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

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June 2022



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&
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Sat 25th June, 11am – 2pm

**PENTRIDGE
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BARNDANCE
30th July 7pm**



**The Big
Jubilee
Picnic
Fri 3rd June**



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So much to do!

May has landed and every weekend seems to bring more opportunities to get out and about.

The first week we were all at 1st Woodcutts Family Camp. This was our fourth one - first going in 2015. A change this time was the girls went and did their activities with their friends and Chris and I helped around camp and explored the capabilities of Cricut machine (does paper cuts from your design on the computer) with the family groups as they came to us! The following weekend was the first dance out for Steps in Time, the local English country dance side that the girls dance with, at Shaftesbury Food Festival. If you'd like to see them dance, they will be at the Big Jubilee Picnic on 3rd June. Last weekend was my Mum's birthday and we took a trip down to Abbotsbury Tropical Garden and next weekend will be Richard & Kate's last service at St Mary's so we will be there to wish them well. See the plans for the church for the next few months inside these pages too!



We've also managed a couple of walks in the beautiful Garston Wood and Martin Down, but I haven't been back up to Pentridge Knoll yet this year, so definitely one for my list. If you remember last year the Cubs designed a local walk which started in Sixpenny Handley and looked at the history between here and Woodcutts - well the AONB have now printed the walk in The Hart Magazine and you can find it on their website too... do let us know if you enjoy it!

If you are looking for more sporting adventures - don't forget tennis, bowls and cricket all take place at the recreation ground in Sixpenny Handley - seek out their info in the coming pages! So many events to look forward to in the local area - see the Noticeboard, do go along and support those you can!

Also inside a report from the Skatepark team after their open day last weekend and the Annual Report from the Parish Council... and if you are looking for some other interesting reads, do note the Falkland War commemoration, Gone Sailing and the WI's 100th celebration!

Naomi Booth

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

To the Editor

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andy Turner who has won a Dorset Council Local Hero Award for his individual contribution during the pandemic in setting up our COVID Support Network. Also the Support Network has received a Group Award for their contribution. Well done to all involved!

A new Bishop for the Diocese of Salisbury

People across the Diocese of Salisbury are looking forward to welcoming their new Bishop.

The Rt Revd Stephen Lake was consecrated at Southwark Cathedral at the end of April and will be enthroned in Salisbury Cathedral on 19th June.

Bishop Stephen, who until recently was Dean of Gloucester, succeeds the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, who retired last July. He is the 79th Bishop of Salisbury.

Bishop Stephen, who grew up in Poole, trained for ministry at Chichester Theological College, held his curacy at Sherborne Abbey with Castleton and Lillington, and was ordained priest in 1989. He became Vicar of St Aldhelm's, Branksome in 1992 and was appointed Rural Dean of Poole in 2000.

In 2001 he was appointed Sub Dean of St Albans and became Dean of Gloucester in 2011.

He said: "It is such a privilege and a joy to be called back to the Diocese of Salisbury as Bishop.

"To be able to serve in the places that formed me will be something rare and special."

Bishop Stephen is married to Carol and the couple have three adult children.



SORT OUT DAY AND CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 17th of July 2022



£12.50 per pitch, Free entry for public

Gates open from 7am

Church Farm Campsite, High St, Sixpenny Handley,
Salisbury SP5 5ND

Proceeds to Salisbury NHS and Handley Skate Park

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- Bi-weekly Wednesday night friendly games
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- Net sessions Tuesdays and Fridays



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The Big Jubilee Picnic
Fri 3rd June
 12noon - 5pm
 Celebration picnic
 with music, workshops, Ben Waters
 Tickets £10 from Eventbrite &
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**PENTRIDGE
 BBQ &
 BARNDANCE**
30th July 7pm

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 Admission £7

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club
**Stars Appeal
 Fundraiser**
30th July

A fun day and we look forward to
 welcoming many visitors not only for
 the games but also the barbeque and
 refreshments.
 Families are welcome so bring the
 children along.

Summer Bingo!
**Thursday 16th
 June**
**Sixpenny Handley
 village hall**
**Doors open 1900,
 eyes down 1930**



**SATURDAY 30th
 JULY 2022**

**CRAFT FAIR
 &
 AFTERNOON TEAS**



Sat 25th June, 11am – 2pm
 Sixpenny Handley village hall

Free entry, donations welcome.
 Book a table 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com
 or 07951 056069. Future dates:
 Sat 30th July & Sat 27th August.

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 BOOT SALE**



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 Gates open from 7am
 Church Farm Campsite, High St,
 Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury SP5 5ND
 Proceeds to Salisbury NHS and Handley
 Skate Park



Clerk's Corner

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council
www.sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 2019-2022

This is the Parish Report of the Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge and Woodyates Parish Council, which is normally delivered on an annual basis. However, I need hardly remind you that these are not normal times and that the last Parish Assembly was held three years ago in March 2019, when we were deep in the national debate over BREXIT and expressing our concern over the announcement made in 2018 by the Secretary of State for Local Government to replace what was then the 9 County, District and Borough Councils in Dorset with only 2 Councils, which came into effect on the 1st April 2019. Not perhaps the most auspicious of days to launch such a venture you may think!

Since then of course we have endured the seemingly endless Covid pandemic and its dreadful effects on our Nation, our economy, the National Health Service as well as our Parish, which has been the main reason for not having been able to hold public meetings since that time. However I am sure that you would agree that in the words of Winston Churchill this was undoubtedly "our finest hour", when members of the Parish came together to offer selfless assistance to those Parishioners who could not help themselves by the delivery of prescriptions; the collection of shopping; and offers of lifts to medical appointments; all arranged through your indefatigable Parish Council and the magnificent efforts of Councillor Andrew Turner, who pulled together and managed teams of volunteers throughout the village to very good effect. You will, I am sure, be pleased to hear that Andrew has been justifiably recommended to be acknowledged as a "Hero" of our time. In the interim the Parish Council continued to meet twice monthly, albeit electronically by the means of ZOOM meetings.

However notwithstanding all of that, your Parish Council has continued to manage and robustly represent the views of Parishioners in a number of matters of local concern which over the past three years have included: planning applications;

the continued intention of the Community Land Trust in its plans to construct affordable housing for local people along Common Road; the replacement Saturday bus service to Salisbury and Blandford; the completion of the major refurbishment of the Village Hall; improvements to the Sports and Recreation grounds and the introduction of a Speed Indicator Device to reduce the incidence of cars speeding in the High Street and along Back Lane. Your Parish Council are now considering, on the advice of the Dorset Highways Department, the purchase of a second Speed Indicator Device (known as a SID) to be able to cover both directions when deployed.

The Planning Committee continues to scrutinise all planning applications within the Parish where your Parish Council is keen to see further appropriate housing development within the village and which recently agreed to support a development on land adjacent to Back Lane for the construction of 22 new homes and perhaps more controversially despite our objections on the grounds of flooding, we were overruled by the Dorset Council Planning Committee for the development of 7 new homes in the field adjacent to Frogmore Lane and Back Lane.

During the Pandemic period your Parish Council has made financial provision of £25,000 from the precept to support the major plans of the Village Hall Committee to refurbish the Village Hall. The Hall Committee are to be congratulated for raising over £65,000 in grants and donations from the Talbot Trust and the former East Dorset District Council and through various appeals. Much of this renovation work has been completed including the provision of a new roof; a deep clean of the external structure; a new sound system; a new heating and ventilation system, including a new boiler and improvements to the kitchen, which thanks to the most effective and energetic Committee will enable the Village Hall to continue to generate income from its use.

Sixpenny Handley is particularly fortunate

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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with Ciona.

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to benefit from its excellent Sports and Recreation grounds which your Parish Council has done much over recent years to improve and maintain by the provision of new fitness training equipment beside the playground; the renewal of the cricket ground artificial wicket and renovation of the practice nets, which we are delighted to be able to say has generated the start of what we hope will be a new village Cricket Club which has already held a number of matches; (indeed there are now 5 matches booked this season); the replacement of the Pavilion oil tank and, in the next two weeks, associated landscaping; the purchase of a much needed ride-on grass mower as replacement for the existing old and worn out machine; the provision of new signage for the Recreation ground, which was fitted only last month and which I hope that you noticed as you drove in this evening. The Parish Council is particularly grateful for the continued support and financial assistance of the "Penny Tap" in the Pavilion which has continued to provide a much needed refreshment service at the many events that are held in the Pavilion. I should add that there is

an active committee headed by Councillor Andrew Turner now raising funds to extend the Skateboard Park which held an open day demonstration last Saturday . On other sports matters we must congratulate the Sixpenny Handley football team for winning their league this season which means that they will be promoted to a higher league next season. Very well done the Sixpenny Handley Team ! The Tennis Club has gone from strength to strength with increased membership and usage of the courts. Unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Bowls Club, which despite many improvements of their facilities and cleaning of the bowls ground surface is down on membership and struggling to maintain their position in the local leagues. The Bowls Club have asked me to encourage anyone, young and old, who may have an interest in the sport to visit the ground and see what they have to offer.

The Community Land Trust continues to make progress to site affordable new houses for rent by local people on land on Common Road. An architect has been appointed and revised plans have been drawn up. Members of the CLT Board are here this evening and will update us all later in the meeting.

Your Parish Council continues to act in its efforts to reduce speeding in the village by the purchase and siting of a speed indicator device, which you may have seen in operation in the High Street and along Back Lane. We have been surprised by the byzantine bureaucracy that has been imposed by the County Highways Department – but undeterred we have continued to make progress in this respect. We must thank the voluntary members of the Neighbourhood Speed Watch group led by Mr Colin Chambers, who asked me to say that they are currently short of two additional volunteers to assist in this valuable work. As I said earlier we are actively considering the purchase of a second speeding device on the recommendation of Dorset Highways.

We continue to be very proud of our Community Website, developed again by our IT Champion: Councillor Andrew Turner, which continues to operate

with links to local groups, services and businesses. The Website is well supported by the excellent Downsman publication, for which we are grateful to Naomi Booth as Editor, and the many volunteers on the committee and from the Neighbourhood Watch Group who distribute the end product for the benefit of us all.

The Waistcoat Festival and Big Session events of the past few years have not been able to go ahead because of the pandemic and the Parish Council acknowledges the efforts of the volunteers who conducted those events in the past which have generated significant income to the fund that benefit a number of other well deserving causes around the village. We must thank the many willing volunteers and organisers who take so much time and trouble to organise and run these major events led by Paul Styles, Penny Mansergh & Naomi Booth. It must be said that so much of the life of this village is maintained and enhanced by its volunteers who run the village hall; the sports pavilion; the Waistcoat & Big Session Festivals and the Sixpenny Session events; the annual rubbish and litter pick; hedge trimming; the Crossroads Café, which operates each week in the Parish Office as well as the Parish Library run by former Councillor Bea Boyland. We also thank, among others, David Elliott for his generous contributions towards the Sports Pavilion, Rob Jesse and Richard Dennett for their regular patrols around the village collecting litter, emptying bins and generally ensuring that the appearance of the village and its roadways are kept to a high standard. We would also like to thank David Adams who has been most effective in maintaining our footpaths and bridleways around the village. Without all our selfless volunteers village life would be significantly less worthwhile.

From BREXIT; the Pandemic and the war in Ukraine there doesn't seem much for us to be positive about – however I would say that the advent of the forthcoming national celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is something that we can all cheer and support. The Parish Council has commissioned and purchased celebratory mugs with a portrait

of the Queen printed on them which we propose to present to every child in the first school here in Sixpenny Handley. We have much to be proud of in our Queen and I am sure that, like me, you will join in our national celebrations of this great event, which in our village are taking place on the Cricket Ground.

We would also like to thank Sarah Jesse for her postal deliveries around the village in all weathers, under difficult circumstances following the closure of the local sorting office facility in the post office.

We must further thank our Ward Councillor, Mr Piers Brown, for his continued attendance and support at our Parish Council meetings where he keeps us updated on what is happening at County level and for his advice and guidance on our deliberations. I should add here that we are represented each quarter at the meetings of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils and I can tell you that we are very proud of the fact that your Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council is one of very few such Councils within Dorset to have its full complement of 10 Parish Councillors, each of whom are unpaid volunteers who attend two or more meetings each month on your behalf to ensure the efficient running of the Parish and careful management of the precept awarded to us by Dorset Council.

So accordingly on behalf of your Parish Council Chairman, Councillor James Reed, and if I may say further on your behalf as members of this Parish, we must thank your Parish Councillors who continue to meet each month for the continued development and benefit of Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge. 2024 marks the end of this Parish Council's term of 4 year's tenure of office. Most of the Councillors at this time will have completed 8, 10 or even 12 years of service and intend to stand down at that time. It is essential that we begin now to identify replacement Councillors to fill those gaps. If you want to have a say in the future development of the Parish, or how we apportion the £50,000 Precept that we are granted for our work, do come and join us at one of our monthly meetings to see what it is that we

do on your behalf. Sixpenny Handley is a vibrant village and a desirable place to live where neighbour supports neighbour and residents volunteer to support events for the good of the village and its inhabitants. Please do now seriously consider standing as a Parish Councillor – It is not an onerous duty which I have been proud to carry out for 8 years and is for the good and benefit of your village.

*Cllr SC McLean
Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish
Council*

Coffee Get-Together!



CROSSROADS CAFÉ

**We are having our coffee mornings in the
parish office every wednesday morning from
10.30 Am**

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Saturday 4-8pm

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Our Parish Library

Our library will be open again when the
Parish Office is open and on these dates:
First and Third Thursday of the month at
these times

Thursday	2nd of June	CLOSED
Thursday	16th of June	3-- 4.15pm
Thursday	7th of July	3-- 4.15pm
Thursday	21st of July	3-- 4.15pm

We appreciate all your donations, but
unfortunately, due to lack of space, at the
moment we cannot accept Non Fiction, or
Hardback Books.

Hope to see you there
Bea

CRESS Dinner Thanks



I wanted to personally sincerely thank everyone who attended our amazing African Themed Evening. Without your generosity, the evening would most definitely not have been the overwhelming success that it was. The overall consensus was that the evening had a most special atmosphere and to be able to celebrate how everyone has worked so hard to support and grow CRESS into the organisation it is now, was incredibly special.

Thank you to those who very generously donated towards specific projects and I am very pleased to say that we have now been able to fund the following projects;

- 1 selection of tools and equipment to turn a savings group into an agriculture and savings group
- 4 bicycles for Diocese of Liwolo Pastors
- 1 set of savings materials to form a new savings group
- 3 new education sponsors for primary school children
- 1 semester covered for further education for Isaac Soro the DOL Logistic, procurements and communication officer

With grateful thanks

Caroline Lamb

Farnham Open Gardens

Saturday 11th June

Sunday 12th June

11am until 5pm

refreshments all day

free parking

Admission £7

**PENTRIDGE
BBQ & BARNDANCE**
with live band Nunominata & caller
30th July 2022 - 7pm

Tickets: £10 Adults
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or email: info@pentridgedorset.co.uk
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- ❖ Licence Bar
- ❖ Raffle

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Fri 3rd June

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6DH Skatepark Project Update

Fund raising and Skatepark open day

So, we have had another great few months since our last report, the delayed Skatepark open day, more on this later along with how the postponed Quiz night helped increased our fundraising pot. We also outline how this project is organised and how we are looking to establish the need, understand the challenge and engage with our amazing community.

So, the Skateboard event we hoped to hold in both February and March but postponed due to the weather finally happened. Jeff from Team Rubicon spent the day with us in early May. As well as his years of experience, he brought along scooters, boards, helmets, elbow, and knee protectors. Over the day he taught a number of newbies the skills to stay on a skateboard as well as some basic tricks. For the more experienced he passed on some tricks for them to try out. More importantly he showed everyone that you do not need to be Sky Brown to have a go and that every little move is a step forward. At the end of the day everyone took away something including some freebies he had to hand. For the project we got a great insight into what to consider when planning a rebuild, how to help fund it as well as making sure what is built is all inclusive. For instance, did you know that whilst it's called a skatepark, BMX's, in-line skaters, scooters as well as wheelchairs can all access a skatepark. This helped us confirm that if we can raise the monies to rebuild the new skatepark it will have a far wider reach than the current half pipe and tarmac that we have now.

Whilst it wasn't as full as we would have liked the Quiz night was held at the end of the Easter Holiday. A massive thanks to Hutch for his excellent quiz and running the evening. More praise for Clark's The Butchers who donated Cheese and Ham for the Ploughman's and Handley Budgens for the Crisps and snacks to keep the hunger at bay between rounds. With ticket sales and a game of 'Heads or Tails' we managed to add around £200 to our fundraising pot. Looking forward we are going to be organising and running the raffle at the Big



Picnic which promises to be yet another great afternoon in Handley. We also need to give a massive thanks to Ray and Nora Churchill who are organising a car boot sale on 17th July at Church Farm campsite. They have stated any proceeds will go to Salisbury NHS and the Skate Park project, hopefully you will be able to go along to this event and many thanks to Ray and Nora from the project team.

So, a little about the project set up, this is a small team of adults and young people who want to re-invigorate the current skatepark. The project is set up under the Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge CCIO and is not a Parish Council (PC) project. Yes, I (Andy) am a parish councillor, and this is the only link to the parish council. The team are of course liaising with the PC as they own the land, but any funds will be from the project teams fundraising and grants that we can obtain. These grants are focussed on young people and sports, and we are updated by a grant opportunity site run by Dorset Council. We are now seeing potential grant opportunities that we are looking to submit applications. To allow these applications to be submitted we need to establish a business plan which has some key elements to be included. Obvious things such as the cost but actually key to this is ensuring there is a need for the rebuild.

We are therefore linking up with Maverick Skateparks, a Poole based company with

a national reputation for the quality of their skatepark builds. More importantly we need to understand the actual ask from the community and will therefore be delivering a questionnaire to every household across the parish. Following this we will be holding an open evening to present detail on the project and take feedback from those attending. Watch out for these dropping through your letterbox and a date later in the summer for the meeting. In the meantime, can we remind you of our Go Fund me page and that if you are so inclined we would appreciate any donations and so have a Go Fund me site - <https://gofund.me/db38e02a> for anyone to donate.

Watch out for more news on the project and fundraising efforts through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Sixpenny-Handleys-New-skatepark), the NextDoor app or word of mouth.

We meet each month to discuss fundraising and all aspects of the project to be addressed over the next month. We are a small team, and it would be great to see some parents or anyone who has experience in chasing down grants and is interested in making this happen. If you would like to know anything or to get involved, please contact Chair Person, Charlotte Gilson (07464 884533) or Secretary, Andy Turner (07427 119468)

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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

The new bowls season is now under way, with matches being played both home and away in the Percy Baker Cup and the Westbrook Mixed Triples League, where we have had mixed results so far. We are just about to start our internal cup competitions which have attracted a good number of entries.

Bowls Social Evenings

A quiz evening was held on 30th April which was narrowly won by Roger and Ann Naylor paired with Geoff and Sheila Sheppard. Stella Olsen and Liz Coombs were a close second with only one point less. A sterling effort by the pair of them. The next social event will be Race Night on 25th June. This is always popular where everyone is guaranteed not to lose their shirt.

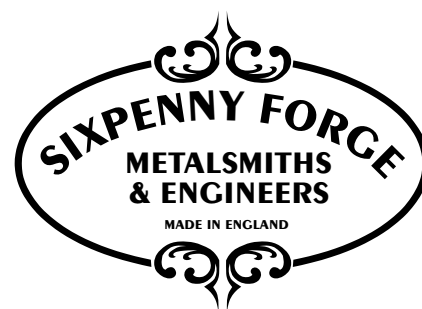
Stars Appeal Fundraiser

President's day is scheduled for 30th July when we will be raising money for the Stars Appeal at Salisbury General Hospital. It is a fun day and we look forward to welcoming many visitors not only for the games but also the barbeque and refreshments. Families are welcome so bring the children along.

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Cricket Pitch, Sixpenny Handley Friday 3 June From 12.00 – 5.00pm



We hope you've bought your tickets, ordered your picnic boxes, got your flags and your red, white and blue outfit ready to join us for a fabulous afternoon of fun to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3 June.



We have just heard that Ben Waters will be bringing 5 of the UK's top rock 'n' roll session musicians with him to the BIG Picnic. Between them they've played with The Rolling Stones, Ronnie Wood, Jeff Beck, Van Morrison, Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton, Page and Plant, Chuck Berry and Carl Perkins to name but a few. Now they're coming to Sixpenny Handley - how lucky are we! Don't miss them - they will be on stage between 3.00 – 5.00 pm – and we can guarantee that you will be up on your feet rock 'n' rolling the afternoon away.



Before Ben and co take to the stage, the musical fun will start at 12.00 pm with the fabulous DJ Hutch playing tunes from the last seven decades. The raffle will then be drawn (with all proceeds going towards the new skatepark project) and prizes for both adults and children will be awarded for the best jubilee fancy dress. Then we will be treated to a performance by Dorset dance side 'Steps In Time' which will be followed by a special tribute to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, led by local author and friend to so many in the village, Mr Bill Chorley.

During the afternoon there will be craft, woodcraft and circus skills workshops for children and adults plus various other fun activities and stalls.

If you have pre-ordered a picnic box (and we hope you have!) you can collect them from the Pop-up-Produce team, who will have a clearly marked table near the entrance to the cricket pitch. Then it's on to the Penny Tap for some liquid refreshment for the adults before popping to the ice cream van for the children.

We hope you will agree that there's something for everyone and we really hope you have a wonderful time. It's been way too long!

If you would like to give us any feedback on the event or ideas for future BIG events, please feel free to email us at: sixpennysessions@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and see you on Friday 3rd!

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Prevention Of Illegal Puppy Breeding

Dorset Council has become a driving force for the prevention of illegal puppy breeding across the county. Asking people across Dorset to 'Stop and Think' before buying a puppy.

Dorset Council Trading Standards and Environmental Health Teams are working together to raise awareness of the multi-million-pound puppy breeding trade that is happening right under our noses.

Covid 19 has brought a significant increase in both the selling of illegal puppies and the cost of puppies. With more people working from home, dog ownership has become more attractive and easier. This very lucrative market means that puppies are being sold from unlicensed breeders, too often without any consideration of the welfare and environmental needs of the puppy.

An unlicensed puppy breeder is someone who does not have a dog breeding licence but who earns more than £1000 per year

from selling puppies.

Dorset Council has updated its website facilities to allow users to check if breeders are licensed, to report unlicensed breeders, and tips on knowing what to look for and check when buying a puppy, including:

- No puppy should be sold under the age of 8 weeks and the puppy should be microchipped
- Always see the puppy with its mother
- Never buy/collect a puppy from service stations, pubs, car parks or any public area, the puppy should be in the home of the breeder.
- If your puppy is advertised with a 'passport' this could mean they've been imported
- Check whether your puppy has been vaccinated and has been socialised before you take them home
- Buying from an unlicensed breeder could mean that your puppy may not have the right medical records and

could have hereditary health issues which could lead to heavy vet bills in the future.

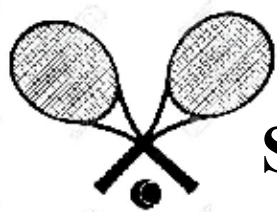
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All memberships run until 1st February 2023.

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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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Cranborne Chase AONB

A new walk around Sixpenny Handley and Woodcutts thanks to 1st Woodcutts Cubs

Explore the historic village of Sixpenny Handley and surrounding countryside including the Romano-British settlement at Woodcutts and the Shire Rack, an ancient county boundary that still marks the border between Dorset and Wiltshire.

Find this walk on the Explore pages of our website under 'Long Walks' and see what else there is on offer for you try this Spring and Summer.

This walk was created thanks to the leaders at 1st Woodcutts Cubs and forms part of the Chase & Chalke Ancient Ways project. The leaders also took part in our Heritage Schools Cluster training, provided by Historic England, and used their experience to research and design this new route and guide with their young people.

A perfect synergy of Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme projects supporting community action.

What have the Romans ever done for us?

Visitors to the wonderful Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne were given a first-hand taste of life in Roman and Iron Age Britain last weekend as they set about creating Roman bricks, building tribes and watching thrilling military displays and demonstrations of life in the period.

The event was a partnership initiative between Chase & Chalke (thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund) and the Ancient Technology Centre.

Our Hands-on Heritage Day at the Centre saw people of all ages enjoying medieval longsword displays, pole lathe demonstrations, storytelling, bird box making and a whole host of fantastic activities.

A huge thank you to all of the ATC staff and volunteers for these events and the Chase & Chalke volunteers for such a great weekend. It couldn't have happened without you!

Unearthing Chase and Chalke
May 2022 Artist Residency Project Update

Chase & Chalke Artist in Residence Sara Dudman RWA gives us an insight into the 'Unearthing' project, which aims to explore Cranborne Chase through its geology and earth colours:

"Where to begin?

With a series of Sporadic-Nomadic walks, learning and feeling the terrain and character of Cranborne Chase and the river valleys.

Sporadic - because I have been coming and going from Cranborne Chase since I first arrived in early February.

Nomadic - because that's what I've become; walking the routes first laid down many centuries ago by other travellers for so many different purposes..."

Sara Dudman Collecting Pigments

"Cranborne Chase is so deeply rooted in its origins as a Royal Hunting Chase, and before that, as a nomadic hunting ground since Neolithic and even earlier people occupied this land.

Wherever I've walked, it always seems to come back to the 'hunting'.

Picking up spent cartridges, animal bones, walking beside fields of uncut tall elephant grass, providing food and cover for today's game birds and my own wanderings, collecting earth and rocks in recycled bread bags; I am a hunter-gatherer."

Intrigued? Read Sara's full blog post on our Chalkeboard blog where she documents her progress and processes of turning the materials she collects into art materials and creates artworks reflecting the landscape.

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A fabulous family camp!

Over 250 family members of 1st Woodcutts Scout Group camped at Butcher's Coppice on the edge of Bournemouth during the first bank holiday in May.

There were 18 different activities ranging from fencing to rock climbing, low ropes challenge to archery and pyrography and pom-pom making to cricut (you may have to Google some of those!) and I have to mention the natural dye painting, outdoor cooking, crate stacking, air rifles and cave bus... I could go on...

Campers also enjoyed a silent disco, a full roast dinner as well as the traditional camp fire songs!

Now on to the summer term, Beavers have been to explore Garston Wood, Cubs visited Badger Meaden and had a tour of his farm, Scouts have been cooking pizza and Explorers working towards their Platinum Award by exploring different cultures!

If you, or someone you know would like to be involved - just call any of the numbers in the title or email bmjcurtis@aol.com.



Church News

From St Mary's, St Andrew's & St Rumbold's

WELL, that went very quickly:

Dear Reader; after a short but eventful tour of duty in Handley, we have said So Long, Farewell, auf Wiedersehen Goodbye! to Richard, Kate and their two boys, Alex and Ben, and we will miss them hugely. You may be forgiven for thinking that their innovative activities around the church would cease. Be assured, that will not be so! The Church is alive and well in Handley and Pentridge!

THE FUTURE

The plan is that our Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Benefice will join with the Chase Benefice of Churches which is to the south and west of us. Though much is still to be decided, the future for us in Handley will be based on work already done. We will join with the neighbouring parishes of Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal. Arrangements for clergy cover have been put in place. The Rev Dr David Miell who is the priest supporting the wider Chase Benefice and who lives in Tarrant Hinton will be the full-time 'Priest-in-Charge' of the whole enlarged Chase Benefice (including us), for two years until June 2024. Thus, for now there will be no one based in the vicarage here in Handley, though with luck we hope to have a part-time or 'House for Duty' Priest with us in Handley by Christmas. David introduces himself below. A message from Rev Dr David Miell - I'm grateful to have this chance to introduce myself and my wife, Henriët. We arrived in Tarrant Hinton last July when I assumed the role of 'House for Duty Priest' in the Chase Benefice, a post that we'd thought would gently ease us into retirement, as Henriët celebrates 30 years as a priest this year and I clock up 35. But, as often happens in life, the good Lord had different plans for us! So, from the beginning of June, Henriët and I will, between the two of us, be looking after no less than 12 Church of England congregations between Pentridge in the north and Durweston in the south! Fortunately, over the past 12 months we have already been working with Richard and your churchwardens and PCC members, so we have already had a good induction into our new roles.

Although most of Henriët's ministry is currently focused in Pimperne, Stourpaine and Durweston with Bryanston, and my responsibilities include three parishes in the Upper Tarrant Valley, plus Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal, you will see both of us on a regular basis following Richard's departure, as we do our best to support parishioners in Pentridge and Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew. We are reassured that the parishes are already well-served by experienced and committed churchwardens, PCC members and lay ministers, and we trust that extra ministry in the form of a House for Duty priest in Handley will be on its way before too long. Meanwhile, I feel confident that Sunday services and baptisms, weddings and funerals will continue as normal. Henriët and I look forward to getting to know you better and helping in any way we can during these challenging and changing times, so please do not hesitate to phone or email me if at any time I might be of assistance, my contact details are shown below.

PASTORAL SUPPORT - IN CASE OF NEED

We are delighted that the David Miell, who is also the Assistant Rural Dean, based in Tarrant Hinton will be supporting our Parish going forward. He can be contacted at: Rev Dr David Miell; The Rectory, Church Hill, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford Forum, DT11 8JB. Mobile: 07708601462 or email: dkmiell@gmail.com

As ever local pastoral help or advice on any church matter, will continue to be available by emailing support@handleychurch.org.uk or by ringing our Church Wardens for Handley: Sue Curtis - 01725 552397 or Linda Cooper - 01725 552864. Or for Pentridge, our Church Wardens: Jane King - 01725 552231 or Mary Fergusson - 01725 552222



COMMUNITY CAFÉ – MAGNIFICAFÉ

The excellent Magnificafé will continue each Thursday morning from 9-12am during school term time, providing a hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, not to mention all the usual suspects when it comes to hot drinks – and cold ones, too. Including Teddy Bears and Toddlers, it is a good place to meet with other mums and dads with small children (without your own house being wrecked)! There is also a quiet corner where you can hold a meeting if needed. Thank you to our three Glorious Angels, Bobbie, Sue and Jean, who run it so well. Come along and meet a new friend!

FAMILY SERVICES

The Family Service continues, being led by the Youth Church Team from 3rd July, Breakfast & Informal Church continues; the details will be posted regularly in the weekly Church Notice Sheet by email along with lots of other news and information. If you would like to receive this, please email notices@handleychurch.org.uk or phone 552161.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

As for the Choir, people have been asking whether it will continue. All we can say at this stage is:

Kate, the vicar's Missis

Persuaded us that this is

The way to spend an hour on Thursdays at six.

How she did inspire!

We turned into a Choir

And now we think we'll make it a permanent fix.

Oom pahpah, oom pahpah, that's how it goes

Oom pahpah, oom pahpah, everyone knows

Tenors and basses, sopranos, altos

We can sing! Oom pahpah! (with apologies to Lionel Bart)

So, that's the plan. If you are interested in joining this, sometimes quite rowdy group please let one of the choir members know or the PCC Secretary, Margaret Wilkinson
Tel: 01725 553150. It's a lot of fun; no, really! A lot!

SERVICES DURING OUR INTERREGNUM

As we are now having to reorganise our services as part of a greater group of churches, they may be subject to change as we learn to cope without a priest based in Handley for now. The plan for June is shown below. Each month thereafter we shall attempt to follow the same pattern of services, but clearly, we may have to adjust things as we approach each Sunday. Keep an eye on the Church Notice Sheet each week and the Church Notice Boards. If you would like to receive a copy of that weekly sheet, please email:

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PLANNED SERVICES IN JUNE

(Each month going forward, we shall try to follow the same service structure)

	5 JUNE PENTECOST/JUBILEE	12 JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY	19 JUNE TRINITY 1	26 JUNE TRINITY 2
Sixpenny Handley	10:00 (Matins 5th June) Family Service in future months - YCT	10:00 Holy Communion CW HM	9:20 Breakfast Church 10:00 Informal Service YCT	10:00 Holy Communion CW DM
Gussage St Andrew	No Service	9:00 Matins BCP AR	No Service	9:00 Holy Communion BCP DM
Pentridge	9.00 Holy Communion BCP DM	No Service	11.15 Matins	No Service

YCT - Young Church Team, DM - Rev David Miell, HM - Rev Henriët Miell, AR - Anne Reed.

Finally, it is intended that this presence in the Downsman will be maintained, do please let us know if you want any particular information to be included.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall. Charity number: 276132. Common Road, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5NJ, Dorset, England

Thank you.

Thank you to those who attended our Annual General Meeting on 28th April. As usual the Trustees gave a brief update on the progress made over the past year. We are delighted to say that bookings have gone from strength to strength! Thank you to all the groups that use the Hall.

All the trustees have worked incredibly hard over the last year, but we are incredibly lucky to have Janice as our booking secretary, it is a considerable amount of work to keep on top of. Thank you, Janice.

All the Trustees stood again and were re-elected.

Artsreach

Our fantastic entertainments committee, Penny & Gitta, have worked brilliantly with Artsreach to bring our community four wonderful shows and raise funds for the Hall. Gitta is also an excellent cook and has provided all the meals for visiting artists as well as delicious food for our fund-raising events. Thank you Penny & Gitta.

Artsreach kindly sent a few kind words about the team:

"Artsreach has returned to Sixpenny Handley following a short break and we are delighted that Gitta and Penny offered to be the new Artsreach Promoters. They have worked very hard to make sure exceptional performances from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Bowjangles, The Keeper's Daughter and a wonderful children's theatre company Fideri Fidera were such a success. Success involves widely promoting these events, hosting the performing companies, and providing them with hot meals and accommodation when required, and as a result of Gitta and Penny's energy and enthusiasm they have achieved great audiences. All of this ensures that the community of Sixpenny Handley continues to enjoy professional quality performances right on their doorstep, bringing the community together at what has been a very difficult time, and it also helps support the village hall. I want to

express my huge thanks to Gitta and Penny for being exceptional volunteers, for all their enthusiasm and energy to ensure Artsreach continues to thrive in Sixpenny Handley."

With best wishes,

*Yvonne Gallimore
Assistant Director*

The Trustees are continuing to fund-raise for the hall. We successfully ran the first teas back to Wimborne St Giles Village Hall since the pandemic which was extremely well supported.

By the time you read this we will have held our first Craft fair with afternoon tea! We hope to offer this event monthly over the summer months. Please support them! We have many fund-raising plans for the future, Watch this space!

Dates for your diary:

Craft fair with afternoon teas – (Sat) 25th June, 30th July & 27th August.

Welcome

We're delighted to say that Charlotte Humberstone joined us as a new Trustee. Charlotte has already joined the fund-raising committee and we look forward to working with her and developing her ideas.

If you have any comments on the Hall or suggestions, or if you would like to see our revised rates, then please contact us via: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com

Village Hall Fees

Following on from our AGM this year, we have decided to finally put the charging rates up for the hall.

Hourly rates for children's parties: £10/h
Local regular organisations: £9.50/h

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Understanding your food dates

In general food law requires pre packed food to have a date mark. Depending on the food type this is either a 'use by' date or a 'best before' date.

The use by date is about safety and is the most important date to remember! Food with a use by date goes off quickly even if it is stored correctly and looks and smells fine. You find it on food such as meat products or ready-prepared salads. Food can be eaten up until the use by date but should not be eaten after the date has passed. Most food, including meat and milk, can be frozen up until the use by date too. The food can then be defrosted and eaten at a later date. In these circumstances the use by date will no longer apply, but the food will still be a type of food that goes off quickly so should be eaten quickly once defrosted. For the use by to be a valid guide you must carefully follow storage instructions.

The best before date is about quality and not safety. The food will be safe to eat after this date but the food may no longer be at its best. Its flavour and texture for example might not be as good. The best before date appears on a wide range of frozen, dried, tinned and other foods. The best before date will only be accurate if the food is stored according to the instructions on the label.

Shops can sell food once the 'best before' date has passed, however selling food past its 'use by' date is a criminal offence and can lead to prosecution. Dorset Council Trading Standards would like to know if you find someone selling food past its use by date.

To report something to Trading Standards or for advice about goods or services you have bought then please contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08082231133.

Secret Gardens of the Close

The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral are inviting you to their Secret Gardens of the Close event on Sunday 12th June. There will be ten gardens open around Salisbury Cathedral Close and neighbouring De Vaux Place, showcasing a host of beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees. Tea and cake will be available in Salisbury Cathedral School's Millennium Garden and there will be an exhibition of botanical art in the cathedral cloisters.

The artwork will be for sale, along with the book Secret Gardens of the Close, produced by Salisbury Florilegium Society and featuring its members' paintings. There will also be plant stalls on Choristers' Green.

The event runs from 12pm to 4pm and the entry fee is £10 per person, payable on the day at the tent on Choristers' Green.



Prayers for Ukraine

The Mothers' Union Chapel in Salisbury Cathedral remains the building's focal point for prayers for Ukraine. From the end of the morning Eucharist at 8.15am until the evening Eucharist at 5pm, there is a vigil in the chapel, where a candle burns for Ukraine. Cathedral clergy, congregation and visitors pray silently before the candle throughout the day.

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Monday 11th April was our "100th" birthday meeting. Members toasted our longevity with a glass of Prosecco and delicious birthday cake made by President Bobby Carter. We will be having a centenary celebration lunch on 6th July at Rushmore Park Golf Club.

The speaker for the evening was Joanna Gardiner who gave a talk on medical detection dogs. These amazing animals, mainly labrador retrievers and spaniels, do incredible work detecting certain illnesses in humans, following an intensive and expensive training process, similar to drug detection sniffer dogs. The talk was well received and showed how invaluable these dogs are in helping to save and prolong lives.

Flower of the month was won by Teresa Marshallsay with a Daffodil.

Our first book club meeting since the start of the pandemic was on 20th April, without a current book to discuss and after choosing one for next time, a lively debate ensued, with much talk regarding various events during the last two years.

On 3rd May members planted an apple tree in St. Mary's churchyard to commemorate our centenary year and the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The celebrations will continue with a Jubilee picnic at Pentridge on 2nd June at 2.30pm and the centenary lunch at Rushmore on 6th July.

The May meeting on Monday 9th opened with President Bobbie Carter giving a vote of thanks to Joyce Waker on relinquishing

her role as treasurer and committee member which she has held for over 23 years, and presented her with a garden centre voucher. Thank you, Joyce, for your commitment and dedication, may you enjoy your retirement as "just a member". We welcome Patsy O'Connor as our new treasurer and committee member.

The speaker for this month was Canon Richard Hancock who gave a thought-provoking talk on Exorcism from the Church of England's perspective, with interesting instances of various incidents and the perceived appearance of ghosts, poltergeists and things that go bump in the night. Several members related their own experiences of strange happenings - whilst some have a logical explanation, others continue to be a mystery.

Flower of the month was won by Jan Gibb with Lilac.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 2nd June	Jubilee Picnic
Pentridge 2.30pm	
Monday 13th June	June Meeting
Speaker James Haddow "Taxi Driver Poet"	
Wed 6th July	Centenary Lunch
Rushmore Park Golf Club	
Monday 11th July	July Meeting
Vegan Food and Picture Quiz 6.30pm	
Thursday 14th July	Group Skittles
Tarrant Gunville.	

For further information please contact our secretary, Mrs. Margaret Jones on 552358 or visit <http://dorset.thewi.org.uk>.

*Stella Olsen
Vice-President*

New digital advisors to help Dorset locals

A free training programme has been launched to recruit an army of special advisors who can help Dorset's digitally excluded residents get online.

Open to any organisation in Dorset which works directly with residents, the new programme will train people who can champion online services to their users and customers.

Called the 'Embedded Digital Champion' programme, the Dorset Council-run course aims to train 1,000 of the county's frontline workers by 2023.

Organisations across Dorset are being encouraged to find out how this course can help their staff and volunteers to become digital champions.

A survey of Dorset residents revealed that 11% are still totally offline while a further 20% don't have all the skills needed to make the most of the digital world.

The embedded digital champion training, which can be tailored to meet an organisation's needs, will ensure those digitally excluded can turn to someone for advice.

Any organisation that would like to find out more about the embedded digital champion training and course dates available, can email edc@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or watch a new short film featuring embedded digital champion #DigitalNorma, just search for Digital Norma on YouTube.

The Falkland's War, a Signallers Story

Some of you may be aware but the Falklands war was 40 years ago and is being commemorated in many places across the country throughout April to June which is the period this took place. Why am I writing about this now, well because I was there and whilst every year I remember those no longer with us, I felt that as it's been so long I ought to record something to pass on to others. This is not about heroics or celebrating war (who does!) but just a recollection of what life was like as a 20 something year old serving in the Royal Signals.

I joined as a junior soldier, training as a Radio Telegraphist. This resulted in me learning Morse, typing as well as everything involved in operating VHF and HF radios to send messages over a distance of between 5 and 200+ miles. I was posted to my first unit which was 5 Infantry Brigade Signal Squadron. I worked in various roles which utilised these skills and especially in the Falklands.

So it was nearly Easter in 1982, a Friday afternoon and we were all looking forward to a weekend 'off duty' when we were told to parade as something was happening... We heard that the Argentinians had invaded the Falklands, almost to a man we asked what they were doing off the coast of Scotland! Having heard the news broadcasts, the penny immediately dropped and we knew what the parade would be about. So briefing completed we began collecting or buying equipment, to this day I still have my bergen I bought as I knew the issued large pack would not be big enough, it saw use on many scout camps, I also still have the clear plastic welding goggles in their wrapper, these were issued to protect me from snow blindness.

Our vehicle and radio set up was for in peacetime, installed in 4-ton lorries which were way to big to move when in the Falklands. So, we collected brand new Landrovers which we converted before and during our pre deployment training in Sennybridge. Between shifts we fitted



Sailing out of Southampton



Our detachment at Fitzroy, I still have the Union Flag that is flying on the radio mast

hardtops and even painted the Landrovers, we also installed Norwegian heaters which turned out to be useless as you could not use them when static.

Each detachment was 3 operators and a Landrover which had an HF Radio running off 4 large lorry type batteries with two teleprinters, all mounted in the back of the vehicle. We had to tow a ¾ ton trailer with two massive generators and 6 cans of fuel along with radio masts and other communications kit. A few vehicles also had a 9x9 tent which linked to the back of the Landrovers when set up, others had a 20x20 tarpaulin that was stretched over the back and pegged out. The tent/tarpaulin housed a table for a printer and



Proof I was on the QE2



The LSL we boarded to sail round to Stanley showing the ramp we drove off the Mexifloat onto

secure communications equipment and for the lucky few a kerosine heater. For our 'accommodation' there was a basha somewhere near the vehicle so that you were always available for your next shift or to go on sentry duty. All this was then covered in a 40x40 camouflage net which with its poles were strapped to the roof when mobile!

So, after a long weekend leave to see our families, we sailed on the QE2 to South Georgia via Freetown, Sierra Leone and the Ascension Islands. In South Georgia we transferred to the Canberra to sail into San Carlos, thankfully this was an uncontested landing unlike the first one. When we deployed forward from San

Carlos it took 3 attempts for a Sea King helicopter to lift one of our Landrovers as this was too heavy, we had to offload the cam net and poles and our personal kit onto the trailers before they could lift a Landrover. Due to the loss of helicopters as a result of the sinking of the Atlantic Conveyor, it was some time before we had all our detachments ashore and in fact some didn't land until after the war. We deployed forward to Goose Green, initially I was part of the HQ Guard, watching inlets for sea landings or as a sentry outside buildings used by the 5 Infantry Brigade Headquarters. During this time we lost our Commanding Officer and a Troop Staff Sergeant along with the crew of a Gazelle Helicopter, shot down whilst replenishing one of the Squadron rebroadcast detachments. We still meet in May each year to remember them along with the other 254 who paid the price. Not long after this we moved forward to Fitzroy, on the day the Galahad was hit. This really brought home the reality of where we were and I found out how little practical first aid I knew. A real lesson learnt here and something the army made sure would not be an issue again as they initiated formal annual training for every soldier thereafter. After what seemed like ages, but was only days, I was back operating on a secure teleprinter detachment to send what most would understand as telex messages. This meant being on a radio network with detachments at 3 Commando Brigade and General Moore's HQ. Due to the fact that in our peacetime role we did not have the latest equipment, there were problems working on the network. We had to use what is known as Single Side Band (SSB) rather than suppressed SSB like the 3 Commando Brigade and the main HQ. As a result, we would knock their signal out as we could not hear them transmitting. We were therefore not popular on the network as a signal could take minutes to transmit, unlike the immediacy of email today, and you had to then wait for confirmation it had been received. Imagine how frustrating it would be to have to start a message again. The messages were on paper tape which had to be kept dry and we were working in such cold temperatures, remember the lack of kerosine heaters and in fact no fuel for them, we had to burn paper in our tent

to keep our hands warm for typing as you couldn't do this wearing gloves.

We remained in Fitzroy until the end of the war. For once we drove our Landrovers onto Mexifloats, which is a motorised pontoon, to transfer to a Navy logistics ship, had our first shower since leaving Canberra which was such luxury. Overnight we sailed round to Stanley Harbour and a few of us cross decked the Landrovers onto a merchant ship. This was in the middle of the harbour down a ramp, onto a mexifloat and up onto the merchant ships ramp, quite an experience and something health and safety today would challenge. Just a few of us joined the merchant ship to sail down to South Georgia to pick up the marines who had captured the island. We then sailed all the way back to the UK having dropped the Marines off at Ascension Island so they could fly home. As I recall not long after leaving Ascension we lost an engine and so limped home, it was a very slow journey from there. In all we were at sea for about a month getting back to Southampton at the end of July to be greeted by our families, home safe and sound. I personally am thankful to have been part of such an operation and take stock of this everyday, thankful that I came back, mindful of those who didn't or who are still suffering today. Thank you for reading.

Andy Turner



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I have been meaning to mention this group for a while.

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fascinating. And for a small subscription. <https://networkofleyhunters.uk/home>.

Do have a look, they may send you a back issue on request.

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CBA Services

Summer is fast approaching, and SATS, GCSEs and A levels are underway at our schools. With that in mind, here are a few current news items and upcoming changes from the tax world that may be of interest:

Tax Credit Renewal Packs

HMRC is currently sending the annual tax credit renewal packs to some 2.1 million tax credit claimants and is encouraging recipients to renew their tax credits claim online. HMRC started writing to taxpayers at the end of April and expects all packs to be with recipients by 27 May 2022.

A renewal is required if the pack has a red line across the first page and it says, 'reply now'. Families and individuals that receive tax credits should ensure that they renew their tax credit claims by 31 July 2022. Claimants who do not renew on-time may have their payments stopped. Around 630,000 taxpayers are expected to receive these packs and can renew their tax credits via GOV.UK or on HMRC's app.

If the renewal pack has a black line across the front page and says, 'check now' then you will need to check your details are correct. Taxpayers need to notify HMRC where there have been changes to the family size, childcare costs, number of hours worked and salary. Details of previous year's income also need to be completed on the form to allow HMRC to check if the correct tax credits have been paid. Claimants must also inform HMRC of any changes in circumstances not already

reported during the year such as new working hours, different childcare costs or changes in pay.

Taxpayers are not required to report any temporary falls in their working hours as a result of coronavirus. They will be treated as if they are working their normal hours until the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme closes.

Universal credit is expected to fully replace tax credits, and other legacy benefits (including Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance) by the end of 2024. HMRC restarted their managed migration process on 9 May 2022. This process was paused during the pandemic. This means that claimants will gradually be notified when required to move to Universal Credit. This process is due to be completed by 2024. Claimants can also elect to move from tax credits to Universal Credit if they would be financially better off. An independent benefits calculator can be used to check.

Tax benefits of switching to electric cars

There are many benefits to encourage the use of electric cars including lower running costs, the environmental advantages and reduced noise pollution. There are also tax benefits to encourage the purchase of electric cars.

We have listed some of these benefits below.

The benefit-in-kind (BIK) due on company cars can be significantly reduced. For example, most electric cars will incur a BIK rate of only 2% in 2022-23. Compare this with the benefit charge for a gas-guzzler pumping out 160 g/km or more of CO₂ which would be based on 37% of the list price when new. This means that company car drivers who switch to an electric car should see their tax bill significantly reduced. This also benefits employers who may see a significant decrease in Class 1A National Insurance charges.

Businesses purchasing electric cars can expect to recover more of their investment in direct tax relief. For example, businesses can write-off 100% of the cost of an electric vehicle against the profits of the year of purchase and there are no restrictions on the value of the vehicle. The car must be new and unused to qualify for the 100% relief.

Companies can also benefit from the super-deduction, which offers 130% first-year allowance on qualifying electric charging points for cars and vans. To qualify for the relief the company must use the charging point in their own business. This relief is available until 31 March 2023.

The road tax, or Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) rates for all fully electric vehicles have been reduced to £0 until at least 2025. There are reduced VED rates for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs).

There is no benefit-in-kind charge for the private use of a company van if the private mileage is insignificant. If the van is an electric vehicle, there is no benefit-in-kind charge even if the private mileage is significant.

There are also other benefits including an EV charge-point grant that provides funding of up to 75% towards the cost of installing electric vehicle smart charge-points, up to a maximum of £350 (including VAT) per household/eligible vehicle. Electric cars are also exempt from the London congestion



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There is no minimum period for which an ISA must be held, and you can make withdrawals at any time without the loss of tax relief. The £20,000 limit can be used in one account or split across diverse types of ISA's.

It is also possible for qualifying taxpayers to invest up to £4,000 of the £20,000 ISA limit in a Lifetime ISA. The Lifetime ISA is available to those aged between 18 and 40 to save for a new home or for their retirement. Under the scheme, the government provides a 25% bonus on yearly savings of up to £4,000 and once you start saving before you are 40, you can continue using the scheme until you turn 50. If you are approaching the age limit cut-off it is well worth opening a Lifetime ISA before you turn 40 as you can continue saving until the day before you are 50. The money invested in a Lifetime ISA can be used for other purposes but will be subject to a 25% withdrawal charge.

There are also Junior ISAs available for under 18's which were introduced to encourage children to save money. The returns from Junior ISAs are also tax-free and are usually locked until the child reaches 18. The annual subscription limit for Junior ISAs is currently £9,000.

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Log 57 Cast Off..

At last! Back in the water, all sails on, all running rigging reefed, and most sundry jobs completed. A bit unusually delayed this year.

First sail was into a cold Easterly wind, and against tide, but at least the seas were flat. Not a lot of progress, so about Thorness Bay we tacked round, and ran down to Newtown Creek, observing a Border Force vessel maintaining station, we were careful not to wave! There are two things you should keep a low profile on; Border Force, and Air Sea Rescue Helicopter, because on one occasion coming out of Newtown Creek, the Skipper waved at a Border Force vessel, who promptly roared alongside in their RIB and requested our details. The Air Sea Rescue may be training, and might want to send someone down on a highline, now whilst this is good training for both parties, it has been known for the static electricity to blow a yachts electronics! With wind now astern, we ran down to Newtown Creek, noticing on the way in that the first leading mark, a Y on a pole was leaning, and the second mark, a solid O on a pole was missing! Picked up a mooring buoy some way in. Soup was called for to warm us up, leaving after lunch, it was low water, and not a lot under the keel. An easy run back to Lymington.

Warmer

For the next sail, we had much better conditions, wind from South West, a fair tide, and the big colourful lightweight kite hoisted, we left the fleet behind, Ha! Handing the kite, we decided to enter Cowes via the East Channel for a change, and a challenge, under sail of course. Mooring was a bit tricky due to 2 – 3kn tide running. Good to see five LTSC yachts moored for lunch in East Cowes Marina, bad to see that the Winter rate deal has now finished! Lunch was had in sunshine. And then a brisk three tack beat back to Lymington, with one reef in, the winds being stronger than forecast.

Gone Sailing

And Next Time?

Maybe Studland if conditions allow, being careful, of course, not to drop anchor on top of a Seahorse!

LTSC

Photo shows a Laser, on a Tuesday evening, note the sail number, mine 'Sneaky Mustard' a yellow Laser of course, was 39220, note they are into six figures now. Much training activity taking place, with encouragement for young persons, worth a mention, I think, of the programme, to encourage you to join in www.ltsc.co.uk :

REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES - 2022

Registration for Junior Activities is now open. This year's activities will include the following:-



laser on the water

Activity	Age range/ experience	When	Location
Fishes	Age 3 Plus	Saturday Morning	Sea Water Baths
Seals	Age 5 Plus	Saturday Morning	Salterns
Dolphins	Age 6 Plus	Saturday Morning	Salterns
Intermediate	Age 8 Plus	Saturday Morning	River/Solent
Advanced	Age 10 Plus	Saturday Afternoon	River/Solent
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Summer Camps	Age 8 plus	July 25th onwards for five weeks	River, Solent and Sea Water Baths
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There is of course much going on for all, see you on the water...

Adam

Yachting Correspondent for Sixpenny Handley

Ps – Boatgen day to encourage young people on the water, July, September, and October, Portland, Birmingham, Portsmouth, www.boatgen.co.uk . Now have to find something to encourage older people to go sailing!

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June

- Sow herbs in pots inside and outside
 - Support taller growing plants with canes
 - Regular sowing of salad veg - plant out tender vegetables that you have grown inside
- Continue to heap up potatoes as they come through...

- *Don't forget about the birds during summer they are great at protecting against pests so ensure you have food and fresh water available especially during hotter months.*

July

- Keep on top of weeding especially in the veg plot
- Water crops and borders regularly - pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- Cover over brassica with netting
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Family Walk for Wards for saving Dad's life

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A woman from Salisbury is taking part in the Stars Appeal Walk for Wards on Sunday 3rd July after her father was hit by a 60ft tree and sustained life-threatening injuries. Zoe Newbury will be walking with her mum and dad to say 'thank you' for the care he received at Salisbury District Hospital. Last October, during high winds, Zoe's dad Colin Newbury was in his garden when a tree blew over trapping him underneath it. The fire service had to cut him free, and he was taken by ambulance to Salisbury District Hospital. Zoe and her mum Sarah were told that Colin had a 3% chance of survival after suffering multiple injuries. Amazingly, after surgery and thirty-one days in hospital, Colin went home to his family.

Zoe said "Myself, mum and dad will be doing the Walk for Wards to say thank you and to help raise money for the brilliant Amesbury Ward for helping dad recover

and get him home to us."

Zoe and her family have set up an online fundraising page at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/zoe-newbury1

Entries are open for the 10k, 5k, or 3k Walk for Wards routes, which take place at Wilton House on Sunday 3rd July. Almost 1,000 people have already signed up to take part and pledged to raise funds for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's Charity. Funds raised will help towards the £1million the Stars Appeal aims to raise this year to fund projects, service and equipment for patients and the NHS staff who care for them.

Walk for Wards is free to enter, includes a free lunch and free admission to the Wilton House grounds and adventure playground afterwards. For more information, go to www.starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards



Colin Newbury recovering on Amesbury Ward

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Most dog owners are very good at cleaning up after their pets when they are walking on public footpaths in the village and its immediate area. However, there has been at least one recent visit by a dog warden, following complaints about dog walkers not doing the right thing. Please help to keep our village a clean and pleasant place

to walk.

Potholes are once again beginning to appear on the roads through and around the village. Not only do they have the potential to cause expensive damage to our vehicles, but they can also be a real road safety problem if drivers spend too much time looking out for them, and not enough time watching for other road users ahead of them. Do take time to report them to the Council so that they can be repaired in a timely manner.

Along with the rest of the country, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during the first weekend in June, which will be a four day public holiday. Let's all have a really good social time, but without forgetting the basics of keeping our homes and property secure while we are out and about in the community.

Poaching and hare coursing remain a real

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One hug can be a comfort
One chat to let them know
One thoughtful little gesture
Bring all you need to show

We hear so many stories
Some happy but some sad
Yet there is goodness all around us
To overcome the bad
People quietly working
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We thank them for being caring
In their humble gentle way

Taking time to read a book
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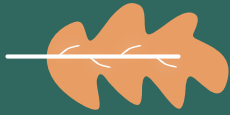
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