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June 2018

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include flyers**

At it's best...

Well the late spring meant Garston Wood seemed to come to life all at once this year with swathes of bluebells and garlic mixed with glorious dappled sunshine and a smattering of orchids - I hope you got to see it (I haven't ever seen the car park as full except for a Beavers outing to the woods, so I know lots of you must have) - if not one to add to the list for next year!



In fact I think everyone must have been out enjoying the spring weather as many of my regular contributors needed an extra nudge that the deadline for the latest Downsman was upon them! If you would like to receive the deadline reminder email visit thedownsman.org.uk and click on the link to sign up.

Onto this issue - well it looks like another great summer of events locally. Not just our very own Big Session and the great Pentridge Barn Dance & BBQ, but theatre too: A Play a Pie and a Pint in Sixpenny, Frankenstein at Pentridge and Romeo and Juliet at The Larmer Tree Gardens! There are more Artsreach events for the children at the beginning of the summer holidays and an amazing array of charity events in the local villages including Farnham open gardens and music afternoon and Charity Race Night in Bowerchalke.

Just looking through our new advertisers this issue and I thought I'd bring them to your attention. Araxy is starting up a new Thursday evening Yoga session in Sixpenny Village Hall, Jenny Berwyn-Jones is starting a seated exercise class on Tuesday and we have a life coach Adam advertising his services to help boost your performance and confidence in life or at work and help you to deal with issues and challenges. On this well-being bit - I am looking forward to our Downsman Business Support Group meeting as we are going to look into well-being for us self-employed with Lou's Chalke Valley Nordic Walking and Caroline Wilkinson's Yoga - if you would like to join in do get in touch with Catherine or Sarah - details on the Noticeboard (page 5).

And it wouldn't be a finished email from me unless I was asking you to volunteer for something. Thank you to everyone who has started putting their time and energies into the Big Session already - if you'd like to join the Big Session team, selling tickets or helping in the car park - hey you can bring your own stall if you have one! Just get in contact with me, Paul in the shop or Penny.

Thank you and enjoy the English summertime!

Naomi Booth

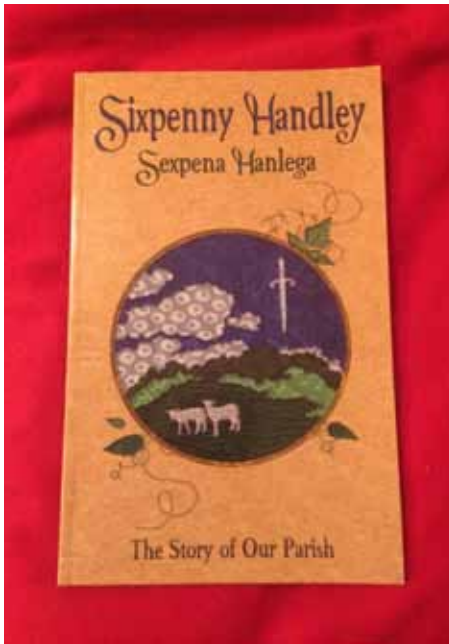
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More about the parish can be found at www.sixpennyhandley.info

To the Editor



Did you know that a book was published in 2010 full of stories and historical facts about the parish?

How much do you know about the goings on in the village in the past, the smugglers, poachers, riots and ghostly rider on horseback? There are records from the school from the 1800's when life must have been really hard. Police records show what sort of punishment you could receive for stealing from the shop or being cruel to a cat. Altogether a fascinating read, you can have your own copy for just £5.00. The full price goes to the Community fund. Sixpenny Handley, the story of our parish. Copies available from the village shop or Hanlega's at Church Farm.

Fly Tipping

I went for a walk from Handley towards Monkton up Wimborne and was greeted by this sight opposite the little car park between A354 and where Ackling Dyke crosses the road. I reported it to the Dorset Waste Partnership.

I am pleased to say that the rubbish has now been cleared. Needless to say that I am sure, not by the person, who was responsible dumping it in the first place.

The Allotments

There are now allotments available at the Common Road site, we have one whole plot and several half plots. For just over £1 a week you can rent your very own allotment garden with loads of room to grow fruit, veg and flowers. For further details contact the secretary Steve Barrett Tel 552121

Chalke Valley History Festival

Sponsored by the Daily Mail, this year's Festival will run from Monday 25th June to Sunday 1st July. The programme, as usual, is extensive with lectures and 'pop up' histories covering a myriad of historic events through the centuries. Hopefully, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster and the B.17 Flying Fortress 'Sally B' will display this year [weekend 30th June - 1st July], but this will depend on serviceability, a criteria that applies to all the aircraft scheduled to appear. So, if you have not booked for a talk or given thought to just attending, now is the time to mark it in your diary. The venue, which affords excellent viewing for all the re-enactments, flying, et al is superb, will be the same as for 2017.

Bill Chorley



Fly tipping between A354 and where Ackling Dyke crosses the road

What's on in Pentridge

19th July 2018

Sisata Open Air Theatre 'Frankenstein'

An open air event taking place on Pentridge Village Green. Bring along a picnic, blankets and cushions as required. There will be a licensed bar and food available to purchase

For more information or to reserve your tickets please email: info@pentridgedorset.co.uk or visit pentridgedorset.co.uk

Pentridge
Village Hall



Farnham Open Gardens

Saturday 23rd June

Sunday 24th June

11am until 5pm

refreshments all day

free parking

Admission £5



6d4all
youth club

**Sixpenny Handley
Youth Club
6D Handley Village Hall
Age 10 - 16 welcome
[facebook.com/6d4all](https://www.facebook.com/6d4all)**

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

Downsman Noticeboard

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

Regular carers meetings

For anyone who is a carer of one of Sixpenny Handley Practice's patients

All meetings are held at Sixpenny Handley Surgery at 3pm, please ring for future dates.

Drop in for a coffee and a chat



7th July
2pm - 10pm
Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground



Charity Race Night

in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (R.A.B.I.)

Thursday
21st June
7.30 p.m.

at Knowle Farm, Bowerchalke By kind permission of the Mann family.

Tickets on sale from 7th May

Please contact Heidi Upton
bubblesupton@googlemail.com
01722 781250

The Downsman Business Support Group

Will be meeting again on Thursday
14th June

Well-being for the self-employed

At the Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley

Catherine Chapman 07895 913546 or
Sarah Taylor 07852 324112
or email downsmanbsg@gmail.com
Next date 13th September



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
3pm - 4.15pm 7th of June
21st of June
5th of July
19th of July

Crossroads Café

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 centre 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

BAROQUE TO THE BEATLES

3 p.m Saturday, 21st July
Holy Trinity Church, Bowerchalke

Tickets on sale now: £12 in advance,
£15 on the door, under 12 FREE.

Book online at
bowerchalke.com



19th July

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Doors Open 7pm
Start 7.30pm
Complimentary mince pies & mulled wine
Great prizes to be won,

Summer Bingo

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



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 (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211

"Well perhaps this should be called Chairman's Corner for this edition of the Downsman. First some news and the reason why I am writing the update on this occasion. Lisa Goodwin who had been our Clerk for eight years decided to retire and left us at the end of April. The Parish Councillors are all sorry to see her go and are extremely grateful for her hard work and dedication which has ensured that the Council has been run effectively, efficiently and in accordance with the rules. At a personal level I have particularly valued her support and guidance to me as Chairman.

Perhaps Lisa's greatest legacy however is that she left behind an Assistant Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Ciona Nicholson. Many of you will know Ciona well as the first point of contact in the Parish Office and, of course, as a mum and a member of the community who gives generously of her time to various village activities. After discussion with her husband, Paul, Ciona agreed to take on additional hours and responsibilities and I am delighted to tell you all that Ciona was appointed as Clerk at the Parish Council meeting at the end of April. So, Ciona, over to you for writing this report in two months time!

By the time you read this Parliament will have approved the orders which will dissolve both the East Dorset District Council and the Dorset County Council to be replaced by the unitary authority, Dorset Council. This will affect the Parish Council in a number of ways including taking on additional responsibilities and possibly taking over some of the assets within the Parish which are currently owned by EDDC. More on Local Government Reorganisation in due course but we are grateful to our District Councillor, Simon Tong, who is working hard to make sure it happens as smoothly and effectively as possible.

The Parish Council will continue to need the support of you all as changes occur and I was both pleased and, to be honest, astonished to see how many of you responded to the recent questionnaire on the future of the village pub. With that sort of community support we can achieve all we need to do. Thank you.

Colin Taylor

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

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

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association



Salisbury: City of Doves

12 May - 22 July 2018

Inspired by Les Colombes, artist Michael Pendry's installation in the Cathedral until 22 July.

Just over two months after the nerve agent attack in Salisbury and with the clean-up operation underway, the Cathedral is hosting a major art installation that carries a message of resilience, peace and hope.

COMMUNITY PROJECT:

#SalisburyCityofDoves

A community project has also been launched that will see shops, homes and schools making paper doves and displaying them in their windows as a simple but powerful symbol of the city's resilience in response to the nerve agent attack.

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk>

#Sixpenny_Rocks



Have you noticed painted rocks around the village and wondered what it was all about?

This latest craze is about making, painting and hiding rocks - then finding them and sharing on social media. Our own local group is found on Facebook #Sixpenny_Rocks.

To join in simply follow the instructions on the page... paint/decoupage or write on a rock and hide it somewhere in the Sixpenny Handley area. Be as creative as you want to be!

Once you have finished your creation, with a permanent marker simply write on the back fb #sixpenny_rocks and don't forget to use a clear varnish over your completed rock or pebble so it's not damaged by the elements...

As the group gets more members, add your name to your rock and you can use the search box on the group page to find your rocks!

If you find a rock - post a picture on this group and either keep the rock, replacing it with another or re-hide it in a location of your choosing.

Don't forget to keep checking the page to see if anyone has found your rocks!

Happy painting and happy hunting - our community rocks!

New Programme Launched to Reduce Dorset's Carbon Footprint



This week saw the launch of Low Carbon Dorset, a new programme of activities which will help boost Dorset's low carbon economy, and reduce its carbon footprint.

Through the programme, Dorset based businesses, public sector and community organisations can now access free support and a fund pot of over £2.15m to help improve their energy efficiency and develop renewable energy projects.

The three year programme, led by Dorset County Council in partnership with Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), is now open for applications and expects to benefit more than 100 organisations across the county.

Cllr Daryl Turner, Cabinet member for the Natural and Built Environment at Dorset County Council said: "This is a great example of Dorset's efforts to build

a 'green' economy, and will enable local businesses, public bodies and community organisations to save money and work together to reduce the county's carbon footprint.

"It will be exciting to see what innovative low carbon projects and approaches this programme will inspire here in Dorset."

Support will be available to organisations and community projects through this European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) backed project in the form of technical advice and grant funding. A series of low carbon community workshops have also been scheduled for the coming months.

Further information about the support available, upcoming workshops, and how to apply can be found on the Low Carbon Dorset website www.lowcarbondorset.org.uk.





Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
01725 552397

cubs

Age 8-10½
Wednesday 6 to 7.30pm
Andy Young (Akela)
01258 830861

This term Beavers have...

...had a fantastic, action-packed time, completing three badges, global, international and experiment, which has included a visit from Fairtrade and learning about endangered species and a recycling project. We have made contact with Kalamunda Joey Scout Group in Australia and have exchanged pen letters.

The Experiment badge has involved experimenting and creating volcanoes, observing magnets extracting the iron content from crushed cheerios, we made sensory bottles with oil and water and a variety of glitter and sparkles. We have also grown beans in a variety of conditions to see what difference it makes.

We have also had an amazing day at Butcher's Coppice with the Scoup Camp; climbing, shelter building, caving, fire making, lantern making, finishing up with a fabulous traditional campfire sing-song as dusk fell.

Next term proves to be very exciting as we begin on Air Badge and Safety badge, finishing with a campfire and barbeque.

Bubbles & Rosebud

Exciting news as Woodcutts Cubs achieve the top badge award in Cub Scouting!!!

Cub Scouts love to work toward Scout badges and we offer a wide range of different ones to choose from. Ranging from such diverse topics as Book reader, Artist, Astronomer and Hobbies through to Backwoods Cooking, Martial Arts, Equestrian and Environmental



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www.firstwoodcutts.org.uk

SCOUTS

Age 10½-14
Monday 7 to 9pm
Rob Easton
01725 552038



Conservation and a whole host of others in between. We also offer 7 Challenge badges – Adventure, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Team Leader, Teamwork and World. Each one of these represents a significant amount of work and commitment during four weekly pack nights and at home!

The ultimate goal for a Cub Scout is to complete all 7 Challenge badges and achieve a minimum of 6 Activity badges to be eligible to receive the Chief Scouts Silver Award.

I'm delighted to be able to report that over the last six months 10 of our young people have now achieved their Silver Award with the latest two having completed last week. A brilliant achievement by all. On behalf of the Woodcutts leadership team I offer my congratulations on a job well done to the following young people -

Rafferty Acton, Miriam Booth, Ned Cook, Dylan Easton, Nataleigh Goulden, Farran Moor, Ben Reach, Peter Swan, Dean Singleton, William Woodvine.

BEAVERS

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

EXPLORERS

Age 14-18
Thursday 7 to 9pm
John Curtis
01725 552397



Now we look forward to the next group who are well on their way.

Akela

Fire Safety Badge

At the beginning of the Spring Term the Cubs and Scouts focussed on achieving the Fire Safety badge. This included making a fire safety plan for their home, understanding what to do in an emergency, fire prevention and fire safety on camp. The final part was a visit to Blandford Fire Station. During the visit the young people were told how the station operates, how an



emergency call is responded to (including the important information the Cubs and Scouts should give if they ever have to call the emergency services), the equipment used and how to become a fire fighter. The highlight for many was a chance to use the hose, which tended to stray towards the Leaders.

REME Training Day

12 Scouts were invited by the Army to visit MOD Lyneham, in Wiltshire. The Scouts were guests of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and spent the day learning various mechanical skills, including changing a tyre on a Land Rover, welding, how an internal combustion engine works and working on a Lynx helicopter! At the end of the day the Scouts were presented the Mechanics Badge by a Colonel of the regiment. They also met Tim Kidd, the UK Chief Commissioner of Scouts, who spoke with the young people about what they get up to at Woodcutts and their favourite activities.



Group Camp 2018

During the first May Bank Holiday, over 50 members of Woodcutts enjoyed a weekend of adventure and challenges at Butchers Coppice, near Poole. Activities included air rifles, archery, caving (in a purpose built converted bus!), crate stacking, climbing, team challenges, tomahawk throwing, fire craft, rocket making and the usual fun and games of being on camp. The Beavers joined the camp on the Sunday and got well and truly stuck in with the activities. The Sunday evening finished with the whole group enjoying songs around the camp fire. The fun and joy of being on camp was best summed up by one of our Beavers, who said 'this is the best day ever and I just don't want it to end'. We will take that as a glowing endorsement of what it means to go camping with Woodcutts. Our thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time to make camp happen, ensuring the activities ran smoothly and all were fed and watered well during the weekend.



Thinking Ahead

The summer term for all sections is a great time to be out and about, practising outdoor skills and enjoying the sunny evenings. The Scouts and Explorers are busy preparing for Summer Camp, a week on Guernsey. This camp is probably the favourite at Woodcutts and we look forward to updating you on our adventures after the Summer.

Rob



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 - 2.00 - 6.00

Take out Service Available



Sixpenny Sessions brings you our family friendly community festival - The BIG Session - on Saturday 7th July at the village cricket ground.

Gates open at 1:30pm and there will be live music from 2pm -10pm, interspersed with some great tunes from our very own DJ Hutch. The fantastic line up includes Sixpenny Handley favourites **Mother Ukers**, **Polly Morris Band** and **Cash Converted** as well as new faces Vanilla Radio and Charlie Woodford.

There will be a full bar provided by The Penny Tap, Pimms will be provided by the Bowls Club, yummy food will be on sale throughout the event, including the Scouts BBQ and pizza, ice creams plus teas & coffees.

As well as outdoor childrens' games and circus skills there will also be a free ukulele workshop and outdoor activities all on the cricket pitch. And you can try your hand at Tennis and Bowls on the day to make the most of our village's great facilities.

So bring a rug and settle in for an amazing day of great music, great food and great local ales and cider. Warm up for summer with The BIG Session!



Ticket prices are held at 2015 rates for advanced tickets £10 (single), £20 (family - 2 + 2), £2.50 (additional child). Gate prices will be £12.50 (single), £25 (family - 2 + 2), £2.50 (additional child). All profits go back into the local community.

If you would like to help with The BIG Session in some way, then please come along to our next Community Meeting 11th June 8pm. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend to attend this meeting so that we can ensure we have enough chairs!! Email us at: sixpennysession@gmail.com

If you can't come you can always buy some Raffle tickets to support the fundraising we are doing for the CCIO. They will be available later in June from the shop and the Penny Tap!

Or maybe you or your business could sponsor the event? Email us at: sixpennysession@gmail.com if you can!



Cranborne Chase AONB News

Know Your Place tithe maps

THE tithe maps of the Wiltshire and Somerset segments of the Cranborne Chase AONB are now available to view on Know Your Place, a digital heritage mapping resource (www.kypwest.org.uk). The website enables people to look at their local community and see how it has changed over time from the 1840s to 2016.

Campaign launches to uncover England's forgotten memorials

Do you know of a secret, unknown or long forgotten memorial in Cranborne Chase AONB? If so Historic England (HE) would like to hear from you. The organisation is asking the public to share their knowledge of England's 'lost' memorials, with the hunt forming part of Immortalised, a campaign launched by HE to help people explore the country's memorial landscape. <https://historicengland.org.uk/get-involved/help-write-history/help-find-englands-secret-unknown-forgotten-memorials/>

Seeking myth and legend in

Cranborne Chase

The team at the Cranborne Chase AONB is seeking stories of myth and legend. Does your village have a ghostly highwayman or is your local pub said to be haunted? If so please tell us about it. Please send your stories to julieharding@cranbornechase.org.uk.

Great history or wildlife project idea?

Cranborne Chase & Chalke Valley Landscape Partnership (LP), a five-year Heritage Lottery funded scheme aimed at supporting activities which conserve or enhance the cultural and natural heritage of the area aims to support myriad history and wildlife projects. It is now waiting to hear from people within the Partnership area with great ideas. So whether a community would like to enrich the flora along its verges, restore a village pond, develop a star-gazing point or set up a hedgehog survey, the Landscape Partnership team would love to hear from them. Contact Roger Goulding, Landscape Partnership Development Officer; tel: 01725 517417; email: rogergoulding@cranbornechase.org.uk.



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Neighbourhood Police Team

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We will continue to meet at the Parish Office on a Tuesday between 10am and 11am. The following ten dates are: 1st May, 15th May, 12th June, 26th June, 10th July, 24th July, 7th August, 21st August, 4th September and 18th September.

Of course if there is an emergency, such as a major incident of a vulnerable missing person, we may not get to the surgery, but we would like to assure you that it is a very important event for us which gives us the opportunity to speak with you on a one to one basis.



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Pay & Play

Alternatively you can play tennis on a "Pay

& Play" basis – for £7 per court per hour. A key is held by Church Farm Campsite.

We offer club coaching sessions & lessons to adults and juniors of all levels. You don't have to be members to benefit from group coaching on offer, however members pay a reduced rate.

Please return membership forms and pay

by bacs/cheque and a key will be posted to you so you can come and play!

Membership Secretary & Treasurer:

Stephanie Chick, Little Bredy, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5NU. Tel: 01725 552557, email: david@davidchick.co.uk

Chairman: Alex Thomas 01725 516320

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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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Non playing Adult Member	£10			

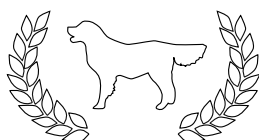
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Are you happy to share your email/phone number with other members so that you can be contacted to play tennis with others: YES / NO (please delete as appropriate)

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.

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- Junior tennis coaching sessions available during school term times.
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Cards

Whist

At the village hall on the 9th of May, John York triumphed in the 16th and final round of the 2017-2018 competition to become the new champion. In one of the closest finishes for many a year he took first place by just four points from Doug Haskell who, until the penultimate round, had held the leading position for ten consecutive weeks, the longest unbroken run that anyone can remember. In third place was defending champion, Olive Meaden, with the remaining prize money places being taken by Susie White, Stuart Haskell, David Brine, Ness Park, Kingsley White, Bill Chorley and Rita Austin, Rita boosting her prize money having recorded the highest individual score by carding 186 in the 9th round of the competition. And so the final scores read:

John York	3569	Gerald Trickey	3452
Doug Haskell	3565	Mary Braithwaite	3452
Olive Meaden	3558	Chris Haskell	3451
Susie White	3554	Barry Park	3448
Stuart Haskell	3553	Dave Welch	3439
David Brine	3539	Chris Napier	3439
Ness Park	3534	Sylvia Berville	3437
Kingsley White	3518	Yvonne Bundy	3432
Bill Chorley	3508	Peter Braithwaite	3417
Rita Austin	3501	John Berville	3413
Sylvia Morrison	3485	Nora Davis	3327
Betty White	3475	Liz Davis	3308
Sam Webber	3469	Pam Cole	3262

Ray Parsons, who only joined the competition since the start of the New Year finished with 2362 points, while the highest score on the final round, 173, was returned by Chris Haskell, three points clear of Olive Meaden. Despite the falling off in numbers the 2017-2018 season has been most enjoyable and the fact that whist will continue with a new championship planned for 2018-2019 [details in the next Downsman] is down to the input of Stuart, Doug and Chris whose drive and determination to maintain 'the game' in Sixpenny Handley is to be applauded to the roof tops.

Bridge Meetings continue at the Parish Office on Monday afternoons, play getting under way at 1 o'clock.

Bill Chorley



LARMER TREE
Sunday 24th June 2018
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Sixpenny Village Hall

Thank you to everybody who supported our car boot sale, we raised nearly £400 for the hall! We hope to do another one in the future.

Following our recent AGM we are pleased to announce that we have welcomed two newly elected trustees, Janice Bicker who was also appointed as secretary and Angie Snape elected as a trustee representing the CCF.

We continue to bring you great events this summer up until 23rd July when the hall will close for the rest of July and the whole of August for refurbishment. We hope to re-open in September ready for all our groups starting in the new term. Due to this closure our Artsreach workshops will still take place in the village but will be relocated to different venues. See Artsreach section for more details. We still have some funds to raise so please do keep supporting our events.

We are super excited to bring you more fantastic theatre this summer with LIVING SPIT who have entertained audiences in pubs all over the land. Their humour is unique and not to be missed. This is a relaxed evening of 'A Play, a Pie and a Pint', food is served at 7.30pm on arrival and a meat, veggie and GF option is available, just tell Jen your order when booking.

The Trustees will be raising funds on SUNDAY 24th JUNE when we will be running the Cream Teas at Wimborne St. Giles. The cream teas run from 2pm – 5.30pm so do pop over and support this event. If you can bake and want to help then contact Jen on 01725 516265.

Wednesday 6th June 2018 'A PLAY, A PIE AND A PINT'

LIVING SPIT present One Man and his Cow
Doors open at 7pm.
Food is served from 7pm-7.30pm.
A man. A cow. A shed load of trouble.
Trevor loves Judy. Judy loves Trevor.
They're best mates. Trouble is, Trevor's family don't approve. They think that



Trevor should leave his prize cow alone and get on with looking after his farm. And then Trevor gets some bad news ...

The first of Living Spit's celebrated series of 'Animal Plays in Rhyme and Song' (Comedies, Histories and Tragedies had already been snaffled by another playwright), 'One Man and his Cow' is jam-packed with farmyard frolics, agricultural clichés and rural wrongdoings that will mercilessly milk every funny bone in your body. Touring Dorset this summer with Artsreach, early booking is advised!
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Tickets cost £15 (includes your pie, mash and gravy with a pint or soft drink) and are available from Styles Mini Market, High Street, Sixpenny Handley, via Artsreach.
co.uk or reserve with Jen on 077515 25200

Sunday 24th June 2018 – Sixpenny Handley run the Cream Teas at Wimborne St. Giles

Open at 2pm-5.30pm
This is to raise funds for the hall, so do come over for the afternoon and support us.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire priced per hour.

Local groups £8.50

Daytime events, children's parties,
Christenings etc £9.00

Other daytime bookings, meetings etc
£10.00

Evening events, local private parties etc
£10.50

Evening events, bookings from outside the
Parish £11.50

All bookings subject to £10.00 alcohol
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Village Hall 100 Club

March 2018

1st	£25	10	Mrs. Brinsford
2nd	£15	114	Mrs. Collins
3rd	£10	126	Mrs. Godden

April 2018

1st	£25	15	Mr. Chorley
2nd	£15	103	Mrs. Broadway
3rd	£10	25	Mr. Hatton

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

Inspirational Women

An extract from a blog by Pat Black about one of our Pentridge residents, who at 86 was possibly the oldest delegate to the UN The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) this year and who then went on to join half a million marching the Mall in Washington DC protesting Gun Violence.

"One of the most amazing experiences in returning to CSW is that of meeting inspirational women. Some of them are those whom we meet every year. Long-term campaigners and activists who never give up on the cause they are fighting for. One of those women is 86 year old Margaret Owen, a human rights barrister based in the UK but fighting for the rights of widows globally. She founded the first international organisations to address human rights issues in the context of widowhood, and is now the director of Widows for Peace through Democracy, which is the umbrella for many partner organisations across the world.

Over the years she has raised awareness of the plight of widows in many countries, banging on the doors of the United Nations, often literally, to ensure their stories are told and to require their inclusion and recognition by the United Nations and its member states. It has taken many years of persistence but at CSW62 there are events raising the issue of widows in rural areas, and the draft text of the Agreed Conclusions even includes the word 'widows.'

Soroptimists in several countries are fighting for the rights of widows; in Nigeria they have even had some success and we will continue to raise our voices and knock on doors so that no one is left behind."

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/inspirational-women/>

For more information about Widows for Peace through Democracy visit www.widowsforpeace.org

What's on in Pentridge

19th July 2018

Sisata Open Air Theatre 'Frankenstein'

An open air event taking place on Pentridge Village Green.

Bring along a picnic, blankets and cushions as required.

There will be a licensed bar and food available to purchase

4th August 2018

Pentridge Barn Dance & BBQ on Pentridge Village Green

BBQ, licensed bar and country dancing with The Innominata Band and caller

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Following last months café article it is with great pleasure to post a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those friends and neighbours who have rallied to the call to man the café and therefore ensure it is business as usual.

We received another THANK YOU in the form of a Thornton's Chocolate Bottle, which was broken up and shared by all those present. This gift was from Regard, our neighbours in Town Farm Workshops for our donation of £50 for Rosie's help in the café. This enabled the purchase of aids, ie., headphones, puzzle mat/roll, matching and recognition sets etc, on a Wish List, purchased to enhance their client's experience, who have learning difficulties.

If you are able to give of a little of your time to volunteer on a Wednesday morning we would love to hear from you. A call to Ciona, the Parish Clerk or to me or by dropping into the café, when we are open, for a chat would be welcome.

PS: If you can't get to the café and want someone to listen to you then call SILVER LINE on 08004 708090; there is always someone to take your call.

David

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3pm Saturday, 21st July

Holy Trinity Church, Bowerchalke

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A musical journey from Bach to the Beatles, and from Mozart to Scott Joplin, with Tim and Cathy Brown and friends, all professional musicians, who have played with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, among others. This will be an informal concert so please come, bring your families and friends and enjoy the music and a delicious tea.

Tickets on sale now: £12 in advance, £15 on the door, under 12 FREE. Book online at bowerchalke.com, by cheque (payable to Bowerchalke PCC) and send to Sandy Lindsay, Orchard End, Church Street, Bowerchalke, SP5 5AY, or buy from the Bowerchalke Saturday Market, or the Hub in Broadchalke, or on the door.

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Saturday 23rd June

Sunday 24th June

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Norman William Reginald Clarke 1921-2018

Norman was born in his grandparent's house Diamond Villa, Sixpenny Handley, and was the first of Samuel and Helen Clarke's three children. Apart from five years when he was in the RAF, he lived all of his life in the village. When his father's butchers business relocated from the bottom of the High Street to the position it occupies today, the family moved into the house adjoining it.

On marrying Joan their first home, for a short while, was 'The Parsonage' in Dean Lane but then to 'Flint Cottage' just across the road from the butchers shop. Some 30 years later, they moved back across the road to the house attached to the butcher's shop where he stayed until he died.

On leaving the village school Norman joined his parents in the family business and continued to do this during the early years of the Second World War. He had twice been exempted from conscription but in 1941 decided to volunteer. For five years from 1941 to 1946 Norman was part of the RAF Volunteer Service. The first four years were spent in the UK where he was stationed in many different parts. Norman did not see active service but in his final year he travelled to South East Asia as part of the cleanup operation. He was very proud of his military experience, was always keen to talk about it. He kept a small leather wallet with his RAF documents in his bedside table for the rest of his life.

On being demobbed Norman returned home to rejoin the family business and it was while out delivering meat that he first met his wife to be, Joan. She had a puncture in her car tyre and Norman came to her rescue. That was the start of a long and very happy relationship, a marriage which lasted 66 years. They had two children, Wendy and John.

Although quiet he was a very sociable man, who had a very good sense of humour and loved to tease. He had fun with the customers in the shop and he enjoyed his weekly visits to the cattle market making

business acquaintances, who often became family friends.

If he had one indulgence it was his cars. His car was his pride and joy – it always got a clean and polish at the weekend using copious amounts of water. So it was fitting when he was given a personalised number plate H20NWC. He reluctantly gave up driving only a few years ago but his number plate lives on gracing the delivery van.

Norman suffered with back problems from an early age. A series of slipped discs and two major spinal operations at a time when spinal surgery was in its infancy, left him with a weakness which was to be his main constraint in old age.

Norman had an incredible work ethic. When in his eighties he finally stopped work he continued to observe the business from his armchair, watching the comings and goings throughout the day. He would take a daily walk to the cutting room to see what was going on and most weeks he went out for a ride with Neil or Andy in the delivery van. His memory never failed. He could be relied upon to recall events from throughout his life; at home, in the village and around.

When Joan died, just over two years ago, Norman successfully adjusted to a new way of life. His life was full. He loved being visited by his grandchildren Jennifer and Oliver and hearing what they were doing in the world – a world so different to the one which he had experienced at that age.

Norman's family wish to thank the doctors, district nurses and his carers: Helen, Sharon, Tracy, Nicky, Lydia and Sue, whose dedicated support have made Normans last year's so enjoyable.



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Artsreach Summer Workshops 2018



This year we are bringing three exciting children's workshops to Sixpenny Handley. They will be cited around the village in different locations.



Fiddlesticks Mini Beasts

Age 2+

Friday 27th July 2018

10am – 12pm (Max 12 places)

Venue: 1st Woodcutt's Scout Hall, Sixpenny Handley SP5 5NW

Join Kathy Kelly with Fiddlesticks on Tour. We will be making marvellous mini beasts. Starting with homemade delicious bread caterpillars. Then using a selection of colourful craft materials you can create butterflies, caterpillars, Spiders and other bugs. We will finish up with fun creepy crawly songs and a handmade puppet show version of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



Native American Tribe

Dorset Forest School

Age 5+

Monday 30th July

11am - 3pm (Max 10 places)

Venue: Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground

Forest schoolers will be learning to live from nature as their guides show them how to make their own bows or spears, share tracking techniques, construct teepees and finish with campfire cooking and storytelling. Games, adventure and challenge within a nurturing natural environment.



Story Boat

Gail McGarva

Age 5-7 years 11am - 12.30pm

Age 8-10years 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 31st July (Max 8 in each session)

Venue: Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground

Traditional Wooden boat builder Gail McGarva is holding childrens' workshops inside the story boat telling the story of 'Vera' the mother boat and the memory objects housed inside her. Each child will bring an object of their own to tell their own memory of the sea. A fragment of this story will be inscribed on a miniature plank which will be taken away as a keepsake of the story boat.

TO BOOK: Phone or text Jen Gordon on 077515 25200 or 01725 516265

Payments are made on the day.

WI News And Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES



9th April. Sixpenny Handley WI celebrated its 96th birthday meeting. Re-elected President Bobbie Carter made a delicious cake and we all enjoyed a glass of bubbly to mark the occasion. Marcia Bartlett gave a relaxed and informed demonstration of Spring flower arrangements. Teresa Marshallsay won the Flower of the month competition.



Flower of the Month Annual Cup was won by Stella Symes.



The Annual Competition for a poem entitled Spring was won by Margaret Jones.

11th April. Most members attended the annual WI meal held at the Crane Valley Golf Club; a very pleasant evening was had by all.

18th April. Three members joined other Dorset Federation WI members on a visit to Minterne House and Gardens. We were lucky to have a fine day to enjoy this lovely Edwardian house, unusual gardens and its stunning location.

26th April. Fourteen members went to the Salisbury Playhouse to see a new musical production of Moonfleet, based on the novel by J Meade Falkner and set in our own beautiful Dorset. Reaction was mixed within the group, some not impressed and others thought it was marvellous!

14th May. The Resolutions Meeting was to discuss support for the WI AGM resolutions concerning mental health – there was unanimous support. Mrs Suzanne Kempe, herself a breeder and judge of New Forest Ponies, gave a true picture of "Life Within the Grids". The New Forest cattle grids were installed in the 1960s to help ensure that the lives of the Commoners and their livestock could be maintained. Great efforts by the Verderers, Agisters, Owners, Forest Commission, National Trust and more recently the National Park Authority help keep the balance between established

ancient rights, mature SSIs and increasing numbers of visitors. The New Forest Pony is recognisable throughout Europe and along with other animals such as deer, donkeys, cattle, pigs and sheep make the New Forest such a special place.

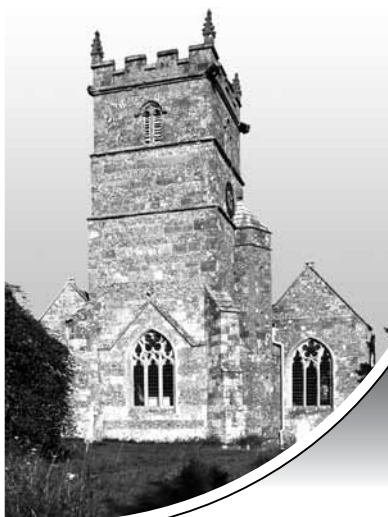
17th May. Sixpenny Handley hosted the Beacon Group Spring Meeting. The guest was Pam Zinnemann-Hope who spoke about "A True Story Written on Cigarette Papers" the love story between Pam's German-born parents Lottie and Kurt, whose relationship began in 1933 and was conducted in secret because of the political instability of the time. She knew little of her parents' story of hardship until she found a cache of cigarette papers in an attic after her mother's death in 1990.

Future Events:

11th June Mr Tim Loasby. "The History of Kingston Maurward"

9th July Garden Meeting at Pentridge Village Hall (6.30pm)

If you are a newcomer to the area or the WI and are interested in our meetings you would be most welcome. For further information please contact the Secretary, Margaret Jones on 01725 552358.



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

Who's who?

Vicar

We are currently between vicars. The interregnum isn't expect to last long. Watch out for news in the next issue.

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June 2018

Senior Exercise – a theological approach

There has been concern that older people are not getting enough physical exercise or mental stimulation, so here are three theological points to consider about old age:

- 1) Most seniors don't get enough exercise. However, in His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.
- 2) In His wisdom God made seniors lose co-ordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.
- 3) Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would make additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing yet more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was very good.

So if you find that, as you age, you are walking more, getting up and down more, and stretching more, remember it is God's will. It is all in your best interest. Even though you mutter under your breath, remember that God looks down and loves you.

NOTICE: The Perfect Vicar – a Job Description

The Perfect Vicar preaches for exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church caretaker.

The Perfect Vicar is paid £40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates £30 a week to the church. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience. He has two children and available day and night. Above all, he is handsome.

The Perfect Vicar has a burning desire to work with teenagers and he spends most of his time with senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humour that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office when needed.

The Perfect Vicar always has time for church meetings and all of its committees, never missing any church organization. And he is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.

The Perfect Vicar is always in the next village!

If your Vicar does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other churches that are tired of their Vicar too. Then bundle up your Vicar and send him to the church at the top of your list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 Vicars. One of them should be perfect. Have faith in this notice. One church broke the chain and got its old Vicar back.

PS: The Vicar might be a woman, too! **Mel Durrant**



**News items
and articles welcome!**
**Please drop them in to
the Vicarage, or email;
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Thanks!

The Demon Drink

A vicar was completing a sermon on abstaining from drinking alcohol. With great expression, he said, 'If I had all of the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis, he said, 'And if I had all of the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

And then finally, he thundered, 'And if I had all of the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

The church was silent. Not a single member of the congregation made a sound.

The choir leader then stood up and said, 'For our closing song, let us sing the hymn "Shall We Gather at the River."'

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Dear friends...

Mel Durrant

I was in our village school a while ago and noticed that they have got some new posters. I didn't have time to copy them all down, but they have slogans like *Mistakes are proof that you are trying*. Or, *You read so you can go somewhere else when you have to stay where you are*.

Some of them were quotations from famous people, such as Mickey Mouse, who said *Mathematics is so you can count up to 20 without taking your shoes off*. One of my favourites was *Everything is difficult before it is easy*.

And then some were rather more serious; *You are wiser than you think*, *You are stronger than you realise*, *And you are loved much more than you will ever know*. And *Never give up your sense of wonder and asking questions*.

And finally *Stand up for what you believe, even if it means standing alone*.

There is a story in the Bible of Jesus' mother Mary and his brothers arriving to take Jesus home. They have come to take him away from all the fuss he is creating and to stop him behaving in such an embarrassing manner, walking around the countryside telling people about God. He is bringing dishonour on the family. It is clear that they think he is somewhat off his rocker. (Despite what some Christians have sometimes said about Mary, at this stage she clearly doesn't have any idea what Jesus is up to).

And what does Jesus do? Jesus makes matters worse. When told that his mother and brothers are outside, he asks *'Who are my mother and my brothers?'* Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, *'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'* (Mark 3:33-34).

Jesus slices through the whole traditional family structure in one clean cut. Today, we don't hear how new and scandalous his words are. But back then it was normal for children to live close to their parents, often in the same house. And the

family unit would often be a business unit as well, sharing everything in common, the family against the world. What's more, loyalty to family was the local and specific working out of loyalty to God and of being God's People. Break the link and you would undermine a major part of the way they thought and felt about the world and themselves.

Jesus challenges that assumption. He is not concerned with the old meaning of the word 'family'. He has a different mission, a different idea, and it involves God doing the unthinkable. God is making a new family, a new Holy People, and doing so without any regard for ordinary human family bonds.

The whole point is that anyone can belong to this new family. It doesn't matter where you come from and it doesn't matter about your DNA. It's not where you start it's where you finish!

'Here are my mother and my brothers!' Jesus says. And it is only when we hear how shocking and new and exciting these words are, that we get the message. It is so easy to slip back into a group identity that comes from something other than loyalty to Jesus. We all, so easily, substitute membership of the same group, tribe, family, club, party, class or whatever it may be, for what really what matters.

Christians may not be perfect (we definitely *aren't* perfect!) but we know a man who is. And we try to be like him. Like that poster in school, encouraging us to *Stand up for what you believe, even if it means standing alone*, Jesus says do what is right, stick with me. Celebrate.

Of course, the great truth is that we never stand alone. And we are members of the only group that really matters. We are the subversive counter-cultural ones who say everyone is equally loved and equally important. And there are countless millions, billions of us, here and all the way to eternity. We are with God and we are family.

MY FATHER'S HOUSE

Mel Durrant

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.' John 14:1-6

Have you ever been on a long journey and stopped to take a break? Motorway services might seem a long way away from the Bible, and quite different from the 'many rooms' that are 'in my Father's house' Jesus talks about, but they have the same purpose: a safe resting place on a journey!

And we all need to have safe places on our journey of life. You might like to think about what are your safe places...

They may not be places! They may be about being with special people. The people who we love and love us.

Jesus explains to his friends that he is not always going to be with them, not physically. But they needed to know that he will always be with them and they can always pause to spend time with him, to pray and to be refreshed. And we need to know this as well.

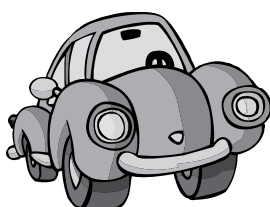
The journey – life's journey – might still be dangerous (*will* still be dangerous sometimes!) but Jesus is always with us. Of course, we still have to be careful, have to work hard at doing the right thing.

It is a bit like having a torch on a dark night. Torches, like all gadgets, need to be charged up so that they are useful again. And so do we! Left on our own we can get run down and flat. When we are sad or lonely or worried, we need a safe place to go to where we can 're-charge our batteries' and shine again.

We can do that by going to a place where we feel safe, or talking with someone we trust. When we talk to God, we call it prayer. And we can do this anywhere and anytime. There is no one single place: God is on the journey with us all the time, always beside us. But it is still good to stop and spend some quality time with Jesus now and again, because he is our friend who wants to spend time with us...

A Child's Point of View

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School. Following the story, the children were asked to draw a picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the story of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden!"



A Rare Book

A collector of rare books ran into an acquaintance who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten-somebody-or-other had printed it.

"Not Gutenberg?" gasped the collector.

"Yes, that was it!"

"You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million pounds!"

"Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anything like that much," replied the man. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by someone called Martin Luther."

A Prayer Sidebar

Presence

Dear Jesus, today I call on you in a special way. Mostly I come asking for favours. Today I'd like just to be in Your presence. Let my heart respond to Your Love.

"Come to me all you who are burdened and I will give you rest"
Here I am, Lord.

I come to seek your presence.
I long for your healing power.

Freedom

God is not foreign to my freedom. Instead the Spirit breathes life into my most intimate desires, gently nudging me towards all that is good. I ask for the grace to let myself be enfolded by the Spirit.

Lord, I pray for your gift of freedom.
May your Holy Spirit
guide those in power to work for
equality for all your people.

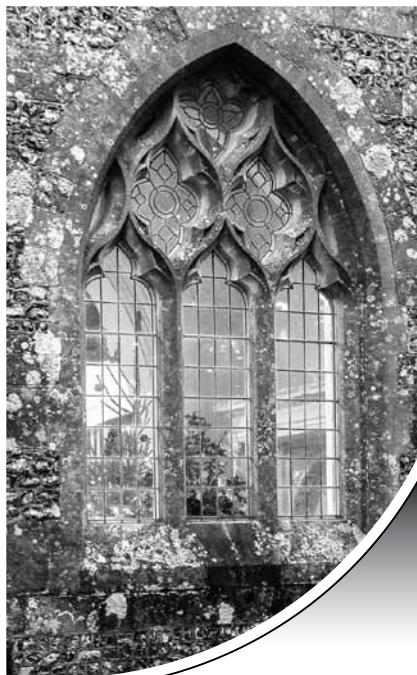
Consciousness

We all need to take time out from our daily chores. We know that our bodies need a rest. When we come into your presence, Lord, our hearts and minds are refreshed, our spirits lifted.

Knowing that God loves me unconditionally, I look honestly over the last day, its events and my feelings. Do I have something to be grateful for? Then I give thanks. Is there something I am sorry for? Then I ask forgiveness.

Conclusion

I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insights I may have been given. Amen.



✦ 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 for Sunday lunch – Everyone is welcome.

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
June 3 rd	HC	Evensong	HC	#
June 10 th	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
June 17 th	HC	Evensong	MP	#
June 24 th	Informal	HC	#	HC
July 1 st	HC	Evensong	HC	#
July 8 th	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
July 15 th	HC	Evensong	MP	#
July 22 nd	Informal	Evensong	#	HC
July 29 th	HC	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.

St Mary's Teddy Bears

Don't forget our Teddy Bear Drop-In at St Mary's on Thursday mornings during term time for pre-school age children and their carers. Come along for a cup of coffee and a chat for grown-ups, and a good play (and lots of biscuits and juice) for children.



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The Christian Barber

There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other and said "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"

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Bowls Club

We finished our indoor season with a thrilling club pairs competition that saw Sarah Churchill and Geoff Ellis triumph over Stella Olsen and Bill Raymond by one shot in a sudden death playoff. The outdoor season is now well underway and we have had some wins already. I cannot think of a better way to spending these lighter evenings than on the green.

We have managed to recruit some new members so they make a welcome addition to our numbers. Don't forget new recruits are always welcome.

We will be opening our green for the Big Session to enable visitors to enjoy a PIMMs and a chance to try their hand at bowls.

We have also nominated Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal as our charity this year with all proceeds going towards another CT scanner. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

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For more information please contact Janet (01722 325410) or Steve on 07912 608733. Hamptworth Croquet Club looks forward to welcoming you.

Jenny Berwyn-Jones – A brief history!

Jenny's extend - seated exercise class will be held at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall on Tuesday mornings 11:45-12:45 starting on June 5th 2018.

I started my original training in Ballet which led to a career in Show Business for over 7 years during the 50's and 60's. I was lucky enough to perform in most of the No 1 theatres in England and Scotland, working with people like Harry Secombe, Harry Worth and Leslie Crowther and my first job was as a Tiller Girl! Of course, you have to be of a certain age to remember names like these, so it may not mean much to everyone, but incredible opportunities and experiences none the less.

I had my own Ballet School in Rye and when we moved to Fovant in 1983 I started a small dance school there. I branched out and started doing exercise classes in local residential and nursing homes before formalising what I already knew with the "Extend" qualification.

I have been teaching Seated Exercise classes within the community since 2002. I now have 4 seated exercise classes a week and look forward to starting a fifth in Sixpenny Handley in June.

See page 29 for more details and how to contact Jenny

Hanlega's



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Friday: 6-9pm

Saturday: Breakfast 8.30-10.30 am

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The SHCLT moving forward with both projects

– Housing update and the Roebuck Inn project - The Clock is ticking...



Since our article in April when we updated you in relation to the Affordable House Build and our new project, Sixpenny Handley Community Pub -The Roebuck, both are making steady progress and have updates on what both projects have achieved.

Under the umbrella of the Sixpenny Handley Community Land Trust David Hutchins has been formally added as a Director to the Board of SH. He is now heading up a committee of local people who are running The Sixpenny Handley Community Pub -The Roebuck Project. We were informed at the beginning of May that the timescale to raise funds and have an offer accepted has now been initiated. The project, through SHCLT have submitted their intent to submit and offer for the pub to East Dorset District Council within the 6-week window and then have the remainder of the 6 months to action this, more on what this project has achieved later.

The Affordable House Build

– latest news is:

- The architect's drawings have been shared with East Dorset planners and this has been received very favourably in consideration of the numbers of dwellings and the style and layout.
- The engineering preliminary investigations for site and ground conditions have been carried out and these will be used to formulate solutions for the actual development, so you might have seen activity on the land with diggers etc.
- The consideration of the existing Synergy car park has been carefully addressed with positive input from that housing association who will work with us to ensure the existing residents' parking will be incorporated into the new scheme. This is to ensure their clients are well catered for as well as any changes to the existing community car park. It will also be intended to incorporate the same

amount of spaces that exist at present. Careful design by the architects will ensure we maintain the parking for all existing spaces.

- Next phase will be the full submission for planning consent that stage the CLT will hold a community meeting to present the scheme in its final stage.
- The project is again moving on and we assure you that we are taking all considerations to make this a development we can all be proud of in our village.

The Sixpenny Handley Community Pub –The Roebuck Project

The project committee has met twice since the last report to address the following areas:

- To establish what needs to be addressed and how to involve the community, this brought about the questionnaire that has been recently distributed along with setting up regular communications via Facebook. The committee are also investigating how to utilise the SHCLT Web site to expand making information available.
- Our last meeting was to review a risk management plan, this considers all aspects of the project from establishing funds, identifying how the pub should be run along with a viability study to establish the business feasibility for the pub. This is helping to shape the tasks we need to focus on and the priority for each of the risks to make sure we are on track to deliver.
- We distributed the Questionnaire across the whole parish, returns have been very positive with over 38% of the adult population submitting their views. A total of 345 returns have been received, which consisted of 7 people with no opinion on whether to keep the Roebuck as a community

pub, 32 who did not want to keep it and 306 who would like to see the pub remain. This is very encouraging and thank you to everyone who made this possible, Hanlega's, Styles Shop, Clarkes the Butchers, The Penny Tap and the Parish Office, finally a big thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire. The next step is to analyse the responses to understand what people do and don't want in the way of a community Pub. The committee are meeting again in May and will be providing a further update on the questionnaire responses.

Updates continue to be posted to the SHCLT Facebook Page, please use this to feedback on the posts.

Do please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to become a Member of the CLT. You can become a Member by purchasing a £1 share in Sixpenny Handley CLT.

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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
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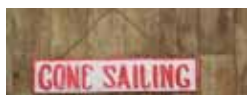
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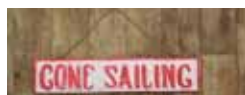
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Gone Sailing



In The Water

Launch was 28 March, and pouring with rain, but at least we were in the water, and looking forward to a first sail. Before that of course was the small matter of re-reeving the running rigging, and putting the sails back on, all went well!

First Sail 2018

All aboard and set off down river, with a good breeze and fine weather, halfway down river the engine overheat alarm sounded, off engine, out genoa, and a gentle sail towards Yarmouth, the usual suspects were checked; salt water intake - OK (once there was a small eel stuck in there, but clear today), filters - OK, impeller - OK, fresh water cooling - non, this is unusual, and so topped up, started engine, all seemed well, and continued sailing towards Cowes. At Cowes entrance, started engine, and went up Medina River, after a few minutes - engine overheat alarm again, engine off, tack round and return towards Lymington, having lunch on the way. On approaching the Starting Platform, our plan was; drop main, play jib and furl to adjust speed, sail onto pontoon berth, starting engine at last moment for control, if needed. The plan worked, and we berthed without mishap!

The engineer was contacted, who came later and examined things - it could be either the heat exchanger, or cylinder head gasket (unlikely as engine oil was OK). He found corrosion on the exhaust elbow, and as the elbow, manifold, and heat exchanger are a unit, all had to be replaced, a rather expensive repair. The engine is some 12 years old, and with the hostile environment of salt water and heat, perhaps something had to go wrong!

Joining Others

The next week, still waiting parts, we sailed on the other Sweden 390, moored next to us. Quite windy, and with two reefs in main and genoa, we carried the tide to Christchurch, turned and ran back to Yarmouth for lunch, returning to Lymington under furled jib alone, making up to 9 knots at times.

All Repaired

Wednesday was awful weather, and so Thursday looking good, we carried out engine checks and set off towards Warsash, there being little wind, we motored gently, and moored on HM pontoon mid-river. After lunch all engine checks showed OK, and we had a brisk sail back to Lymington - sunny and windy - lovely.

Navigator's Bookshelf

'Inshore Along The Dorset Coast' - Peter Bruce, which details the Dorset Coast from Needles to Fleet, as viewed from seaward, a wealth of photographs and historical detail, make this a fascinating volume for seafarer, or landsman.

Summer Sailing (we hope!)

So now all set for a sailing Summer, with two events due soon, Hamble Scramble is a race to Hamble and back, and the Bembridge weekend - need to make up for lost time. So whether cruiser or racer, dinghy, keelboat, or yacht (or even motor boat or rib). LTSC have something for everyone - there really is no finer way to travel. www.ltsc.co.uk.

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Inheritance Tax (IHT)

HMRC took a record £5.2 billion in IHT in 2017/18. IHT is calculated on the value of a person's estate when they die.

It would seem however that not all estates claim the allowances that can be claimed, meaning that more tax is paid than is due.

These claimable allowances include: -

- an individual nil-rate band allowance of £325,000;
- a transferable nil-rate band (of up to £650,000 for a married couple);
- the main residence nil-rate band.

In addition, in some estates, agricultural or business property relief can be claimed.

It is estimated that just 3,065 estates claimed all the available allowance resulting in unnecessary IHT being paid in other estates.

Do speak to Michael Catchpole or Tamasine Hankey if you would like advice on the allowances or reliefs you can claim when administering an estate.

CBA Services Ltd

It's nearly half way through the year! And where has that time gone?

We have now moved to the start of a new Tax Year... just to remind you the new tax rates and personal allowances from 6 April 2018 are as in the table:

Taxable income above	Main Rate	Rate on Dividends	Why, what and who
£0 - £34,500	20%	7.5%	Basic rate and personal allowance used
£34,501 - £150,000	40%	32.5%	Higher rate for other taxpayers
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New Tax Year

below £100,000

Income exceeding £150,000:

- pensions annual allowance is tapered down to £10,000
- saving allowance is nil

Simple assessment and PAYE coding

HMRC had planned on issuing simple assessments. This is where HMRC will use the information held to issue an income tax calculation thereby avoiding the need for the submission of a tax return.

In addition to this the PAYE coding with the use of Real Time information was going to adjust the PAYE Coding automatically.

Both have been put on hold at the moment, due to resources being spent on Brexit and other matters.

Making tax digital (MTD)

As you may recall, I have mentioned MTD on previous articles.

The roll out for MTD for Business has been amended to ensure ALL businesses have plenty of time to adapt to the changes.

Businesses will not now be mandated to use the Making Tax Digital for Business system until April 2019 and then only to meet their VAT obligations. This will apply to businesses who have a turnover above the VAT threshold (currently £85,000) – the smallest businesses will not be required to use the system, although they can choose to do so voluntarily.

HMRC have set out the four foundations of MTD:

1. Better use of information
- Businesses will not have to give HMRC information that it already holds e.g. from employers, banks, building societies etc.

Digital tax accounts for all will mean that you can see the information that HMRC holds and will be able to check at any time that your details are complete and correct.

- Again, just a reminder - have you registered for your own Personal Tax Account (PTA)? By receiving your own PTA you are able to check and change your address through to completing your self-assessment tax return if you do not have an accountant or manager your tax credits. It is quick and straight forward. Go to: www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-personal-tax-account/your-personal-tax-account
2. Tax in real time
 - You should not have to wait until the end of the year to know how much tax you will need to pay.
 3. A single financial account

By 2020, taxpayers, will be able to see a comprehensive financial picture in their digital account, similar to your online banking.

4. Interacting digitally
- If you have an advisor, they will also be able to interact with HMRC digitally.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR replaces The Data Protection Act 1998 on 25 May 2018, and I am sure you have all by now received countless emails relating to this. As I sit here writing this, on my wall I have a picture which says "Say GDPR one more time ..." and the picture is someone with a gun!

Just to recap – if as a business you hold anyone's personal data, even if it is just their name, address and telephone number, you need to write to the individual advising what information you hold, the purposes for which you hold their data, the methods you are using to hold their data securely and what you will be using their data for. GDPR has been designed to give individuals enhanced personal privacy

rights and imposes an increased duty on businesses to protect their data.

GDPR and The Data Protection Act 1998 requires every data controller (organisation or sole trader) who processes personal information to register with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) unless they are exempt. If you are unsure whether you need to register with the ICO, please check on their website – www.ico.org.uk

It is also a requirement of GDPR to have your privacy policy and cookie policy clearly displayed on your website.

Please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306 or 01725 552955, if you have any queries regarding the above or, if you need assistance with your bookkeeping, accountancy or tax issues.

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John Weeks the Poacher

part 2

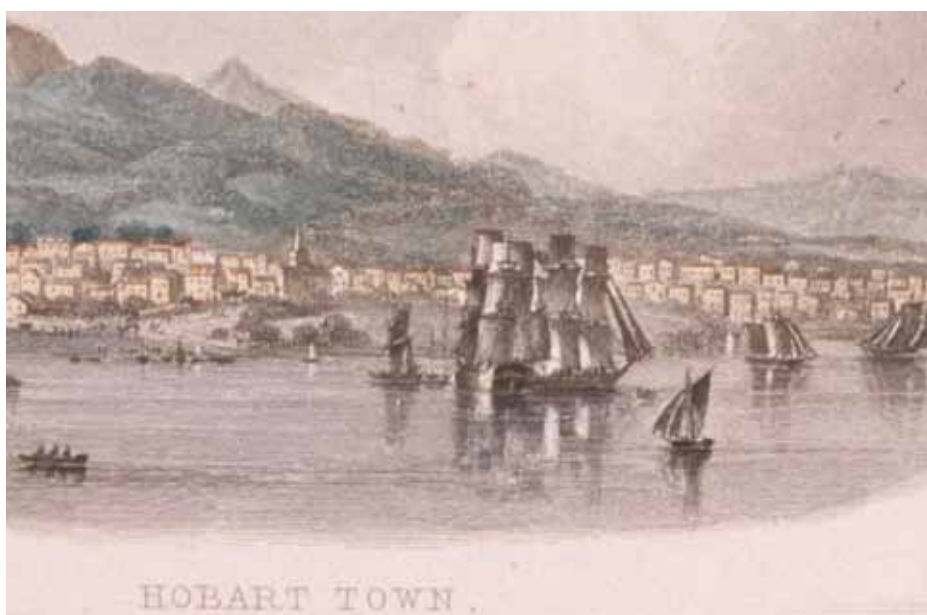
In April 1838, John crossed Portsmouth Harbour to join the convict ship Lord William Bentinck II for the long voyage to Van Diemen's Land. This destination was regarded by many as a most severe destination and with some dread. The ship's master, William Stockley received 120 convicts from the York and a further 180 from another hulk, the Leviathan berthed across the harbour in Portsmouth. Prison quarters aboard were foul, gloomy and the stench was indescribable. Food was adequate and two thirds of navy rations. However, convicts were often cheated of their entitlement.

Setting sail the Lord William Bentinck II was greeted by eight days of heavy storms in the English Channel resulting in prisoners and crew suffering from heavy sea sickness. There were more storms crossing the Bay of Biscay and several cases of scurvy were reported by the ship surgeon, John Rankine. Three convicts died before reaching the Cape of Good Hope all displaying symptoms of scurvy. With better diet, health standards improved upon reaching the Cape but scurvy reappeared in the last two weeks of the voyage to Hobart. The convicts were accompanied on board by soldiers of the 51st Regiment led by Captain Fisher whose wife and servant also travelled.

The Lord William Bentinck II docked in Hobart, Van Diemen's Land, now Tasmania, on 26 August 1838. At no time during the voyage did the health of John Weeks warrant an entry in Surgeon John Rankin's medical journal of the voyage.

The vessel delivered newspapers from England whose news was five months old. The Hobart Town Gazette then reported that a House of Commons Committee was prepared to recommend the abolition of convict transportation. However, it continued until 1868.

After arrival in Hobart, John would have remained on board for about a week until convicts were allowed to come ashore by



the Port Health Officer. So after a voyage lasting almost five months, John set foot on the quayside and to an eventual better life. Yet first, at the age of 62, he had to endure seven years' hard labour. Tasmanian/Van Diemen's Land convict records provide a description of John Weeks.

Trade: Coachman, Groom, Farm Labourer and Ploughman. Age detailed as 62 and five foot four inches in height

John had grey hair and eyebrows but no whiskers. He had a dark complexion, hazel eyes, long nose & chin and high forehead. The Government had the first choice of the best workmen for public works such as road and bridge building. Government officials had next best with the remainder allocated to farmers and other private employers. It mattered little where the convicts were assigned as conditions almost everywhere were arduous. There were few fair masters and punishment was frequently brutal and unjust. Allocation of convicts was a lottery with the convict's crime unrelated to the severity of the master.

John Weeks became Convict No. 2459. He must have still been in good health as, despite his age, he was despatched 'by order of Secretary of State to labour on public works'. Chain gangs worked on big public projects such as the wharves at Hobart. New sandstone warehouses were

built during the period on the quayside which was later to be filled with wool, wheat and whale oil. There is one case of 'disorderly behaviour' recorded against John that occurred in March 1839. Convicts who seemed able to support themselves were awarded a 'Ticket of Leave'. This permitted the holder to seek employment within a particular district but not leave it without permission. A convict, such as John, given a seven year sentence might obtain a 'Ticket of Leave' from a minimum period of four years' captivity. When the original sentence had been completed, a 'Certificate of Freedom' could be issued upon application. Having completed his seven years' hard labour, and at 69 years, John left Hobart travelling to the mainland 'steerage class' on the vessel Waterlilly. He arrived in Sydney on 17 December 1844. Aware that three of his children were now settled in New South Wales he, no doubt, was looking forward to a family reunion.

Reviewing 1844 the Maitland Mercury wrote:

'(We) congratulate our readers on the very decided improvement in the condition of the colony during the past year. The great rise that has taken place in the price of our staple export and the creation of a second export has materially altered the circumstances and prospects of our wool growers and graziers for the better.' (4th January 1845)

John's arrival in New South Wales

coincided with a major need for workers – particularly agricultural labourers and craftsmen. The colony was developing but progress had been slowed by the shortage of such workers.

John Weeks appears to have prospered in New South Wales and there are no known records of any further criminal misdemeanours being committed. The extreme poverty of Handley contrasted with the better opportunities enjoyed 'down under'. It is ironic that a released convict, such as John, was able to enjoy a better lifestyle in New South Wales than a more law abiding counterpart struggling to survive in his Dorset birthplace.

On Thursday 8 November 1857, the following appeared in the Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser:

'Death Notice

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At the time, Maitland was the second largest town in Australia and the point which serviced the prosperous Hunter Valley.



John Weeks had died at Fishery Creek, near West Maitland and is buried in the Church of England Campbell's Hill Cemetery, Maitland, New South Wales.



The above newspaper cutting does evidence that when coming towards the end of a highly eventful life John Weeks was able finally to reunite with his family.

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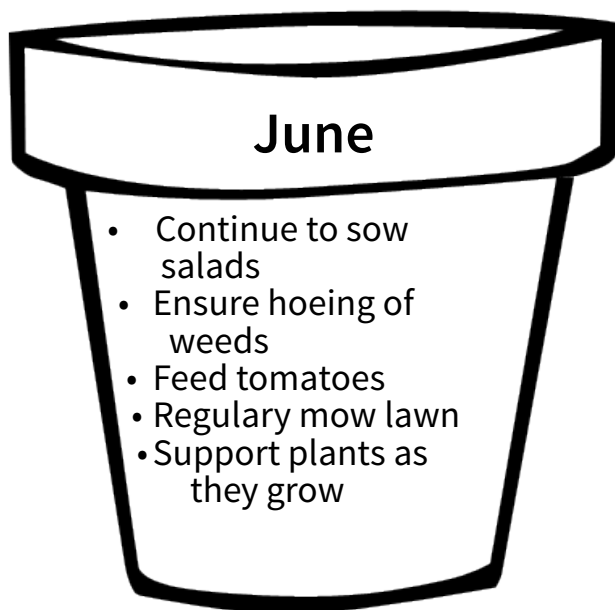
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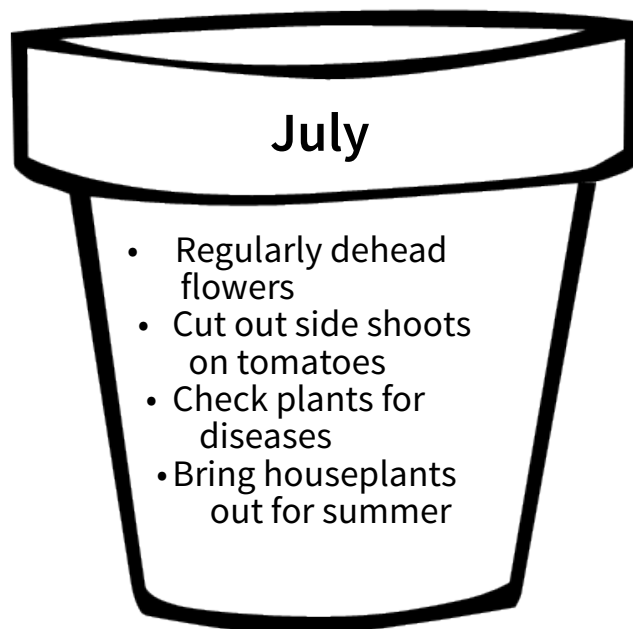
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Clouds float over the mountains
Their reflection one can see
What peace and sheer tranquillity
A sense of being free

Skies are blue the sun smiles down
Chasing away that winter frown
Birds are nesting, wildlife at play
Flowers resplendent in all their array
Trees no longer drab and bare
Nature's wonders for all to share
Blackbird singing on the bough
It's spring time now.

Taking things for granted
Is something we're inclined to do
A home cooked meal, a cosy home
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The help we get when needed
For other's thoughtful ways
Our thanks and appreciation
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A lot to live for and a little to live on
Is better than a lot to live on but little to live for.

In everyday we're given
We should take the time
To appreciate the little things
And enjoy the warm sunshine
Listen to the birds sing
And make a wish or two
Seasons change and colours fade
See the beauty in all you do

May you feel on your face
The soft, gentle breeze
Capture the sound of the wind in the trees
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Rob

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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	
Mon	Boxercise class : 6D Village Hall at 7.15pm 2nd Mon of the Month @ Sandroyd.	
Tues	Extend Seated Exercise : 6D Village Hall : 11:45am	
Tues	Parish Library : Parish Office : 10am - 12noon	
Tue	Bridge : Parish Office	
Wed	Cross Roads Cafe Parish Office 10:30am - 12noon	
Wed	Whist : Village Hall : Fortnightly	
Wed	Beavers, Cubs, Explorers : Scout Hut : Term Time	

Day	Club or Group
Thu	Parish Library 1st & 3rd Thu : Parish Office : 3pm - 4:15pm
Thu	Yoga with Araxy : 6D Village Hall
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)



Why not come along and make new friends.

To Book Call: 01258 841321

We also provide:

- Transport to the surgery, hospital, dentists, etc.
(45p per mile to cover costs)
- Prescription Collection

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