patrol he is believed to have suffered a heart attack; his body was later recovered and taken to the communal cemetery at Hazebrouck for burial.

Enemy air action reported on the 1st included a raid on No 101 Squadron's base at Haute Vissee which resulted in the death of one of their observers, namely Lieutenant Ronald Stonehouse.

* Noted in Martin Middlebrook's account of the first day of fighting, written in the mid-'70s under the title 'The Kaiser's Battle' [Allen Lane, 1978] and sent to him by a veteran of that day, Gefreiter Wilhelm Reinhard of the 109th Leib Grenadier Regiment. Lieutenant J H Holland died from wounds received in action on the 16th of June 1918; he is buried in the French National Cemetery at Marissel. The Arras Flying Services Memorial in the Pas-de-Calais at Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery commemorates the names of nine hundred and eighty-nine airmen from the Royal Naval Air Service, Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force who have no known grave.

Next installment; the 'Air Aces' of the time.
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Rob's Column

So, winter is approaching, everything slows down

The seasons are changing why wear a frown?

Night's a little crisper, days are shorter too
Less time in the day perhaps a little more time for you.

If you spend an evening snuggled up by the fire

Don't think your lazy, it's time to inspire
You can move mountains from the comfy chair

What is life if we don't have a little time to spare?

I get enough exercise just pushing my luck.

I fell into an upholstery machine
Don't worry, I'm fully recovered.

As autumn begins to unfold
Our landscape ablaze with colour
Trees changing to russet and gold
Frost sparkling in the sunlight
Starlit skies and moonlit nights
This truly uplifting season
Paints for all so many delights

A big thank you again for the support of items, coming and buying at the auction. Around £2000 was raised – a magnificent amount.

What a night at the bonfire, wonderful display, food, weather, everything for a first-class night. Thanks to the Woodlands Group, well done.

The leaders at the Movement are always keen to help in many ways, they have helped me at many auctions; we are so lucky to have such a great team.

Happiness is where you find at and seldom where you seek it.

One good turn gets most of the blanket.

A wife said to her husband "Look at this, I've had this for 20 years and it still fits". He replied "It's a scarf"!

At times the road can be rocky as we travel along life's way

Plans so often go awry

Things change from day to day

But a helping hand or kindly ear

Or just hearing a different view

Can ease the mind or troubled heart

Can help to see us through

A teacher asked her pupils if anyone could come up with a sentence containing the word "fascinate". One pupil put up his hand and said "I can miss. My Grandad has a waistcoat with nine buttons but he's put on so much weight that he can only fasten eight".

An escalator can never break; it can only become stairs.

Happiness is living in a way that you would be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

What's the use of love, good fortune and riches if you do not give yourself time to enjoy them in leisure?

When the chores are complete pour a cup of tea

Relax yourself with a book or perhaps some TV

No need for rushing now, reward yourself be pleased,

Don't make life a bustle and it will be a breeze



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3-5 years
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