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

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June 2021

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Coming to life...

It is nice to see all the greenery and flowers finally out and it feels like we are planning to emerge too - the Bigish session planning is well underway, only pre-booked tickets this year as, due to COVID, we have a smaller capacity than normal. More information on page 10.



But I am getting ahead of myself! Before then, depending on when you get your Downsman copy, is the Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club Open Day - see back cover. And even if your Downsman arrives after 30th May, they are looking for new members and would welcome you to get in touch and give bowls a try. And what about seeing HMS Pinafore in Bowerchalke p15!!!

The Village Hall is ready to go again, they are looking for a volunteer to help with Artsreach promotion in the village and the AGM is coming up for all village hall users to go along to - see the Noticeboard.

Scouts are back face-to-face and we had a wonderful Virtual Camp which you can read about on page 19.

We also have lot of new advertisers and other advertisers who have updated their copy this issue. I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Tarda for taking on the Advertising role and instigating these changes, please support our advertisers and let them know you saw them here!

Also a BIG thank you to Mimi and Barbara, two of our Downsman volunteers who are moving away from the village. Mimi has been helping type copy and more importantly for lots of us delivering the yummy recipes in 'Food for Thought'. Barbara has been one of our team of proof readers, a very necessary job, especially for this column which mostly receives the largest amount of amendments each issue! Thank you Barbara.

Lovely to receive reports from the First School and the new Creative Skills Hub for this issue - things really are blooming!

Naomi Booth

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

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Charity Number: 276132

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Thursday 3rd of June
 3--4.15pm

Thursday 17th of June
 3-- 4.15pm

Thursday 1st of July
 3--4.15pm

Thursday 15th of July
 3-- 4.15pm

Hope to see you there

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New Members Welcome

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Chettle Open Gardens Day
 Sunday 4th July 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Come and explore some of the gardens of Chettle, including the stunning Chettle House.

Price £10.00 per adult (children free)

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Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
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Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley. SP5 5PA
Email: sixpennyhandley@dorset-aptc.gov.uk
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As we all know 2020/21 was a difficult year for many reasons not least for the members of the Parish Council. With such an active Council operationally it raised many challenges as almost all meetings were held remotely. This didn't stop activity, we still managed to improve facilities in and around the Parish with particular focus on our Recreation Ground Facilities which we hope will benefit the wider community.

Our ward councillor, Piers Brown has settled in well and has already taken a lot of interest in the Parish. He was of great support in raising the profile of the poor condition of the High Street and as we didn't feature on Dorset Councils' Capital Expenditure list for 20/21 he still managed to campaign on our behalf to get the micro-surfacing completed last month which I'm sure you will agree has made such a difference.

The Parish Council AGM took place remotely on 6th May 2021 and the Council have made a few changes.

It has been my pleasure to work alongside Chairman, Councillor Colin Taylor for the past 7 years. Always a supportive and committed Chairman who has lead the Council in many of the initiatives that were undertaken during his tenure. Colin has decided to step down as Chairman but remains an integral part of the Council, whilst our experienced Vice-Chairman Councillor James Reed will be taking on the role of Chairman and Councillor. Simon 'Badger' Meaden taking on Vice-Chairmanship.

Enormous thanks to Colin for his hard-work and commitment and best wishes to the Councillors who are stepping into new roles.

Special thanks also to Councillor Andy Turner who undertook his PC responsibility for Emergency Planning to another level during the Pandemic – he would be the first to say that it was a team effort! However, it was Andy who lead, organised, supported, campaigned, rallied, communicated and made us all feel that if we needed help

somebody would be there! We are all very grateful to Andy (and his Team) for supporting us and those most vulnerable members of our Community during a very difficult and unprecedented time. The legacy of this work will carry on; improved communication, sharing & supporting each other and a stronger sense of community than ever before.

We are looking forward to getting back to face-to-face meetings and when it is safe welcoming you to our monthly meetings. As always there is a public session just before the start of each meeting so you can raise any issues of concern at that point. Keep an eye on our website for updates: sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk

*Clerk Sixpenny Handley
& Pentridge Parish Council.*

Opening Hours:

10.00am – 12 noon Tue

7.00pm – 7.30pm Thu

8.30am – 10.00am Fr

For Parish Council

information visit:

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We have a mountain bike, that was our daughter's, an adult one really. It's in need of some TLC but we would like it to go to a local teenager.

We don't want any payment for it. If anyone would like it, please contact us.

01725 516473

New Parish Council roles

Chairman	James Reed
Vice-Chairman	Simon Meaden
Planning Committee	David Chick
	Rosalie Adams
	Colin Taylor
	James Reed
Finance & General Purposes Committee	James Reed
	Maureen New
	Dave Adams
	Stuart McLean
	Andy Turner
	Gino Salvia
	Simon Meaden
Community Land Trust	James Reed & Andy Turner
Highways & Traffic Management including street lighting.	James Reed
6dH Rights of Way/Trees/Tumuli & Monuments	David Chick & Dave Adams
DAPTC & New Legislation	Colin Taylor & Stuart McLean
Youth & School Liaison	Rosalie Adams
	Gino Salvia / Maureen New
6dH Village Hall Committee	Rosalie Adams
	Colin Taylor
Pentridge Village Hall Committee	Colin Taylor
Sports Facilities & Play Area	Stuart McLean & Maureen New
The Downsman	Colin Taylor & Stuart McLean
Allotments	Simon Meaden & Dave Adams
Police Liaison & Security	David Chick & Simon Meaden
Emergency Planning	Andy Turner & James Reed
Office Systems/Finance/Webmaster	Andy Turner
Home-watch	
Sixpenny Handley	Simon Meaden
Pentridge	David Chick / Colin Taylor
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Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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Covid update.

From Mon 17th May the country moved into step Three of lockdown easing. This means for the Hall that some activities can return. Guidance includes:

- Controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity.
- Hospitality settings will be able to open in accordance with the "rule of 6", so community cafes, coffee mornings and social clubs can take place.
- Film shows, plays and concerts can take place, subject to social distancing.
- Indoor sports activities, including exercise classes can take place.

The "rule of 6" will apply to indoor events.

Retiring Trustees.

The Trustees wish to express their sincere thanks to Carole for her amazing contribution to the management of the Village Hall. Carole was coaxed out of retirement to lead the refurbishment bid along with Jen Gordon. She has put an enormous amount of work into the Hall's activities, fundraising and maintenance. Carole has recently been instrumental in preparing the re-opening of the hall after each lockdown, ensuring that the hall and user groups have sufficient regulation in place and that the hall is deep cleaned between users. The Village Hall Trustees thank Carole so very much for all her help and support over the last six years. The Trustees would also like to thank Tracey for her contribution as our treasurer. We thank Tracey for modernising the book-keeping system and guiding us so professionally on many matters. Carole and Tracey's contributions will be greatly missed.

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a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) Association structure. The Trustees are recommending that the new CIO be registered with the charity commission. Once approved all assets will be transferred to the CIO then the current Charitable trust be dissolved, and the new constitution adopted. This transfers liability from individual trustees to the newly formed organisation. It is important that the community are aware of the proposed change and given an opportunity to discuss and vote at the AGM.

This is your opportunity to have a say on the proposal. If you are interested in any aspects of the hall's management or joining the committee then please contact Paul or Janice.

Rob's Auction

Returning in 2021!! It is always a superb event, expertly hosted by our very own auctioneer Rob Jesse. It is also the hall's largest fund-raising event of the year

and generates funds for 1st Woodcutts Scout group who support on the night by running the 'Tech' and the wonderful Scouts as 'runners' collecting up the lots and delivering them safely to their new owners. It is a sorely missed event that we hope to hold on Saturday 2nd October. As with previous years the hall will be open on Friday 1st, all day, to drop off your much appreciated donations, Saturday afternoon for viewing then on to the main event!

If you would like to join the Village halls board of Trustees or be part of the team organising future fund-raising events / Artsreach then please do contact us: Paul Styles – paulstyles@btinternet.com For further details on bookings or up to date info, please contact the secretary: Janice on 07951 056069 or email: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com

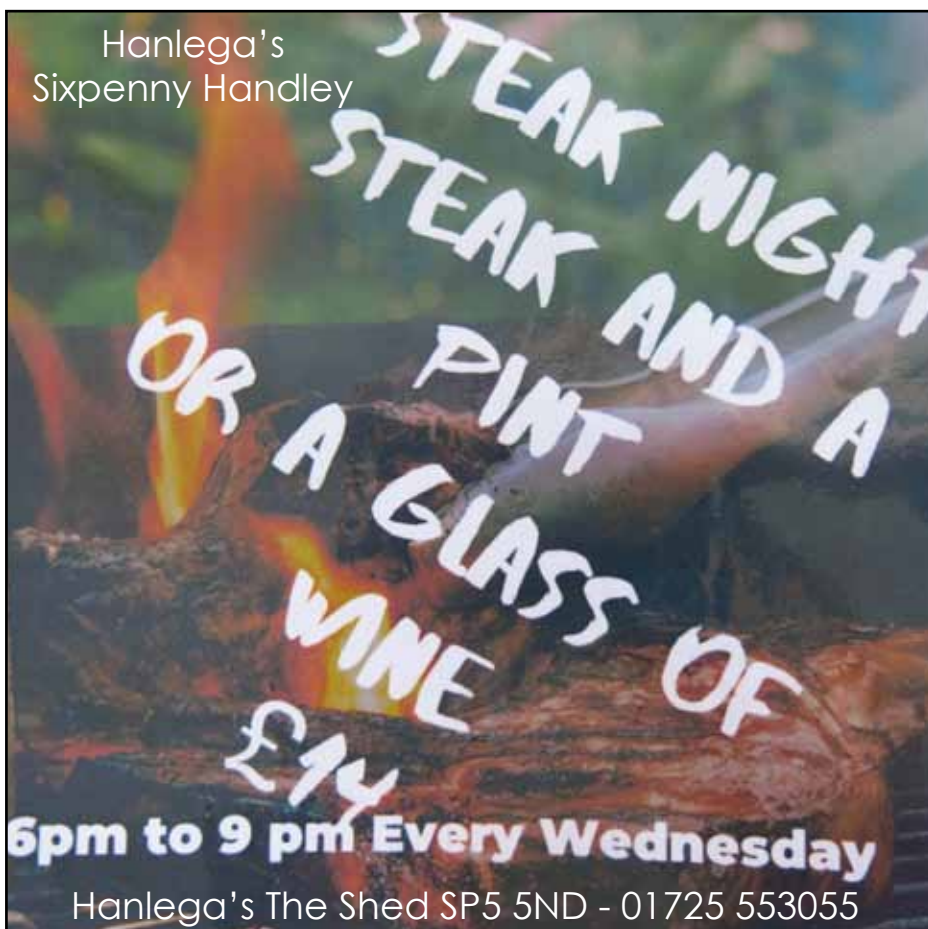


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THE BIGish SESSION 2021

We are delighted to tell you that the BIGish Session will take place on the Cricket Pitch, Common Road, Sixpenny Handley SP5 5ND on Saturday 26 June 2021 from 4.00 pm (gates open at 3.30 pm) to 10.00 pm supported by and in aid of the local community.

Due to the current situation the event has inevitably had to be scaled back slightly – hence the one-off name “BIGish Session” this year. The COVID pandemic brought our community together in a unique, but to those of us who live here, unsurprising way. The call went out from Andy Turner in March 2020 and within just a few days 80 volunteers had signed up to provide support with shopping, collection of prescriptions and a buddy telephone support network for those in need in the village and surrounding area. Now the Sixpenny Handley Community Entertainments Team is planning an event to celebrate that wonderful community spirit and bring everyone together in a safe, controlled and much needed way for the first time in a very long time.

There will be the usual mix of live music, craft, nature and music workshops for both children and adults. This year there is a smaller, but no less fabulous line up of music with something for everyone from Dr Beatroot, playing their blend of bluegrass and roots music with a touch of the skiffles; ‘ukular fusion’ from BIG Session favourites Mother Ukers, who are sure to get our toes tapping again, and culminating with the ultimate ABBA tribute band - The ABBAholics. The talented duo will bring us all the hits to whip us up into an ABBA-fuelled frenzy! There will also be acoustic sets during the afternoon from local musicians Tom Powers and Simon Lane plus some great tunes and entertainment from Sixpenny Handley’s very own DJ Hutch and Ric the Vic.

Workshops will be held on the cricket pitch so that the whole festival is contained in one fabulous setting. There will be fun and games for children and adults 0 – 95 years old! Whether you want to have a go



Photos from 2019 by Richard Hancock

at playing samba drums, learn some circus skills or release your inner pyromaniac at the Scouts pyrography workshop, come along and enjoy all this and much more. There’s plenty of fun for everyone!

Please note that this year entrance is by online ticket only for obvious reasons. The team will have to be very strict with numbers so highly recommend you get your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available via www.eventbrite.co.uk and cost £10 per adult (including online booking fee). Entry for children under 16 is free of charge, but they will need to be registered on Eventbrite and bring the ticket with them to gain entry to the event. Tickets will not be available on the gate so anyone turning up without one will unfortunately be turned away. The team will be keeping a close eye on government advice over the next few weeks and should the unthinkable happen, refunds will be given less the Eventbrite admin fee.

For those new to the village (or anyone who has been living under a rock for the last few

years!) as well as the music and outdoor activities, delicious food will be supplied by 1st Woodcutts Scouts and a bar will be provided by The Penny Tap, featuring local ales and cider, so we know it’s going to be a wonderful day out for all the family. All we want now is for the weather to improve!.

Remember, all profits from The BIGish Session go towards projects in our local community so your support is much appreciated. For further information please visit our Facebook page: /6Dacoustic.live.

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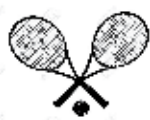


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Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club 2021

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Members are issued with a key and have access to the courts at all times, within government guidelines (except during organised club coaching sessions).

All memberships run until 1st February 2022.

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Membership Secretary & Treasurer: Stephanie Chick, Little Bredy, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5NU
Tel: 01725 552557 / 07748 925810 email: david@davidchick.co.uk

Chairman: Alex Thomas 01725 516320 email: rhodri.alex@btinternet.com

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TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (BACS/cheque)				

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

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Are you happy to share your email with other members so that you can be contacted to play tennis: YES / NO

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Opening 18th May In Sixpenny Handley, The Creative Skills Hub Will Be Providing Equality For People With Learning Disabilities

The Creative Skills Hub will be offering workshops including pottery, woodwork, weaving, arts & crafts, alongside independent living skills programmes including healthy eating, exercise and yoga classes to empower individuals with different abilities (learning disabilities) and to advocate the importance of equality in our society.

Our approach is focused on providing a multi-layered holistic experience where individuals are inspired to thrive through the engagement of activities that are designed to expand and develop social and artistic skills.

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The Hub is located at The Village Hall, 3 Common Road, Sixpenny Handley and will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

The Creative Skills Hub is accredited by Dorset Council Adult Commissioning for the provision of day opportunities for adults requiring support, not personal care.

For further information please contact:

Jon Jon Whitehead
Phone: 07769 853794
Email: thecreativeskillshub@outlook.com
Website: www.thecreativeskillshub.com

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

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Progress on our return to Bowls has not gone quite as we had hoped. We have moved forward in that we are now able to have regular "Roll Ups" and have use of the club house in a limited capacity subject to the rules of space and wearing

masks. The start of league matches has not materialised as COVID restrictions prevented car sharing for away matches which meant some clubs were not prepared to enter into a league commitment. Our club has withdrawn from the Dorset Men's

League for this season whilst we will only be playing friendly matches in the Westbrook Mixed Triples League later in the summer providing the anticipated lifting of COVID restrictions go ahead as planned. All is not lost however as we will go ahead with our internal league but in a different format known as "Scroungers" (a format commonly used by Australian clubs) which ensure every member can participate every Wednesday evening. Again subject to us being able to fully open the club we hope to organise some social events later in the summer.



WI News and Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES

As we gradually emerge from lockdown, we are looking forward to holding our first monthly meeting for over 16 months, on Monday 12th July, after one of the most difficult periods in recent history. It will be so good to be able to meet up again in person with all our members.

The WI is, and always has been, a force for good. Keep Britain Tidy was founded by the WI in 1955 – we fully support the Great British Spring Clean created by Keep Britain Tidy which starts this year on 28th May. It helps to keep our green and pleasant land green and pleasant!

It was with great sadness that, in April, we bade a final farewell to Maggie Staplehurst who died in March. Maggie was a long-standing committee member of the Institute having served three terms as President as well as being Chair of the Beacon Group of Institutes. Despite suffering ill health for many years, she was always interested in people and events; her commitment, support and sense of



humour will be sorely missed. RIP.

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME – please come and sample our meetings; you will discover that we are not just "Jam and Jerusalem". The WI is a wonderful way to socialize and make new friends in your local community.

For further information please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary, Mrs Margaret Jones on 552358 or look on the Dorset Federation website: <https://dorset.thewi.org.uk/>

*Stella Olsen
Vice President*

By the time you read this we will have participated in the Bowls England big "OPEN DAY" event over the late May bank holiday designed to give everyone the chance to try their hand at bowls and hopefully join the sport on a regular basis.

Even if you didn't manage to visit us on Open Day you are always welcome to come and have a go any time as we will provide the equipment. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes.

Please contact either the club Captain Dave Adams on 01725552284 or myself on 01725552424 to arrange a visit.

*Ron Jermyn
President.*



Group Scout Leader
John Curtis
01725 552397



Age 8-10½
Mon & Wed
Andy Young (Akela)
01258 830861

1st Woodcutts News

www.firstwoodcutts.org.uk



Age 10½-14
Mon & Tue
Rob Easton
01725 552038



Age 6-8
Tue & Wed 5 to 6pm
Annette Toop
07973 677815



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

Dragons, knights, cupcakes and castles

1st Woodcutts spent a fabulous weekend sharing Virtual camp with their families. With over 25 activities planned by leaders and friends of 1st Woodcutts there was something to inspire everyone.

The Saturday morning saw Scouts preparing their camps and dens and decorating with bunting, stained glass and pennants to get into the St George's theme.

Camp started with flag break with Skip and then many baked their own flatbreads for lunch. Yum!

Then there was time for activities including making dragon eggs, dragon nests, woggle making or joining Akela online who inspired many to build the fabulous cardboard castles you can see in the photos.

At 6pm we joined the Explorers and leaders in a Facebook LIVE campfire - singing and s'mores all round! Then the Scout leaders ran a Family quiz night on Kahoot.

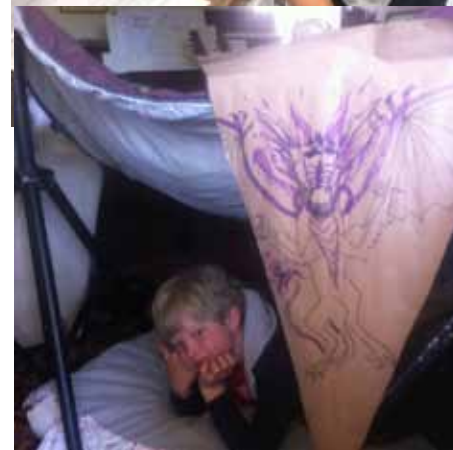
Sunday Morning we joined the whole of East Dorset Scouts, St Mary's Church and our very own Ric the Vic who lead our St George's Service online.

Then there was time for more activities or to get outside with the Photo Scavenger Hunt or Virtual Wordsearch. Many were still out exploring while Skip and SkipSkip ended our weekend with flag down.

A huge thank you to all the parents who enabled their children to make the most of this weekend and to all the leaders for their work creating it!

If your child is interested in joining our sections, from age 6 to 18 do get in touch on the numbers above or check out firstwoodcutts.org.uk for more information.





News from Sixpenny Handley First School



It has been a very busy year at Sixpenny Handley First School as we adapt to the challenges of COVID-19 whilst continuing to focus on providing an exciting and challenging curriculum for our pupils. It would certainly not have been possible without the strong support of the community who have assisted throughout; helping with delivery of meals to families who needed them, Church fundraising for the Christmas holidays so that families had enough food and much needed financial assistance from the Parish Council to ensure children had access to IT equipment to help them with remote learning. As a relatively new head, I have hugely appreciated the rewards and benefits of working in a smaller, village community who really care about the well-being of its youngest members.

Amidst all of the changes that have needed to happen, the strength and character of our children and their families has shone through and it is clear why, as a school, we focus on learning how to be resilient, flexible and self-aware. One very positive outcome of the pandemic is that we have been making very good use of our school grounds and children have really appreciated the chance to engage with nature. One of our projects this year has been to develop a garden of reflection to allow children to have moments of quiet when they need them as well as planning how we can optimise the school grounds for forest schools' activities following training that was part funded by the NISA shop.

Following our green flag status as an Eco School, which the school has been working to achieve over the past 4 years, we are

keen to work with others in the community to increase our positive impact on the planet. Let us know if you would like to get involved.

At the moment we are in consultation with the DFE, following the closure of Little Pennies, about extending our age range from September 2021 to accept 2-9-year-olds as we develop a new Early Years base. We know how important it is to keep a nursery provision in the village to support local families and we are excited about the prospect of welcoming younger children into our school community. If you would like to find out more about our new base and timings/costs, please get in touch via the school office and speak to either myself or Mrs Alford (Office Manager).

Email: office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk
Phone: 01725 552356

We are hopeful that following the 17th May, we may be able to open our doors to the public and share our school experience with prospective parents and more people in the village. We plan to hold a slightly adapted version of our Summer Fayre on 9th July so please look out for banners confirming it is happening.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite
Headteacher

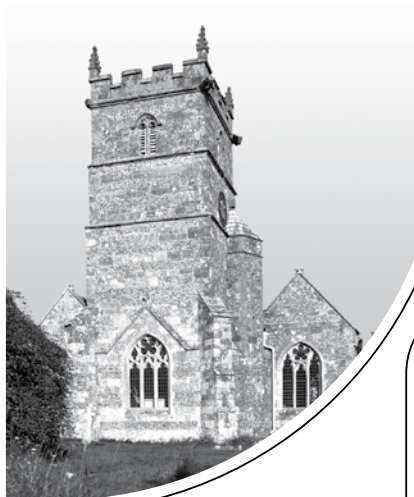
Caring for our grounds



Our garden of reflection



Shelter building in year 1



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

Who's who?

Vicar

Revd Canon Richard Hancock
The Vicarage
Sixpenny Handley
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Churchwardens

*St Mary's with
Gussage St Andrew*

Sue Curtis 552 397

St Rumbold's, Pentridge

Mary Ferguson 552 222

Jane King 552 231



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Friends Scheme for St Mary's Handley and St Andrew's Gussage to launch this September

Our communities of Handley and Gussage St Andrew are blessed with many assets that make it such a wonderful place in which to live. Our two churches have been at the heart of village life for centuries. They have been the places where we have marked key moments in our lives such as birth, marriage and death as well as community gatherings like Remembrance, Harvest and Christmas. They are also places of sanctuary and stillness in our often busy lives. Life would be much poorer without these beautiful buildings at the heart of our communities.

Our two churches costs over £40,000 per annum to run, of this around £14,000 is purely to maintain and repair our two buildings in order to preserve them for future generations. As generations before us have maintained these buildings for our benefit it is now beholden to us to ensure that they remain in good repair for our descendants. Alas there is no public money granted and as the Church of England has never funded the upkeep of Parish Churches all costs of maintenance and operation fall to the congregation and a few who give generously to keep such fine buildings in good condition. This group of people has dwindled over the years and it can now no longer manage the financial responsibility on its own.

I am appealing to all of you who live in our villages for your support in meeting the costs of the fabric of our churches, whether you wish to preserve it as a place of worship, use it for the occasional offices of Baptism, Marriage or Funerals or just enjoy it as a wonderful memorial to our history and a centrepiece in our community. I realize that these are difficult financial times for all of us and the parish church is no exception as we have a projected short fall of over £12,000 for the coming financial year.

The Friends Scheme is specifically designed for those who wish to support the fabric, buildings and heritage of our two churches. Monies raised from this scheme will only be used to maintain the buildings, no part of it will go towards the mission or religious aspects of the church, which is the responsibility of the worshipping congregation. However I hope we all see that we have a responsibility to maintain the heritage of our communities.

In September everyone will receive a letter and pamphlet about the Friends Scheme inviting them to make a small regular contribution to the maintenance and heritage of these buildings. These donations will also be able to be Gift Aided if you are a UK TAX payer which means the Government through HMRC will add an additional 20% to your donation.

I hope everyone will seriously consider becoming a Friend in order to secure the future of our two churches for generations to come.

Blessings, Canon Richard Hancock

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ANNUAL PROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sixpenny Handley Benefice — St Mary the Virgin, Handley, with St Andrew's Gussage and St Rumbold's, Pentridge.

Priest in Charge report for the year ending 31st December 2020

In years to come church reports for 2020 will probably be the ones poured over by historians as they try to understand the effect of the COVID pandemic on local life, similar to how historians of the past looked at records relating to the great plague of 1665.

Ironically the reports of 2020 will not contain as much information, as our churches have been out of action for most of the year and closed for several months, something that did not happen back in 1665. Thankfully our villages have been relatively untouched by the pandemic, save the changes to our daily lives and restrictions in church.

The key word for this report is adaptability. Over the past year all churches in the UK have had to be highly adaptable in order to continue to provide public worship and pastoral care. This has meant all of us learning new skills often very quickly.

I'm pleased to report that we all become highly adaptable over this past year. On the 17th March 2020 when it was announced that all public worship was suspended and shortly after that (controversially) all churches were to be locked, our church moved online. This included a daily 10am broadcast on Facebook and Sunday worship live streamed from the vicarage. A whole new set of skills had to be learnt but the decision to use Facebook and social media also brought rewards. Within a few weeks we were having around 160 people per day tuning in live or watching the YouTube video. Rather than stifling the mission of the church, closing our churches had suddenly brought us into contact with a whole new group of people who would not normally attend church. Though these figures did not last throughout the year we still managed to engage with new people from our communities who have now established a permanent relationship with our churches. However this lays down a significant challenge as we move out of the pandemic as to how

we are to welcome this new section of our church family, once normal services begin again. If we simply return to what we have done before we will be in danger of losing these new people. All our PCC's will need to reflect on this carefully in the coming months.

Though social media has been a great outreach tool it has not been so helpful with regard to maintaining pastoral care. Telephone calls, ZOOM and Facebook can't make up for personal interaction and physical contact when people are in need. Sadly much pastoral visiting has had to be suspended though I have visited people regularly on Saturday morning on the doorstep to take them church notice sheets as they don't have email. These visits have been much appreciated but it is a reminder that not everyone has internet access. As we move from this pandemic it will be good to begin visiting again and our churches will need to arrange social gatherings in order to reconnect with people. I hope that Magnificafé will begin again in July, offering great hospitality at St Mary's and Bobbies amazing scrambled egg and bacon bagels!

St Mary's and St Rumbold's have been creative with worship despite the very restrictive regulations. Regular outdoor services have been held including Prayer Walks which have proved popular. Both churches held successful Harvest and Remembrance Day services outdoors. Carol singing events were held at both Pentridge on the green and at the Village TAP in Handley which brought in a new crowd of people who would not normally attend a carol service. I hope along with our traditional 9 Lessons and Carol service this year we can also have outdoor village carols. Hopefully we can continue to worship outside more in future and celebrate the beautiful countryside which surrounds us. Sadly St Andrew's has had to remain closed throughout this past year due to its size and location which meant worship with COVID restrictions was not practical. I hope worship will resume there in July.

Despite these positives all our churches have been impacted financially. Regular plate giving on Sunday has reduced drastically as our churches were closed and virtually all of our fundraising events had to be cancelled. Even my £1,700 sponsored live haircut has not made a dent in the deficit of income this past year. I'm very grateful to all of those who have continued to give by DD, Standing Orders and the new Parish Giving Scheme. Also those who have made one off donations. Without their support we would have not been able to meet the monthly bills. Pentridge made a huge effort and paid their £6,000+ Parish Share in full for 2020. Handley (who were already on a reduced share) could not realistically meet the full £17K as funds would be needed for maintenance work following the quinquennial inspection. I would like to thank our Treasurers, Richard and Peter, and the Handley finance team for their hard work and diligence over what has been a very challenging year. I hope our PCCs can continue to be creative with regard to fundraising in the coming year and I'm pleased to report that a Friends Scheme is due to be launched in September 2021 for St Mary's and St Andrew's, while Pentridge is exploring some fundraising events for later in the year. Handley has also recently set up a new Maintenance and Fabric team to specifically look at the challenges of running two historic buildings. This committee is dovetailed with the PCC and the Finance Team to develop and manage an effective program of works in the coming years.

The biggest piece of news to report is the new Deanery Plan which was approved by Deanery Synod in January. This will mean that by the end of 2022 [when my RFO role comes to an end] the Handley Benefice as is will come to an end and a new benefice or group will be formed consisting of Handley with Gussage St Andrew, Pentridge, Tollard Royal, Chettel and Franham. What the new benefice or group will be called still has to be decided. It's also unclear at present whether we will be an independent benefice or part of a new Team Ministry with Blandford and surrounding churches. This will help to ensure that a full-time priest is based at

report 2020

Handley which will be important for the future development of the area. Handley is seen by the Diocese as a hub for this area so it's important that this future development is successful. However this new grouping brings challenges of its own particularly if the job is to be attractive to future clergy. This will involve rethinking how we operate.

Two key areas that need to be explored will be the administration in the new benefice and worship. Five independent PCCs will generate a huge amount of work for one incumbent potentially leading to 30+ PCC meetings a year along with other subcommittees which is not sustainable. We will need to look how this can be streamlined, whether through the amalgamation of PCCs or exploring different models used in other rural benefices. Churches remaining an island is no longer practical with the modern demands on them today such as safeguarding, health and safety, HR, and finance regulations. I hope whatever model we develop will enable churches to celebrate their distinctiveness in the areas they are situated while sharing the burden of administration together. This will then free me and future incumbents to focus on outreach and development rather than administration and legislation. This will require all of us to be open and flexible if it is to succeed.

Providing regular worship across five churches with one priest will also be challenging but not impossible. A trial rota for all five churches has been drawn up with the Archdeacon and will begin in July 2021. The rota ensures a regular pattern of worship in all five churches respecting the worshiping tradition of those churches. However priority is being given to those churches developing new forms of worship to appeal to a wider group, particularly young families. If our churches are to survive we need to grow our congregations and be relevant to the local communities we serve. In order for this new worship pattern to succeed it will be reliant on Lay Worship leaders to assist with Matins, Evensong and informal family worship. I'm pleased to report that several people across all five churches have come forward to help and I will be providing some training in

due course. The rota also has flexibility to allow all five churches to develop new services which might act as outreach, be it a Songs of Praise, rural celebrations such as St Hubert's Day or special services such as Taizé and Iona. This rota will be reviewed regularly to help us iron out any problems in the hope that by December 2022 a successful pattern of worship has been developed across all five churches led by both lay and ordained people.

Finally I would like to thank our wardens Sue, Mary and Jane for their hard work and support in what has been a particularly challenging year. Our PCC secretaries Margaret and Peter have had the hard task keeping up with constantly changing Diocesan and National regulations. Thank you to our PCCs for the work and support they give and to all the people who clean and decorate our churches, in particular Stella Symes who has headed up the flower team at St Mary's for many years providing beautiful displays on many occasions. Thank you to Jean Elliot (who is also verger at Handley) for taking over from Stella. Also many thanks for those who maintain the churchyards at both Pentridge and Handley. This outdoor space has been so important for people's wellbeing over the past year. Though Gussage St Andrew has not had any services this year, it's organist Anne McCall, moved to Salisbury so I would like to thank her for her many years of service to St Andrew's.

My final thanks goes to The Revd Paul Skinner who has dutifully served our churches over many years particularly during the last interregnum. When I arrived I found his welcome, support and local wisdom invaluable. Paul has been trying to move to Christchurch for some time to be nearer family but COVID has made this difficult. Thankfully his plans came to fruition just after Easter and we all wish Paul well in his new home. Both PCCs have contributed towards a gift of thanks for Paul which I will be taking to him as soon as it's possible to visit people in their homes.

Blessings
Canon Richard Hancock
Priest in Charge

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Church Services for June

We are regularly reviewing what is possible and safe with regard to public worship. It is hoped that with the effect of the lockdown and the roll out of the COVID vaccine that it will be possible to have public worship in June and July. The time table below is based on public worship being safe in June. However things can change unexpectedly and if it is not safe to hold public worship services will continue online at 10am on Sundays. However both St Mary's Handley and St Rumbold's Pentridge remain open for private prayer and reflection.

All at 10 am

1st Sunday
 Matins, St Rumbold's

2nd Sunday
 Holy Communion, St Mary's

3rd Sunday
 Holy Communion, St Rumbold's

4th Sunday
 Morning Worship, St Mary's
 [Outdoor Service]

FOOD BANKS NEED YOUR SUPPORT.



Trussell Trust

Donations of food items (not fresh) are regularly delivered to the Trussell Trust in Salisbury throughout the year. This is a very important local charity that seeks to support those families in greatest need.

If you are able to contribute any items, please leave them in the basket at the back of St Mary's Church, they will be gratefully received! Alternatively, call 01725-552720 and they can be collected from you.

For an up-to-date list of items currently required, please go to:
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May 20th food donation list

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- Dog food
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- men's deodorants
- UHT Milk
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- Toothpaste

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- Pasta
- tea
- pasta sauce
- tinned soup
- baked beans
- Tinned fish



Sign up to 'Walk for Wards Wherever You Are' for the Stars Appeal

The Stars Appeal is encouraging people to sign up for their 'Walk for Wards Wherever You Are' event on Sunday 4th July.

Participants are asked to walk 3km, 5km, 10km, or as far as they would like, at a location of their choosing and to get sponsored to help raise funds for Stars Appeal projects that support patients and NHS staff across Salisbury District Hospital.

Melissa Davies, Urology Surgeon and Stars Appeal Ambassador said: "Walk for Wards is our charity's flagship event and after the success of last year's 'Wherever You Are' format we are again asking everyone to show their support for our hospital by organising their own sponsored walk. Funds raised by the walk will play a vital role in funding Stars Appeal projects that make such a difference to both our patients and our staff."

All participants will receive a special certificate marking how much they have raised and there are special prizes for those raising over £100. You can sign up to take part at www.starsappeal.org

Participants are asked to follow any Government guidelines that may be in place at the time of their walk. The Walk for Wards normally takes place at Wilton House, home of Stars Appeal President The Earl of Pembroke, and plans are in place for the event to return there on Sunday 3rd July 2022.



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At the time of writing this we have been in some sort of lockdown for around 59 weeks, and we hopefully approach the next phase of easing lockdown. I really hope that as you read this we will be in the final phase and returning to a more normal way of life. Yes, as an optimist, it is something I aspire to and I am writing this article, not only to reflect on the past year but also to hopefully give assurance that life is safer. We as a parish have learnt from this, made many new friends, and know that in times of crisis there are many people who show willing and step forward.

Right now, I want to say a massive thank you to the 90+ volunteers who came forward to help their friends and neighbours through this pandemic. THANK YOU!!!

Firstly, I would like to recount some of the journey we have been on, add in some facts and figures (using GOV.UK Data) that show the scale of what we have seen and finally to hopefully assure anyone still concerned that life is getting better, and we can meet

friends and family as well as go out to shops, cinemas, theatres etc. Safe in the knowledge that this pandemic is closing. So, we started the journey in late February 2020, at the monthly Parish Council meeting I highlighted that due to the recent events around the world I would look at reviewing the Pandemic Flu risk assessment. This resulted in me engaging with the surgery, Clarkes the butchers, Nisa Handley and Sixpenny Handley First School. I also reached out for volunteers and was not disappointed with over 90, who were allocated into teams related to areas of the parish. They set about delivering shopping, collecting prescriptions and walking dogs. We also set up a team of Phone Buddies, those on their own will know only too well the need to talk to someone. All backed up by regular team calls, which still continue today albeit on a monthly basis with the Team Leaders. I have kept stats on how many trips and calls were made, initially this

was to ensure we had the correct level of support, which we did and as you will see from the graph below the teams did deliver. Although numbers are exceptionally low, we continue to support today, but the end should be in sight over the next few months.

Nationally as COVID 19 spread, we appeared to be on top of the pandemic, but as summer came to an end, infections spread and the numbers went up. We entered the second lockdown, and it is from around this time that we started to see a local impact. People did get infected BUT whilst we provided support with shopping and prescription collection our numbers did not rise significantly. This can only be a reflection on our community in that we all stayed safe. In January you can see a rise in the number of trips and calls we carried out, but this is more a reflection of people self-isolating for safety, borne out by the increase in phone buddy calls – a vital and



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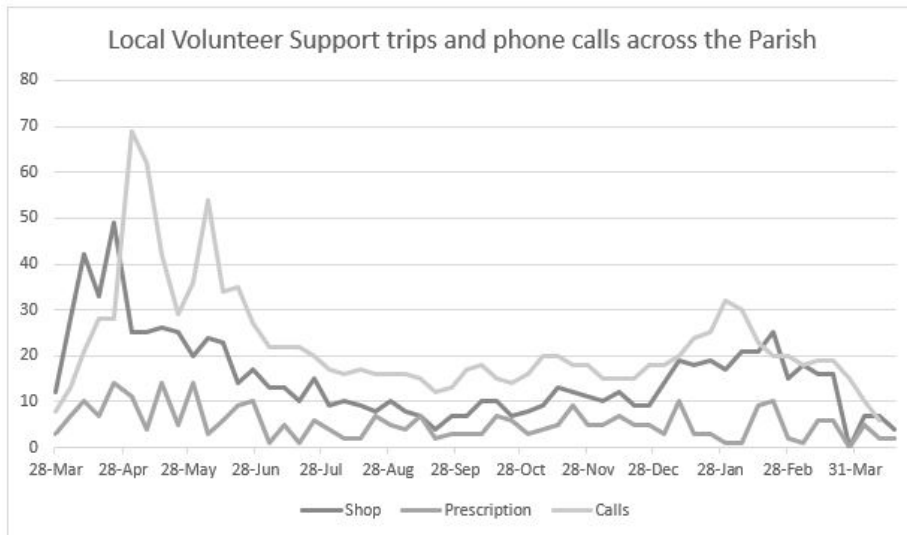


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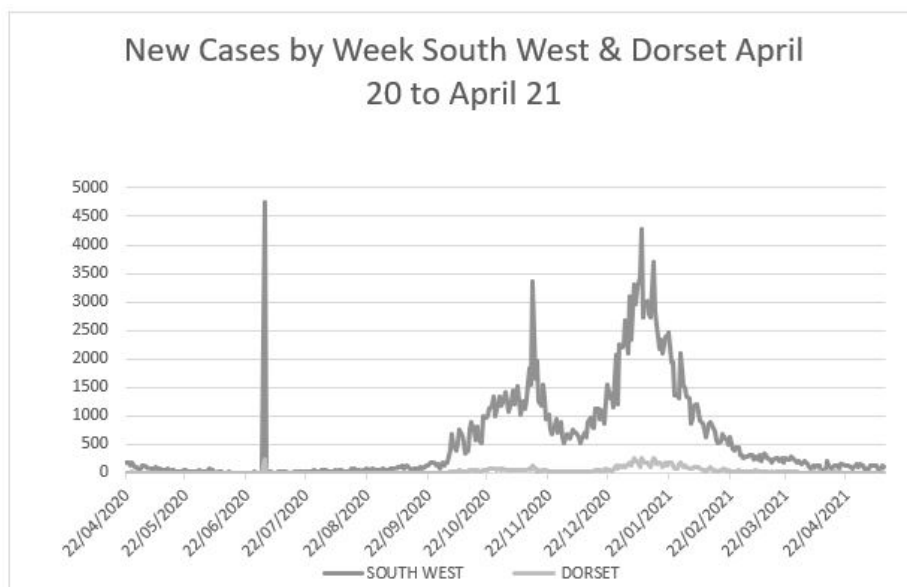
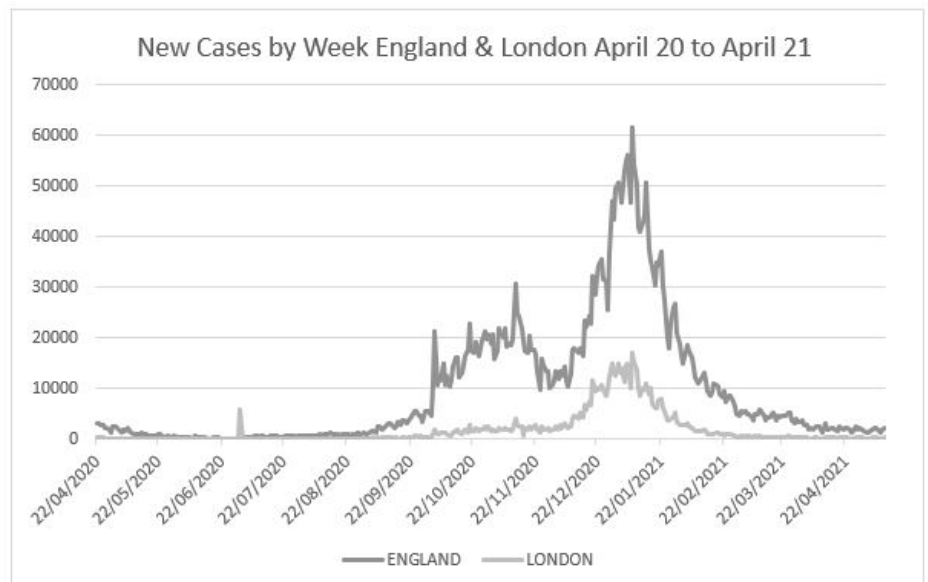


important facet of our support team. If you look at the graphs below which each have the same data but could not be combined as the Dorset numbers would barely show due to the difference in numbers. We as a county and therefore as a community did not suffer anywhere near the numbers affected in London and across England.

Both the graphs show the number of cases per week in each region, England showing a peak of over 68,000 new cases whilst Dorset for the same period was not even reaching 250 new cases. This is not just luck; we live in rural communities and therefore do not have the levels of contact

experienced in cities. Even so our towns (note Bournemouth and Poole are not on the Dorset Graph) did not rise to the levels experienced by London.

So, we now have further easing of lockdown, the Tap opened at the end of April and we are hopefully going to enjoy the Big Session at the end of June. Life is returning to normal, and I think it is safe to say that even if we are not fully back to normal life in the Parish is a much safer place than this time last year. Therefore, locally we are more able to go about as 'normal' than can be said for cities. Our support team is not going away, but we are looking at closing down the support in line with the lockdown easing although its likely



to continue through friendships rather than through our volunteer teams. My phone number is in the front of the Downsman and as a Parish Councillor, I am always available should anyone have a concern. Thank you to everyone for playing your part, we truly do live in a wonderful part of the world

Regards
Andy T



Hedgehog News



Well, everyone is now out in the wild at long last. One or two won't go away and are happy to stay in the boxes around the garden – all the better when they know that the bedding is likely to be changed occasionally, and there's a supply of food.

Now is the time for hedgehogs to be busy looking for food in the evenings and at night to replenish their weight lost. They are omnivores in that they will eat almost anything although studies have shown that they prefer millipedes to centipedes – who is going to count the legs when it could be a juicy meal? Their main preference is for worms, slugs and snails so please DO NOT USE SLUG PELLETS around your plants as hedgehogs will be killed by the dead slugs. If you make a slug trap using a little beer the slugs will drown and the hogs will enjoy the flavour! If you want to put food out for any in your garden, I have found that Mr

Spike's semi-moist is preferred. It should be put somewhere where cats and dogs cannot eat it first.

Sadly, this week I did collect a poor hedgehog that had been sitting in the open on a lawn for a while. He was infected with ticks and fleas and was badly dehydrated to the point where he could not be saved. The dry weather during April made it essential that water should be put out in a shallow container for the night visitors – do not put out cows' milk as hedgehogs can't digest it.

There is likely to be quite a lot of noise from the hogs as they make their way around the village at night. Not only do they snuffle but they are even known to scream, particularly when scrapping over food. Hedgehogs mating is another story altogether – a very noisy affair! The first litters of blind hoglets are likely any time from June onwards; they

will stay with their mother for the first four to six weeks before going off on foraging trips on their own. If you find any hoglets please leave them alone so that their mother can return to them. If they have obviously been deserted and are in danger from dogs etc then please give me a ring and I will check them over and take them in if necessary.

Hogfather
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CRESS Annual Report & News

CRESS is a charity based in Broad Chalke helping South Sudanese refugees in Uganda to become self sufficient. In partnership with the Anglican Church of South Sudan, CRESS aims to help the South Sudanese refugees in Northern Uganda have the range of education, knowledge and vocational skills required to enable them to form self-sufficient, sustainable and ethical communities that do not require Western aid.



2020 Good News

So much was achieved in 2020 despite the pandemic and we can now present to you our charity Annual Report with all those details collated in one place. Visit cressuk.org/our-history.

Clinic : Busy As Ever

10,000 children have been given Vitamin A and de-worming pills and 3000 pregnant women have been given multi-vitamins. The lack of nutrients in the refugee diet is really impacting their health now they have been in Uganda so many years, and with the cutbacks in rations for the refugees last year the effects of malnutrition have become ever more apparent.

The only way to improve these local diets is through the agriculture programmes and to help teach about nutrition and the best

cooking methods in order to maximise the health benefits of their food.



Agriculture Training Completed

Meet a joyful Loise Bangu of Morjita group having just completed her agriculture training. Her spirit and motivation comes from her achievements as a savings group member which has enabled her to start her own pancake business, buy two goats for her family and to pay school fees for her son.

Juxtaposed to Loise is the image behind her of the current environmental reality existing in and around Imvepi refugee camp after five years of the refugees staying there. The few misshapen trees denote branch lopping for firewood. The image also shows the whole denuded area behind that would have been covered with similar-sized trees. Together with climate change, increasingly dry weather and poor soils, survival here in the camp is tough and precarious.

Refugees are given food aid but are left to fend for themselves to search and collect firewood for cooking and shelter materials such as poles from the surrounding natural resources. These have now become increasingly scarce and difficult to source.

Find out more at cress.org.uk.

ANOB News

More mobile phone masts? Have your say...

There is a consultation, which runs until 14th June 2021, about telephone communication masts being given increased permitted development rights. This could lead to an increase in medium sized masts without local communities having any say or mechanism for getting them removed.

You can respond to this consultation direct using this link, outlining how better communications shouldn't be at the expense of damage to our cherished landscapes, or contact our planning team directly in the office at info@cranbornechase.org.uk

BBC Countryfile focus on Cranborne Chase AONB

If you missed it - you can catch it on BBC iPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006t0bv/countryfile>

Our status as an International Dark Sky Reserve and our Crystal Clear Ebbles project, which forms part of our Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme, were among the projects featured on the programme last Sunday.

If you like what you saw and want to get involved, you can find out more about our plans for 2021 - 2022.

Annual Forum

Join us at our Annual Forum to be held online from 10:30 - 12:30 on Tuesday 15 June .

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Tax Credits

If you are in receipt of tax credits, you should receive your annual renewal pack by 4 June 2021. If renewal is required you should ensure this is done by 31 July 2021 as payments will be stopped if you do not renew on time.

Debt Respite Scheme launched

A new scheme – Breathing Space – was launched on 4 May 2021. Breathing Space will give those facing financial difficulties space to receive debt advice or mental health crisis treatment without pressure from creditors or mounting debts. Most debts will qualify for this scheme, including credit and store cards, personal and payday loans, overdrafts, utility bills, rent and mortgage arrears and government debts such as tax and benefits. Further details are available on the newsfeed on our website.

COVID Support Grants

If you have received COVID support grants, please remember that they are treated as taxable income where the business is within the scope of either income tax or corporation tax. This extends to the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS), the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), the Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme, any coronavirus business support grant scheme and any other support scheme payments.

HMRC's guidance states that whether or not any tax is paid will depend on the business profits of the grant recipient, taking into consideration the grant and other business income and expenditure under normal tax rules, any other taxable income and personal allowances to which they are

entitled.

COVID support payments are designed to substitute various income streams for businesses and individuals affected by the pandemic, and therefore follow the same tax treatment. HMRC does have the power to recover payments and to charge penalties where claimants have made support grant claims to which they were not entitled.

Taxes that apply to Cryptoassets

If you hold cryptoassets such as Bitcoin as a personal investment for capital appreciation in value or to make purchases, you will be liable to pay capital gains tax when the cryptoassets are disposed of.

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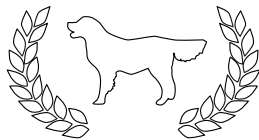


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Sail Ho!

Actually back on the water and sailing!
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The first 'outing' was not far, just to the other side of the main pontoon, to have the wind from the bow, in order to hoist main and connect reefing pennants the right way round. (The last thing you want when putting in a reef is 'oh dear!') and to hoist the genoa.

Second trip was to Beaulieu, not far, owing to wind constraints. Guess what? My turn on the helm as we enter and pick up a buoy (again!). But with forward looking echo sounder we could identify problems of depth early. On the approach sailing at 7 – 8 kn, decided to lower the sails, and motor in slowly, all was well with about one metre under the keel over the bar. But now to pick up the mooring (regular readers will remember last time with 20kn of wind against a strong tide – right third time!) This time all was textbook stuff, and an easy pick up first time, - not so easy for the crew as there was no pick up buoy! The return under colourful cruising chute – great. Cowes next week, now getting back to a 'normal', and remembering what does what, and where it goes!

Newtown Creek brrr!

Forecast of strong winds and rain, suggested a not too ambitious sail. With one reef, we set off upwind to have a look at Hurst Castle, and the damage, noticed large piles of gravel and rocks for the repair!

Return with wind on the quarter and 8kn boat speed, heading for Newtown, when the rain and hail (hail in May?) started. Why was I on the helm? Skipper and crew (except for one stalwart) disappeared down below to do some 'navigation'. Closing the Cardinal Mark at Newtown, and lining up Y and white circle of leading marks, headed for the entrance. Not usually a problem at low water, but through the entrance, the depth suddenly dropped to less than one metre below the keel, slow, slow, and then at 0.3m engage reverse, do not want to go aground at any speed! The depth then

Gone Sailing



increased, so was it a sand bar? a clump of weed?, or a whale swimming under the yacht?

Compass

Recently, we discussed 'points of the compass', rather than degrees, there are 32 points and each is 11.25 degrees. See picture for definitions. (NbE is North by East and so on).

Bookshelf

Having read William Thomson's articles in Yachting Monthly on how the Polynesians navigated, and other interesting angles to Astro-Nav, I was pleased to find, in Superbook Blandford, at less than half price, his book 'The World of Tides' a beautifully presented book, and very easy to follow, covering; tide, stream, current, rapids, whirlpool, tsunami, bore, wave, rip, and other things. Also has a fascinating website, www.tidalcompass.com.

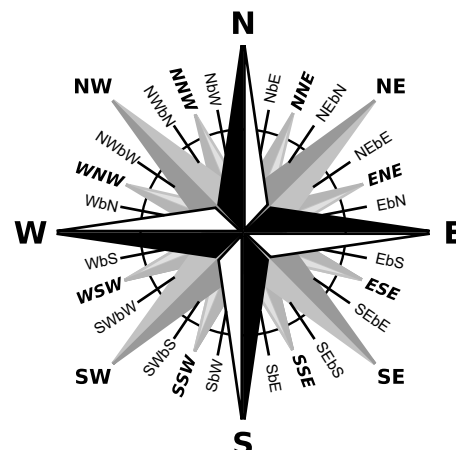
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Phrase / nautical meaning / landlubbers useage.

By – and – large / wind over the aft quarter / mostly, average.

Deliver a broadside / fire all guns from one side of the ship / words delivered as an attack.

Change tack / in order to make to windward a vessel has to tack at about 45 degrees to the wind, and zig/zag upwind / change direction, change mind.



Once again thanks to LTSC member for their input.

LTSC 75

The club has been very 'active' during lockdowns what with 'zoom' meetings, regular newsletters, and tentative talk of cruises, and actual dinghy activities. This year marks 75 years since the founding of LTSC, with Grade 2 listed bathhouse for a clubroom. August (hopefully) will see much celebration. So why not join a friendly 'open' club, sailing in one of the premier sailing areas of the world! Crew on a cruising or racing yacht, 'hire' a club dinghy, get the RYA training. www.ltsc.co.uk.

Adam

Yachting Correspondent for Sixpenny Handley



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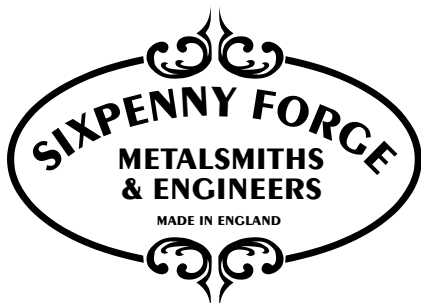


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I wrote in the last edition of the Downsman about how well our merger with Humphries Kirk LLP had progressed, despite the strictures of lockdown and working from home. In the last two months we have slowly emerged from the cocoon of lockdown into the reality of being, once more a “full on”, open to all, legal practice.

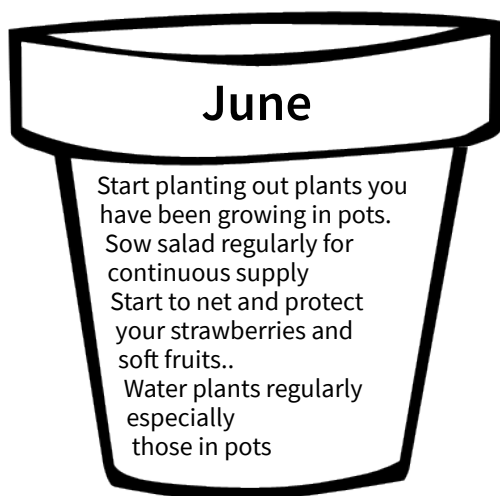
I have been joined by Simon Cross, Merlin Lewis and Orla Laurensen, who are Private Client solicitors and Jonathan Cohen who works with Rachel White on Residential Conveyancing.

Humphries Kirk LLP has over 80 specialist lawyers across 8 offices whose expertise you can access from home. Although we will be delighted to see you at Catchpole House in person, we can review and take instructions via Zoom, Microsoft Teams or WhatsApp as well as over the telephone on 01258 840507.

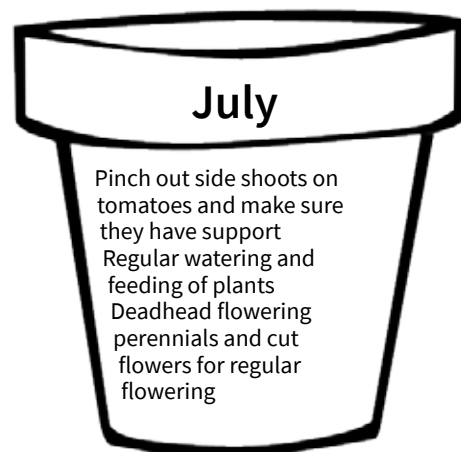
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Having your legal affairs on a sound footing is a sensible step. Once done it will remove much of the stress and worry.

Gardeners' Notes



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Digital champions return to face-to-face advice sessions

Dorset residents can once again get face-to-face advice on any digital queries such as setting up and using devices including phones, tablets and PCs.

Digital champions have started to return to Dorset libraries to help people who are struggling to get online. Meanwhile the Digital Hotline will keep running to help people who can't get to the face-to-face sessions.

Digital champions ran sessions in Dorset's libraries and community venues until the start of last year, covering enquiries ranging from how to switch on a computer and use it for the first time through to specific technical queries.

However, when the Covid pandemic struck these sessions had to stop and since then Digital Champions have been helping people with their digital queries through the telephone hotline.

Mike Watson is one of the volunteer digital champions. He said: 'In face-to-face support sessions the digital champion can see the exact issue and suggest a range of

actions. If the first doesn't work, we can immediately try something else.

'An informal relationship develops between the Digital Champion and the user, and as the user starts to make progress dealing with the technology, genuine learning happens.'

The sessions will be spaced apart to allow full cleaning and other Covid secure requirements will be in place. Perspex screens will separate the user and the digital champion or two computer screens will be available to maintain distance between them.

Slots are currently limited to Dorchester on Thursday afternoons and Gillingham on Saturday mornings, with Weymouth, Littlemoor and Ferndown planned to follow soon. Anyone who can't access these can still use the Digital Hotline (01305 221048 10:00 – 12:00 Mon-Fri).

Councillor Peter Wharf, deputy leader for Dorset Council, said:



'It's great to see that our volunteer digital champions are able to start supporting people again in this way as face-to-face sessions are the best way to help people who struggle with technology to develop their digital skills.

'Part of our digital vision for Dorset is to enable it to be a digital place. We want to help residents learn new digital skills which will make their lives easier.

'Businesses will have access to people with the digital skills they need and together we will be able to use technology to make a real difference to people's lives.'

Face-to-face slots with digital champions must be pre-booked to ensure they are Covid secure. If you, or someone you know, would like some help from a digital champion with a digital query, just call the Digital Hotline.

Two other community venues have also reopened their digital help sessions, so you can also book slots at:

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Rob's Column

When life throws you lemons
Don't be bitter and down
Try to focus on happy things
Circle away that frown
Take time to relax
Time to renew
Then the tide will change
You'll find a brand new you

On the days when every thing
Seems too much. As we all have to find
Something so easy to do
That you normally wouldn't bother with.
Having done it you gained a little sense
Of achievement which made the next
Thing on the list all the easier.
So find an easy job for a difficult day.

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Helps us to unwind,
Planting, pottering, weeding,
Pleasure you're sure to find.
It also keeps us energised

Gives us a sense of pride
When we see what we've achieved
With nature by our side.

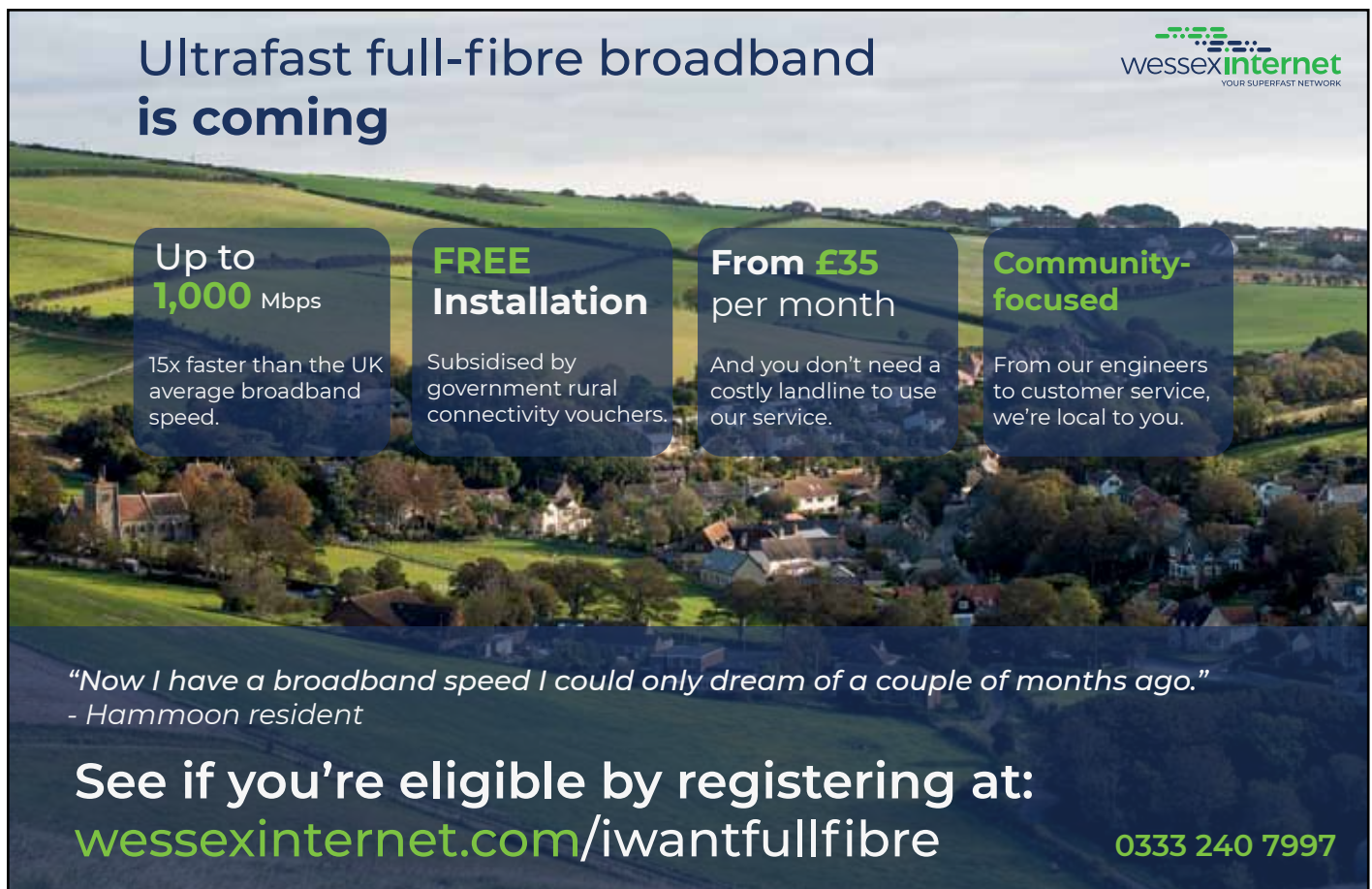
A friend is there, if needed
A friend is there, when not
A friend is there, to lend an ear
If troubles you have got a friend is always
by your side
Whether near or from afar
If a friend is a precious gift
If only days could be brighter
If only worries be gone
If only loved ones were with us
Happy times we could focus upon
As round the corner so clearly
Better days are laying ahead
So banish the fear and sadness
Keep joy in your heart instead.

In a sky of grey
We wait for this rain
Then a chunk of blue
And sun shines again.
Reaching new horizons
Along the rocky road.
Keeping a little hope
Helps carry the load.

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