



The Downsmen

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

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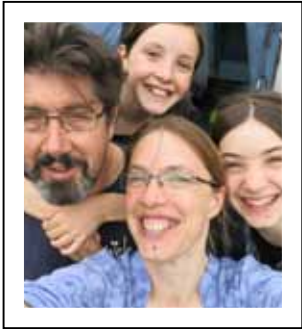
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Celebrating Summer...

So it hasn't been the warmest or sunniest of summers, but I hope you have still been noticing the beauty it brings. The mild and wet early summer has meant the garden is green and flourishing and walking in the local areas, Penbury Knoll, Martin Down, Win Green and Milldown the wild flowers and grasses are alive with moths, butterflies, crickets and more... I was lucky enough to walk with 1st Woodcutts Squirrels and Beavers on their summer walk from Durlston park down to Swanage a couple weeks ago a great adventure for the youngest of the Scouts! Talking of walking, both my daughters are walking for their DofE expeditions this summer. The Bronze route was two days walking to Church Farm Campsite here and back to Win Green... The Gold route will be four days on Dartmoor with wild camping, so a big step up and the weather is looking pretty wet!

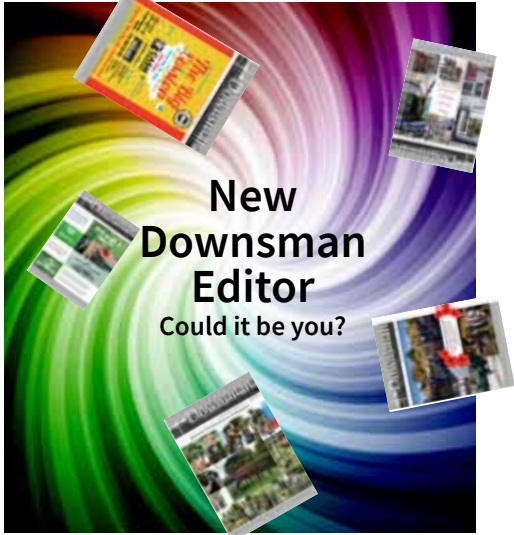


My younger daughter only got to catch the Big Session from Church Farm Campsite, as that was the night of their expedition, they still enjoyed the music from afar, but she did miss the yummy food, crafts and activities which all together made for a beautiful community afternoon/evening. Thanks to everone who contributed to the day!

Downsman news: Sorry for the delay with the last couple of issues, our printer has been having problems with their machine, so we have found a new printer and hope normal distibution will continue. Thanks to Liz for her work getting printing quotes.

Also we are still on the look out for the next editor. Obviously if we don't find one we won't have a magazine after next April. We have advertisers booked until then and not beyond.

Wishing you all the best with your summer plans whatever they are!!



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To The Editor

In Memory of Grace Jackson

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Grace Jackson at the age of 89 years. Grace and her husband, George, moved to Sixpenny Handley from Kent in 2001. Both she and George became active members of the Sixpenny Handley community, joining the church and taking part in many clubs and other village activities.

Grace had a passion for music, opera and theatre, and for many years sang in the church choir as well as singing groups in the local area. She organised and took part in a number of popular musical and theatrical 'soirees', alongside many talented village folk. These raised money for the church as well as for a number of local charities.

Over the past few years Grace's health declined, and although she became less involved in these activities, she was always interested to know what was going on in the village.

Grace was widowed in May 2023 after

nearly 70 years of marriage to George. She continued to be supported in her home by her family, friends, neighbours and carers. Grace fell in her garden in May 2024 and spent 6 weeks in Salisbury Hospital, recovering from a broken hip. She spent her last days at the Cedars Nursing Home in Shaftesbury, and died with her family near her on 8th July 2024.

Grace's funeral took place on Friday 26th July 2024 at St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley. A collection was taken in aid of Dementia UK.

Grace's family would like to thank her wonderful neighbours and carer for all the kindness and support they have given her over the last few years.

Submitted by: Barbara Jackson, Peter Jackson, Fiona Hannis (Grace's children)

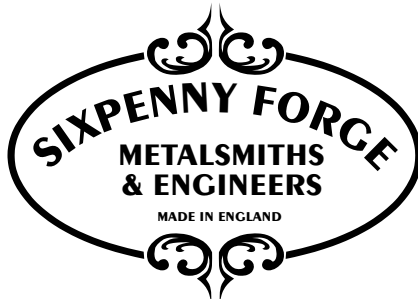
Strange weather prompts fears of Goat Influx

Experts across the county are warning that with things as they are there is a high likelihood of a localised Goat incident in the coming months. As has been seen in other

parts of the country this phenomenon can often appear overnight and with little or no warning.

Gary Oates of Gradational Overlook Alarms Technical Services says that reports of other such events have suggested that whilst these occurrences can often be challenging with goats "eating flowers & leaving droppings and so on" the best approach is often to take such things with a pinch of salt and a sense of fun.

For more information see page 12.



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see page 6 for more!

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21st September
16th November
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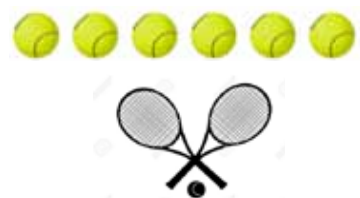
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Sixpenny Repair Cafe To Offer New Services

In addition to the wide range of repairs it undertakes, and the delicious cakes and soups served up in the cafe, the team at the 6dH Repair Cafe will be offering three new services when they return after the summer break on Saturday September 21.

The first of these will be a sharpening services for knives, scissors and small garden tools like shears. Alongside will be an appliance testing service ("PAT testing") for domestic appliances, giving reassurance to anyone who needs to be sure about the safety of their electrics. Both services will be provided onsite during the Cafe hours (10-1) and there will be a small standing charge (probably in the region 50p-£1 depending on the item).

Finally, the Cafe will now also provide advice on recycling, with local guru Charlotte Humberstone giving regular

demonstrations of how to sort your PET from your Terracycle. Ian Callaghan, organiser of the Repair Cafe, said that "many people, me very definitely included, are still baffled by what they can and can't recycle in their green bins and what they can do with things that can't be put out, so we hope this will be a productive thing to hear about while people wait for repairs to be done. And, as ever, they can have a lovely slice of cake while they're at it."

The Repair Cafe is back on Saturday September 21, 10-1 at the Village Hall and then the third Saturday of every odd month after that.

Family Scavenger Hunt & Café

Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground
Thursday 29th August - 10am -4pm

Come and join the fun at our family scavenger hunt and cafe at Sixpenny Handley Recreation Ground. There will be an African themed scavenger hunt which will get you exploring the recreation ground, finding the clues and winning a prize! Then there will be time to enjoy home made cakes and drinks at our outdoor café. 1st Woodcutts Explorers are running this fund-raiser as part of their International Values badge work. They are working with CRESS to enable their Children's Accelerated Trauma Therapy programme. Visit the QR code to find out more.

If you'd just like to come and enjoy our café we'd love to see you there too...

Looking for more adventure? We hope to run a bigger scavenger hunt in September keep an eye open for info!
facebook.com/1stWoodcutts



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1st Woodcutts Explorers invite you to our



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Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs



To stay informed about all the events at the Hubs and what's happening in our community, along with other useful information, please follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/6dHandleyHubs> or have a chat with our volunteers at one of the Hub cafés.



Sunday Crossroads Café:

We will continue to open the Crossroads Café on the last Sunday of the month (from 2.00 – 4.00 pm) as we know that Sundays can be difficult for those on their own. Please do come along if you'd like some company in the warmth of the Parish Office and enjoy some homemade cake with your cuppa to boot! The next dates are: Sunday 25 August, Sunday 29 September and Sunday 27 October – please make a note in your diary!



Crossroads Café and Magnificafé Attendance

The Crossroads Café in the Parish Office on Mondays and Wednesdays (9.00am – 12.00pm) continues to be very well attended and we now have a lovely group of “regulars”. Do please pop in if you can – you can be assured of some very jolly conversations spanning a wide variety of topics or you can find a quiet corner to do the jigsaw or read a book if you prefer, all while enjoying a hot cuppa and a biscuit.

Magnificafé also continues to be extremely popular. Please note the summer opening time is 10.00am – 12.30pm until Thursday 8 August. It will then be closed on 15, 22

& 29 August for the team's summer break and will re-open on Thursday 5 September at the normal times of 9.00 am – 12.00 pm. You are guaranteed a warm welcome come rain or shine!

Citizens Advice Bus

The Citizens Advice outreach bus continues to provide invaluable support



IT Support

Do pop in to see Andy for any IT support you may need – he will continue to be at the Crossroads Café every Wednesday.



to the community, maintaining fortnightly Wednesday sessions at the Crossroads Café. Please do pay Mags & Tracy a visit with any burning issues you may have.

Forthcoming dates are: 14 & 28 August, 11 & 25 September and 9 & 23 October.

Your Community Hub Needs You!

All the community hubs are run by a band of cheerful volunteers who will guarantee you a friendly welcome and a listening ear. We are still keen to encourage more members of the community to volunteer, so if you can spare some of your valuable time to help out at one or more of the venues,

please contact Andy on: 552735 or at: andydturner@outlook.com

The hubs are subsidised by the host organisation and a minimal charge or donation is requested to help cover costs if you are able.

If you have any ideas to help with the wellbeing and connectivity of neighbours in our community, do please let us know.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you soon.

To stay informed about all the events at the Hubs and what's happening in our community, along with other useful information, please follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/6dHandleyHubs> or have a chat with our volunteers at one of the Hub cafés.

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Beautiful quiet home needed for sweet little D.B!



I am looking for a very specific forever home for my shy kitten D.B, he needs a loving predictable home in the countryside where he can be the only pet, away from the stress of his rather outgoing brothers!

D.B is very loving but will be shy at first, and is used to a quiet one person household in the countryside, so I am looking for a similar situation so he can settle quickly and flourish like he deserves to.

I will obviously want to be very cautious and do all my due diligence checks, to ensure he goes to 100% safe hands, but if you would like to chat about him, please get in touch with Becky at beckybeesknees@gmail.com

photos: Simon Lane



Jon and his team from Hit the Lights Productions for providing the stage, sound and lighting and making us look so professional! To the fundraisers from the Skatepark Project, School and Happy Nappy (centre) who brought their stalls offering us raffles and games and, of course, to the Scouts who provided their legendary BBQ and the Church their delicious savouries, cakes, teas and more. Then there were the arts and craft workshops (above) – thank you to Anthony, Gitta and Holly for yet again giving up your



The Big Session

Saturday 13th July

Well what a beautiful day - the rain cleared and the musicians, workshopers, stallholders and you wonderful lot all turned out to celebrate with us at the BIG Session 2024. As always, huge thanks go to all the fantastic donors who enabled this event to take place, especially this year's lead supporters D G Corbin & Sons and Southern Appliance Services Ltd. It was wonderful to see so many of you there enjoying yourselves!

Of course, there are many, many others without whom the event would simply not happen. We are so grateful to the musicians (left) who entertained us all afternoon and into the evening with a fantastic mixture of musical genres; to



time to get creative with us! And, thank you too, to Lucy from Happy Nappy and the Scouts for providing the wonderful array of games for all ages from toddlers upwards...

Thanks as always go to our small but amazing band of volunteers who make the whole thing run so smoothly on the day, whether directing vehicles in the car park, helping the bands on stage, selling tickets on the entrance gate to or creating giant bubbles we simply couldn't do it without you. And to the even smaller band who helped set up the day before and clear up the day after - a huge thank you to every single one of you! And lastly, but by no means least, a huge shout out to all of YOU who came and supported the event. It was so good to get together for a chat and a Penny Tap beer, Scout kebab or Church cake and tea... we hope you all had as much fun as we did!

Thank you! Naomi, Paul, Penny & Simon

Food Safety at Fresh Produce Growers

Dorset Trading Standards



You may have been surprised that a recent E. coli (STEC) outbreak, which affected over 250 people in the UK, is suspected to be linked to contaminated salad leaves in pre-packed sandwiches.

How could a salad leaf be the source of E. coli (STEC)?

The reason may be that unlike most foods, salads, and other fresh produce such as strawberries and watercress, are eaten raw. The Food Standards Agency recommend washing salad and fresh fruit prior to eating. However, you wouldn't wash salad leaves within a readymade sandwich you have bought, you would expect that food is already safe to eat.

At Fresh Produce farms, E. coli (STEC) can be carried by cattle, sheep and other animals. Spread to humans can occur through:

- eating contaminated food or water.
- contact with animals or their faeces.
- contact with a contaminated environment.
- person-to-person spread, often resulting in multiple people in one household becoming infected.

Dorset Council Trading Standards routinely visit growers of Fresh Produce, inspecting and challenging growers on the steps and procedures they have in place to combat the risk of contamination. The main risk areas are:

Water – Is the water clean and how is the plant irrigated? Is there a suitable interval between the last watering and harvest?
Fertiliser – Is organic fertiliser used, such as farm manure? If so, is this well-rotted and what steps are taken to ensure the harvested fruit or leaves do not contact the organic fertiliser?

Staff hygiene – Similar to a catering establishment, you would expect any workers who handle food have hygiene training and procedures in place to ensure food is safe.

Trading Standards also make sure steps are taken to prevent wildlife accessing areas, and good cleaning procedures are in place. Despite this recent scare we should all be assured that steps are taken to ensure good food safety, and these steps always begin at the farm or grower.



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Our Crossroads café Hub and library is also open every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 till 12.

Come and visit us, have a chat with friends, or make some new friends, have a coffee or tea and choose a few books.

We love to see you there, everybody is very welcome.

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Olympic Hopes

Local Sixpenny Handley resident Brian Camp will be in France this summer coaching for Team GB at the Paris 2024 Olympic games.

Brian a past world-level gymnast himself, specialises in coaching trampoline gymnastics at Poole gymnastics and trampoline club.

He is coach to current World and European Champion Bryony Page. Page has previously won Olympic silver and bronze medals in the past two Olympic games and will be looking to add another medal to her collection.

Brian is also coach to Isabelle Songhurst who will be competing in her first Olympic games after securing an Olympic place for team GB with a fantastic 7th place at the last World championships.



We wish Brian and the team all the best for Games. Anyone interested in following the event will be able to watch the competition live on discovery + 11am UK time on Friday 2nd August. Go Team GB

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Until such time as the Dorset Council gets round to cutting the verges, all our local roads and lanes present challenging driving conditions. Visibility is restricted quite badly at junctions and in the narrower and winding stretches of road, presenting a significant hazard to all road users, whether on foot, on a bicycle or in a motor vehicle. Please help to cut the risk of accidents by driving more slowly and taking extra care when negotiating narrow lanes and road junctions.

Even once the verges are cut, the need for extra care on the roads will persist as we come into harvest time, with large farm machinery moving around from farm to field and vice versa. Try to aim off for the 'tractor factor' by allowing a little extra time for your journey, whether work or leisure related, in anticipation of possible hold ups.

We are also about to enter the peak holiday

season, when many of us will be heading off for our summer break, whether at home or abroad. It can really help to prevent opportunistic crime if we keep an eye on our neighbours' property while they are away by reporting any suspicious activity to the Police. This should be done by dialling 101 for non-emergencies or 999 in an emergency or if you see a crime being committed.

Finally, a reminder to remain alert to the very real threat of telephone and email scams. Some of the scams are quite sophisticated and are invariably aimed at obtaining either money or personal information. Always be cautious about how you respond to unsolicited phone calls or emails, and never give away any personal or financial information in such circumstances. In particular, do remember that your bank will never telephone you to ask for such details.



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Village Hall News

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall CIO
(Charity Number: 1201429)

We were very grateful to all those who turned up for our Big Help Out at the Village Hall in June. We achieved a lot with your help. Special thanks go to Andy & Denise Turner, Sonia Starr and Naomi Booth who joined some of the village hall trustees to power wash the patio; waterproof the shed; clean, mend and stain the picnic benches; clean the windows and paint the remainder of the foyer. Well done team!

Entertainment Update
Artsreach



Strange weather prompts fears of goat influx!

In response to the recent warnings of the likelihood of increased goat activity in the area the Village Hall has decided to enlist the help of Running Dog Theatre CIC. Experts in managing goat-related incidents they have many years' experience of working in areas of high goat activity. They'll be bringing 'The Goat Show' to the Village Hall on Saturday 26 October, from 2.00 – 4.00 pm, at the start of half term week.

They'll be running activities throughout the week and will need our help to work out what to do. They are extending an invitation to the whole community to get involved!

We are delighted to be teaming up with Artsreach again for this lovely show for children. There will be loads of interaction before and during the show which is aimed at the whole community but mainly for those aged between 7 – 11 years! We are hoping to use the company's wrap around activity programme for school children in the weeks leading up to the show. At the time of writing the team is also waiting to hear about what other shows we may be able to bring you from the Artsreach autumn programme (<https://artsreach.co.uk/>). Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and, as they say, watch this space!



Community Cinema

Just a little reminder that our Community Cinema will be back on the third Friday of the month from September – please ensure that these dates are in your diary: Friday 20 September, Friday 18 October, Friday 15 November & Friday 20 December 2024.

Do keep an eye on the Village Hall Facebook page and posters around the village for full details or the films to be shown. Tickets will continue to be just £6 and are available on the door only. Films will start at 7.00 pm and doors and the bar will be open at 6.30 pm. It's a great evening, so do please join us for the next season.



Craft Fair with Teas

We have been trialling running our Craft Fairs quarterly this year and will decide at our next Trustees meeting whether to return to monthly or continue on a quarterly basis next year. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts – we'd love to hear what you think.

Our final two Craft Fair with Teas this year will be held on Saturday 28 September (from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm) and Saturday 7 December (from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm). Entry is FREE and there will be a wonderful selection of traders plus the usual array of delicious homemade sandwiches and cakes on sale.

Please do come along and support this event. Any profits made go towards the upkeep and running of the village hall.

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Walk for Wards

Community turn out in force to show their support for Salisbury Hospital at Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards
Walkers turned out in force to show their support for Salisbury District Hospital at the Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards at Wilton House on Sunday (July 7).
Over 2,000 participants registered to take part in the Stars Appeal's flagship fundraising event.

After some of the walkers shared their reasons for taking part, Martin Starke, from Greatest Hits Radio, led the countdown before Dr Tracey Parker, Consultant on the Pembroke Cancer Unit at the Hospital and Stars Appeal Ambassador, along with Stars Appeal President, the Earl of Pembroke, cut the ribbon to get the walk underway. Dr Parker said: "It was magnificent to see so many people at Wilton House for Walk for Wards. Incredibly, the wet weather didn't dampen anyone's spirits, and the desire to support our lovely hospital was



as strong as ever. It was, as always, very emotional to see the little messages affixed to our supporter's shirts, sharing why they are walking.

"The money raised will go towards a range of fantastic Stars Appeal projects, benefitting thousands of local people in

our hospital. We cannot thank our walkers enough for their unwavering support. It's simply amazing!"

Participants were walking 3k, 5k, or 10k to thank the Hospital for the care they or their family have received across various wards and departments, with some dedicating their walk in memory of a friend, parent, sibling or child.

There were walkers dressed in colourful outfits including some dressed as Star Wars characters and Spider-Man. A team from Wilton Fire Station did the 10k in their firefighting gear.

Walk for Wards is sponsored by Salisbury Reds and all the routes were marshalled by a team, which included local Rotary Club members, led by David Huckfield. Helena Sinclair, from the Stars Appeal who organised the walk, added: "We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who took part in Walk for Wards. We also want to thank our hosts Lord and Lady Pembroke and the team at the Wilton Estate, our principal sponsors Salisbury Reds, David Huckfield and the Rotary Club marshals for their support, and all our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for our 20th Walk for Wards event!"

To find out more about projects funded by the Stars Appeal visit www.starsappeal.org/our-work/. A date for Walk for Wards 2025 will be announced soon.

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Woodcutts Walk 2024

It was a great day out open to all young people in all our sections. We had a fantastic day with a wonderful walk, games on the beach, ice cream and the a trip back on the steam train. Thank you to all the superb Woodcutts Walkers and all the Team who volunteered to make the day happen. Squirrels and Beavers started in Durston Country Park with games and a moth talk before their walk down to Swanage and the Cubs Scouts and Explorers all walked in from Norden and Corfe Castle.

In other news...

Squirrels had a visit from an ambulance car, we listened to each other hearts and Jane even had her blood pressure checked. Well done Squirrels.

This term, Beavers have been working on the Explorer Badge finding out some interesting facts about Brownsea Island. We finished with a visit to Brownsea Island, the home of Scouting, visiting the stone to mark the place near where the first camp was held by Baden Powell. We had a few camp fire songs in the singing circle and a walk along the beach. Unfortunately, we didn't see a red squirrel but we did see a harbour seal. Beavers have also been lighting fires with flint and steel - with all Beaver successfully making flames.

Cubs enjoyed lighting, making and cooking on fires this term, as well as our cyclist badge and teamwork activities!

Scouts and Explorers enjoyed an evening kayaking in Blandford. Scouts also built boats to race at the river in Fordingbridge.

Thanks to everyone who helped at and ate from our BBQ and pizza stall at the Big Session!



Woodcutts Walk 2024



Ambulance car, visit



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Wessex Internet

Wessex Internet has been heralded as the best Rural Enterprise in the UK at the Countryside Alliance Awards, held at the House of Lords in London yesterday (Tuesday 25 June).

The awards, now in their 17th year and commonly referred to as 'the rural Oscars', recognise businesses that go the extra mile within their communities and support the rural economy.

Wessex Internet was initially nominated anonymously by its customers and then - from thousands of nominees across the UK - the company topped a public vote in the southwest region and was selected as the overall national winner by a panel of judges.

Hector Gibson Fleming, CEO at Wessex Internet, said:

"I'm absolutely over the moon that we have been recognised as Rural Enterprise champion at the 2024 Countryside Alliance Awards. This is a huge testament to the

history of the business, the hard work of all of our people, and because we have stayed true to our values since forming as a small company to help our neighbours to now serving rural communities across Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and Hampshire.

"It was particularly heartening for the judges to recognise not only the impact we make directly on the rural economy as a growing company and local employer, but more widely that the ultrafast broadband we provide enables other rural businesses to thrive and allows people living in the countryside to enjoy a higher quality of life.



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Church News

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

Dear Friends

Have you ever felt as though some of the plates you have been spinning are about to fall down and smash? My life has been like that lately, so that it's hard to know what to tackle next.

Doing the legal stuff to change the benefice boundaries to form the Upper Chase Benefice is a protracted process, so in that regard we appear to be standing still; the advertisement for a priest is on the Diocese of Salisbury's website but the right person hasn't yet come along. However, whilst these processes grind on, we are working hard at becoming a group of churches which work together and play together. There are already a number of activities

outside the church which link our parishes together and what heartens me is that those I meet are keen to build on that to make the Upper Chase Benefice happen.

There is a lot to take on board and so we need to support each other, be it by plate-spinning or praying! We need to give people slack when it doesn't go quite right and, perhaps more importantly, I think that we should give ourselves some slack.

We are in Year B with this year's readings, which features passages from St Mark's gospel. Therefore, it is appropriate to look at the readings in the coming weeks for help and inspiration.

Jesus felt the pressure from time to time

and he would take himself off away from the crowds and take time out. And he was also considerate towards his disciples. In Mark, chapter 6, we are told: "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"

I am going to sit in the sun without email, mobile or 'to do' list, and soak up the wonders of the world. Have a lovely summer.

Gill Baverstock, Lay Worship Leader

Our Benefice

of St Mary's, St Andrew's and St Rumbold's - regrouping news

In the last Downsman I was pleased to be able to report that at long last the plan to form two new Benefices was to go ahead and as reported by Gill above, work has been progressing towards that end. The larger one to the south of us with 6 parishes, led by a full-time incumbent, the smaller one with 5 parishes based around Handley with a half-time (actually 0.66) incumbent priest. In this plan, the southern parishes of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston, Tarrants (Hinton, Gunville & Monkton) will form the southern Benefice. Here in the north, Chettle, Farnham & Tollard Royal would join Handley and Pentridge to form the northern Benefice. The PCCs involved had all been consulted and they very much looked forward to its implementation, as the best possible option for our parishes. Rev David Miell also reported that our post was to be advertised. David and Henriët as you know have now left us on retirement and we gave them a wonderful send off with a Benefice Service in St Marys with about 75 of us there and a marvellous weather vane for his new home was presented. Their departure is a huge loss, they will be greatly missed

and we all wish them all the very best of luck in their next stage of life.

We also reported in the last Downsman that we had formed what is generally called a Benefice Council to deal with cross-parish issues. The proposed name of the new Benefice is - 'Upper Chase Benefice'. Much thought has gone on with regard to how pastoral care and family event services are delivered so that these are managed properly as we develop into a new Benefice. The formal paperwork setting up the Benefice has been received and voted on with positive expectation. Sadly, I now have to report that the Diocese has decided not to advertise our new post in the Church Times - and I regret I am not entirely clear why that is. We certainly feel that this was promised to us by the Archdeacon of Sherborne as long ago as the autumn of last year when we were told that the Bishop of Sherborne had decided to support us positively by setting up our new post at the same time as the full-time post to the south. It now seems that there is some sort of reconsideration going on in the hope that our half time post can be shared

with a Diocesan half-time role, but that is entirely dependent on central funding which currently is not available. There has been some interest in our appointment and at one stage there seemed hope that this would lead to an application, but now without our post being properly advertised nationally we are unlikely to see anyone step forward to enquire about the role. Once again, we are stuck in limbo, naturally I will keep you updated with developments.

Meanwhile our pastoral needs will be looked after by the Acting Rural Dean. Services however will be provided by our own Lay Worship Leaders (LWLs) and very kindly, by Rev David John of the Iwerne Valley Benefice and others kindly found for us by our Benefice Administrator Gill Baverstock.

Services

Services are likely to be based on the following principles:

	1ST SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY	3RD SUNDAY	4TH SUNDAY	5TH SUNDAY
Sixpenny Handley	11:00 Family/Informal Service	11:00 Holy Communion CW	11am Upper Chase Benefice Service	11:00 Holy Communion CW	Upper Chase Benefice Service will be arranged, usually at St Andrew's
St Andrew 's Gussage St Andrew	9am Matins BCP	No Service	Holy Communion CW at 11am Location to be decided	No Service	
St Rumbold's Pentridge	9am HC BCP	No Service		No Service	

The message is that we can expect some changes to what we have become used to, the best way to find out what is going on is to receive the weekly Church Notice Sheet, also posted on our High Street Notice Board in Handley, or pick up a copy when passing St Mary's or ask for it by email. It is always useful and has lots of other local news and information. Please email notices@handleychurch.org.uk if you wish to be included on its distribution list.

The Most Noble Order of the Garter Procession and Installation Service.
The parishes of Sixpenny Handley, Gussage St Andrew and Pentridge were fortunate enough to be offered tickets to attend the Most Noble Order of the Garter Procession and Installation Service at Windsor in St George's Chapel on 17th June 2024. Each year the guest list includes invitations to parishes for which the Dean of Windsor is Patron and as you would imagine the

What's Been Going On

invitations were very well received.

The Order of the Garter is the most senior and the oldest British Order of Chivalry and was founded by Edward III in 1348. Representatives of our parishes who attended this year were Anne Reed, Linda Cooper and Peter Goldstone. We were fortunate to enjoy a 'proper sunny summer day'. Those of note who were present in the procession included King Charles and

Queen Camilla, Prince of Wales, Princess Royal, Dukes of Gloucester and Kent. Former Prime Ministers included John Major and Tony Blair. New Companions were invested on the day included Andrew Lloyd Webber and Duchess of Gloucester. The pomp and ceremony on the day was wonderful to witness and of course of the highest order. It was a great privilege to be in attendance.

Linda Cooper - CW



CREAM TEAS at ST MARY'S - 25th August 2024 - 2-5pm! Come along to another traditional Summer Event enjoy a cake or two and tea and peruse our now famous Produce Stall!

Pastoral support

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The joint Church and Village Hall Community Film Nights in the Village Hall WILL BE BACK in September - look out for details nearer the time.



Community Café – MAGNIFICAFÉ - originally set up by the PCC, has now joined with the Parish Council's Handley Hubs initiative. The Mag Café, as it is known, continues going from strength to strength - it meets most Thursday morning from 9-12am in St Marys, though times will vary in the Summer. Come along for hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, as well as various drinks. It's a great place to meet with friends and small children. It has a quieter corner where you can hold a meeting and there is free Wi-Fi.



Handley Community Choir will meet AGAIN! - Thursdays - at St Mary's, 6pm. The Choir is always practising for any excuse to sing, though they are having a holiday now until September. They get together for practice on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm for an hour or so in St Mary's, New Members welcome! Please contact Margaret on 01725 553150.



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Royal Air Force A History - Part 6

To describe the two decades between the end of the Great War and the outbreak of the Second as 'peaceful' would be a massive disservice to the numerous service personnel who lost their lives in conflicts where British interest were paramount.

In the aftermath of the Armistice with budgetary constraints placed on three armed services the future of a still fledgling Royal Air Force was far from ensured. Churchill, who in 1919 was appointed by Lloyd George as Secretary of State for War and Air, was dissatisfied with the paper supplied by Major-General Frederick Sykes regarding the size of a peacetime Air Force, invited Trenchard, whose 'star' was in the ascendancy following his success in quelling a mutiny at Southampton docks by soldiers aggrieved at being posted to France now that the war was over, to replace Sykes as Chief of the Air Staff.

Initially Trenchard demurred on the grounds that Sykes was still in post, a situation that was soon resolved by Sykes accepting the post of Controller of Civil Aviation; he retired from the Royal Air Force on the day of its first birthday, Trenchard, meanwhile, becoming Chief of the Air Staff 24-hours earlier.

There was much to be done. Government restrictions and Tri-Service discussions occupied much of his time and it demonstrates much for his tenacity and quality of argument that he overcame the twin approaches from the Navy and Army that the future of the Royal Air Force should be little more than a glorified flying training arm for their respective services.

And it was during 1919, that the abandonment of what was still an army based rank structure in favour of the ranks that are still in use today.

Much of what 'Boom' Trenchard achieved can be read in the April 2024 issue of The Downsman and here it is suffice to say that having achieved the unenviable task of reducing squadron numbers from close on 300 to less than thirty, their distribution to areas of strategic importance. Thus, by the end of 1919, a year in which a handful of squadrons had been temporarily based in the Allied controlled demilitarised regions

of the Rhine, seven were now in Egypt, six in India, two in Mesopotamia and one in Palestine. Fortunately, despite paucity in squadron strength the Air Force was not short of aeroplanes and throughout the 1920s and into the early '30s Bristol Fighters and Airco DH.9s of Great War vintage were the mainstays for most of our overseas squadrons.

Within the Home Base, two squadrons were stationed in Ireland where the recent elections had resulted in a resounding victory for Sinn Fein and with it a heightening internal security situation as clarion calls for Irish independence gathered momentum.

It was not long before trouble loomed; not in Ireland but in far away in a land on the shores of the Gulf of Aden. The bone of contention was British Somalia which had become a British Protectorate by treaty in 1898, its borders being agreed by Abyssinia, France and Italy where the two European powers had "interests" in the area.

Administered by the Foreign Office it became a 'hot bed' for insurrection, the principal protagonist being Mohammed bin Abdullah Hassan. Serious violence flared in 1900 which involved the British Army and it took a year and much fighting to restore order with the 'Mad Mullah' [as he been dubbed by the army] and his supporters retiring beyond the borders of the Protectorate.

It was but a temporary respite and by 1919 the Mullah's presence in the Protectorate was causing considerable alarm and despondency in the corridors of the Foreign Office. With the country weary of war [and the government faced with the prohibitive expenditure were it to send a well equipped army to deal with the situation], Trenchard's suggestion that air power could be the answer at a fraction of the cost was agreed. In fact, the RAF's intervention was itself minimal - a mere dozen DH.9 bombers supported by a force of less than 250 officers and airmen. Raised within Home Base resources and given the title 'Z' Force everything was in place by early 1920 to bring an end to the

'Mad Mullah's' grip within the Protectorate.

Within two months a series of bombing raids by the DH.9s on forts that had been erected by the Mullah were hit and ground actions in the form of the Camel Corps reduced the rebels to disarray. Although Mohammed bin Abdullah Hassan evaded capture by seeking refuge in Abyssinia hostilities were over and on February 18th, 1920, the DH.9s withdrew to Berbera ready to sail to Egypt or England as the case might be. The success of 'Z' Force and the Somaliland Field Force was a one-off, but Trenchard's vision of air power coming to the aid of land forces in these localised areas was vindicated.

In conclusion, Leopold Amery, the Colonial Under-Secretary, announced that restoring order to the Protectorate had cost the government £70,000, thus leading to the accolade 'The Cheapest War in History.' Of their adversary, he died in 1921.

To be continued.

Note. I am aware of what the late and respected air historian describes in his book 'RAF Air Operations 1918-1938' as the 'Russian Interlude'. It was complex from a military and political perspective and as the Royal Air Force was called upon to play its part I will devote the next instalment to this subject

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It has been enhanced to include a fully end-to-end digital solution.

The service allows most people under State Pension age to view their pension forecast and identify any gaps in their National Insurance Contributions (NICs) record. This will be helpful for taxpayers looking to make voluntary NIC contributions to increase their entitlement to benefits, including the State or New State Pension. Usually, HMRC allow you to pay voluntary contributions for the past 6 tax years. The deadline is 5 April each year. However, there is currently an opportunity for people to make up gaps in their NICs for the tax years from April 2006 to April 2017 as part of transitional measures to the new State Pension. The deadline has been extended a few times and has been most recently extended until 5 April 2025.

The launch of HMRC's online service will help speed up this process. HMRC's helplines have been struggling to meet the demands for information and processing claims to pay additional NIC contributions. HMRC has also confirmed that all relevant voluntary NIC payments will be accepted at the rates applicable in 2022-23 until 5 April 2025.

It is worthwhile checking your State Pension position on a regular basis, this will help to optimise your entitlement. You should also consider what other savings or pensions might be required for a long and comfortable retirement.

Finding your National Insurance number If you have lost or forgotten your National Insurance number, there are a number of ways to locate it. Firstly, you could try and locate the number on paperwork such as your tax return, payslip or P60. You can also use your personal tax account or the HMRC App to find your National Insurance number.

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An individual must have the right to work or study in the UK in order to apply for a National Insurance number.

Tax relief for training costs

If you are self-employed it is important to know if an expense is tax allowable. Any allowable costs can be used to reduce your taxable profit.

As a general rule you can claim for items that you would normally use for less than 2 years as allowable expenses such as stationery and other office sundries as well as rent, rates, power and insurance costs.

HMRC lists the following office expenses as being allowable:

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- clothing expenses, for example uniforms
- staff costs, for example salaries or

subcontractor costs

- things you buy to sell on, for example stock or raw materials
- financial costs, for example insurance or bank charges
- costs of your business premises, for example heating, lighting, business rates
- advertising or marketing, for example website costs
- training courses related to your business, for example refresher courses

Regarding training costs, you can claim training costs that help you:

- improve skills and knowledge you currently use for your business
- keep up-to-date with technology used in your industry
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- develop new skills and knowledge to support your business - this includes administrative skills.

You cannot claim for training courses that help you:

- start a new business
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If you need assistance with any accountancy or tax related matters, please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306 / 07895 913546 / catherine@cba-services.co.uk Whilst care has been taken in preparing this publication it is for information only. It is not, and should not be construed as, advice and accordingly no reliance should be placed on the information contained herein.



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Did you know there is a Jolly Day near you? We meet in Wimborne St Giles (Village Hall) on the first and third Monday of the month for a delicious homemade lunch, cooked by The Friendly Food Club, this is then followed by a varied programme of entertainment finished with Tea, cake and biscuits. In the spring we were delighted with entertainment from Susan Old songstress, The Skittle Alley Strummers, 'A Bit of a Tonic' musical duo and Sandi Macy Hart dance to name a few. We also loved our visits from Wimborne St Giles' primary school children.

Our 'Step Outside' meeting is an allotment gardening group at Kingston Lacy. This is a collaborative project involving the National Trust. You don't have to know anything about gardening to join in, our wonderful gardener Anni is always there to guide us. If hard work is not your thing, you can come along to relax in the beautiful setting, chat with friends and enjoy other activities

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In Jolly Good Company is a great place to make new friends, have fun and find support. Guests can come by themselves, with a spouse/family member, friend or carer, everyone is welcome. Booking is essential – please see below for details. Jolly Days are also held at Blandford (Woodhouse Gardens), Wimborne (Museum), Shaftesbury (Royal British Legion Hall) and West Moors (The Guide Hall), we enjoy regular visits from a variety of local musicians, singers, artists and craftspeople. We always stop for tea and biscuits at all our Jolly Days.

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6DH Skatepark Project



Last issue we told you about the way the Skatepark is going to progress. In this article we have a massive thanks to the Big Session team for letting us hold the Raffle as well as everyone who bought tickets. This has seen over £300 added to our funds. If you are online, you will see our Just Giving website campaign launch in August, this is focussed on raising 10% of our intended target, £25,000. This will hopefully help us secure funding through grants towards the end of this year, once we have obtained the appropriate planning approval. Please lookout for this campaign which will also be advertised through our Facebook and Instagram accounts. There will be some goodies you can obtain where you can make a pledge, one of these is to establish a permanent feature as part of the Skatepark, you will have to view the just giving page when it's launched to find out more.

To progress the planning phase, we have an updated design, this involved a couple of design tweaks to change some aspects to help rider flow around the top left area of the park and an addition, in the form of a boulder in the top right corner of the park. The Maverick team also wanted to make the park 'special' to us, for this they are using coloured concrete to embed the Milepost as a permanent feature of the park as you can see in the picture below.

So, we are now progressing with the planning application, this will be an amendment to the existing skatepark approval. Maverick will be supporting us throughout this with the necessary documentation and plans. We will also reach out to the Parish to ensure any requests or concerns are taken on board and addressed going forward. The diagram below shows the expected scale of the park in relation to its existing area. It should be noted that the path shown in both diagrams are to show intent and not the actual route the path will take, it will integrate with the newly installed path.

Please watch out for further information in the coming months. We meet each month to discuss fundraising and all aspects



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Cowes Classics

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We motored up Medina River from Cowes, to Folly Reach, plenty of room on the visitor pontoons, and we soon found out why – very strong winds blowing off the pontoon, but we prepared and made a good approach coming alongside nicely. But the crew managing the centre cleat warp fluffed it, and we were blown off, and a bit of an effort to finally moor up. We then went to aid a single hander who

was very much struggling, we took his lines to many thanks. Later analysis of our mooring suggested next time secure the bow, and send a crew member ashore with a long line, and winch (hooray for electric winches) the stern in.

Great day, sunny and breezy, our return was with one and a half reefs in the Genoa, and no main, hard on the wind, with, as always, one tack being 'the making tack', managing 7kn even with the 'Solent Chop', (a result of tide going out and strong wind coming in). In the blustery conditions skipper took Ayers & Graces to her mooring, strong wind blowing in, strong cross ebb tide, and not much room in marinas these days. So motor passed mooring slot, position yacht, let tide bring yacht down, and at just the right moment – motor in – perfect!

Bunkside Bookshelf

This is a book which I shall hang on to and re-read: 'A Wild Call' Martyn Murray. 'One Man's Voyage in pursuit of Freedom', 'A

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Currently there are 72 groups with 2190 refugees and poor Ugandans in them. These 5 CBFs receive \$50 per month around £10 per week, so very little, but they are very grateful for the opportunity to improve their fellow refugees' lives. The 5 have been trained in how to lead and run Savings Groups making sure all savings are recorded in the groups of 30 people. They have also been trained in sustainable organic farming which enables them to produce highly nutritious vegetables – they then share this training with the groups that they oversee. CRESS UK funds all the groups with tools and seeds to start the vegetable production and fruit trees seedlings. The group members, once they have learnt and practiced this farming, are able to feed their families so each family member's health is improved – their hunger reduced and they can even sell some vegetables to provide funds for school fees for their children.

CRESS Africa is unique in all the camps by providing these CBFs and looking after them. They are able to connect with the refugees using the same language and understand the issues the refugees are facing. The CBFs are also provided with bicycles which again are looked after and repaired regularly – and they are given phones to record results and liase with the Head CBF. The head CBF uses his phone to send photographs of great improvements to the UK CRESS office.

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Mid summer and it's that special time of year when the allotment and garden are full of leaf and growth. The wild patch is full of flowering ox eye daisies, foxgloves, red campion, vipers bugloss and borage. ... The new potatoes have been lifted.. For me lifting the first new potatoes is one of the simple pleasures in life. The miniko lettuce is ready, a smallish version of iceberg, it has the same crunch without taking up the same space. The Japanese winter onions have been lifted and are drying. Last year we had eaten the onion crop by the end of November, so we have planted three beds this year, one overwintering (Senshyu) a red (Red Baron) and a white (Sturon). Onions are a pretty hungry crop like cabbage but we've not used any manure or artificial fertilizers, only compost, and the crop is as good as any we've had before. We have lifted the second early Chaotte potato, a lovely waxy salad potato, and have started the main crop, a blight resistant variety . Blight is still about and unfortunately hits tomatoes, the close relation of the potato.

In the the new year we planted two Bramley apple trees. There is nothing in my view, that can better complement a Sunday lunch than apple pie and no better apple than Bramleys. There are two other apple trees of unknown make on the allotment which crop well and will assist pollination, but cannot match a Bramley. It will probably be a year or two before we start cropping our new ones.

This spring we set up a greenhouse, kindly donated by two friends. There is a strict no glass rule on the allotments so we have had to take the (sustainable) glass to the tip and replaced with non-biodegradable perspex, but hey ho!

Another friend kindly donated tomato plants and our neighbours watered for us when we were away. There are good friends on the allotment always willing to help each other out.

Over the last few years some allotments at Common Road have been abandoned and

were looking a bit run down. The Parish Council have done a fantastic job clearing all the rubbish, levelling and leaving the plots cleared and ready to cultivate. One of these allotments has already been taken up. Dave, our site manager mows the car park and around the plots, so the place is starting to look pretty up together.

On our plot we've one beginner using one of our beds as a trial run, and is growing new potatoes, beans and onionsand I've set up another raised bed for someone in the village who loves runner beans. I am sure there are people in the village who would love fresh veg who, for one reason or another, can't manage an allotment. So if anyone, especially someone retired or infirm, would like a bed of veg grown for them please let me know.

Last year's perpetual spinach was going strong until late Spring. It does what it says on the tin/packet. It has provided the chickens with fresh greens all winter and in Spring, gone to seed and 5ft high, was still feeding them. Beatrice, the black rock cross, has laid almost every day for the last 6 months, and Betty every other day and the firm shells and orange yolks are, I'm sure, a direct consequence of the spinach. So we've planted some more perpetual for this winter.

With all the cold winds and wet weather the runner beans are looking hopeless, but that's gardening. Whilst we have a good crop of wild flowers, attended by a variety of bumble bees, we have seen few, if any,

butterflies. In early Spring there were one or two Brimstones, and I've seen only one Red Admiral. It is worrying but hopefully, with the second flush, we'll see more. Fingers crossed .

I hope you will indulge my digression. My family are quite musical, with my exc



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By providing extra bed capacity, Imber Ward underpins the hospital's elective recovery programme. The extra beds mean elderly care patients can be cared for in a dedicated space, which in turn, allows the hospital's surgical beds to be better utilised to deliver much-needed elective care such as day surgery. The equipping and furnishing of the new ward has been supported by the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity. Much of the Stars Appeal funding has been made possible thanks to the legacy gifts of those who have so kindly remembered the charity in their Wills.



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