

Allotments Available

Start of the growing season is just around the corner. If you would like to join the friendly band of allotment holders in Sixpenny Handley please contact Ros or Steve. rosalleadams@hotmail.com

Fancy a game?

Tennis season begins - make this year the year you sign up, get those rusty raquets out and enjoy our great facilities. see page 16

Volunteers Needed

Parish Council, School, Scouts, Pentridge Village Fete and the Big Session all looking for volunteers to help . see page 8 & 9.



W.I. Jumble Sale

Jumble sale 25th February
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Race Night

for Little Pennies outdoor space
11th March

The Penny Tap Ltd

Introducing a new function for the
Sports Pavilion

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Sixpenny Handley W.I. (Formed in 1922)

President	Mrs Bobbie Carter	552042
Secretary	Mrs Margaret Jones	552358

Sixpenny Handley Mothers' Union

Contact:	Sue Curtis	552397
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Sixpenny Handley CLT

Chairman	Simon Parker	
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Sport Pavilion Bookings.....	552211
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Ferndown Branch	01202 893838
Out of Hours Service	08444 772022

Next edition

The next edition will be published on
1st April 2017

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

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.

Advertising

Our advertising offers great value. The Downsman is currently delivered to over 700 households within the parish. Email: adverts@thedownsman.org.uk for more details. Payments must be made by the deadline date.

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Small Square	£5	£25
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Half Page	£35	£175
Whole Page	£50	£250

Advertisement Sizes

Size	Image area*
Small Text Ad	30 words
Small Square	59mm
Rectangle V	59mm x 122mm
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Large Square	122mm
Half Page	186mm x 122mm
Whole Page	186mm x 248mm

*without frame which will be added by us.

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

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

Turned the corner

It really does feel 'full steam ahead' this year - sometimes the new year lets you in gently, with a bit of a breather and you wonder how it will all get along... not this year... The Web Booth has some lovely local clients we are busy building new websites for including Cranborne Chase Cider, Spire Cycles, Nick Ross, The Penny Tap Ltd and the lovely Min Fletcher-Jones... at play I've started choreography for 'Into the Woods' and the children are as busy as ever (hope you have enjoyed the Street Art Crew's additions to the village, thank you Jenny) as for Chris, well he is still recovering from gluten-free Christmas Hamper joy ;-)

Putting this issue together I couldn't get over the number of volunteer positions we have available in the Parish, so instead of listing them all here for you I have created a double page spread see page 8-9.

Also there are some very exciting plans afoot - if you noticed 'The Penny Tap' in my first paragraph and wondered what that might be, well take a look at page 7 and you will find out more...

Since we have lost the Mobile Library another local initiative has sprung up thanks to Bea, Stella and Trish - The Sixpenny Handley Book Exchange. Do see more on page 31.

And as for events - there is such a selection from Sixpenny Sessions Hightown Crows in Sixpenny Handley Village hall to Odyssey at Pentridge Village Hall, Artsreach's Malina's Dream for Children, the WI Humble Sale, Star gazing the Race Night and more... I do hope you can find something to lure you out of your comfortable armchairs... find out more by visiting the noticeboard.

Now my big girl is on her way back from gymnastics and the smaller one from violin with Brady (have you noticed the Walnut Tree gallery is no longer with us?) so it is time for me to stop typing, organising text and pictures and start my other job of story-telling and tooth cleaning...

Life doesn't stop - it just changes - around the corner...

Naomi Booth

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

Trussell Trust Shoebox Appeal 2016

The total number of Shoeboxes sent to Bulgaria and Serbia last year was as follow:___

Bulgaria 10,200
Serbia 1,524
Total 11,724

Overall this was an increase on 2015 of 14%.

Thank you to all of you who supported this cause.

Trish Chorley

Ruth Pettis

Mr Dick Pettis and family thank everyone who sent cards, letters and messages of sympathy following the recent death of our beloved Ruth.

Thank you also to those who attended her funeral and the generous donations to Cancer Research and the Dorset/Somerset Air Ambulance.

We wish to commend all the medical and support staff at Sixpenny Handley Surgery for their care and compassion during Ruth's illness, especially the nurses in her final days.

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information please
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Litter In The Village

Chicken carcasses, Turkey carcasses, 4 pints of milk that has gone off, wine and whisky bottles – yes, these are all things that have been left in the street side rubbish bins located around the village. It leads to yet more vermin (rats), let alone dogs getting into the bins.



We are blessed with several kind volunteers who give of their time to pick up litter and empty the bins. Rob Jesse, Richard Dennett, the members of the Regard Partnership do not have to do it – they care about this village and the community. When the rubbish spills out of the bags they end up picking it up and removing it. WHY SHOULD THEY?

The bins located around the village are not put there for household waste. Any continued misuse may well lead to their removal completely.

KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN AND HEALTHY

Thanks to the volunteers for their excellent efforts



Noticeboard



**Sixpenny Handley
Youth Club
6D Handley Village Hall
Age 10 - 16 welcome
facebook.com/6d4all**

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

**Saturday
4th Feb 2017**

*Coffee in Pentridge
POSTPONED*

please keep your
eyes open for
the new date

**MALINA'S
DREAM**

Tuesday 14th February @
4.00pm – Artsreach

Children's Puppet Theatre

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

See page 15

Downsman Noticeboard

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

17th February 2017

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

LICENSED BAR

Call Steve Luddington on 01725 552378
or visit our website for tickets
www.pentridgedorset.co.uk



SIXPENNY HANDLEY WI
JUMBLE SALE
Sat 25th FEB
Doors open at 2.30pm
SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

Lots of Stalls
Teas
Raffle

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PIANO & VIOLIN
LESSONS
FOR BEGINNERS

Sixpenny Handley

Ring Brady Turner
on 01725 516904
or 07711 409147



RACE NIGHT
to raise funds for
The Little Pennies
Pre-School outdoor space
SATURDAY 11th
MARCH

(please note amended date)
in Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
7pm doors for 7.45pm first race
£7.50 with dinner and dessert
Bar and raffle
Tickets from: Little Pennies
Rachel Acton: 516296

Hightown Crows
Sat 18th February
from 8.00 pm (doors open 7.30pm)
See page ***

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 44

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:

Feb 13th
Mrs Jacquie McLean
"Interior Design"

JUMBLE SALE 25th Feb
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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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

Members were pleased to continue to support the Wimborne Tourist Information Centre with a grant of £100 for 2017/2018 and the same for two further years to help maintain this service both for local people and for our tourist trade.

The Budget and Precept Demand for 2017-2018 was finalised in December with an increase of 3.78% or 6.6p per week per Band D household to allow for the anticipated increase in services to be provided by the Parish Council due to the proposed changes to Local Government.

The Licence to occupy the Sports Pavilion by the 'The Penny Tap' has been finalised and works have already begun to improve the building for this new community asset which will be opening very soon.

The Sixpenny Book Exchange is taking shape and will open in the Parish Office this month! Thank you to our volunteers who have organised this and who will be publicising the opening hours soon.

And finally, we are still looking for a community minded person to join the Parish Council. 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 in to 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

The Clinical Services Review Public Consultation runs until 28th February 2017. This has been launched in response to major challenges which health and care face in Dorset. These include:

- a growing population with more people living longer
- an increasing demand on services
- workforce shortages that will be difficult to fill
- variations in the quality of care
- a potential funding gap of at least

£158m per year by 2020

Copies of the consultation document - Improving Dorset's Healthcare - is available throughout Dorset via GP Practices and Hospitals and on line at www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

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 to

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

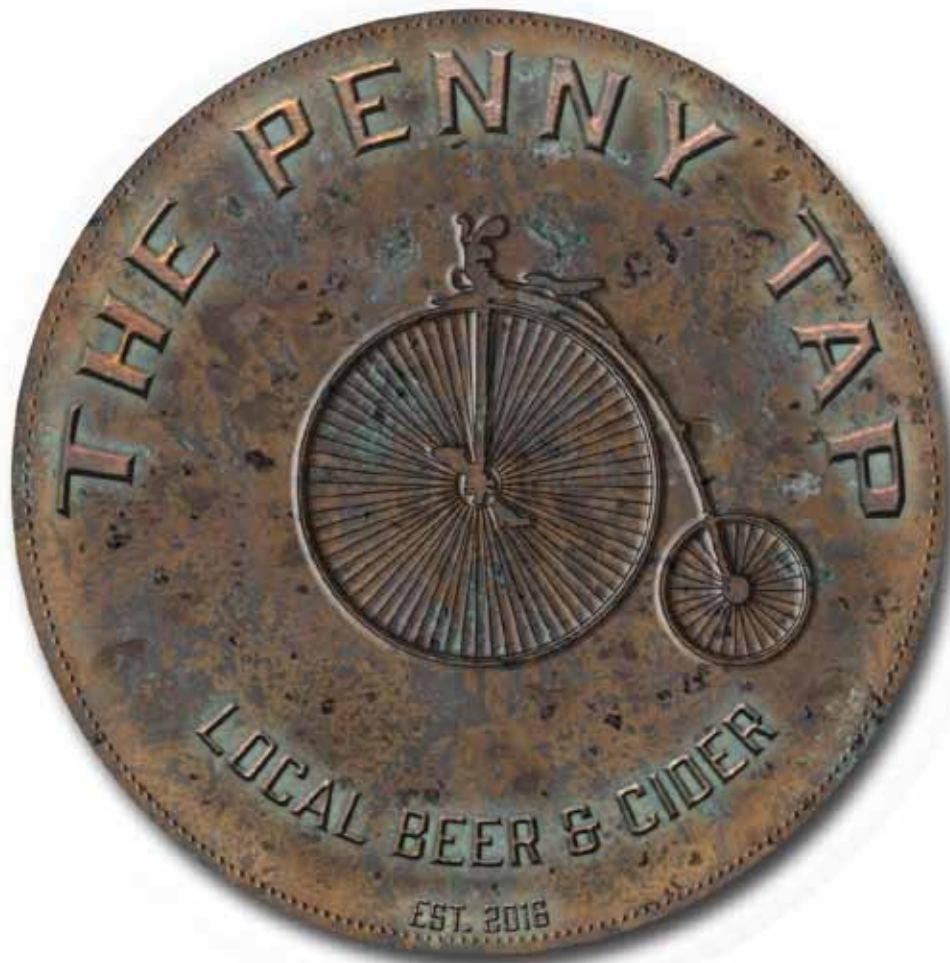
possible to deliver to individual properties. Residents in need can obtain filled sandbags from Furzehill Council Offices (yard adjacent to car park). They currently have over 300 filled sandbags ready and in excess of 9,000 empty sandbags stored under cover in Christchurch which they will start to fill if there is an Environment Agency warning of flooding.

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

Introducing...



SHOWCASING THE BEST BEER & CIDER FROM OUR LOCAL AREA

Come and join us at The Penny Tap for a pint or two in the re-modelled Sports Pavilion @ Sixpenny Handley

Wed: 4.30 - 7.00

Thurs: 4.30 - 7.00

Fri: 4.00 - 7.30

Sat: 12.00 - 4.00

**OPENING 1ST
MARCH**

Takeaway Service Available



Community Fund Entertainments Team



Following the success of our first summer community extravaganza – **The Big Session** – held in June 2015, your Community Fund Entertainments Team would like to do it all over again this year on Saturday 24 June. So, please save the date now!

Having made £3,500 for the Community Fund to be spent on good causes within the community we would love to match this figure, but we can't do it without your help and support.

Firstly, we need your creative ideas and assistance with planning and managing the event. This includes a commitment to attend a few informal meetings at which we will share out responsibility for the tasks required to ensure the success of the event. Secondly, we are looking for your commitment to help with setting up and manning the event, as well as the inevitable clear up afterwards.

If you would like to be involved in this fun and rewarding project and to make a real difference to people within our community, then please contact us today. We look forward to hearing from you and to sharing our initial ideas with you.

You can contact us by email at: sixpennysessions@gmail.com, speak to Paul in the shop or call Penny on 07771 983883.

Gary, Naomi, Paul & Penny of Sixpenny Sessions



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Pentridge New Village Fete Planning Team

As the Village Fete is Pentridge's largest fundraiser, and the most challenging to organise, we are now looking for our Fete Planning Team.

As part of the Fete Planning Team, you can have your say, bring your knowledge and expertise, get hands on, or simply help with administration – whatever role you can bring will be greatly appreciated!!!

You don't have to be a Pentridge or Woodyates resident to get involved.

If you are interested with the Village Fete, please come along to the meeting. If you can't make this meeting but would like to be involved, please send us an email to info@pentridgedorset.co.uk



Sixpenny Handley First School



We are looking for a School Governor!

Would you like to be involved in your local school and work alongside our Heath Academy Trust? Do you have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school?

The role involves contributing to the strategic discussions at governing body meetings which determine

- The vision and ethos of the school
- Clear and ambitious strategic priorities and targets for the school
- That all children, including those with special educational needs, have access to a broad and balanced curriculum

- The school's budget, including the expenditure of the pupil premium allocation
- The school's staffing structure and key staffing policies
- The principles to be used by school leaders to set other school policies

We hold six, evening, full governing body meetings and 6, daytime, committee meetings a year.

If you would like to come and meet us and have a look around the school, please telephone the school office and speak to Jayne Alford, Clerk.

Sixpenny Handley First School

Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, Wilts SP5 5NJ

Tel: 01725 552356 email: office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk



1st Woodcuts is now bulging at the seams and would benefit hugely from creating more groups. 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 pack 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.



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The Odyssey (Greek Stuff!)

By David Mynne (Rabbit Theatre)

Pentridge Village are delighted to be hosting our first ARTSREACH live theatre event on 17th February with early ticket bookings recommended to avoid disappointment.

From the makers of 'Great Expectations' and 'Dracula' comes a tale more exciting than excitement itself: The ODYSSEY.

The journey of all journeys. To Hell. And back again. Gods, Monsters, Sirens, Derring-Dos and Derring-Donts!

A love story that lasts decades. It's Greek stuff... with all the boring bits removed! "Cyclops!

A hulk of flesh,

Ship tall. Arms reaching to his knees.

Mouth - a gaping universe.

And in the middle of his foolish forehead

One

Single

Eye

Mwah-ha-ha. . ."

If ever a show was designed for the smallest venues, this is it; a compact piece of theatre magic. David Mynne's skill with

just a few simple props, a rubber face and clear and concise storytelling will fill you with drama and delight. A host of exciting (and daft) characters - including a one-eyed Cyclops, a six-headed monster and the terrifying Sea God Poseidon - will conjure up a mighty storm and keep you on the edge of your seat. Suitable 12+ www.artsreach.co.uk

Venue: Pentridge Village Hall

Date : 17th February...Doors open 6.45pm

show starts 7.30pm

Licensed Bar

Tickets ...Adults £9.00, Children £7.00,

Family tickets £28

Bookings: contact Steve Luddington

01725552378 or email steveludd@aol.com

or info@pentridgedorset.co.uk

Dorset Wildlife Trust

North Dorset Events

New technology has opened up the world of photography to many more people, but sometimes with varying success. Whilst most of us are happy to simply 'point and shoot' to capture a special moment, others strive to create an image of the living world around us, and that takes a great deal of patience and preparation.

Stewart Canham leads DWT's Photographic and Video group and is an experienced wildlife photographer. On Wednesday, 15th February 2017, he will give an illustrated talk on Wildlife Photography at Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU), starting at 7.30pm. This will be the perfect opportunity to discover the art of wildlife photography and learn from a highly skilled practitioner. We ask for a small donation of £2 (including tea/coffee & biscuits) to help cover expenses, but there is no charge for children under 16.

Date for your diary: Wednesday, 15th March 2017 - An illustrated talk on 'Gardening for Wildlife' by DWT Community Conservation Officer, Briony Baxter, in Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0JU) at 7.30pm. £2 (including refreshments); no charge for children under 16.

What's on in Pentridge

17th February 2017

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

Picture this... 1198 BC. Ancient Greece. Figs and olives ripen under clear blue skies. The seat of learning and philosophy where poets write the tragedies. A land for the gods... and heroes.

The kingdom of Ithaca is ruled by Odysseus...

A tale more exciting than excitement itself: The ODYSSEY! Based on Homer's epic tale, it's Greek stuff... all the good bits with the boring stuff removed.

A PREMIERE ARTSREACH EVENT FOR PENTRIDGE

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Pentridge
Village Hall



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Race Night

As part of the last 'lap' in our fund-raising for the refurbishment of the outside space The Little Pennies PreSchool is organising a **RACE NIGHT** on Saturday 11th March. Please look out for posters giving more details.

Our **fund-raising** is going well, and we are especially pleased that the Parish Council are giving us £1000, Councillor Simon Tong made a donation from his discretionary fund, and Tesco have awarded us a grant. We don't know yet whether it will be £1000, £2000, or £3000, as this is being decided by a public in-store vote. An enormous thank you to all.

The **Christmas Bingo** session was a huge success, and a very happy occasion, raising just over £300. This money goes towards buying those little extras by way of equipment etc, that the budget won't run to. Thank you to all who came, and to Damon, Rachel and all the helpers. The next bingo session is on Thursday 16th March, eyes down at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Juddies Bar
At Church Farm
Open every night
except Monday.*



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**



The Little Pennies
Pre-School
Registered Charity no. 1137622

www.thelittlepennies.co.uk
info@thelittlepennies.co.uk
Tel: Margaret 01725 552608

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- Children are making excellent progress from their starting points."*
Outstanding OFSTED report 2016

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£3.60 per hour
(funding available for 3-5 year olds)
2-3 years
£12.00 per session
£4.00 per hour

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

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

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Sixpenny Handley First School*



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Dates & Venue for 2017

03.02.2017, 03.03.2017, 17.03.2017
31.03.2017, 28.04.2017, 12.05.2017
26.05.2017, 09.06.2017, 23.06.2017
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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

The current short mat season is progressing well, the Handley team in particular notching up some impressive victories. Club open sessions on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons are well attended and new players are always welcome.

The hamper competition was held on 11th December. Eighteen players competed in a short mat mini-league, then the top few battled it out over a couple of knock-out rounds to determine the overall winner. In 3rd place was Roger Naylor, 2nd Sarah Churchill and 1st Bill Raymond. All competitors brought items to make up the three prize hampers which were very impressive.

On the evening of 6th November at Hanlega's, a number of bowls club members and others, enjoyed the 75th birthday celebrations of one of our members, Vic Howard. Later this year Vic will be defying his age, and logic, to abseil

down Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower for charity. You don't have to be crazy to be in the bowls club, but it helps.

The annual Christmas party took place on 16th December and all those who attended had a most enjoyable evening, with a Bill Chorley-special-seasonal quiz, some silly games and even a take on a Two Ronnies-style sketch, admirably performed by Dave Adams and some other bloke. A beautiful cake, baked by Patsy Hoddy and expertly iced by Karen Adams was won in the raffle by Stella Symes. And Val Martin, as ever, worked hard, with some helpers, to lay on some lovely refreshments.

On 19th January, the club will be holding a memorial lunch for Patrick Taylor, a long-standing club member, past Treasurer and President, who did a great deal to help the club acquire its clubhouse but who sadly died last September.

The club's AGM will be held in the clubhouse on 10th April at 7.30pm but in the meantime if you would like to join the club please call the current president, Paul Chalmers, on 07964769159 or the club secretary, Colin Chambers, on 01725 552796.

Totally Locally....

**Phill Rideout,
Small Works Maintenance
& Restoration, Sixpenny Handley**

I first met Phill Rideout at a Downsman Business Support Group meeting, an ever-growing group of local business owners who meet every couple of months in Sixpenny Handley. Once you've read this column I'm sure you'll agree with me that Phill's a pretty handy guy to know, he can turn his hand to most construction and maintenance jobs including plumbing, woodworking, bricklaying, concreting, patio-laying and the list goes on....

Phill was born in Ashmore and grew up in Downton before joining the army - The Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers - where he trained and operated as a mechanic. On leaving the army, he worked as a fitter at a local garage, but found that the shift from mechanic to fitter wasn't to his liking so took himself off to night school to train as a bricklayer. Having always been interested in Gothic architecture and the construction of some English churches and chapels, the move to construction work was an easy decision which led to Phill being involved in some big local projects including the building of Salisbury Hospital and phase 1 of Tidworth Garrison.

Moving to Handley in 2000, Phill discovered his passion for building restoration & renovation. In 2005, he rebuilt the wall opposite the war memorial and then in 2006 he took on a huge two and a half year project to renovate the "Old House" in Witchampton, which dates back to 1530. This fascinating project involved returning the house to its period appearance; removing all modern paint & wall coverings then lime-washing walls, waxing timber beamwork & staircase and fitting bespoke oak cupboards & wardrobes. The work continued outside, terracing the garden and building a semi-circular patio with walled seating, fire-pit and semi-derelict wall featuring a fabulous stone window designed in sympathy with the next door church.



Phill continues to find new and interesting work such as restoring shepherd's huts, removing bushes from chimneys, re-pointing flint walls and building raw timber furniture. He often works closely with Simon Meaden (Badger) at Myncen Farm on varying projects for individuals and the community, including the occasional job for the scouts. It sounds to me as though Phill can take on most construction & maintenance jobs, so if there's something you need doing please get in touch: Phill Rideout, Small Works Maintenance & Restoration, 07833 388484 or 01725 552409.

I continue to meet people with amazing skills and talent, and they're right here on our doorstep...if you'd like your business to feature in a future Totally Locally column please drop me a line at tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk.

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The Beacon Group Carol Service

Was held at St Mary's Church, Tarrant Gunville on Friday 9th December attended by twelve members of our Institute. It was a delightfully traditional service making it the perfect way to think of Christmas in earnest. After the service mince pies and refreshments were served in the village hall where Tarrant Gunville WI made everyone extremely welcome.

Christmas Meeting

The meeting on 12th December was a lively affair with 75 members and guests attending. Sixpenny Handley WI's Answer to Desert Island Discs, written and produced by the President, Bobbie Carter, was the in-house entertainment. The cast were outstanding and the audience enjoyed both viewing the actions and joining in the musical choices. Some songs definitely took on a new "persona" – such fun and genuine entertainment. Many congratulations to all who participated. Everyone appreciated the delicious buffet supper.

The Christmas flower arrangement in a tea pot was judged by the County Chairman, Mrs Marilyn Hobhouse, and won by Margaret Quinn. The evening concluded with carol singing after which the County Chairman thanked the President and all the members for such a memorable evening.

Theatre Group

On 21st December seven members enjoyed a pre-Christmas outing to see the pantomime Sleeping Beauty at the Tivoli, Wimborne. It was a fun afternoon and we all enjoyed singing and booing with child-like enthusiasm. "Oh, Yes We Did" - we look forward to next year's production.

January Meeting.

Mr John Combes gave the second part of his marvellous presentation on "Nature's Magic Moments". The breath-taking skylscapes and nature slides captivated everyone.

Forthcoming Events

13th Feb Mrs Jacquie McLean

"Interior Design"

25th Feb WI JUMBLE SALE Village Hall

13th Mar Kurling Open to All



SIXPENNY HANDLEY WI JUMBLE SALE

Sat 25th FEB

Doors open at 2.30pm

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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.



Sixpenny Sessions

Jazz to Hightown Crows

Thank you to everyone who supported our Jazz and supper night before Christmas. We put our profit together with the money raised by the village carol singers. CLIC Sargent thanked us for our £400 donation and said:

Your donation could provide a CLIC Sargent Nurse for 2 days! They coordinate the clinical and non-clinical care for children with cancer, and maximise the amount of time children can safely spend at home. This includes the nurses visiting home or school to take blood or give treatment, simple things that allow families to spend more time together.



We look forward to seeing you for - Hightown Crows - read the Village Hall notice for more...

Hightown Crows
Sat 18th February
From 8.00 pm (doors open 7.30pm)
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Tickets: £8 (£10 on the door)
From Styles Newsagents or www.eventbrite.co.uk
Proceeds to Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Community Fund
Find us on:

Sixpenny Village Hall

Exquisite Pupperty for children this half term & local music



As the cold weather sets in with the January blues we all need something to look forward to and your Village Hall has some great events lined up to help see you through to Spring and dance off that post Christmas bulge! Here are the dates for your diary!

Tuesday 14th February @ 4.00pm-
Artsreach

MALINA'S DREAM – Angel Theatre Angel
Heart Theatre – Malina's Dream

This enchanting show reflects upon friendship and finding the way between two worlds. Malina is an excitable young girl who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun. Into her frozen world comes a stranger, whose ship is crushed in the ice. When Malina discovers her dream has become real she knows only she can save the stranger's life...with just a little help from Grandpa and his magic drum! This warm-hearted tale, created by Angel Heart Theatre is inspired by true-life encounters between 19th century Scottish sailors and the Inuit communities of the Arctic. Breathtaking puppets, live music and a specially commissioned soundtrack create an unforgettable experience of magical theatre. Stay with us for Hot Dogs after the show.

www.artsreach.co.uk
Tickets £7 Adult £5 U18's and £22 for a family of 4. Tickets available from Styles Mini Market or reserve with Jen on 077515 25200.



Saturday 18th February - Doors open

7.30pm for 8pm – Hightown Crows

Sixpenny Sessions kicks off the year with the superb Hightown Crows, a rockabilly blues band who play 'seriously boppin blues'. Their infectious raw and original sound comes from guitar, double bass and suitcase drum kit. Writing and performing their own songs the 'crows' will definitely banish your winter blues. **Tickets £8 advance from Styles Mini Market, Eventbrite or £10 on the door.**

Friday 7th April - Doors open 7.30pm for

8pm – Sixpenny Sessions

Junco Shakers – are a four 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 harmonies, Junco Shakers create their own music dubbed 'skifflebilly swing'. Based in Southampton Junco Shakers are quickly making a name for themselves as a must see band. Supported by Johnny Boxcars solo. **Tickets £8 advance from Styles Mini Market, Eventbrite or £10 on the door.**

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Dates still available to book for your party or event.

Our prices:

Half day (9am-1pm) or (1pm-5pm) £36

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

Evening bookings subject to £10 charge for premise alcohol license (if required). Reduced hourly fee available for regular bookings.

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

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club - More about

This is an accredited tennis club enjoying a friendly atmosphere and catering for all levels of play, situated in idyllic rural setting. The club is supported by a qualified and enthusiastic coach who can help to improve your game and level of fitness.

Family, Adult, Junior and Non-Playing Memberships available annually.

- Pay and Play : £7.00 per court, hour. Contact Church Farm Campsite Tel: 01725 552563.
- Rusty Racquets Evenings : A great opportunity for adult Rusty Racquets Evenings : A great opportunity for adult members to brush up on tennis skills and meet other members to brush up on tennis skills and meet other players.
- Members of Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club can apply for free British Tennis Membership
- Junior tennis coaching sessions available during school term times.

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club 2017 - Membership Form

With the lighter evenings approaching we would like to encourage as many people as possible to use the facilities. Annual Membership runs from 1st February 2017. Attached is a membership application form to complete and return to Steph Chick (plus cheque or BACS payment amount & date). Apart from members having access to the courts at all times, we also offer lessons to adults and juniors of all levels, including

“rusty racquets” sessions. You don’t have to be members to benefit from group coaching on offer, however members pay a reduced rate. Any queries about membership or coaching please contact Steph on 01725 552557. Please send your membership form and cheque back to Steph and a key will be posted to you so you can COME AND PLAY any day!!!!

Membership Secretary & Treasurer:
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Tel: 01725 552557, email: david@davidchick.co.uk
Chairman: Elizabeth Nodder, The Surgery, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley. email: enodder@hotmail.com

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Address.....

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Membership category	Annual subscription	Name Of Member(s) (plus Date of Birth for junior members)	Quantity	Amount enclosed
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Junior (under 18) on 01/02/16	£10.00			
Family (adults and children living at same address)	£75.00			
Non playing Adult Member	£10			

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

Are you happy to share your email/phone number with other members so that you can be contacted to play tennis with others: YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

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

Signed Date BACS paid/Cheque enclosed for

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SIXPENNY HANDLEY TENNIS CLUB



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Contact
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Membership Contact
Steph Chick
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY GHOST STORIES BY CANDLELIGHT

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Tickets £12 in advance, £14 on the door

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2nd February, 6th April, 8th June,
7th September,
9th November

All meetings will be in Sixpenny Handley (venues tbc)

We're a friendly group of local business owners who meet every couple of months to network & support each other over a cup of coffee. We aim to promote each others businesses, share upcoming events & opportunities, discuss issues & problems and everything else in between!

For further information please contact
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Age 10½-14
Monday 7 to 9pm
Rob Easton
01725 552038



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



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

Family Camp

In May, Woodcutts will be embarking on the now legendary Family Camp. This will see young people and their families enjoy a long weekend of friendship, challenges and adventure at Buddens Scout Site.

The weekend will be a celebration of the group's anniversary and a chance for everyone to try something new. Activities for the camp include pot holing, Dragon Boating, archery, climbing, abseiling, crafts, camp fire, backwood skills and all the fun of camping with friends. We look forward to updating you on the camp later in the year.

Carol Service

This year the members of Woodcutts held the annual carol service at the Ancient technology Centre in Cranborne. This was a truly unique setting for a truly unique celebration. The service was lead by Vicar Mel, with each section taking an active part in the afternoon. The Beavers entertained with a carol medley, the Cubs a Christmas song, the Scouts gave their interpretation of Deck the Halls and the screening of their mannequin challenge video made at the HQ. Everyone enjoyed chilli and jacket potatoes which were cooked and served by the Explorer Scouts. Congratulations to the Cubs who were awarded the pioneering badge for the work completed during the previous term and to Joshua and Ryan for being presented the Chief Scout Gold Award, the highest badge a Scout can achieve. The Scout and Explorer Summer Camp in Cornwall was also launched at the celebration. This camp promises to be just as great as previous years with many activities and during the week stay just outside Truro.

FIRST WOODCUTTS SCOUT TROOP 1957 -2017

The Early Years

At the death of my Grandmother In 1955, at the age of 13 I came to live with my Mother and Step Dad Bill Weeks, at Priory Cottages, Woodcutts, having previously lived in Alderholt where at the age of 11 I joined the then newly formed Scout Troop, at the time of the move I was very upset, not about the having to move to Woodcutts but at having to leave Scouting which I was enjoying very much.

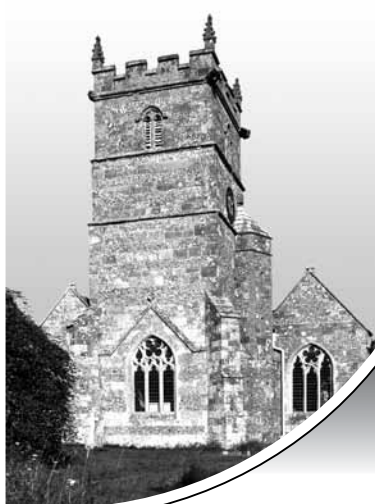
On starting School in Sixpenny Handley, one of the first things that I did was to enquire who was the Scout Master here, only to be told that there wasn't any Scout Troop, after a few days of my juvenile thoughts, I decided that the only thing to do was to start my own Troop, (how naive), I started talking to the boys of Scout age (girls weren't allowed in scouting in those days), I managed to find 5 who were interested in joining, this was great as this meant that we had our first patrol which was subsequently named the Wolf Patrol, I then wrote to my old Scout Master Sid Raison to tell him that I wanted to start a scout troop and that with myself I now had a patrol of 6 and could he come over once a month to test us on what we had learnt, He wrote back to say that he would do his best to help (he was a wonderful man and without his help we would never have got off the ground), he obtained and sent me all that was needed to get going.

At our first meeting in my Step Dads coal shed, Ray Churchill, Chris Bagg, Michael Maidment, Chris Day and Ian Adlem began to complete, under my instruction their Tenderfoot Badge (we are still all in the land of the living and at our birthday celebration on the 1st of July I hope that we can all reunite for the day), at the end of

the month Sid turned up on an Auto Cycle which was part motor bike but on the flat, when you went up hill you had to peddle like mad, this he did for the next month by which time my first five scout were ready to be invested, Sid had to get permission to this from the then District Commissioner, Jimmy James who was based in Wimborne, to which he agreed, providing we became a part of the Alderholt Troop, this we continued to do for the next two years, incidentally during this time we had added another 6 youngsters which were to be known as the Stag Patrol, during this time I continued to instruct them on Scouting skills and Sid religiously came over once a month to sign off what they had learnt.

In 1957 we were to become a Scout Troop in our own right, 1st Woodcutts, this year is our Diamond Jubilee, more on the early days in the next edition of the Downsman.

John Curtis



The Seeker

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

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From the Bishop of Salisbury

In an age with so much trouble and uncertainty in the world, we can celebrate God's small miracle that is the Diocese of Salisbury, in which we give thanks for a Christian presence in every community: **446** parishes with **574** places of worship alongside **91** Fresh Expressions of church.

732 clergy, including parish priests, chaplains in schools, hospitals, prisons and other settings, and clergy with Permission to Officiate,

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In 2015 there were: **34,900** are on the Electoral Roll, there were **2,700** baptisms, **550** confirmations, **1,250** weddings and **75,000** worshipped at Christmas. *Adapted from Bishop Nicholas' Christmas message.*

Lent

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 1st this year. After Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, it is time to start preparing for Easter. Unfashionable words like *repentance* and *reconciliation* are at the heart of Lent. It is about preparing ourselves, giving ourselves a spiritual spring clean. As part of this, you might think about coming along to the Lent Course, or exploring some form of daily prayer, if you don't have one already. It might also mean more practical service, or the offering of previously unused gifts – and part of that may even (dare I say it) include contributing financially to the projects we have going on in St Mary's, St Andrew's and St Rumbold's.

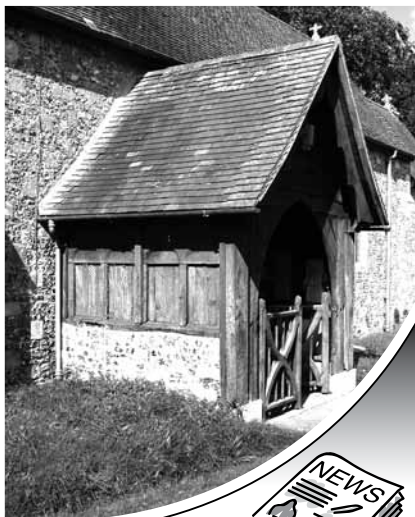
Lent prepares us for Easter, and only Easter makes sense of life and death. Lent reminds us that we do not earn our place in heaven: Jesus has already done that. And we do not earn God's love, because love cannot be earned. All we can do is respond to the love that is already there.

The Lent Course and Soup Lunches

This year we are running our Lent Course on Thursdays, for five sessions beginning on March 9th. It is called 'Food for Thought' and looks at the readings from the Bible we use in church on the Sunday before, and extending them into our lives today – particularly in terms of the food we eat! Come along to see if we really 'are what we eat' and find out more, meet friends and explore what Lent and Easter are all about.

In previous years we have also run Soup Lunches during Lent – this year we are running them after Easter, beginning on Wednesday 26th April, in St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley. Look out for more details in the next Downsman.





**News items
and articles welcome!**

**Please drop them in to
the Vicarage, or email;
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Thanks!

FROM THE REGISTERS



The baptism took place of
Isla Emelia Weldon
Harry Alan Raishbrook
Ivy Rose Murphy
Kelly Murphy
Isla Rose May Alborough

The funerals took place of
James Weeks
Ruth Pettis

Remember!

If you would like to give your child a good start in life, talk to the vicar about a christening.

If you are getting married, you can get married in your local church if you live in the parish or have some other link.

And if a loved one dies, please talk to us about how the church may be able to help.

Contact the vicar for more information.

We are here for you.

Dear friends...

Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson are camping out on Dartmoor. Sometime during the night, Holmes wakes Watson and says, "Watson, look up. What do you see?"

Watson looks up at the sky and says, "I see the vast mysteries of the universe. I see the future written in the stars, possibilities we can only dream of. I see worlds beyond our own comprehension, I see limitless possibilities."

Holmes looks at Watson sighs and says, "No, Watson, someone has stolen our tent!"

Do you like a good mystery story – Sherlock Holmes or Agatha Christie? Part of the fun is trying to spot the clues and solve the mystery before the end. I read the other day there is going to be a remake of 'Murder on the Orient Express'. The trouble with that is we all know who did it! Perhaps we can just enjoy the puzzle, knowing the answer already...

The life of faith can be rather like a detective story. There are clues and hints all around us – in the world, in other people, in the Bible. And we have the choice of trying to discover the answer before the end, or allowing the mystery to play itself out and just enjoying that for what it is...

There are red herrings, of course. People and ideas try to mislead us, but a chap called Søren Kierkegaard, a Danish philosopher and poet, said: 'Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved.' He was less concerned with reasoning and proof than that each one of us should discover God's will for our own life and live it. Don't worry over the details that can never be proved, he meant, get on and *live*. Because if everything is in God's hands, it will be all right in the end. Which means it is all right (sometimes) not to know the answer. We might even be able to enjoy the mystery!

I am not saying there is no need to try. God gave us brains to think, people to ask, books to read, intelligence to use

and truth to seek. As we move from Christmas, through Lent to Easter, I hope we can all enjoy the mystery – the beauty that is around us, in the world and in other people. And we can all seek the truth as we follow the story of Christ from crib to cross, from stable to tomb, from incarnation to resurrection. There is a symmetry and logic to the story of the Bible that amazes me every time. Every Christmas and every Easter I am blown away by the way *God turns up*. I hope you enjoy the longer days and the return to life of spring.

Your friend and Vicar, Mel



Lee Abbey is a beautiful house and community, with its own wood, cliff and beach on the rugged north Devon coastline. Visitors often comment that God is felt to be very near. There are lots of things for different ages to do, and there is no pressure to attend any of the events. It is also a lot of fun.

We are planning a trip over the weekend of 25-26th June. Two nights full board in this beautiful place with activities, teaching and worship (and *lots* of food!) is from £136 per person. Please have a look at the brochure, the website or talk to Margaret Durrant if you are interested in coming – but hurry, places are very limited!

Lent and Easter Flowers

Our churches are simply decorated through Lent. Then, between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, they are filled with colour and life as we celebrate the best news ever – the Resurrection.

If you would like to contribute to the Easter flowers, you will find a collecting box in the church, or you can leave a donation (suitably marked) in the wall safe by the door.



The Resurrection and Marriage

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. (Luke 20:27-38)

Why do we make things complicated and difficult? If we stop and consider what Jesus says, it is really quite simple. He just focuses on *Love the Lord your God and love your neighbour as yourself*. Pretty clear and straightforward isn't it? But those who lived with Jesus at the time also found it all a struggle to get their heads (and hearts) around his message.

Luke perhaps more than any of the other gospel writers was someone who set things out in a logical order with a clear purpose. He wants us to understand how the whole story of God fits together, and how in Jesus the long held promises within the Bible are fulfilled. If you read the whole of Chapter 20 there is a series of stories that come together into one common message.

Jesus is in Jerusalem and is starting to get noticed: He is a challenge to the leaders of the time. Throughout the chapter we see different people testing out what Jesus is saying. They either don't want to trust his message or they are struggling to understand it. We can see the conflict that will end on the cross on Good Friday.

The Sadducees were the only group within the Jewish faith that didn't believe in resurrection. They also tended to be among the leading priestly families and their approach to scripture was very conservative. The Pharisees, on the other hand, embraced the idea. It was important to them because, in days when worldly justice did not come, they could be rewarded when they were raised from the dead at the end of time. Resurrection seen this way was tied to how one lived, the justice for a life lived according to the Law.

The Sadducees' question to Jesus was intended to show why resurrection couldn't happen: It was common practice that if a widow was left without a son she was married to her husband's brother. Surely, the Sadducees said, this would create a right old muddle in heaven!!

Jesus response shows us a different perspective. He is not saying we shouldn't live good lives, but rather that the old perceptions of life beyond death are not what God is about. Jesus makes it clear that there *is* life after our time on earth, but we will need to wait to find out what exactly it is like – but that poor widow need not worry, it will not be bound by earthly laws and regulations. Men and women are equal in the eyes of God, and we shouldn't be distracted by things that don't matter. Rather we should focus on our relationship with God.

Of course we should study scripture and think deeply about our faith. But we shouldn't try to second-guess the mystery of God. Rather, it is through our relationship with Jesus that we come to understand more – and that includes more about life and death. There will no doubt be things we will never grasp – well, not this side of heaven!

Remember, *God picked you out as his from the very start. Think of it: included in God's original plan of salvation by the bond of faith in the living truth. This is the life of the Spirit he invited you to through the Message we delivered, in which you get in on the glory of our Master, Jesus Christ. So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. (2 Thess 2:1-5)*

Jackie Molnar

For Ash Wednesday and Lent

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow;
enlarge it that you may enter in.
It is ruinous, O repair it!
It displeases Your sight. I confess it, I know.
But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you?
Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord,
and spare Your servant from strange sins.
St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

O Lord and Master of my life,
give me not the spirit of laziness,
despair, lust of power, and idle talk.
But give rather the spirit of sobriety,
humility, patience and love to Thy servant.
Yea, O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own transgressions
and not to judge my brother,
for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen
St. Ephraim the Syrian (AD 305-373)

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *1979 Book of Common Prayer*

Shining Light in the Present

There are many people and places needing our support and prayers. Here is just one, a prayer from a Tearfund partner in Jordan delivering winter kits and trauma care to Syrian refugees.

Oh Lord of hosts,
We pray for the inner healing of Syrian refugees dwelling among us – asking you, Father, to meet their daily needs. Strengthen our ministry and help us to be the 'repairers of broken walls', as Isaiah said.
Lord, let it be our hearts' desire to express your heart towards our Syrian brothers and sisters: providing food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, room for the stranger, clothing for the naked, and a visit for those sick and in prison. Amen.

As Sure as Eggs is Chocolate

It is not long before we will be buying Easter Eggs – crème eggs have been in Styles since before Christmas! Please remember to look out for the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance logos on the chocolate you buy, to make sure no child labour was used in the production of the food we buy. And don't forget the Real Easter Egg, fairly traded and with the only egg to tell the Easter story, produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company.





✦ 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

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.

✱ **Drop into...** the Post Office Coffee Shop on the first Monday of the month from about 11 o'clock 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.

✦ Lent Course

7:30pm at St Mary's. Meet friends and explore what Lent and Easter are all about.

☕ **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 this Sunday

SUNDAY SERVICES	St Mary's Sixpenny Handley		St Rumbold's Pentridge	Gussage St Andrew
	9.30am	6.00pm	11.15am	9.30am
Feb 5 th	Holy Communion	Evensong	HC	#
Feb 12 th	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Feb 19 th	Holy Communion	Evensong	MP	#
Feb 26 th	Informal	HC	#	HC
March 5 th	Holy Communion	Evensong	HC	#
March 12 th	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
March 19 th	Holy Communion	Evensong	MP	#
March 26 th	Mothering Sunday	HC	#	MP

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

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

The New Service Pattern

The new pattern in our churches is settling in. The biggest change is at Sixpenny Handley, where the morning service is always at 9.30, alternating between Holy Communion and the Informal Service. Details are on the noticeboard. There is a children's group as part of the Informal Service (during term time) and there are books, worksheets and colouring in the children's corner during the Communion Service. The service is always followed by coffee and biscuits, so come along and get Sunday off to a good start with friends. Services in our other churches remain at the same times.

Ash Wednesday March 6th

Holy Communion and Ashing 6.00pm, St Mary's



Make a Mothers' Day – March 26th

Join us for our annual (and very special) service on Mothering Sunday on 26th March at 9.30 at St Mary's. We can all show mothering love, and this is something to celebrate together as well as in our families.

February

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Thu 9th 2.45pm Mothers' Union – Vic Hatton talking about the CCF

March

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Thu 9th 2.45pm Mothers' Union – Easter cards



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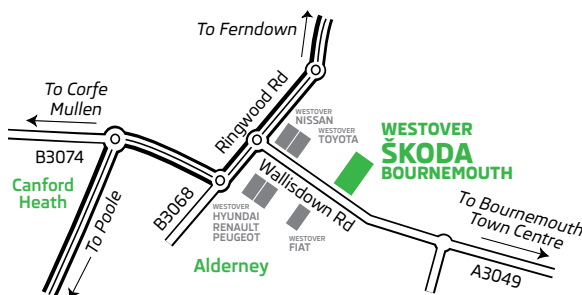


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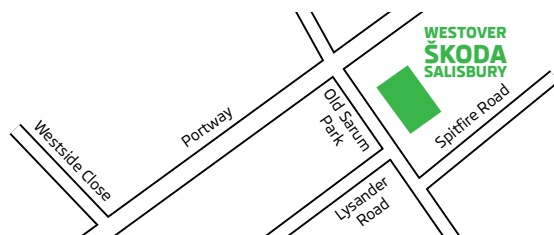


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Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
Tuesday	14:00	Pilates	Radnor Hall
Tuesday	18:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
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Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Sergeant Nick Lee attended a meeting of the Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Co-ordinators on 9th January and reported on the local crime scene and the Dorset Police response. There have been some further crimes in the area recently, particularly shed breaks, tool thefts and poaching but in comparison to other areas, our crime rate remains very low.

Police advice is that you should record the serial numbers of all valuable tools and machinery and ideally mark items permanently with your post-code, or perhaps safeguard them using 'smart water' products. Several recovered items have been returned to their owners recently as a result of such actions having been taken.

The other key message from Dorset Police is always to report crimes or suspicions to them, not least as it allows them to build

up a pattern of information and to allocate resources in accordance with need. Dial 999 if you think a crime is in progress or 101 for less urgent reporting. Nick's message was, "You know your area and what goes on here. Just call us if something doesn't sit right. We'd rather hear than not. Public reporting is an essential part of modern policing and keeping everyone safe."

The Homewatch has been working proactively with the police and others recently on the safety of local beauty spot car parks. Happily there have been no recent reported incidents at these, so maybe our actions are having a positive effect but vehicles left at these sites will always remain a typical target for thieves and you should always lock up and never leave valuables in them.

There have been some convictions recently for poaching and driving on growing crops

but that particular problem continues. Local farmers are in close contact with the police about it. If you see suspicious vehicles careering across fields, especially at night, then please report it.

Homewatch volunteers continue to carry out delivery of The Downsman. It's a great way for us to get round our patch and for you to know who we are. But please don't think that crime prevention is all down to us and to the police. We are all 'in it together', so please do your bit in terms of securing your property and reporting anything suspicious. Thank you.

Charles Nodder

Cards

Whist

Following the first whist drive of the year, David Brine maintains his lead in the 2016-2017 competition but only be the slenderest advantage - a single point separating him from second place Olive Meaden, their aggregate scores being 1161 and 1160 points respectively. Returning the highest score, however, was Stuart Haskell and his 172 lifted him from 9th to 5th overall and closing in on Sylvia Morrison and Peter Braithwaite. Attendance at the drives continues to decline; even the Christmas meeting failed to attract more than nine tables. However, it pleases me to report that top overall went to one of our stalwart players over many years, namely

Bill Peach.

Bridge

After many years of bridge at the sports' pavilion [where exciting changes are in the offing] the venue for the Tuesday afternoon meetings is now the Parish Office. For our inaugural meeting on the 10th of January, three tables were in play and many successful games were bid - and made.

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Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am

(Crossroads Café)

1st & 3rd Thursday (each month) 3.00pm – 4.15pm.

This is a community led initiative following the withdrawal of the mobile library service in December. With the support of the Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council it aims to provide access to reading material using a simple exchange of books. One in – One out.

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2. Will anyone be adversely affected by the gift? (i.e. inequality between the children).
3. What if he retains any benefit from the gift once made? If there is a benefit, the Revenue may seek to tax it as part of his estate for inheritance tax purposes, if certain conditions are not met.

4. Should he consider taking out a policy to cover any inheritance tax which may be payable on a lifetime gift if he dies within 7 years of making the gift? This assumes the gift is over £325,000, the current nil rate band.
5. Will the Local Authority look into the gift if he needs to go into a care/nursing home (avoidance of fees)?
6. If he made a Will or has yet to make a Will, he needs to consider including a provision for any lifetime gifts made to be brought into account before his estate is distributed (the legal Hotchpot clause) between his son and daughter to preserve equality between them.

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Book Review

1944, January; across the near Continent the iron grip of winter prevails. On New Years day, elements of the Red Army cross into Poland while in Italy landings at Anzio are imminent and fierce fighting at Monte Casino will soon be joined as the allied armies continue their slow progress northwards in the face of determined German resistance. In England the 'D-Day' planners wrestle with a myriad of problems facing them for the impending invasion of Europe. On the other side of the globe American marines prepare for battle in the Marshall Islands and in Burma preparations are well under way for operations in the Arakan against the Imperial Japanese army. General Slim's Fourteenth Army is often referred to as the 'forgotten army' and though no campaign is ever truly forgotten, the campaign in Burma has attracted less by way of the written word than operations in the West. It is, therefore, with pleasure that I draw attention to the historian James Holland's recent book 'Burma '44' and his vivid description of a battle fought with great savagery in February 1944. Known as the Battle of the Admin Box it proved to be a pivotal action in the war in Burma where until those fifteen days of fighting the Japanese armies had seemed invincible as they pushed towards the 'Jewel in the Crown', India. What was remarkable about this footnote of military history was that the full impact of engagement fell upon what the author describes as 'ragtag collection of clerks, drivers, doctors and muleteers, a few dogged Yorkshiremen and a handful of tank crews'. The conditions in which this battle was fought beggars belief; the Arakan, like so much of Burma, was thick with jungle and paddy fields spread across most areas of open land. Roads were little more than tracks hacked out of an unforgiving landscape and nature was a challenge itself; copious quantities of monsoon rain fell for most of the year and this mixed with high temperatures and humidity resulted in sickness on a Crimean scale. The narrative of 'Burma '44' makes compelling reading for the author makes full use of what he describes as a cast list of some of the players in this action which resulted in turning Burma's tide of war in

favour of the Allies.

My next recommendations are for two books that should grace the shelves of all who have an interest in Royal Air Force history; 'The Flying Camels - The History of No 45 Sqn, RAF' is best described as a 'labour of love' for its author, Wing Commander 'Jeff' Jefford served as navigator on No 45 Squadron when it was attached to the Far East Air Force and equipped with Canberras. A huge book in every respect; five hundred and thirty-six pages in length, including appendices, it traces '45's history from the Great War to the present day where it plays a training role at Cranwell. A plethora of photographs [many appearing in published form for the first time] appear on practically every page, while maps chart the travels of one of the air force's premier squadrons and the appendices should satisfy all with an inquisitive mind for statistics. Over many years Air-Britain [Historians] has gained a reputation for publishing aviation books of a very high standard and one of their latest productions maintains this standard to the full. Titled 'Truculent Tribes Turbulent Skies - The RAF in the Near and Middle East 1919-1939' its author, Vic Flintham, tells a story of historical importance for it was a period when parsimonious governments of all shades kept military spending to a minimum and as a result the air force for long stretches of time had to 'make do and mend' as their squadrons policed the Empire in aircraft that were obsolete and to use a modern idiom 'not fit for purpose'. The photo content is brilliant;

numerous shots of aircraft of the era flying in formation, while more than a few show the results of forced-landings, the majority brought about by unreliable engines, but with a note appended to some indicating a rebuild would be put in hand. A large selection of well drawn maps are of considerable benefit and, unlike the majority of books of this ilk, a degree or two of the lighter side of service life appears in the first appendix which deals with Service life in the Middle East where for the majority of airmen an overseas posting meant five years away from family and friends back in England.

'Burma '44' published by Bantam Press at 20 pounds.

'The Flying Camels' published privately by Wing Commander Jefford; available through Amazon - prices vary.

'Truculent Tribes Turbulent Skies' published by Air-Britain [Historians] at 52 pounds and 50 pence.

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International

Early November (2016), and we were five up heading towards Cowes. Our special guests were a couple on holiday from Vancouver, Canada. He, is Dutch, and she, is English. They met many years ago when travelling through Canada. Initially living near The Great Lakes, and later moved to Vancouver, their C&C 33 is moored on Eagle Island.

Sailing Vancouver Sound has many differing challenges from the Solent; interesting tidal flows through passages between the islands may be with you on one side of the island, but against on the other side - close attention needs to be paid to the tidal atlas, other hazards include logs that have broken free from log rafts and being waterlogged can float vertically in the water with only a small part showing. Caring yachtsmen, and fishermen, will nail a small flag or other material to bring this hazard to the attention of others. (for more on sailing Vancouver Sound ... 'Passage to Juneau' Jonathan Raban)

I now have an offer to sail on a C&C 33 if I am ever in Vancouver, so would look forward to that.

Jiggin' in the Riggins'

When the rigging on your yacht is over 10 years old, insurance companies get a bit twitchy, and would like to see it replaced, quite an expensive bit of maintenance. The problem is that whilst the stainless steel wire (or rod if you are a racing yacht) is quite strong and long lived, the terminals are generally where the problems arise, either corrosion in the swaged connections, or stress due to lack of articulation, and of course there may have been some impact damage.

So, the Sweden 390 at 10 years old, and her neighbour, another Sweden 390 and 18 years old, decided it was time to rerig! Quotes were sought along the lines of, two identical yachts, same time, how much? Whilst not 'bogof' a deal was struck. The preparation included removing sails, boom, running rigging, electrics, (and remembering how it would all go back together again), It all went very well, and we have lovely new rigging.

Bunkside Reading

'So Old a Ship' - Twilight of the Arab Dhow - Marion Kaplan. In 1970s National Geographic assigned Marion to do a story on Arab Dhows, this was published in 1974 in The Magazine. Marion sailed from Kuwait to Dubai, on 'Aziz', a small dhow, 70' on deck and 94 tons (the name means 'dear'). And then from Dubai to Salalah, Oman, to Lamu and Mombasa, Kenya, to Rufiji River, Tanzania, 3,500 miles on 'Mihandust' an ocean going boom, over 100' long, and 170 tons (the name means 'I want my homeland'). Marion started as passenger, and finished as crew. With wonderful evocative photographs, and descriptive prose that draws you in, this is indeed a 'coffee table' book to be enjoyed and displayed.

2017

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February

- Continue to feed the birds
- Clear away winter crops and plants and prepare ground
- Finish winter pruning of fruit trees and bushes
- Sow herbs and cress indoors,
- Force on rhubarb
- Start to sow chillies and tomatoes in a propagator.

Ensure that you thoroughly check when seeds are to be planted, order and plan the years crops and planting.

March

- Deadhead spring bulbs leaving the foliage
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At around one o'clock in the afternoon of July 9th, 1918, a Tuesday, a young highly decorated scout pilot strapped himself into the cockpit of his SE.5a and, with the engine ticking over nicely, prepared to leave for France. One final check of his instruments satisfied him that all was well and without further ado he gunned the engine and moments later he was climbing away from Hounslow and heading for the Channel. His destination was the airfield at Boffles where he was to take up an appointment as commanding officer of No 60 Squadron. His first stop, however, was at Hesdin in the Pas-de-Calais from where, replenished with fuel, he departed once again for Boffles. At around half past five he sighted what he thought was his destination and anxious to make himself acquainted with his new command, landed. Rolling to a stop, and with his engine idling, he called out to two airmen who approached the SE.5a and informed the pilot that he was not at Boffles but at Auxi-le-Château. Being helpful, they indicated the direction in which he should fly - Boffles being a mere five miles distant to the southeast. Waving his thanks, the pilot turned into wind and was quickly airborne but probably in his haste to complete the journey he started to make a climbing turn before gaining sufficient air speed and as a result stalled at around one foot and spun into a line of trees bordering the airfield. Help was immediately to hand and an unconscious pilot was soon pulled from the wreckage and rushed to a nearby Casualty Clearing Station where, sadly, he succumbed to his injuries as the light of a summer day turned to the early shades of night. So passed into the lore of history Major James Thomas Byford McCudden VC DSO and Bar MC and Bar MM and Croix de Guerre [France]. At the time of his death James McCudden was an 'ace' in every sense of the word with a total of fifty seven aerial victories between 6 September 1916 and 26 February 1918. It would be pedantic to say that McCudden should be omitted from my history on the grounds that his victories were achieved prior to the formation of the Royal Air Force for the period between early March 1918

when he left No 56 Squadron and his return to France in July, he was much engaged in passing on his vast knowledge of aerial fighting to the pupils of No 1 School of Aerial Fighting, first at Ayr and later at Turnberry in Scotland. For his family, James's death was a terrible blow for only a few months before news had reached them that his younger brother, Anthony, himself a scout pilot flying SE.5as on the Western Front with No 84 Squadron had been shot down and killed in combat and it is further noted that an elder brother, William, died in a flying accident in the spring of 1915.

Between the death of Anthony McCudden and his much honoured brother died the best known air ace of all time; twenty-five year old Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen known the world over as the 'Red Baron'. The precise identity of the claimant for his death on the 21st of April 1918 over the département of the Somme at Morlancourt Ridge near the village of Vaux-sur-Somme east of Amiens has occupied the minds of war historians for many years. What is not in dispute is that he sustained a mortal wound as he pursued at low level a No 209 Squadron Camel flown by Canadian born Lieutenant Wilfred May. The plight of Wilfred May, a relative novice, had been spotted by a fellow Canadian, Captain Roy Brown who dived steeply to attack the triplane, reporting later that he had to pull up steeply to avoid flying into the ground. By this time Manfred was extremely low and was over an area held by Australian infantry who immediately engaged the fast-flying Fokker Dr.1 and it was at this point that Manfred was hit, the bullet entering below his right armpit and causing massive internal damage to his chest. With his life ebbing away he executed a forced-landing in a field close to where the Australians had seconds before been pouring round after round in his direction. Immediately, there was a rush to see if the pilot was alive and it seems Manfred was conscious when lifted from the cockpit. Some say his last word was 'kaput' and so died the 'Red Baron' with eighty combat victories scored between the 17th of September 1916 and the 20th of April 1918, on which day he

shot down two Sopwith Camels from No 3 Squadron, his final victim surviving to become a prisoner of war.

What made the likes of von Richthofen, McCudden and many others to become 'aces'? There is no clear answer except to say that more than a slice of good fortune was necessary for any scout pilot to survive in the skies over the Western Front, but those that did formulated the basic requirements necessary to survive in aerial combat. This was a time when the expression 'beware of the Hun in the sun' entered the vocabulary for alertness at all times was the byword for all scout pilots. Failure to adhere to this frequently resulted in an all too early death. Those that remembered these basic rules and emerged unscathed from their first encounters with the enemy were on that precarious path that might lead to them receiving the accolade 'ace'. In turn, aided through the media, they became household names. In Germany such was the fame of Manfred von Richthofen that as his score continued to mount the authorities wished to have him 'grounded' for should he be killed the effect on the country's morale would, in their eyes, be most detrimental. Already Manfred had survived one very close call when on the 6th of July 1917, with fifty-seven combat victories behind him he attacked a formation of FE.2ds from No 20 Squadron. In the mêlée that followed his Albatros D.V was hit by return fire from one of the FEs flown by Captain Donald Cunnell, fragments from the exploding bullets wounded Manfred in the head. Momentarily he lost consciousness but regaining his senses and in great pain managed to force-land near Wervicq in the département of Nord; he was down in 'friendly' territory.

With Manfred's death coming at a time when the war along the Western Front appeared stalled, other well known names helped to soften Germany's national grief. To name but two, Ernst Udet was well on the way to his eventual total of sixty-two victories and Manfred's brother, Lothar Freiherr von Richthofen was progressing towards his eventual score of forty. In France the public embraced the names of

Captain René Fonck and the handsome dashing figure of Georges Guynemer. In England, however, it was a very different story; true, the exploits of William Robinson and Albert Ball, both holders of the Victoria Cross had received national acclaim but the British characteristics of reserve and understatement prevailed and it was only within the services that names such as the late James McCudden et al were remembered. This was the background to the final Great War award of the nation's highest honour made to an airman, the late Major Edward Mannock. Born in England of Irish parentage, Edward Mannock's rise to fame was accomplished against a background of poverty for with four children to care for Edward's father, a corporal in the regular army, deserted his wife and children. A more than sickly child [Edward was practically blind in his left eye caused by a condition known as severe astigmatism] now found himself at the tender age of thirteen having to help to provide for the family income. Employed by the National Telephone Company, Edward left England in January 1914 to take up a post with the company in Turkey and it was here in the November that he was interned as a consequence of Britain and France declaring war on Turkey. Already of poor health, internment in a Turkish jail reduced his state of any well being even further and it was with much relief that through the intervention of the American Consular Agent that Edward was repatriated, arriving home on the 1st of April 1915. With a burning desire to play his part in the fight against Germany, he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, rising rapidly to the rank of sergeant major whereupon he transferred to the Royal Engineers and thence to

a commission as a temporary second lieutenant. As soon as his commission had been promulgated, Edward applied, successfully, to transfer to the Royal Flying Corps. With his training completed, he was posted to France where in early April 1917, he was attached to No 40 Squadron at Aire then equipped with the diminutive Nieuport Scout. Following an indifferent start during which he survived a crash and a forced-landing he blossomed as a scout pilot and from May onward his tally of victories steadily increased, recognition coming with the award of a Military Cross and First Bar. Towards the end 1917, and now promoted captain, Mannock was 'rested' from operations but returned to the fray early in 1918, first with No 74 Squadron [with '74' he gained a Distinguished Service Order and First Bar] before taking command of No 85 Squadron recently commanded by another 'ace' of the time, Canadian born Major William 'Billy' Bishop VC whose eventual total of seventy-two confirmed claims was the highest for either a British or Commonwealth pilot. Major Mannock was to run him a very close second; between the 7th and 25th of July, Edward destroyed around a dozen enemy aircraft. Then, as dawn broke on the 26th he took off with a young New Zealand pilot, Donald C Inglis. As the pair walked out to their SE.5as Mannock instructed Inglis to "stick to my tail" an order that he obeyed faithfully to the end, an end which came when Edward Mannock broke his own rule of aerial fighting; never follow your victim down which in this case was a reconnaissance two-seater. Both pilots had fired lethal bursts into the enemy machine which went down streaming flames to crash at Lestrem, but instead of

resuming their patrol Donald Inglis saw his commanding officer dive towards a line of enemy trenches. As Mannock's SE.5a dropped lower and lower Inglis, mindful of his orders, set off in pursuit. Alerted to the presence of the two aircraft bearing down on their position, the enemy infantry opened up with all the fire power at their disposal and to his concern Donald Inglis witnessed a bright flame break out from the cowl of his leader's aircraft which banked gently to the right before going into a left hand turn and crash. On impact the SE.5a burst into flames and as he flew over the blazing remains so his aircraft was hit repeatedly but with 'lady luck' on his side he managed to regain the safety of the Allied lines and report the horror he had just witnessed. Subsequently, German sources recorded that Major Mannock's remains were buried 'at a point 300 metres northwest of La Pierre-au-Beure, in the vicinity of Pacaut, east of Lillers.' This was never officially confirmed and no body was ever recovered; consequently, Edward Mannock is commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial.

Next instalment: Citations for Major Edward Mannock's awards.
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what the new one will bring? We all have
our memories and to some we'll always
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prayer for strife to cease, then we can live
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(I wonder how many people read the
Downsman each time? A lot of time, effort
and thought go into the production of each
magazine. So, thanks to the production
team. Happy New Year.

Thanks Rob :-)

Sometimes it's the little things
That brighten up the day
A "Hello" from a neighbour
Or seeing clouds fade away
The sunshine in the morning
Or the brightest star at night
Can cheer and lift your spirits
And make everything seem right.

Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves
For we shall never cease to be amused.

So often at this time of year
Spirits are low, there's little cheer
Freezing days with frost and snow
Constant rain and cold winds blow
Then, like magic amid the gloom
Some snowdrops appear in full bloom
A cheery sight that does amaze
Brightening up dark winter days.

The days are drawing out again
Though we still feel winter's bite
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Buds bursting, a cheery sight
Welcome signs that do convey
That brighter days are with us
And Spring not so far away.



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The one good thing about cold days and
frosty mornings. Everything sparkles like
diamonds.

You're worn and weary, feeling down
But do not be depressed
Just force a smile and lose that frown
Arise and onwards press.

"Your Life it lies before you
Like a path of drifting snow
Be careful how you tread it,
For every step will show"

Snow Fall on The Ground

Gardens are looking drab and bare
With winter's grip still everywhere
So how uplifting to suddenly spy
Some snowdrops blooming up nearby
Bringing a touch of spring our way
A cheering sight on a cold winter's day

A man went to the doctor and said "Doctor,
doctor I feel like an egg". The doctor said
"That's the best yolk I've heard today"

What's the best piece of advice you've been
given? Don't think about it just do it.
A woman notices her husband standing

on the bathroom scales and sucking in his
stomach

"That won't help" she says

"Sure it will" he replies

"It's the only way I can see the scales"

My doctor took one look at my body and
refused to believe I work out; so I listed the
exercises I do daily:

Jump to conclusions

Drag my heels

Push my luck

Make mountains out of molehills

Run around in circles

And put my foot in my mouth!

I'm exhausted trying to do the last one, I
think I had too much Christmas pud.

Winter's not all dreary

It has its beauty too

Frost sparkling in the sunlight

The first snowdrop peeping through

Snowflakes softy falling

Gently carpeting the ground

Rosy – cheeked children playing

In this wonderland they've found.

A shop was selling a wooden thing that you
put your arms and head into. The sign said:
"Buy Now Whilst Stocks Last"

What has to be broken to be used?

An egg.

And what can you keep if you give it away?
A Promise

What's the most popular sentence in
school?

I don't know

What should you do if you don't feel well?
Take off your gloves.

What's the definition of a sick joke?
One you shouldn't bring up in polite
conversation.

Rob

What's On

Date	Function	Page
Mon	Happy Nappy : Village Hall 10:00 - 11:30 Weekly in Term Time	
Mon	WI Meetings : Village Hall : 2nd Monday of Month	
Mon	Pilates : Village Hall 4:30pm	
Mon	Scouts : Scout Hut 19:00-21:00 : Term Time	
Tue	Bridge : Parish Office	
Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12	
Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly	
Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time	

Day	Club or Group
Thu	Yoga : Village Hall Term Time : 9:30
Thu	Downsman Business Group : bi-monthly : 9:30 - 10:30
Thu	Mothers' Union : 2nd Thursday in the Month 14:45
Thu	Teddy Bears Drop-in : Church 10:30 - 12:00 Weekly in Term Time
Thu	6D Handley Tennis Club Rusty Raquets 6:30-7:30
Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month
Fri	6D For All - Youth Club : 6D Village Hall 03.02.2017, 03.03.2017, 17.03.2017, 31.03.2017 7:30pm
Sun	St Mary's Church 9:30 Traditional & Informal services 18:00 Evensong Alternating weeks St Rumbold's 11:15 Gussage St 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.

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

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