



The Downsmen

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

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

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

Stormy September...

I was hoping to repaint the front door when the children went back to school - but so far the stormy weather means it is still looking as scruffy as it was at the end of the holidays... thankfully many things haven't been put off by the showers and we have had some great days out this September including the 60th Anniversary celebrations for 1st Woodcutts which you can see on the cover and read about on page 17. It was great to see our Beavers on the front page of the Blackmore Vale Magazine last week and I am looking forward to some lovely evenings out with them this term visiting Garston Woods and Badger's Pumpkin Farm at Minchington. If you would like to give time to our lovely Scout group, do contact them using the details opposite.



So what do we have this issue? We have quite a few new advertisers from Financial Services, to tutors and dog walker - so please take a look. An update from Dorset POPP who now cater for all adults - so see if they can help you - page 7. Congratulations to Sixpenny Handley WI who won their skittles tournament in the summer - page 18.

There seems to be lots of village news too - from the removal of Saturday busses, being replaced with a trial NORDCAT service, to the closure of our Post Office and what services are now locally available - both on page 8. Rob is holding a Car Boot Sale this year for the Village Hall, so see what treasures you may need to be clearing out or may need to go and find!

And then look... St Mary's Church are having their Christmas Fayre on 25th November and Hanlega's are taking bookings for Christmas meals - I was going to say "already", but speaking to people at the school gate, plenty of you are already well ahead of me with the plans and shopping for Christmas - ah well, something else to catch up on - but can we have some sunny weather first so I can get my door looking nice before the Christmas wreath goes on it?!

Late in: East Dorset's Trial Scheme - The East Dorset Energy Switch uses the collective buying power of customers to get energy companies to compete to win customers by offering them the lowest gas and electricity prices. When you register for the East Dorset Energy Switch you are joining up with people across the country who want to reduce their bills. Find out more and register (by 9th Oct) www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/energy-switch or 01202 795 096 - more details can be seen in the Parish Office too!

Naomi Booth

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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

Robert (1832-1909) &

Jane (Ellis) Brine (1847-1906)

My family for many generations were Dorset Farmers dating back to the 15th. century and included my Cousin several times removed, James Brine, the Tolpuddle Martyr, however I am trying to piece together the details of the last farming years 1885 to 1909..

Robert (1832-1909) & Jane (Ellis) Brine (1847-1906) married in 1864 and farmed at North Farm, Gussage St Michael until 1885 when they moved to the Tollard Royal, Farnham or Minchington areas of Dorset.

I would appreciate it if any local people may have any details including dates and addresses that could close the gaps in my family tree.

*Many thanks
Michael Brine*

Julia Waddon's 20 Year Memorial

12 Noon

7th October

St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley

With refreshments and reminiscing at the Cashmoor Inn from 1pm
Please address any enquiries to
mari.waddon@hotmail.co.uk

Help for Heroes Big Battlefield Bike Ride

I would like to thank everybody who kindly sponsored me for the cycling challenge. I was part of a group who joined a friend, Matthew Purchase, who sustained a head injury 10 years ago whilst on a gap year in New Zealand. Ten years on he wanted to celebrate the progress he had made so undertook this challenge.

We travelled to Lille in France, and over the next 5 days cycled 350 miles through Belgium to Arnham in the Netherlands. We joined ex servicemen and fellow fundraisers and heard very moving tales from guys who had lost limbs or suffered from PTSD. The 7 of us in our team raised a total of over £20,000 to support our injured and wounded servicemen.

Thank you all for your support

David Chick

Events and crises

Events and crises hopefully come only in threes.

One - a great big thank you to Paramedics and staff of A&E Odstock for their early diagnosis of Janette's biliary sepsis and successful treatment. We are so fortunate to have the care they provide.

Two - walking away without injury, other than pride, from writing off our car at Tarrant Hinton.

Three - Computer Crash but fortunately after expert attention from within the Downsman Team fault was the adapter/charger so all the valuable information in connection with Advertising of the magazine and more was intact and accessible.

I am grateful for all the offers of help and good wishes expressed for Janette's recovery. Good news all round!

*Yours with thanks
David Salmons*

Public Access Defibrillator

Following an application through the British Heart Foundation for a Department of Health funded defibrillator, Sixpenny Handley was awarded a public access defibrillator, cabinet and training equipment. The Styles family offered an excellent site on the front of their shop giving 24/7 access.

Along with C P R these machines are vital in the case of cardiac arrest until medical assistance can arrive and can greatly improve survival chances in such an event. Although the machine can be used without training by following its instructions, it is highly recommended to have training for C P R and use of the defibrillator.

There will be a free training session held in the scouts building on Tuesday 10th of October starting at 7.30 p.m. Please make every effort to come along as cardiac arrest can happen to any age group without any warning, with training and this machine you may save a loved ones life.



Stella's 80th

My Grandmother Stella Symes, a Sixpenny Handley resident and member of the WI and church, has recently had her 80th birthday. For her party she asked for charity donation instead of birthday gifts. As a result, she has so far raised £715 for Myeloma Uk (www.myeloma.org.uk). My father/her son was diagnosed last year with the disease and has since undergone two stem cell transplants. I am very proud of how well my Nan has coped through all of this and to then go on to raise money for the charity is a brilliant achievement.

Hayley

Bonfire for Firework Spectacular

We are very lucky to have a bonfire at our firework display. Unfortunately last year some members of the public placed some plastics and other inappropriate material on the fire pile. This meant that the volunteers who arrange the display had to spend further time removing this material before the fire could be lit. Can we please ask that no such materials are placed on the pile this year. Failure to follow this could prevent us enjoying a fire in the future.

Rob Easton

Downsman Noticeboard

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

ROB'S CAR BOOT

Saturday 14th October

9am – 12pm

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Car Booters/sellers please arrive from 8am, where you will be assigned a car park space.

Table top sellers – tables available in the hall too in case of wet weather.

Shoppers – please arrive from 9am, parking on the rec.



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

Dates

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

STROKES

Peer Support Group
 (Run by Stroke Survivors for Stroke Survivors)

Town Farm Workshops
 We meet the First Monday in the Month at 10.30 am

TRACIE PALMER & Timi Kohalmi
 Stroke Co-ordinators
 01202 636752
 dorset@stroke.org.uk
 See more on page 27

Julia Waddon's 20 Year

Memorial

12 Noon

7th October

St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley

With refreshments and reminiscing at the Cashmoor Inn from 1pm

Please address any enquiries to mari.waddon@hotmail.co.uk



Sixpenny Handley FIREWORK SPECTACULA

4th Nov

Tickets from shops

CHURCH FARM CAMPSITE
Children's Display 6:30pm
Main Display 7:30pm



Parish Library

Opening Times:

Tuesdays

10.00am - 12.00 am

Friday

8.30am - 10.00am

Wednesday

10.30am – 11.45am

(Crossroads Café)

Thursdays - 1st & 3rd of month

5th of October

19th of October

2nd of November

16th of November

Crossroads Cafe

Wednesdays

10:30am - 12noon

Parish Office

Town Farm Workshops

All Welcome

Chase Community Friends

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 40

NOT TO BE MISSED

"If you could imagine the love child of Bill Bailey and Victoria Wood that would be Polly Morris."

Polly Morris Band

A Dorset Based Comic Folk Band

Sat 7th October

St Mary's Church
Christmas Fayre
 25th November

Keep your eyes open for posters with more details.



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

During August and September the Parish Council held four meetings to discuss a variety of topics on behalf of the local community. Members also attended meetings with Dorset County Council to discuss the 20 Bus Service and also with officers from Dorset County Council Highways regarding parking issues and highway safety concerns around the village. By January 2018, the Parish Council has to submit its Precept Demand to East Dorset Council for 2018-2019. Over the forthcoming months, members will discuss the budget and agree what the demand will be to cover the Council's responsibilities and liabilities. Members are pleased to support the valuable service provided by the East Dorset Citizens' Advice Bureau in Wimborne with a donation of £250.00. The minutes of the Parish Council meetings can be viewed on the parish council website www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk where you will find details of all the actions and topics currently under discussion. If you have any queries or would like to discuss a matter with members, we hold a public open session prior to our meetings where members of the public can raise items for consideration. Alternatively you are welcome to call into the Parish Office Tuesdays 10am-12pm.

Report a Road Collision online

Members of the public can now report crashes using an online form to help Dorset Highways collect valuable information about incidents on our roads. The Report a collision form is available on dorsetforyou.gov.uk and works in the same way as the 'report a road problem' form. Road traffic collision data is validated and provided to DCC by Dorset Police. This data includes collisions that result in personal injury. Although this provides DCC with valuable information it doesn't give the complete picture of the incidents on Dorset's roads. Crashes reported using this new form will feed into the formal collision site investigation programme, and could inform future works if the site is found to be in need of improvement. Although an individual report may not necessarily result in immediate action, it will ensure that

DCC are better informed than in the past. Please note, if you're reporting a collision that has resulted in damage and requires immediate attention, such as debris on or obstruction to the highway and/or damage to street furniture, then this must still be reported on 01305 221020. This will ensure immediate action can be taken to rectify the problem.

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

Opening Hours:

10.00am – 12 noon Tue,

7.00pm – 7.30pm Thu

8.30am – 10.00am Fr

For Parish Council

information visit:

www.sixpennyhandleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

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

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Dorset POPP – an update

FREE local project funding and FREE help for individuals!

Since the Downsman last reported on Dorset POPP – and at that time “POPP” stood for “Partnership for Older People Programme” – there have been several advantageous changes to the service. You may remember that the Dorset POPP was set up to improve the lives of the over-50's in the county, jointly funded by the County Council and NHS Dorset, and working in partnership with other statutory bodies and charities to deliver this aim. The current provider of this service is the Dorset-based organisation “Help and Care” (www.helpandcare.org.uk).

The programme has two main operations: the Champions and the Wayfinders.

Champions: Each part of Dorset has been allocated a “Champion”, a person who will challenge existing services if they need improvement, who will champion new services and facilities if they are required, and who will reflect the views of especially older people on all consultative programmes throughout the county. If you or your community have a bright idea to improve the lives of people in your community but need “seed-funding” to get it off the ground, then POPP is here to help. To date, POPP has funded local lunch clubs, art and craft classes, social clubs, toenail cutting services for those who find it difficult to do it for themselves, good neighbour self-help schemes, table tennis clubs, dial-a-ride services, IT clubs and instruction, memory cafes, music therapy ... and the list goes on! Of course, there are rules that have to be complied with, but if you have a local project that requires funding to get it off the ground, this is for you. The number for getting started is at the end of this article.

Wayfinders: Each town or group of villages throughout Dorset has had allocated a POPP “Wayfinder” – a person 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: “Is my pension money correct?” or “Where can I get a gardener/plumber/handyman who won’t overcharge me?” or “How do I go about making a will?” or “I’m caring for my elderly mother and it’s just getting too much for me - what can I do?” or “How can I afford transport to the hospital” or “Where can I learn to use a computer without looking silly?” or “Can I get a telephone with big numbers on it, because I can’t see too well” or “I just need someone to talk to...” ...you will have gathered by now that while Wayfinders are not necessarily individual experts on any individual subject, they ARE experts 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.

Huge Success Story: Dorset POPP is a complex and ambitious project which is now the envy of many other counties and regions of the UK. Its vision is to build supportive communities to enable people to remain living in their own homes for as long as they wish by developing responsive, appropriate services and activities at a localized level. As an additional benefit, cost-savings 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 a reduction in the need for health care and other services. As a result of POPP’s work, older people especially report that they are more socially integrated in their communities, feel safer and more secure, feel more free from discrimination, are generally better off, can themselves contribute to their communities, and have greater dignity and control throughout their lives. If anything has been a win/win situation, this is it!

So:

What have been these “advantageous changes”?

Well, when the 2 year contract was renegotiated last year, the success of POPP was recognized by the award (after tender) of a new 5 year contract. This has never happened before. Also, as a part of the renegotiation, it was decided not to have a 50 year old lower age limit – so now the service is available to any adult!

Your “One telephone number does it all” POPP Wayfinder for the area is Alan Pearce, and he will be pleased to receive a telephone call from you on 07971 338381. He will either give you the information you need on the spot, 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. It is all free, confidential and impartial.

Wayfinders’ Central Number at Help and Care (for any care related subject) is 01202 946111.



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Saturday Buses

We are all very disappointed by the County Council's decision to stop a Saturday service for the 20 Service. However there is some positive news, a new community service that is free to bus pass holders and available to everyone else for the appropriate fare.

See the next column for details - it will only survive if it's used. Passengers have to book to use the service.

'Steve Butler and Deborah Croney have been working with Parish Councillors within their County Divisions to see if there is demand for a Saturday bus service to Salisbury following the withdrawal of this DCC subsidised service. Representatives of Pimperne, the Tarrant; Gunville, Hinton, Launceston and Monkton, and Sixpenny Handley met with Helen Read from NORDCAT to consider the possibility of running a trial Saturday Community bus service.

If demand exceeds supply and the bus is full, do please let me know.

Colin Taylor

Nordcat Saturday Bus

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

A Saturday bus service is being trialled for 8 weeks from the 12th August. This is a bookable Saturday mini bus service between Blandford Forum and Salisbury collecting from all the Villages along the route diverting off the main road only for people have booked. You can only use this service if you have booked in advance!

In order to book a seat on this bus please contact: Nordcat booking telephone number 01258 473154. The very nice lady on the end of the phone will need you to supply the following information: Name, address, phone number of passengers and whether or not they hold a bus pass.

There is a £5 per year annual membership payable to NORDCAT and this can be collected on your first journey. Please help spread the word and tell your friends and neighbours.

The trial is being financed by Dorset County Council.

If it isn't much used then the service will cease.

More Saturday Buses

"Would you believe it!" our County Council and the Bus Operator in their deliberations last year, of how to make changes for budgetary reasons, didn't consider the communities affected should be consulted. It appears that the service wasn't financially viable although there is evidence that this is not the case from research carried out by our Parish Council. A standard fee of £2.50 is likely to be implemented for Bus Pass holders for journeys undertaken throughout Dorset before 9.30. This we believe was not even considered which is disappointing but may be considered in future deliberations. Amazing, really amazing, that it should be thought that such withdrawal would not have a detrimental effect on rural life. A meeting of representatives of affected communities (between Blandford and Handley) met at Cashmoor to address the problem and the outcome was a NORDCAT 'book a seat' service for a trial period of 8 weeks - full details in the magazine. This is NOT the answer but does provide a 'un-timetabled service' ideal for shopping but not for keeping appointments (hospital, as more Saturday procedures are now undertaken) and connections to travel further (rail and bus).

The NORDCAT service is working but unfortunately when you read this the trial period will have only ONE week to run. Publicity opportunity was lost due to our publishing cycle of bi-monthly issues but hopefully the trial period can be extended. We all depend on cars to maintain our independence but one day we will lose that independence and become dependent on a joined up integrated travel service. We will battle on to try and achieve connectivity six days a week with the rest of the UK. Please use the services provided that you may not need now but could probably in the future.

David Salmons





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- Open Saturday: A great opportunity for adult members to meet other players every Saturday for a practice session and play matches starting at 12.00 (weather permitting).
- Members of Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club can apply for British Tennis Membership for free.
- Junior tennis coaching sessions available during school term times, please contact Roni Peck Tel: 07747842700.

Contact Kyla Scougall P: 01725 552437 E: seankyla@btinternet.com	Membership Contact Steph Chick P: 01725 552557 E: david@davidchick.co.uk
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Village Postal Services

Our Post Office closed on 14 August which has meant changes have had to be made to our personal Postal needs especially to those who are not IT (Computer) savvy and who depended on the services previously available through Post Office Counters and Royal Mail in the High Street. All Post Office Counters business has ceased in Handley but are now available in Cranborne, the hours of business are:-

CRANBORNE STORES AND POST OFFICE

1 The Square, Cranborne, Wimborne BH21
5PR

Monday* - Friday 6am – 6pm

Saturday 6am – 5pm

Sunday 8.30am – 1pm

*Closed on Bank Holidays

Tel: 01725 517210

Royal Mail delivery is to remain unchanged except that undelivered items will now be available for collection at Cranborne, rather than in Salisbury, as was feared, a 25 miles round trip. A note to the Postie of another delivery point, where an elderly neighbour is always in and who might welcome the opportunity to help is a suggested alternative. It could be an opportunity to offer a lift to Cranborne, to collect pensions, pay rent or other transactions. The extended hours of business make it possible to help each other out.

David Salmons

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Cranborne Chase Countryside Centre

Volunteering and Environmental Activities Survey

Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership is looking into the long desired potential to create a Countryside Centre in the middle of the AONB in the Tisbury /A30 area.

It is proposed to be a base for volunteering activity, linked with local rural projects and accredited training courses, primarily in countryside management related skills, informal countryside skills and traditional crafts courses. Additionally it would be home to an information and interpretation centre for visitors to the AONB and local residents, with a flexible meeting space for groups to use.

We are looking to better understand how the proposed Countryside Centre may be used by people living, working and volunteering within and around the AONB. This will help us tailor the services we hope to provide – so if you could please take a few minutes responding to our survey at <https://tinyurl.com/y8oayjyx>, or see the news section on our website at www.ccwwdaonb.org.uk. It would be very helpful, thank-you for your participation.

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Taste the Chase food fair cancelled

CRANBORNE Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) has been forced to cancel its food and drink fair, Taste The Chase, scheduled to have taken place at The Nadder Centre on Thursday 5 October.

“We are extremely disappointed that we have had to call time on this year’s Taste the Chase,” said AONB director Linda Nunn. “The concept of bringing together all the amazing food and drink producers within our beautiful region is an inspired one. Every one of the producers who had signed up to bring their wonderful food or drink to the Nadder Centre in October make and sell high quality products that we would have been proud to have at our exhibition. Sadly, the cancellation is due to unforeseen circumstances, but we hope to return with our popular fair at some point in the near future.”

Bowls Club

We are fast approaching the end of our outdoor season. Although we only finished mid table in the league all members old and new enjoyed the experience. During the summer we contributed to the Big Session by encouraging non bowlers to come and experience the game and those that did had a good time as did those who enjoyed a glass of Pimms! We were able to boost club funds by again running the ever popular afternoon tea and cake session at Wimborne St Giles village hall, while this years charity The Salisbury Hospice benefitted by a very creditable donation of £662 raised at our annual Presidents Day. We are now looking forward to the indoor short mat bowls season in the village hall. Our more hardy members will also brave the elements and continue playing outdoors on our all weather green. We may only be a small club but there is always something going on for people to enjoy. So why don’t you come and join us. Bowls is a good sport for all ages and abilities.

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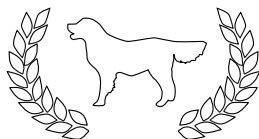
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Totally Locally.....Two years on!

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I can't believe it's been over two years since I wrote my first "Totally Locally" column! During that time I've seen lots of changes within my own business, met so many lovely local business owners and seen the growth of our local business networking group "The Downsman Business Support Group".

Two years ago I was only just starting out on my new venture "Ten & Six". At that time, I was designing and making quirky headwear, selling my creations online and at local craft markets. I've now branched out to a broader range of goodies (vintage-style bags and purses and some fun jewellery) and am venturing further afield to sell my wares. This year I've sold at Kirstie Allsopp's Handmade Fair, The Vintage Nostalgia Festival, The New Forest Show and, closer to home, The Great Dorset Steam Fair! I've also invested in a little van called "Bertie", who you may see driving through the village on his way to an event, to the post office to post online orders or to deliver Ten & Six goodies to my local stockists...I can't believe how much has changed in such a short space of time!

Locally and further afield I've met some fantastic small business owners, some of whom have been running their businesses for many years and others (like me) who are just starting out. Almost without exception, the people I've met have been open in sharing their experience across a wealth of subjects, all of which have helped me to grow my business and have the courage to take that next step.

At a local level, I'm involved with the "Downsman Business Support Group", a local networking group which meets in Handley every couple of months. If you run a small business locally, I'd really encourage you to come along - the word "networking" usually has me running for the hills, but this is a friendly and welcoming group, I promise! Two years on, the group is growing from strength to strength. In the early days, I remember 4

of us sitting around a table discussing how we could get more people interested. Now we get a dozen or so attendees at every meeting, a great result!

As for this Totally Locally column, well I'd love to continue featuring local businesses here for as long as there are businesses who want to be featured. So, if you run a small business in The Downsman catchment area, and would like to be featured in this free (yes free!) column please email me at tenandsix@yahoo.co.uk.

Thanks for reading...

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If you run a business locally, please join us for our next meeting on Thursday 9th November 9.30am - 10.30am at The Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley

For further information:

Phone: Catherine 07895 913546 or Sarah 07852 324112

Email: downsmanbsg@gmail.com

Facebook: "Downsman Business Support Group". or just turn up on the day!

If you can't join us in November, we'll be meeting again in 2018....look out for dates in The Downsman and on our Facebook page.

Owls of Dorset and their Habitat

Dorset Wildlife Trust

Paul Sturgess was once a farmer, but since then, his love of rambling in the Dorset countryside has led to a career in wildlife photography – strictly using film, not digital cameras.

His camera bag contains a couple of cameras, several focal lenses, a macro lens, tripod and other kit that most 'point and shoot' photographers can only dream of. Equally important in his daily routine is his diary, where he details locations he's travelled to and his thoughts on what season might be the best time to re-visit.

He's often up before the birds, taking a 3am start in his stride in order to capture the perfect light and ambience for his subjects. Studying weather forecasts and tide tables ensures he is seldom 'caught out'. Paul has huge respect for our Dorset countryside, never trespassing on private land or disturbing wildlife, but despite all the meticulous planning and research that

goes into his work he admits that 'lady luck' sometimes plays a part in providing that 'perfect shot'.

Paul Sturgess will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Owls of Dorset and their Habitats' at Fontmell Magna Village Hall (SP7 0PF) on Wednesday, 18th October at 7.30pm. Entry is still just a £2 donation (to help defray our expenses) and includes coffee/tea and biscuits (sometimes cake!). There is no charge for children under 16 years.



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On Friday, 21st July, five Sixpenny Handley members went to a Group skittles evening at Melbury Abbas. The weather was damp and dreary and our team, which included two complete novices, did not have great expectations of a good result. Six teams were competing at to our amazement and delight Sixpenny Handley one and are now the proud holders of the group skittles trophy.

The August meeting was an informal cream tea, kindly hosted by Jan Gibb at her home. The delicious Cones were baked and served by a president of the Carter and a very pleasant afternoon ensued. Money was raised for the Dorset and Somerset Air ambulance.



The meeting on 11th September was well attended and all present were fascinated by the informative talk by Mr. Fred Swift, the Wiltshire the keeper who described the life and work of the bee - and his residence. Various honey related items were on display and also available to purchase. The flower of the month competition was won jointly by Liz Coombs and Teresa Marshallsay.

On Thursday, 14th of September nine Sixpenny Handley members joined other Dorset Federation members for a horse drawn boat trip. We travelled to Kintbury in Berkshire, where we boarded the "Kennett Valley" a traditional rose and castle style barge; powered solely by horse power, a Welsh cobb named Monty, who was much admired and photographed. He did not seem to mind the frequent heavy showers. We all enjoyed the 3-hour trip, which included the ploughman's lunch, interesting flora and fauna along the way, and the peace and tranquillity of the Kennet and Avon Canal.

If reminder that the book club and crafts and flower groups have Almer resumed after the summer break.

Forthcoming events

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| 9 Oct | Mrs Luzia Berkeley
"The Healing Power of Tumeric" |
| 19 Oct | DFWI Annual Meeting
The Lighthouse Poole |
| 26 Oct | Beacon Group Autumn Meeting
Shroton Village Hall 7pm |
| 13 Nov | Mrs Daphne Atkinson
"The Ghosts of Hostels and Inns
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Rob's Auction may be taking a break this year but Rob is still here and brings us his Car Boot Sale! There is no entry fee per car (donations to village hall, please give generously), teas, coffees and Julie's Bacon Butties available too. A great chance to get rid of all those unwanted items and nab some bargains!

As always here are the dates for your diary.

Saturday 7th October - Polly Morris Band

@ Sixpenny Sessions @ 7.30pm

Dorset Based Comic Folk Band. If you could imagine the love child of Bill Bailey and Victoria Wood that would be Polly Morris. Her observational comedy songs about such things as supermarket shopping or the perils of e-mail, are songs that you can instantly identify with - not to be missed! Tickets from Styles Mini Market, The Penny Tap or Eventbrite - search Sixpenny Sessions.

Saturday 14th October - Rob's CAR

BOOT!! 9am - 12pm

The Village Hall hosts Rob's Car Boot Sale. Start gathering your items now; this event is in place of Rob's Auction which is taking a rest. Please support the great event by bringing your car down.



Car Booters/sellers please arrive from 8am, where you will be assigned a car park space.

Table top sellers - tables available in the hall too in case of wet weather.

Shoppers - please arrive from 9am, parking on the rec.

This replaces our main fundraiser this year so please give generously to our donation buckets!

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Thursday 26th October - SHACKLETON - children's theatre by Tall Tree Theatre

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Mr Middle has created a predictable life of routine for himself and his loyal dog, Shackleton. Together they enjoy simple walks and evenings in, but Shackleton longs for more adventure. One day the garden gate is left ajar... Star of the show is Shackleton a life sized wood and metal puppet dog who enthral audiences young and old. The show is pacy, moving and often unexpected.

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Village Hall 100 Club

July 2017

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2nd	£15	23	Mrs. J. Day
3rd	£10	91	Mrs. Smith

August 2017

1st	£25	9	Mrs. Rhodes
2nd	£15	143	Mrs. Napier
3rd	£10	107	Mr. Jermyn

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



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Polly Morris Band

A Dorset Based Comic Folk Band

Sat 7th October

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The seasons change and the days get shorter but nothing really changes at the café. This is really reassuring as we all need a bit of constancy in our lives. Our regulars are happy to meet for a cuppa and a chat and we hope from time to time have the opportunity to meet new 'customers' which socially is what it is all about. Sometimes it is a question of being able to get there which for some is rather difficult. Ways and means have to be explored to make it possible for them to enjoy different company.

The two matters that have had an airing since last time are the loss of the Post Office on 14 August and the loss of the Saturday Bus service with the introduction for a trial period of 8 weeks of a Community Bus. More details of these two changes are to be found elsewhere in the magazine.

As advertised we are open from 1030 to Midday every Wednesday when you can add to the buzz of conversation and we look forward to welcoming you.

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Thursday 7 to 9pm
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60th anniversary celebrations

On Saturday 8th, 1st Woodcutts Scouts marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of the group with a special day of celebrations. The event began with a parade through the village of Sixpenny Handley, followed by a well-attended church service at St. Mary's Church where John Curtis, who founded the group as a 13 year old boy and is still regularly involved, spoke very movingly about how proud he is of the group's growth and achievements, and how it still plays such a central role in the local community.

As well as the young people of the various sections, the service was also attended by the group's leaders and ASU (Adult Support Unit) members, many local parents, friends and former members of the group along with County Commissioner Brendan Booth, County Secretary Carol Head, and Derek Burk Chairman East Dorset DC and Chairman East Dorset Scouts.

One of the many highlights of the service was the unveiling of a new badge to mark the anniversary, a commission based on the designs of two of the talented young people in the group.

After the service, proceedings headed for a picnic at the 1st Woodcutts HQ, which opened 5 years ago after a £250,000 project made possible by generous local donations, gifts and fundraising. At that moment, torrential rain decided to arrive, but that didn't keep the young people away from the inflatables and games hired for the occasion! Fortunately it brightened up later and everyone present enjoyed

the rest of the afternoon, culminating in a traditional camp fire and sing song.

Rob Easton, scout leader since 2001 said, 'Woodcutts are truly a unique group, to have the same person leading the group 60 years after he founded it with his 5 friends. It was great for the young people who enjoy the fun and friendship of Scouting at Woodcutts now, to meet the founding members of the group and many people who have made the group such a success over the last 6 decades.'

The group has gone from strength to strength over the years, now having a a Beaver colony with 30 beavers, a Cub pack with 24 cubs, and 40 Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Adding in the many adults who give their time so generously to lead or assist in so many ways, there are over a 100 members. 1st Woodcutts has welcomed both boys and girls since 2001 and is now fairly evenly mixed. Recent summer camps have taken the group as far as Scotland and Cornwall, and they have every intention to carry on helping the young people involved experience the fun and adventure of the scouting movement for the next 60 years and beyond!

Sixpenny Handley Firework Spectacular

This year the annual Sixpenny Handley Firework display will celebrate 15 years of entertaining the crowds and raising funds for Woodcutts and other good causes. The first display was in 2003, with just £350 of fireworks and a handful of volunteers from the Scout group. With Badger setting off the rockets at the back and Skip Skip (Rob Easton) lighting the fireworks at the front, it

is fair to say they were very much learning as they went. The display has now grown into one with well over £5000 of fireworks and a team of 8 setting them off, plus a quieter child's display earlier in the evening.

The night is only possible because of the 70 volunteers who give their time to set up, run and clear down the numerous attractions and activities. Some of these volunteers have given their time every year, notably Rob Jesse, Neil Bowes and Akela (Andy Young) who welcome guests on the main gate. The generous support from local businesses also ensures the displays can happen - and of course Steve and Leigh for allowing the use of the field at Church Farm. Over the years the teams at C&B Styles, Clarke the Butchers and Handley Post Office have sold 1000s of tickets for the event. This means villagers are able to buy discounted tickets before the night and help raise funds for the evening.

What makes the display special is that it is truly local. The meat for the bbq is from Clarkes, cider from Billy at Cranborne Chase Cider, the fantastic sweets made by the congregation of St Mary Church, omni-glow products sold by the friends of Sixpenny Handley First School and of course there is Neesies milled cider that has been enjoyed every year.

As you would expect, the display will be even bigger and brighter this year and will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Woodcutts Scout Group. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing the 'oooohhs' and 'ahhhhs'.

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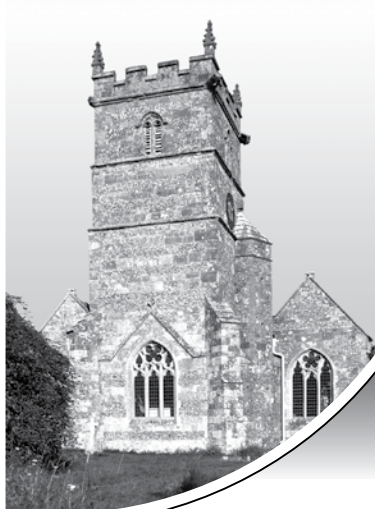
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Rural church growth at the heart of latest funding for dioceses

The Strategic Investment Board, on behalf of the Archbishops' Council, has awarded £10.5 million to eight dioceses to support major growth and change projects. This is the fifth tranche of Strategic Development Funding which has so far provided £34.6 million to dioceses as part of Renewal and Reform. The eight dioceses that will receive grants are Coventry, Guildford, Hereford, London, St Albans, Salisbury, Southwell and Nottingham and Truro.

Speaking about a grant of £1.27 million for rural ministry and mission, the Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam, said: "I am delighted Salisbury has received such strong support. On an average Sunday 40% of those worshipping in the Church of England do so in a rural setting. Rural church has a different dynamic to suburban and urban contexts. Small groups of regular worshippers keep the heartbeat of prayer and worship alive for the whole community. It is communal religion. The needs and care of large rural multi-parish benefices need particular care. We are delighted that Salisbury is developing as a centre of excellence in which rural ministry and mission is developed and encouraged with imagination and flair."

Director of Renewal and Reform, Mike Eastwood, said: "Renewal and Reform is about a growing church in and for all people and in and for all places. The hope that each of these projects gives for a positive future for mission and ministry at the local level is inspiring. The seeds of Renewal and Reform are now beginning to grow across the country as plans become reality."

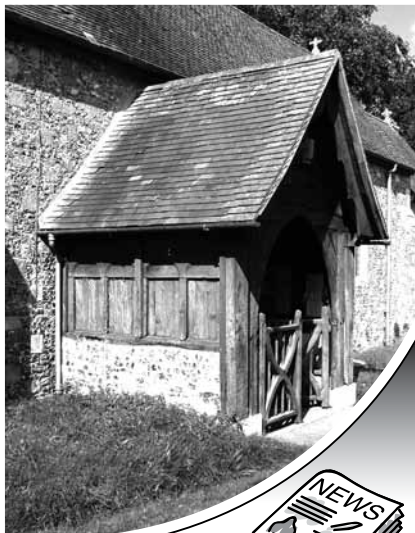
Extract from Church of England website – search "Rural church growth".

Come to Church this weekend

Here are twelve reasons I am inviting you to church this weekend;

1. It will help you define what you believe.
2. You may get some of life's big questions answered.
3. You will probably make some new friends and see some old friends.
4. It will help you understand the Bible.
5. If you have children, it will teach them good stuff.
6. People who attend church usually live longer (not made up, google it!)
7. It will give you an outlet for helping others.
8. You'll sing inspirational songs (even if you can't sing).
9. You'll receive love from other people.
10. You'll be able to show love towards other people.
11. You'll hear about the great things God is doing locally and in the world.
12. You really haven't anything better to do (watching TV or sleeping-in don't count as better things!)

Why not come to church this weekend? You'd be crazy to do anything else. We will have another dozen reasons next month.



**News items
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Thanks!



Remembrance Day



The red poppy is worn by millions of people every year. The British Legion reminds us what the red poppy is, and, very importantly, what it is not. It is not a symbol of death, or a sign of political support for war. It is not any reflection or support of political or religious beliefs. Nor is it red to reflect the colour of blood. No, poppies are red because that is their natural colour, and they are used because they are the first thing to grow and flower when land is disturbed. Poppies are worn by millions of people coming together, as a symbol of remembrance.

Service details on page 4.

Posada



On the first Sunday in December we will again be sending Mary and Joseph off on their journey around our villages as they begin their travels to Bethlehem. Yes, Christmas is coming! Come along on to St Mary's at 9.30 and St Rumbold's at 11.15 to wave them goodbye – and make sure they come to your house on the way!

Dear friends...

Your friend and vicar, Mel

My favourite sweets are Jelly Babies. They were first produced after the First World War, when they were called "Peace Babies". Each colour represented the flag of a country that fought – a symbol of all the different nations of the world coming together in peace.

When the Second World War started, the production of "Peace Babies" stopped. After the War, a man decided to buy the factory where "Peace Babies" were made. This man was a Christian, and he wanted to do something special. And he turned 'Peace Babies' into what we now know as 'Jelly Babies'. In doing so he did something just a little bit secret. He doesn't own the company any more, and it only works with Bassett's Jelly Babies, but the different Jelly Babies still tell us something about the wonderful love of Jesus Christ

The **green** Jelly Baby is crying, which represents God's sadness. He is sad that People don't know him, and when we hurt him and do wrong things.

The **black** Jelly Baby has a heart shape on his chest, which represents the dark sin in our lives. Even when we do bad things, God still loves us.

The **red** one has a 'B' on his tummy, which represents the blood as Jesus died on the cross, to show how much he loves us and to show the way to heaven.

The **pink** one is a baby, as when we become a Christian we become a "child of God" (we become "born again"). We can start again with all the excitement of a child learning about the world.

The **yellow** Jelly Baby is wearing a necklace, which represents the riches of Heaven. Knowing Jesus is the most precious, the most special thing you will ever do. And finally, the **orange** Jelly Baby is

wearing a bum bag, which tells us that we need to be prepared – be prepared to help others and be ready for Jesus coming again. We know from reading the Bible that the story is not finished yet!

You might remember last Christmas at the Christingle Service, we told the Christmas story through bars of chocolate. Now we have the whole Christian message told through Jelly Babies! We explore faith every week, in lots of different ways – please do come along and celebrate love with us. You can always expect a warm welcome! There is usually tea and coffee and biscuits afterwards (and sometimes Jelly Babies). After all, the best families eat together. And the Jelly Babies make one big family!

Planning Ahead

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





May my heart rejoice in your love, O Lord.
Let me live each day anew.

Freedom

Lord God I thank you for the gift of freedom.
Help me to use this gift with integrity.
I am free to make choices.
Help me to choose to follow you,
to live in a Christian way by caring for others.
Remind me to consider always
those less fortunate than myself,
the oppressed, the prisoner,
those who are not free to worship in public.
Guide me always to seek your holy will
in all the events of my life.

Consciousness

Where do I sense hope, encouragement,
and growth areas in my life?
By looking back over the last few months,
I may be able to see which activities
and occasions have produced rich fruit.
If I do notice such areas, I will determine
to give those areas both time and space in the future.

Trust

Jesus, you always welcomed little children
when you walked on this earth.
Teach me to have a childlike trust in you.
To live in the knowledge that you will never abandon me.

Conclusion

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.

THE BIBLE – be surprised!

Which command in the Bible is repeated most often?

You might imagine the most common command in the Bible is something rather stern; *Behave yourself! Say your prayers! Worship God better! Give more money to the Church!*

But you would be wrong. It is the command *do not be afraid*. It is said to be in the Bible 365 times (I admit I haven't actually counted). One for every day of the year!

There is always plenty in the world to be afraid of, and yet Jesus says, *don't be*. And to beat fear altogether, the Bible tells us one of Jesus' most striking promises about the detailed love and care of God; that it reaches *to every single hair on our heads*. (Matthew 10:30).

You may have thought we shouldn't pray about trivial things: You may have felt silly praying for something like a parking space in town, or good weather on holiday. I certainly know I have. Of course, there *are* far more important things to pray for, and we must make sure we pray for those things as well. But if God really takes notice of every single hair on our heads, that means that, just as nothing is too big for him to do, nothing is too small for him either. We can rest assured that God knows and cares about all the details of our lives, just as he also knows and cares about sparrows, the most humble of birds. (Matthew 10:29).

But that doesn't mean life will be easy. We are always going to come up against problems. It is how the world is. And remember that in many parts of the world it can still be dangerous to be a Christian. I have said before that there were more people killed for being Christian in the 20th Century than in the previous 19 centuries put together.

Yet God cares about every hair on our heads – and that means that we are challenged to live up to that love. God expects us to make a difference – to make the world a better place. And there is something each one of us can do, because even the smallest of actions changes the world completely. It might be a kind word, a letter, a visit or a purchase or donation. It is easy to forget this, and we all need to learn this again and again, every day. Today, this week, you can be as Christ to someone, and together we can make the world better.

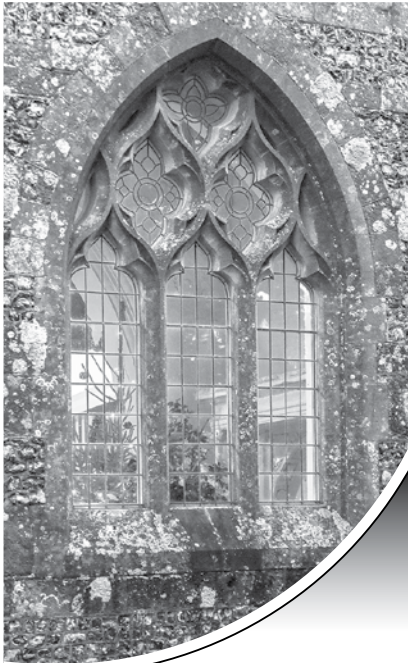
Support your local church

The church is a presence and a place, offering time and space for celebration and mourning, song and quietness. It is your church. Remember that we get no funding from the government – if we want to have a church in our communities we have to do something about it ourselves.

In fact, having a church is a bargain! It costs only about £5 an hour to keep St Mary's open. Please think about paying for an hour or two. After all, this is only the price of a coffee and cake in town, yet you won't put on weight and it will last much longer!

Please think about setting up a standing order to support the church at the heart of our community.

If you shop online, you can raise money at no cost to you by shopping through the website **easfundraising.org.uk**. After all, what we do with our money says everything about who we are. As we start to think about Christmas, let's remember that our God is a giving God. He gives us life and his giving is renewed daily. In giving to others we have the opportunity to reflect something of God's nature.



✦ Bible Study Group

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

Details from Mike on 01725 552 720.

Come and meet friends

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

T Teddy Bears

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

☕ **Men's Group** – A beer and a chat to finish off the month at 7.30pm. Details from David Lockyer (552 492).

✿ **Mothers' Union** – Tea, company and a good talk, usually every second Thursday of the month, from 2.30pm. Details from Mary (552 041).

SUNDAY SERVICES	St Mary's Sixpenny Handley		St Rumbold's Pentridge	Gussage St Andrew
	9.30am	6.00pm	11.15am	9.30am
Oct 1 st	HC	Evensong	Harvest	#
Oct 8 th	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
Oct 15 th	HC	Evensong	MP	#
Oct 22 nd	Informal	Evensong	#	MP
Oct 29 th	Informal, HC	All Souls	HC	#
Nov 5 th	HC	Evensong	HC	#
Nov 12 th	Remembrance	Evensong	Remembrance	#
Nov 19 th	HC	Evensong	MP	#
Nov 26 th	Informal	Evensong	#	HC

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

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

Harvest

You may just still be in time to celebrate Harvest – at *St Andrew's* on Sunday 24th September at 6pm, and at *Pentridge* on Sunday 1st October at 11.15am. All of them are followed by bread, cheese and cider refreshments – do come and celebrate the wonderful world around us, and stay for something to eat afterwards!

All Souls Service

You are invited to come along to St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley at 6pm on Sunday 29th October for this gentle service as we pray together and remember before God those we love but see no longer. There will be a chance to have names of loved ones read out and to light a candle as we pray together. There will be coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Remembrance Services

This year we come together to remember those who have suffered in war and conflict at our services at the War Memorial in Sixpenny Handley on Saturday 11th November at 11.00 am and in St Mary's and St Rumbold's on Remembrance Sunday 12th November. Please join us from 10.50 am.

October

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November

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Amount to be financed	£18,754.85
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Interest Rate (Fixed)	0.0%
Excess mileage charge	6p per mile



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Customer deposit	£0.00
Amount to be financed	£20,290.00
Duration of agreement	42 months
Optional final payment	£7,727.50
Total amount payable	£23,184.72
Representative APR*	2.9%
Interest Rate (Fixed)	2.82%
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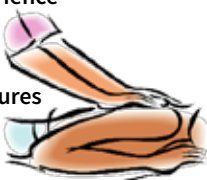
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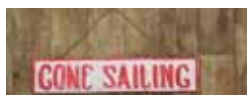
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Monday	10:15	HIIT	Broadchalke Sports Hall
Monday	13:45	Pilates	Broadchalke Sports Hall
Monday	16:30	Pilates	Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Monday	19:00	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Tuesday	09:15	Pilates	Coombe Bissett Village Hall
Tuesday	14:00	Pilates	Radnor Hall
Tuesday	18:00	Fitness Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Tuesday	19:00	Pilates	Britford Memorial Hall
Wednesday	09:30	Better Backs	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	18:00	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:00	HIIT	Bishopstone Village Hall
Wednesday	19:30	Pilates	Bishopstone Village Hall
Friday	09:15	Fitness Pilates	Broadchalke Sports Hall
Friday	11:00	Pilates	Bowerchalke Village Hall

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St Vaast??

Much looking at changeable weather forecasts, but the Wednesday night briefing at LTSC, said 'good to go'. Before 06:00 next morning we were through Hurst narrows and into Christchurch Bay via North Channel, and thinking two reefs should be about right, when VHF ch 77 burst into life, 'forecast is F6 - F7, I am emptying the fridge and going home for breakfast', thus spoke our commodore, who does have a pessimistic outlook on forecasts, soon of course others followed, and the cruise was cancelled. Four yachts went to Portsmouth to view our latest Aircraft Carrier, two went to Poole, others gave up, one carried on to St Vaast (out of range of all the doom and gloom), and one had sensibly sailed yesterday! That left two of us, the Sweden 390, and a Dufour 34 in the bay, bit of a debate, and we decided to make for Weymouth, the rationale being that with a SW wind, we could always turn around.

And it was with 20kn true on the nose (with an apparent wind much stronger), that we made towards Weymouth. A very hard sail with quite large seas, we tacked out heading about due south, tacked back into Swanage Bay, tacked out again to avoid the reefs, tacked back and cleared St Albans Head by about four miles. But still very lumpy with breaking seas on the overfalls. Once clear we could ease sheets a little and lay a course for Weymouth. Noting the hazards of unmarked pot buoys in 28m of water, why?

Approaching Weymouth harbour, we dropped sail and motored in, only to find it full, so turned and made for Portland Marina (home of the Olympics), found a berth on visitors pontoon and moored up. Phew! 10 hours and 61 miles, the other yacht arrived three hours after us, having encountered adverse tide for the last hours. The next day, being my Birthday, we caught open top bus 501 to Portland Bill, climbed up the lighthouse (155 steps) and got the badge to prove it! (did you know, you could catch the bus, well three actually, from Sixpenny Handley to Portland Bill?)

Gone Sailing

Returned on Saturday, still 20kn true, but now on the quarter, and with full Genoa only, a fast and comfortable sail back to Lymington, 6 hours and 56 miles.

On the return there were almost non stop distress calls, on ch16, Maydays, Pan Pans, and other calls for assistance. Man Overboard (subsequently recovered), lost steering, gone aground, one was amusing and called the coastguard to say 'we are lost' coastguard tried to coax out of them, where they had last been, could they see anything, and so on, in the end they kept broadcasting on ch16 and the lifeboat used radio direction finding to locate them (this shows that you do need to have competence even in a motor boat). 'I can drive a car, so I can drive a motor boat' ... no you cannot!

Next Generation of Sailors

We had my previous regular skipper and his grandson (11), on board recently, courtesy of the Sweden 390 skipper, we enjoyed a sail to Hengistbury Head and anchored in poor holding off the beach, for lunch. Needed two of us, grandson & me to raise the anchor, as it was festooned with kelp, and needed turning to stow in the bow roller, he operated the remote control for the winch. Later he stopped his grandfather falling over board. And when 'Big Blue' the huge cruising chute was deployed on the return, it was 'wow'! So we think he enjoyed himself, and was a useful hand to have aboard.

Media

A couple of films worth a mention: 'Captain Phillips' the true story of a US Merchant Captain, and his encounter with Somali Pirates. An interesting insight into Somali pressures (the Mr Big), and what precautions merchant shipping can take. The amount of assets that the US will deploy to aid their own is amazing - would UK do the same for us I wonder?

'All is Lost' Robert Redford stars as the single handed yachtsman whose yacht is holed by a container (these float just below the surface and are a real hazard to yachts and small craft). Set in about 1980s, this follows his attempts at survival. It is



Big Lizzie sighted

sobering to remember that at that time, there was no; GPS, AIS, Sat phones, EPIRBs (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons), and all the other aids to safety that we take for granted.

Carry On Sailing

As you know LTSC sails all year, so let us hope the Autumn/Winter is kinder than some of the Summer storms. LTSC always welcomes new members, find out more at www.ltsc.co.uk.

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Springhead Trust celebrates the ash tree before its likely demise

THE beautiful ash tree, which has proved so vital to human society down the ages, could soon disappear from the British Isles altogether due to Chalara, ash dieback disease. Large swathes of ash trees have already been decimated in the east of the country. Before the south west suffers the same fate, Fontmell Magna-based Springhead Trust, the rural centre for creative and sustainable living, is running a six-day celebration of the ash in Dorset and Wiltshire, including on Cranborne Chase AONB. It will be the only conference of its kind in the UK this year.

The Springhead AshScape Project, organised in collaboration with Cranborne AONB and the Ancient Tree Forum, is being partly funded through the AONB's Sustainable Development Fund.

The project will run between 10-15 October 2017. It commences with an ash themed photographic and art exhibition (Tuesday

10 October), with a two-day conference taking place on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 October. Speakers will include Rob Wolton, chair of the Devon Ash Dieback Forum, Tim Rowlands from Future Forest, who will discuss the Defra-funded Living Ash Project, and the Springhead Trust's director Edward Parker, who will discuss ash tree uses and myths through history.

The proceedings conclude with three unique musical processional events (Sunday 15 October) and the chance to don headphones and listen to the internal workings of a live ash tree.

Additionally, there will be a field trip to view ash trees at Lyscombe and Highdon SSSI in Dorset AONB and the opportunity to take part in an innovative tree recording project using a single iPhone in Cranborne Chase AONB. This project will carry on after the events at Springhead and will involve local schools and groups.

"During our celebration we will be looking at what will replace the ash tree and what choices we have when managing ash woodlands, among myriad other things. It's a complex picture, which is why we need to come together to discuss what will happen," said Edward Parker, an authority on trees who has also written several books. "The human race's relationship with the ash goes back at least to Ancient Greece and its uses in transport, farming and medicine are well documented. We want to take a very close look at this tree before it's too late."

For more information on the Springhead AshScape Project, see <http://www.springheadtrust.org.uk>.



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New anti-moneylaundering requirements affecting trusts and estate administration

HMRC has launched its "trusts register" for trustees and personal representatives of complex probate matters.

Trustees and personal representatives now have a single point of online access to comply with their new registration and reporting obligations. All trusts and estates with a tax liability must be registered and provide information about the trust assets and the identities of settlors, other trustees, beneficiaries, those with effective control over the trust and anyone identified in a document or instrument relating to the trust.

On an annual basis, the trustees will now have to ensure and confirm that the trust register is accurate and up to date, even where trusts were registered under the old system (Forms 41G). The registration deadline for new trusts has been extended to December 2017 and the registration deadline for existing trusts falls early in 2018.

This provision may affect you if you are involved with sorting out someone's affairs after they have died, or if you are a trustee of a trust of any kind.

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So where did the summer go. One minute the children are on holiday then in a blink of an eye they are back to school, the mornings are darker as are the evenings, and the nearer we have got to 31 January 2018, the deadline for filing your Tax Return for the year ended 5 April 2017 and advising the Tax Credit office of your actual income for 2016/17.

If you are finding the year is running away and do not have time to prepare your Return, then give us a call!

As I am sure you are all aware I have in the past editions of The Downsman been advising of digitalisation. Just a quick recap; this is for everyone, each individual over the age of 16 will have a digital account with HMRC. It is very interesting! From this you can amend your own notice of coding if you are an employee, update the information for your tax credit application and check to ensure you have made sufficient National Insurance Contributions to be entitled to receive the full State Pension. As legislation stands at the moment, to receive the full state pension, you will need to make 35 years of full contributions.

On the subject of National Insurance Contributions – have you ever been self-employed? Do you think you have missed a year or two? If so, now is the chance to potentially pay any arrears. The maximum is 10 years that you can go back. This will need to be done BEFORE 31 March 2018 as from April 2018, Class 2 National Insurance Contributions will be abolished and therefore to “top” up your contribution history you will need to pay Class 3 voluntary contributions.

How do I find your Personal Tax Account? If you go on to HMRC website (www.hmrc.gov.uk), scroll down to find “your personal tax account” and follow the instructions.

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- Whether the bank pays you the reward gross or net of tax
- Whether the reward is taxable income

So...

- If the reward takes the form of interest, it is savings income and will be paid gross of income tax
- If the reward takes the form of a "cash" reward, for say depositing a certain amount per month, this is NOT savings income but is probably an annual payment. Banks must deduct tax at 20% before paying you the cash reward.
- If the reward takes the form of a cash reward and there is a fee for the account, the reward does not meet the conditions for an annual payment. It is still taxable. Banks do not have to deduct tax before paying you the cash reward.

2. Legal entity identifiers (LEI)

Entities engaging in financial transactions from 3 January 2018 will need a new identification code as part of enhanced global transparency measures.

A LEI is a 20 digit alpha-numeric code which allows entities involved in financial transactions to be identified.

The term legal entity includes all companies, charities and trusts but usually excludes individuals. However, guidance on the application of the rules to partnerships or personal representatives acting for an estate is unclear. If this is relevant to you, please contact your broker for further advice.

3. Trust Online Service to register a new or existing trust

Are you a Trustee of a Trust? If so, you will need to register the Trust with the Trusts Online Service to pay income tax and capital gains tax.

For new trusts are required to do this by

5 October of the tax year after the trust is set up or when it starts to make income or chargeable gains, if this is later.

The information you will be asked to give are:

- The trust name
- The Trustees (person who looks after the assets of the Trust)
- The Settlor (person who puts the assets in the Trust)
- The Beneficiaries (person who may receive an entitlement in the Trust)
- Other people with influence or involvement in the trust
- Assets settled into the trust
- The tax years the trust needs to declare liability to income tax or capital gains tax

For Trusts that are in existence the above information will need to be provided to HMRC before 31 January 2018. If you need assistance with this, then please either

contact your advisor or we can assist. To register the link is: <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/trusts-forms/form/registration-of-a-trust/new>

If you are self-employed and would like to join the Downsman Business Support Group, then please come along to the next meeting which is held at the Parish Office on 9 November 2017 at 9.30am.

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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Wessex Internet shortlisted for Blackmore Vale Business Awards

Local, superfast Internet provider Wessex Internet are delighted to have been shortlisted for three awards at this year's Blackmore Vale Business Awards; Best Consumer Customer Service, Best Online Engagement and The Green Award. The Blackmore Vale Business Awards rightly puts the counties businesses in the limelight. Every year they discover and celebrate new talent, and share the success of established firms and business people. We all know that Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire are very special place sand a great place to do business – these awards are a great way to shout about it.

Commercialised in September 2012, Wessex Internet is a service provided by M12 Solutions Ltd, a well-established telecoms and connectivity provider founded in 2003, together with the Ranston Estate, established in 1781, that provides and manages the core infrastructure and

network. They entered The BVM Business Awards in 2013 as an exciting new entrant, promising a vision of vastly improved internet connectivity for our district and had massive success winning all three categories entered, including Business Innovation, Best Start up Business and Business of the Year.

For rural areas of The Blackmore Vale and further into Somerset and Wiltshire, Wessex Internet is now serving over 120 village communities, almost 2000 customers with all the family members in those households, as well as the workers in businesses and pupils and staff in the schools they serve, the impact to the area has been truly enormous. They hope this year to show the judges how they have developed as a business and what impact their superfast service has had on the community and the environment.



Can you spot Wessex Internet's equipment on this thatched cottage?

The finalists will undergo more in-depth scrutiny when they are visited by the judges and questioned closely about how they fulfil the judging criteria. The winners will be announced at the George Albert Hotel on Thursday 21st September. For more information about Wessex Internet visit wessexinternet.com or call 0333 240 7997.

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Armistice

An eerie calm settled along the length of the Western Front when at the agreed hour of 11 o'clock on the 11th day of November 1918, the guns fell silent. From behind the positions they had been holding since dawn soldiers from both sides emerged safe in the knowledge that the artillery and machine-guns had been silenced. In many places, particularly in the Ypres salient, they were confronted by a wilderness of shell holes, barbed wire on which thousands of their comrades had died but now rusting as winter took its icy grip, trees shorn of their branches and where little towns and villages had once stood just heaps of blackened rubble, the only marker for where the hustle and bustle of normal life had once thrived. For the airmen of the Royal Air Force an equal sense of relief prevailed. No more dawn to dusk patrols, no more reconnaissance or bombing missions where the threat from the roaming scouts of the feared Jagdstaffeln could descend upon them at any moment for it was during the long aerial offensive twixt 1914 and '18 that the expression "beware of the Hun in the sun" was born.

For those who had survived those dangerous years since a hotchpotch of various aeroplane types first made the hazardous crossing of the English Channel in the late summer of 1914, the present air force had expanded beyond their recognition. In terms of manpower the Royal Air Force, in all theatres of conflict, stood in excess of 27,000 officers and marginally short of 300,000* non-commissioned airmen and airwomen. Operational squadrons, the majority of which were based on the Western Front and in northern Italy, numbered 188 with a further 187 designated as training squadrons, plus a myriad of specialist flights and non-flying units. Four years of war had brought forth a vociferous demand for aeroplanes of all types and the response from the aircraft factories had been magnificent, so much so that when hostilities ceased roughly 3,300 aircraft and 103 airships were in use with thousands more either under construction or being held in storage depots. The Royal

Air Force of November 1918, was rated as the most powerful in the world but in the euphoria that followed the silencing of the guns a savage reduction in scale was put into effect. A year on and the 'Sword of Damocles' had reduced the air force to a shadow of its former self. With hindsight this culling of the air force's strength had been ill thought through and it would take several decades before the Royal Air Force would be able to reclaim its position as one of the leading air forces of the world; tragically, it would once again be against a background of the most destructive war of the 20th Century, a war which ended with towns and cities across Europe, and in many places in the United Kingdom laid almost to waste as a result of aerial bombing.

But, to return that cold winter's day in November 1918. Although the operational burden had been lifted, the Royal Air Force still had commitments to meet. The necessity to maintain a high number of squadrons on what had been the Western Front was over but some would now be required to move in support of the army as it prepared to occupy the Rhineland area of Germany. Under the terms imposed by the Armistice, all German forces in France [including the provinces of Alsace-Lorraine created by Germany in the aftermath of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-'71], Belgium and Luxembourg had fifteen days in which to withdraw to north of the Rhine. Missing from the thousands of dispirited soldiers making the trek home was one Gefreiter Adolf Hitler for he had been temporarily 'blinded' during a British mustard gas attack on 15th October 1918, and it was while undergoing treatment at Pasewalk far away in northeast Germany that he was informed that the war was over. It is reported by some historians that the news so demoralised him that he suffered a second bout of vision loss. This may have been so, but in that hospital bed a seed, slow to germinate, had been sown that would lead to the most catastrophic war the world has ever seen.

As indicated earlier, peace brought a change in commitments for the air force. Several of the corps reconnaissance squadrons moved into airfields in the

Rhineland and although for many the change of scenery would be relatively brief, No 12 Squadron equipped with a mix of Royal Aircraft Factory RE.8* two-seater reconnaissance aircraft and Bristol F.2b fighters would remain in Germany until disbandment at Bickendorf [located in the northwestern suburbs of Cologne] on 27th July 1922. A handful of the DH.9 squadrons were used for communications duties [particularly between London-Paris and Liège] while our military presence in the Middle East and India was boosted with the arrival of additional squadrons surplus to requirements in the United Kingdom and Europe.

With the cessation of hostilities the loss of aircraft and crews to crashes decreased but not entirely and it is noted that on 11th November 1918, two pilots died in flying accidents in the United Kingdom. Second Lieutenant Allan William MacDonald died while giving flying instruction to Flight Cadet E R Spurrier in Avro 504K E330 of No 1 Training Depot Station at Stamford [Flight Cadet Spurrier escaped with serious, but not life threatening injuries]. The second fatality was Second Lieutenant Eric Berkeley Jones of No 5 Training Depot Station at Easton-on-the-Hill [a little over three miles southwest of Stamford] who died when his RE.8 C2624 crashed out of control. Buried in Stamford Cemetery [as was Second Lieutenant MacDonald], Eric Berkeley Jones was a veteran of the Gallipoli campaign and active service in Egypt and Salonika.

Across the Channel at Carvin in the Pas-de-Calais, a Sopwith F.1 Camel E5168 belonging to No 152 Squadron came to grief; the report, filed on Army Form W 3347, held at The National Archives Kew has been kindly forwarded to me by Wing Commander 'Jeff' Jefford. Issued to the squadron on 2nd November 1918, 'E5168' took off on the 11th with Lieutenant L P Wykes at the controls to conduct an engine test and while flying over the airfield at one hundred feet a serious problem developed: '... engine partially failed, revolutions [per minute] falling to about 1,000. Pilot misjudged strength of wind and attempted to land cross wind, machine turning over on to its back.

Damage to machine:- Port & Starboard top planes crashed, port bottom plane crashed. Tail plane and elevator Rudder and fin wrecked. Rear engine bearer displaced. Undercarriage and fittings broken and crashed, stern post bent. Fuselage strained, centre section leading edge broken. Engine not damaged as far as can be ascertained.' Shaken, but otherwise unharmed, Lieutenant Wykes crawled out of the wreckage to be greeted by his anxious colleagues who had rushed to his aid.

* As quoted on page 17 of Chaz Bowyer's RAF Operations 1918-1938 published by William Kimber, 1988. The RE.8 was introduced to service in 1916, and although obsolete by the time of the Armistice, it was July 1919, before No 12 Squadron disposed of their last examples.

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Could ensure they see spring arrive.

Everyone is different
We all can't be the same
Some will live a humble life
And some will rise to fame
People can live life alone
While large families can prevail
Some of us succeed in life
When others sadly fail.

Whatever besets you
And if life lets you down
Your family and friends
Will diminish that frown
They'll help to share your worry
And you'll much better cope
But even more crucially
They'll give you cause to hope.

"One of these day I'm going to . . ."
Is a phrase we sometimes say
But don't put off 'till tomorrow
Why not get cracking today?
There's no time like the present
We don't know what's round the bend
Just go for it and you'll be glad
That you did it in the end.

The golden glow of sunset
Marks the end of a summer's day
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What's On

Date	Club or Group	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	
Tues	Parish Library : Parish Office : 10am - 12pm	
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
	Parish Library 1st & 3rd Thu : Parish Office : 3pm - 4:15pm
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	Parish Library : Parish Office : 8:30am - 10am
Fri	Chase Community Friends Lunch Village Hall : 2nd Friday in the Month
Fri	6D For All - Youth Club : 6D Village Hall Alternating weeks 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

**CHASE
COMMUNITY
FRIENDS**

Invite you to

'Meet and Munch'

11am to 3pm
on 2nd Friday each month
at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
£5 per person

The day includes:

1. Coffee and Tea
2. 3 course freshly cooked meal
3. Quiz
4. Entertainment
5. Transport (if required)



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Volunteers needed to help at the 'Meet and Munch' as well as drivers – to volunteer call 01258 841321