



The Downsmen

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Sizzling Summer!

Summer seems to be well and truly here - I was very glad when the summer downpour yesterday afternoon took the temperature back to a more manageable 27 degrees!

Thank you to everyone who came and took part in our Jubilee Celebrations - we had a great day helping out with the circus skills and having a little sing-along with Ben Waters too!

Schools are wrapping up with end of year exams, sports days and reports... soon it will be time for a few well earned days away. We've also been up to First School working with them on their website and very excitingly seeing the formation of the new Squirrel Dray in September bringing Scouting to 4-6 year olds - see page 17!

The summer looks busy in our Parish too with some great local events including Pentridge BBQ & Barn Dance, Cream Teas at St Mary's and the village Hall Craft Fairs, or a little further afield at Blandford Art Society's Exhibition.

Summer reading... Well I have just finished Richard Osman's second Thursday Murder Club book, which I enjoyed even more than the first and am now on to Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell. If you are looking for inspiration, don't forget to head down to our Parish Library to see what you can find. Or if you fancy a chat too pop along to the Crossroads Cafe or Magnificafe - both open during the summer info on page 11.

Do you enjoy walking and love taking others out to explore this our area? If you would like to get more involved in leading walks the AONB have a training session for you see page 33.

Whatever you are getting up to this summer, enjoy!



Naomi Booth

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

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To the Editor

Blandford Art Society

Blandford Art Society is pleased to announce its annual Open exhibition in The Corn Exchange, Blandford Forum. 15th – 20th August - 10-5pm daily. Entry FREE. www.blandfordartsociety.weebly.com. A wide variety of work will be on display. Our guest artist for 2022 is Michael Hemming.

Sixpenny Village Hall Craft Fair & Afternoon Teas

Come meet a range of crafters and enjoy homemade cakes & sandwiches. Free entry, donations welcome. If you're interested in booking a table, then contact us: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com / 07951 056069

Continuing into the Autumn!
September date is Sat 24th.

Dick Pettis

The family of the late Richard "Dick" Pettis, would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral on 24th June and for the many kind messages of sympathy received. Also, for the generous donations totalling £733 for Cancer Research.

Prior to the pandemic and after several family members and friends had been diagnosed with cancer, Dick decided to build a shepherd's hut to sell in aid of charity, he was sponsored by various local people and finally completed his task at the beginning of the year. Fortunately, it was sold just weeks before he died, raising in excess of £7000 which has been donated to Cancer Research in accordance with his wishes.



Thanks from Richard

A picture of the Hancock's enjoying their fire pit for the first time at their new home. Richard of course in exceptional dress! Some of us were able to attend his Licensing this week at the Spire Benefice and he sends his thanks and very best wishes to us all.



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Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Stars Appeal Fundraiser 30th July

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Families are welcome so bring the children along.



PENTRIDGE BBQ & BARNDANCE 30th July 7pm

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info@pentridgedorset.co.uk
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Thursday 18th August 3-4.15pm
Thursday 1st September 3-4.15pm
Thursday 15th September 3 4.15pm

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Sixpenny Handley village hall

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Book a table 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com
or 07951 056069. Future dates:
Saturday 24th September



With Charity Tombola
in aid of Handley Skate Park
6th August
See page 4



Clerk's Corner

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

Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley. SP5 5PA
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 Clerk to the Council (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211
 07907 445951

I would like to share with you how busy your Community has been since the last publication. Our Parish Councillors continue to support the community groups along with the efforts from local volunteers which is invaluable and much appreciated.

Parish Support for the Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club

We were delighted to welcome two members of the Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club to the Parish Council meeting held on 7th July. Chairman Tommy & Treasurer Nick Limb both attended the open session to discuss the future of Sixpenny Cricket Club since the club's recent revival this season (22/23). The Club's new Chairman outlined the new formation of the club along with expressing their goal to be transparent and to understand the association with the Parish Council going forward.

It was pleasing to hear enthusiastic plans to build an ECB All Stars Youth involvement, building strong links with the local Scout Group and their aspirations to improve the Club's declining Kit.

In order to support the Club, the Parish Council members approved the following items:

- Waivered the annual hire fees of £500.00 in the 2022-23 season in order for the Club to re-establish itself.
- Confirmed the recent purchase of a new John Deere mower to help maintain the grass wicket and outfield. Whilst continuing to maintain the new artificial strip and practise area.
- The Club intends to purchase and install a boundary perimeter fence – the area between the green shed corner along the boundary line adjacent to the field. Without a method of catching cricket balls many are being lost which is expensive and frustrating during match time. The Council would welcome more information about how this can be achieved and will continue to support the Club.

Members thanked the cricket representatives for attending the meeting and for the commitment they have shown in working alongside Mr Bowes & Mr

Cross the previous Chairman of Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club.

We can all look forward to seeing the Club go from strength to strength.

Play Area Matters

We have been experiencing a problem with excessive bird mess specifically around the swing equipment in the play area. In response Cllr Adams (DA) has installed bird repellent spikes on top of the equipment in hope that it will eradicate the problem.

Grant application to AONB Chalke & Chase Heritage Fund

In line with the PCs ambition to retain very important hedgerows both visually and for the preservation of wildlife; an application to support a hedge laying project was submitted to the Heritage Fund. We hope to lay the hedge adjacent to the play area (church side) and the remaining hedge behind the Tennis Courts. It is hoped that a hedge-laying course supported by the PC will allow volunteers from the village to be hands on and learn this woodland skill and work alongside skilled craftsman to help preserve our heritage. If you want to know more or simply wish to volunteer do not hesitate to contact Clerk: Ciona Nicholson 07907 445951.

The PC have also agreed to purchase 250 wild daffodil bulbs to be planted around the Village Hall pond area. Once again do not hesitate to contact the clerk on 07907445951 if you are interested in volunteering the bulbs will need to be planted in October.

Dog Behaviour Problems

In recent months we have seen an increase in the incidences of dog behaviour problems. In response there have been a number of signs installed at problematic locations reminding dog owners of their responsibilities:

- Dogs must be on leads or under close control at all times.
- Dogs must not be off the lead within 5 meters of a marked pitch – we have two pitches; the cricket pitch and the football pitch. The Parish Council's definition of a marked pitch is when the goal posts are up and the cricket boundary white line is marked. We

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

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have an excellent and committed Groundsman who voluntarily maintains the pitch all year round however, we expect dog owners are always considerate and always pick up after their dog (not just when there is a match on).

- It is important to remember that the overfill campsite which is regularly used by dog owners is private property and Mr & Mrs Judd have politely asked all dog owners to keep their dogs under close control and always pick up after your dog!

Speed Watch Volunteers

We are desperately short of Speed-watch volunteers – it is a worthwhile voluntary job that operates at different times during each month. If you are passionate about reducing the speeding traffic through the village – please volunteer by contacting the Clerk on 07907445951.

The Great Dorset Steam Fair

There are 750 discount codes offering 2-1 tickets available to Sixpenny Handley residents – on a first come first serve. Please send an email to parishclerk@sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CCIO)

Registered No.1172688 Patron – The Hon Timothy Palmer DL

Thanks to Covid the CCIO has achieved very little over the last couple of years or so although in conjunction with the Parish Council a £2,000 emergency fund was established for use by the magnificent Covid Support team. Many of you may have forgotten about the CCIO so a brief reminder.

The CCIO is a tax-efficient community charity providing an umbrella for fundraising, incorporating the necessary policies and procedures demanded by current charity legislation for any organisation or group functioning in the parish that chooses to integrate. This enables volunteers to get on with what they really want to do and what they are good at. It also eliminates the need for a multiplicity of constitutions and associated administration demanded by the plethora of legislative bureaucracy which are imposed increasingly on the long-suffering English and Welsh public. The CCIO is

simple and flexible. In conjunction with our Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Community Land Trust it provides this parish with a collective and legal administrative infrastructure enabling us to do just about anything provided that it is legal. This establishes a sound basis for community teamwork and ensures that the necessary framework is already in place should the need arise, for instance, to establish a community transport network or a project such as improvements to the Skate Park.

However, things have picked up this summer with the Sixpenny Entertainments Committee, the CCIO's primary sub-group, who decided to bring the Big Session forward a good month or more and run the Big Jubilee Picnic. Suffice to say that it was a huge community success which you can read all about on page 14. Against expectation the event raised a substantial profit most of which will be allocated to the

Skate Park Fund which has been designated the CCIO's major project. Applications for other grants can still be made and forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Ciona Nicholson, at the Parish Office. Tel: 552211.

It has always been CCIO policy that grant applications are not assessed by the Trustees but selected and approved by a much wider group who form the membership of the Grants Sub-Committee. This needs to get underway again and volunteers to help in this respect will be most welcome. It is not an onerous task with meetings no more than twice a year when there is sufficient money in the pot. If you are interested and would like to help please contact Ciona to find out more.

David Lockyer
Chairman of Trustees

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CRESS Supper Date

CRESS: Bring & Share Supper with South Sudanese Bishop, Joseph Aba

Come and meet Bishop Joseph Aba and his wife Yunia Friday 12th August, Broadchalke Village Hall, 7pm at our bring and share supper.

Bishop Joseph is coming to the UK as part of the Worldwide Anglican Bishop's Lambeth Conference in Canterbury. He is then visiting us in Wiltshire and we are looking forward to hearing updates about his life and work with the South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda.

Please let us know if you are coming by completing the form at <https://cressuk.org/supper/> or emailing caroline.lamb@cressuk.org letting her know who is coming and include what food you are bringing to share!

We will be making a collection of: footballs

& netballs (flat), skipping ropes, small board games, packets of new ladies' underwear/bras, pens, children's clothes (age 0-10) and watches for the Bishop to take back with him to Uganda.

We hope you can join us!



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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	4th of August	3-4.15pm
Thursday	18th of August	3-4.15pm
Thursday	1st of September	3-4.15pm
Thursday	15th of September	3-4.15pm

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6DH Skatepark Project Update

Next Steps

We have to start this article with a massive thanks to everyone who supported our Raffle at the Big Picnic, we raised over £450. A big thank you to the Big Picnic organisers for yet another great day as well as giving us the opportunity to run the raffle. Whilst typing this we should also say a big thank you to Ray and Nora Churchill for the Car Boot Sale held in July which hopefully added to our funds. We are also aware of another kind fundraising effort at 'The Hollows' in 6th August, which will also help make a difference. Thank you so much for helping us.

As a team we are now working at creating and issuing a questionnaire that will be delivered to every house in the parish. This will be to gauge support, understand any concerns and establish as wide a view as possible on the practicality of rebuilding the Skate park. We are also looking to organise an open evening where we will present the output from the questionnaire

and information we will have gathered, including information from experts in building skate parks. There will also be an opportunity for those attending to ask questions at the meeting. Please look out for posters advertising this meeting which we hope to hold in September.

With the information gained from both the questionnaire and presentation evening we will look to ensure the project is aligned to the needs of all the young people in the parish along with addressing concerns of the wider community.

In the meantime, can we remind you of our Go Fund me page and that if 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 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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Homewatch

As the more observant Downsman readers will no doubt already know, this year's harvest has begun and will likely continue for another few weeks. Please be especially alert during this time to the risk of being confronted by extremely large combine harvesters and other outsize farm vehicles taking up much of the available road width as you negotiate the smaller routes in our area. Farmers work at all hours of the day and night at harvest time so do be ready for the unexpected to occur at literally anytime.

Continuing with the theme of staying alert, it is not long before the Great Dorset Steam Fair returns for its annual extravaganza at Tarrant Hinton. This event always attracts large crowds, which can provide cover for certain undesirable elements; and we all need to ensure that we take sensible precautions against the risk of becoming victims of opportunistic crime. In particular, everyone is encouraged to ensure that:

- homes are properly secured when you are out at work, walking the dog, shopping or just chatting with a neighbour.
- all vehicles are locked with no valuables left inside
- all attractive/easily transportable items such as bicycles, garden tools and machinery, etc are stored under lock and key when not in use. Marking such items with 'smart water' or similar can help to identify them if they are recovered by the police
- we all watch out for any suspicious activity in the vicinity of our own and adjoining properties, alerting the police as necessary.

Finally, if you are going to be away on holiday, in addition to taking all the usual security measures such as locking doors and windows, you might wish to consider alerting a neighbour and asking them to keep an eye on the place for you. So, here's hoping for an enjoyable and trouble free summer.

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The Big Jubilee Picnic



Thank you all so much to all those who supported the BIG Jubilee Picnic in June. We were blessed with fine weather and hosted 475+ people of all ages from our wonderful community, the campsite and visitors keen to see our headline act, Ben Waters and his band. He didn't disappoint and has many new fans in the village (especially the Handley backing singers!!). He loved it too and will be back – hopefully some time in 2023.

We are delighted to tell you that we made an overall profit of £1,825.36 which will be handed over to the Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CCIO) for distribution to deserving projects within our community. Applications for grants can be made and forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Ciona Nicholson, at the Parish Office. Tel: 552211.

Additionally, the raffle raised £400 for the new skatepark project and the team from the Church raised ££257.85 towards their ongoing infrastructure costs.

It was a lot of hard work but the smiles on everyone's faces made it all worthwhile. Thanks to all our amazing volunteers and workshop leaders who made everything run so smoothly and to our wonderfully generous donors too.

We have been looking at the calendar for 2023 and have provisionally identified Saturday 8 July 2023 as the date for the BIG Session 2023. Please make a note of the date and we will confirm it as soon as we can.

Thanks again and see you next summer!

Naomi, Paul and Penny



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Church News

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

Slowly the plan for our Benefice is developing as we continue to work closely with our neighbouring parishes of Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal and we continue to work towards the aim of gaining a part-time or 'House for Duty' priest with us in Handley as soon as possible. If you need help or pastoral support it is always available from Rev David Miell, who is also the Assistant Rural Dean, based in Tarrant Hinton who is supporting our Parishes. He can be contacted at: Rev Dr David Miell; The Rectory, Church Hill, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford Forum, DT11 8JB. Mobile: 07708 601462 or email: dkmiell@gmail.com Local help or advice on any church matter, is available by emailing support@handleychurch.org.uk or from 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 Ferguson - 01725 552222.

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT - Rev Dr David Miell

Great to see that cricket is returning to Sixpenny Handley! Perhaps the recent run of test match success for England's cricketers against New Zealand and India might inspire many, particularly youngsters, to think of getting involved at the local level. When I was a child, the greatest test match victories for England were regularly being played out by me and my pals in our tiny back garden. No matter how few we were, we would dress up in our white shirts and shorts and happily take on the roles of both teams of 11, plus the two umpires and even the scorers and commentators. It was lots of fun AND DEADLY SERIOUS and we loved it! We held our trophies high!

However, by the time I reached my teens and the school cricket team was being picked, I discovered, to my great dismay, that while I knew all the rules of the game and all the theory I'd learned from a well-thumbed book (that still sits on my bookshelf) called "Cricket for Boys", I

was simply incapable of making bat and ball connect. Having acquired none of the physical strength and stature of my peers, I found the cricket bats too large and heavy for me; and, accustomed to playing with a tennis ball in the garden, I was terrified of this rock-hard leather ball whistling past me at head height!

At the tender age of 13, I had to confront the dreadful possibility that I might not, after all, captain the England team at Lords by the age of 21! Life, we learn, is a sequence of necessary knocks and nudges and adjustments and alterations to our self-image and self-esteem. Through this (often painful) process, we are given the opportunity to discover, in fact, the person God is calling us and enabling us to become. Young people today, perhaps much more than in my youth, suffer great challenges in learning what their true identity and calling in life might be, and the vast majority do so without the benefit of a Christian perspective that (I believe) is the only way to make sense of it all.

St Mary's Church in Handley is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Feast Day in the Church of England Calendar falls on 15 August. As a young girl, Mary could never have imagined what was in store for her, that she should become the mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. With the dawning realisation of what her true gift and calling from God might be, she sang her song of joy, which we know as the 'Magnificat': "My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my saviour... for he has done great things for me...". God has great things in store, and great joy, for all who can dare to say, with Mary, "Let it be to me, according to your Word" (Luke, Chapter 1).

WHATS ON!

Deanery Service at Milton Abbey (DT11 0BZ)

Celebration of Holy Communion – all very welcome! With Bishop Emmanuel Lamoro (Rokon Diocese - South Sudan)
Tuesday 9th August at 7pm.

St Mary's Cream Teas Sunday 28th August

Traditional cream teas in and around
St Mary's 2pm - 5pm.

The Churches Tent Dorset County Show

Help is needed on 3rd & 4th September, in the Churches Tent 9.00am – 5.00pm, serving tea or coffee, talking to visitors. There will be an opportunity for you to enjoy the show with a Complimentary Ticket to gain admission. Please contact: rural.chaplaincy@btinternet.com or Liz on 01963 23570.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) - bike ride this year is on September 10th.

DHCT have kindly supported us this year with a grant, now it's our turn to support them. Sponsors and bikers required. For details please contact Anne Reed on 01725 552518.

Film Nights

We hope will return in the Autumn but in the Village Hall as a joint venture with them, please let us know the films you would like to see.

The famous Handley Christmas Fayre

will also return as a Community Fundraising Event for the CCIO and the Church Fabric Fund on 26th November in the Village Hall. Maureen Lockyer has kindly agreed to lead again and encourages all the lovely people who have helped before and any new folk who may wish to help, to get in touch or better still come along to the weekly Magnificafé each Thursday during term time at 11am.

Ring: 552492 or
email: maureenlockyer@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – MAGNIFICAFÉ

The marvellous Magnificafé will continue each Thursday morning from 9-12am during school term time and this summer thanks to the kindness of our team of Angels who operate the Café 10-12am during the School holidays. Providing a hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, as well as hot and cold drinks, it's a great place to meet with other mums and dads with small children. There is also a quiet corner where you can hold a meeting if needed.

FAMILY SERVICES

The Family Service and Breakfast Church continues, to be led by the Youth Church Team, the details are 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. We are delighted to welcome Carol Neilson to assist with some of our Sunday services. Carol is a very experienced Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) and for the past 10 years has played a key role in preparing and leading worship in the Chase Benefice. Alongside her existing Sunday commitments in the Chase parishes, Carol has kindly offered to support the Family Service and Breakfast Church in St Mary's whenever she is free and in whatever ways her assistance might be welcomed.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Like most organisations, the choir is still be having a little rest over the summer. Their 'last day of term' will be in a blaze of glory (hopefully) at the Benefice Service

in Tollard Royal on 31st July. After that, they will be resting the vocal chords, before starting up again in time for Harvest Festival. A few more people have begun to come along and see what's involved. The choir is beginning to broaden its horizons into well-known, popular songs; it is not necessary to make a regular Sunday commitment at all. It does of course prepare for special services during the year with harmonies and descants at Easter, Christmas and the Harvest Festival. The get-together for practice is on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm for an hour in St Mary's. This will start up again in September. If that sounds like fun (and it really is) then drop in and see them. You can get more information from Margaret Wilkinson on 01725 553150.

CHURCH WARDEN NEWS – THE VIEW**FROM THE PEWS! – Linda Cooper**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was recently nominated to become a second Church Warden at St Mary's Sixpenny Handley, which I was delighted to accept. Although having lived in Sixpenny Handley for over 30 years, career paths prevented me from being an integral part of 6dH village life and community. Retirement has brought a huge change and I am pleased now to be able to be more active. St Mary's Church and community has brought purpose and a sense of fulfilment to daily life, and more friends too. If I have not already met you, please make yourself known to me.

Our Churchwardens Sue Curtis and Linda

Cooper attended the annual Church Warden's Visitation Service in Wimborne Minster on 22 June. The service was led by the Archdeacon of Dorset, Ven Anthony MacRow-Wood. On 29 June a number of St Mary's congregation attended the licensing of Canon Richard Hancock at St Mary's Church, Spire Hill, Stalbridge. Bishop Karen Gorham led the service. Richard was warmly welcomed by his new Parish, and will be sadly missed. He sends his best wishes and thanks for the presents.

Church Service Coffee Rota

There is a Sunday coffee rota sheet in church for those who are willing and able to serve coffee following a Sunday service. Provisions are provided, only milk needs to be purchased. Please volunteer if you can.

A Tidy Vestry

During the summer Sue Curtis and Linda Cooper will be having a sort out in the Vestry to make space and bring much needed order to its darker corners, which will be helpful to visiting clergy taking services. If anyone is willing to help, please call Sue on 01725 552397 or Linda on 01725 552864.

SERVICES

The standard monthly plan for services is shown below, 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 the weekly sheet, please email: notices@handleychurch.org.uk

MONTHLY PLANNED SERVICES

	1ST SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY	3RD SUNDAY	4TH SUNDAY
Sixpenny Handley	10:00 Family Service YCT/NB/CN	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, NB - Naomi Booth, DL - David Lockyer, JM - Jackie Molnar, CN – Carol Neilson, AR - Anne Reed, LWL - Lay Worship Leader.



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Age 10½-14
Mon & Tue
Rob Easton
01725 552038



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

Squirrels

We are so pleased to announce Squirrels is ready to go in September. We are very thankful to have the support of Sixpenny Handley First School and Nursery so that we are able to open our Dray. Lots of work has been going on in the background to make this possible so a huge thanks to all involved.



Beavers had a fabulous summer term and a great last meeting before summer holidays with a camp fire and good ole s'mores!



Cubs have helped build a round house, made giant bubbles, built obstacle courses, done tracking and den building in Garston Wood and had some very good water fights this term!

SCOUTS

Scouts enjoyed making pizza and other summer activities including Cricket at Pavillion rounding off with a dip in the pool at Chettle House perfect. 40 Scouts and Explorers are preparing for Summer Camp in Cornwall and we look forward to telling more after the Summer

EXPLORERS

Explorers have been renovating the Pizza Oven at the HQ and with the Scouts had a fabulous trip kayaking with Stour Valley Canoe Club.



Cubs helping build a round house for Chalke Valley History Festival
Photos Ash Mills Photography



Scouts & Explorers Kayaking
Explorers refurbishing the pizza oven



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Members of the Village Hall Entertainments Team recently attended the Artsreach launch of their autumn programme and have since been busy choosing some great shows to bring to the village hall, including music, theatre, comedy and children's entertainment. We will update you in the next issue of The Downsman once Artsreach has confirmed our selection.

In the meantime, please don't forget to add the next Sixpenny Session to your calendars. On Saturday 12 November Track Dogs will be bringing their unique brand of acoustic music - "sun-shiny songs thriving on dark themes behind irresistible rhythms" - a dynamic fusion of styles including folk, latin, Americana & even some bluegrass.

Some of us were lucky enough to see Track Dogs when they appeared at The Tivoli in May with Show of Hands and we can assure you that you are in for a treat! Dust off your



dancing shoes and come and join us for a great evening of music and entertainment. Look out for ticket information, etc., in the next issue and on the posters around the

village nearer the time. Check out their website for further information: <https://trackdogsmusic.com/>



Cakes and crafts at our Village Hall craft Fair - next dates 27th August and 24th September, 11am - 2pm. *Photo Bill Chorley*



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AONB News

Voices in the Landscape Project Launch



We're launching the Voices in the Landscape Project, brought to you in partnership with music charity La Folia.

From September 2022 we'll be working with local choirs, schools and groups in and around our area, exploring the landscape to investigate old songs... and creating new ones!

Collecting Songs and Music

Do you know of any local songs, ballads, rhymes or pieces of music?

As part of this project we would love to include them as part of our new creations. Please get in touch if anything comes to mind!

We are also looking for local stories or inspiring tales.

Getting Musical Groups Involved

We'd love to hear from you if yourself, or your local group or community would like to be involved in the Voices in the Landscape project.

Visit our project page to find out more about this exciting project and how to get involved on our website via the button below.

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WI News and Information

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June and July were busy months for Sixpenny Handley W.I. On 2nd June we held our Platinum Jubilee Celebration "indoor" picnic at Pentridge Village Hall. Members were encouraged to wear something red, white and blue. There was a display of royal memorabilia on show, brought by several members from their personal collections. We enjoyed a delicious buffet, the result of everyone bringing a plate of food to share. This was followed by a picture quiz, and hunt the corgi, which was named Susan in honour of the Queen's first pet corgi; it was knitted and given by Teresa Marshallsay and won by Mandy Hosegood.

On Monday 13th June - our regular monthly meeting, the speaker was Mr James Haddow, the "Taxi Driver Poet". For more than sixteen years he was writing and reciting poetry to his passengers as he drove around rural Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Because of ill health he was

forced to retire from driving and moved to the south coast. James now spends his time writing and performing his poetry which is light-hearted and comical. We all enjoyed a very amusing evening with plenty of laughter. The flower of the month competition was won by Jean Elliot with a white rose.

On 15th June the book club met to discuss the spy thriller Secret Service written by newsreader Tom Bradby. This book had a complex plot and opinions were divided, which always makes for a lively meeting.

Wednesday 6th June - the grand occasion of our centenary lunch at Rushmore Park golf club was a great success, the excellent food, service and ambiance was second to none. Almost all members were able to attend to celebrate our 100th anniversary year. We are all proud to be members of Sixpenny Handley W.I., none more so than myself as my paternal grandmother

Florence Judd was a founder member, and various relatives of mine have been members here in every decade since 1922. I joined in 2008 when I moved back to live in the village. Sadly, our numbers are dwindling, like many other rural W.I.s as we struggle to attract new members, but we will carry on as long as possible in the true spirit of sisterhood and friendship which embodies the W.I.

Monday 11th July - a very hot evening for our July meeting, which was quite informal. The main event being "Vegan Food Tasting" made and supplied by President Bobby Carter. A wide variety of foods were available to sample and marks out of ten were given for each dish. Most were surprisingly good, others not so tasty! Thank you, Bobby for all your hard work preparing the food.

We had joint winners for flower of the month with Jan Gibb and Teresa Marshallsay, both with roses.

14th July - The Group skittles match at Tarrant Gunville. Three members attended, we did not win the skittles, but were lucky winning a raffle prize each. A pleasant evening was had by all.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 9th August
Cream tea at the Old Forge at 2pm

Wed 7th September
Group visit to Salisbury

Mon 12th September
Speaker Mrs. Sarah Delves - History of Cosmetics

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*Stella Olsen
Vice-President*



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Walk for Wards



Walkers return to Wilton House to Walk for Wards in massive numbers

Photo Simon Ward Photography

Around 1,700 people stepped forward as the Stars Appeal Walk for Wards returned to Wilton House yesterday (Sunday 3rd July), raising an estimated £90,000 for Salisbury District Hospital's Charity. It was the first time in three years the walk has been held at Wilton House after the last two events had to take place virtually due to Covid 19. In perfect walking weather, Lord Pembroke, President of the Stars Appeal, welcomed the crowd to his home before handing over to Salisbury District Hospital Chief Executive Stacey Hunter who gave examples of how the charity helps local people being treated at the Hospital and the NHS staff who care for them. A poignant moment of silence was held after which Greatest Hits radio presenter Martin Starke led a countdown and Lord Pembroke, Stacey Hunter and David Newton from main sponsor Salisbury Reds were joined by Stars Appeal Ambassadors to cut the ribbon to get the walk underway.

Lots of walkers were taking part in the annual event to thank the hospital for the care that they, or a loved one, has received or to dedicate their walk in memory of a friend, parent, sibling or child. Many wore signs on their backs detailing the reasons they were taking part and the ward or department at the Hospital they were

raising funds for. Participants in the walk chose to walk either a 10k, 5k or 3k. All routes were marshalled by a team led by the Rotary Club of Wilton.

Gemma Heath of the Stars Appeal who organises Walk for Wards said: "It was wonderful to see everyone back at Wilton House after three years away. We were so touched that so many people came out to support their local Hospital charity and that they had such special reasons for doing so. The walk is a team effort and we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it possible: our hosts Lord and Lady Pembroke and the Wilton Estate team, our principal sponsors Salisbury Reds, our marshals led by the Rotary Club of Wilton, our volunteers, and especially to all the walkers and everyone who sponsored them, the money they have raised will change lives."

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Dorset Council



Good news for walkers of the Dorset Coast Path - the stretch of path between Lyme Regis and Stonebarrow has now been restored with two new sections. We've worked with Lyme Regis Golf Club, the local community and southwest coast path volunteers to design this new route. It takes walkers safely off road and away from the unpredictable cliff edge and gives stunning birds eye views of the beautiful inland hills and valleys, iconic Lyme Regis and The Cobb, Golden Cap and coastline all the way to Portland.

CBA Services

Here are a few current news items and upcoming changes from the tax world that may be of interest:

Potential tax demand scam

The Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) is a well-known organisation that provides independent advice to the government on simplifying the UK tax system. The OTS has issued a press release to warn of a potential new tax scam that is using the OTS logo. The press release reads as follows:

'We have been made aware of people receiving correspondence using the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) logo and signatures to request payment of 'tax'. The OTS is not a tax collection agency, and the correspondence is not legitimate. If you receive any demand for payment of any kind claiming to be from the OTS, you should report it to the National Cyber Security Centre by forwarding the email to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Check employment status for tax

The Check Employment Status for Tax (CEST) tool can be used to help ascertain if a worker should be classified as employed or self-employed for tax purposes in both the private and public sector. The service provides HMRC's view if IR35 legislation applies to a particular engagement and whether a worker should pay tax through PAYE. The service also helps determine if the off-payroll working in the public sector rules apply to a public sector engagement.

The software can be used to check the employment status of:

- a worker providing services,
- a person or organisation hiring a worker; or
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HMRC has said that it will stand by the result given unless a compliance check finds the information provided was not accurate. HMRC will not stand by the results of contrived arrangements and those designed to get a particular outcome from the service. HMRC are clear that this would be treated as evidence of deliberate non-compliance and could result in higher penalties.

The service is anonymous, and the results are not stored online. However, the results can be printed and held for your own records. If any changes take place to the workers role their status should be reassessed.

New deal for private renters

The government has announced their intention to fundamentally reform the private rented sector marking the biggest shake up of the private rented sector in 30 years. These measures are set to include a ban on section 21 'no-fault' evictions and placing a legislative duty for landlords in the private sector to meet the Decent Homes Standard to the private sector by 2030.

Other measures announced to help tenants include:

- Helping the most vulnerable by outlawing blanket bans on renting to families with children or those in receipt of benefits.
- For the first time, ending the use of arbitrary rent review clauses, restricting tribunals from unduly increasing rent and enabling tenants to be repaid rent for non-decent homes. This will make sure tenants can take their landlord to court to seek repayment of rent if their homes are of unacceptable standard.
- Making it easier for tenants to have much-loved pets in their homes by giving all tenants the right to request a pet in their house, which the landlord must consider and cannot



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- Doubling notice periods for rent increases and giving tenants stronger powers to challenge them if they are unjustified.
- Giving councils stronger powers to tackle the worst offenders, backed by enforcement pilots, and increasing fines for serious offences.
- There will also be changes designed to benefit landlords including the introduction of a new Private Renters' Ombudsman to enable disputes between private renters and landlords to be settled quickly, at low cost, and without going to court. There will also be measures to help tackle anti-social tenants a new property portal to help landlords to understand and comply with their responsibilities.

It is hoped that these reforms will help to ease the cost-of-living pressures renters are facing, saving families from unnecessarily moving from one privately rented home to another and thereby saving hundreds of pounds in moving costs.

Claiming Child Trust Fund cash

HMRC has published their latest statistics on Child Trust Funds which reveal that whilst 320,000 accounts have now matured, 175,000 funds that have matured remain unclaimed.

If you or your child turned 18 on or after 1 September 2020 there may be cash waiting in a dormant Child Trust Fund (CTF). The average market value of a matured but not withdrawn account was £2,142 and for a withdrawn account, was £2,721. The actual amount of money depends on a number of factors.

Children born after 31 August 2002 and before 3 January 2011 were entitled to a CTF account provided they met the necessary conditions. These funds were

invested in long-term saving accounts for newly born children. 7 million CTF accounts were set up since the scheme was launched in 2002, roughly 6 million by parents or guardians and a further 1 million by HMRC where parents or guardians did not open an account. Around 55,000 accounts mature each month and HMRC has created a simple online tool to help young people find out where their account is held. If you are unsure if you have an account or where it may be, it is easy to track down your provider online.

The actual CTF accounts are not held by HMRC, but by a number of CTF providers who are financial services firms. Anyone can pay into the account, with an annual limit of £9,000, and there is no tax to pay on the CTF savings interest or profit.

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Yoga with Liz

I returned to Dorset with my husband at the start of the first lockdown in 2020, and we are now very happily settled in the Sixpenny Handley area.

I had given up my job at the time to move, and during lockdown 1, found that being able to practice Yoga on Zoom, as many people did, was a lifeline and provided some calm amidst the chaos that surrounded us (which sadly still continues, albeit in different forms).

My Yoga teacher suggested that I might want to expand my Yoga practice through an intensive course or maybe even training to be a teacher, and after careful thought, I decided to sign up to the 200hr teacher training programme accredited by the Yoga Alliance Professionals (YAP UK).

As with many things during the last 2 years we started the course online, but thankfully we did eventually get to meet each other in person and completed the course in 14 months.. The course was at weekends and fitted in perfectly alongside my daytime job, teacher training and practice. I graduated this February as a fully qualified YAP UK accredited Yoga teacher. My discovery of Yoga stemmed from having a chronic bad back 15 years ago , which needed frequent visits to Doctors, Chiropractors or similar, along with multiple pain relief. Thankfully I discovered Yoga and practicing it regularly over the years, my back no longer causes any problems.

Yoga, as many who practice will tell you is not just a physical practice, but a whole discipline involving breath practice, meditation and elements of mindfulness, and is available to all abilities and ages. I have found that it has improved my strength, flexibility and ability to deal with stressful situations and it has also improved my overall fitness and wellbeing. I love Yoga and continue to develop my knowledge, it is a multifaceted discipline which has been around for several



thousand years, with many variations and practices.

I am currently teaching a few friends regularly, and looking to expand and teach Beginners or Intermediate level at the village hall in Sixpenny Handley provisionally on a Tuesday either daytime or evening depending on uptake. My focus is on alignment, improving strength and flexibility, whilst tailoring each class to suit individuals limitations and injuries. I would invite anyone who has ever thought about Yoga to come along and try it.

I teach Hatha Yoga which is a common practice in the Western world involving the breath, body and mind, and can have multiple benefits including improving sleep, balance and core strength, reducing levels of stress and depression, relieving neck and back pain, amongst others.

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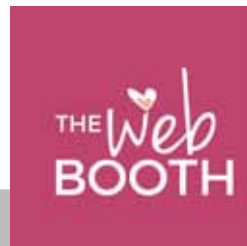
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Gone Sailing



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Wednesday Meanderers LTSC

Good to report that Wednesday sailing is now back (almost) to normal. 17 May saw eleven yachts sail to Folly Reach (Medina IOW), and moor to the same pontoon! Later in May wind and tide were good for a sail to Studland Bay – that of Marine Conservation Zone, and restricted area for anchoring – (to protect sea grass areas and long snouted sea horses). We had the chartlet which showed the zones, and were preparing to anchor accordingly, but on approach noticed that a number of ‘Eco buoys’ were free. These Eco moorings are set up in such a way without the usual chains dragging across the sea bed and damaging habitat. We noticed no pick up buoys, this is not usually a problem, but on this occasion it was! Success at the third attempt, and an opportunity to watch other yachts attempt the same, they all had difficulties, and one yacht flying the White Ensign (RYS) did not even try. I have contacted MCZ and they put me on to Dorset Coast, who will now try to have pick up buoys fitted.

Mid June and heading East, sunny and breezy. For a change from Hamble or Cowes, we anchored off the beach near Hill Head, with of course our anchor ball deployed, the wind and tide aligning gave us a calm anchorage for lunch. The return saw us flying ‘Big Blue’ the cruising chute, until the wind veered and headed us, dropped Big Blue and two tacks back to Lymington. Difficult mooring due to very strong ebb, but managed it at third attempt, without damage!

LTSC Goings On

The last log mentioned activities at LTSC for young people, and just to clarify the ‘summer camps’ are open to non members, and not camping but a full day of training each day.

So, follows a (not exhaustive) list of ‘things’ going on at LTSC:

Wednesday Meanderers – weekly for those



who can escape on a Wednesday, pot luck crewing but you will usually get a sail on a yacht. Saturday Wanderers – similar to Meanderers, but monthly. Yacht cruising, locally, and ‘going foreign’ with all post Brexit issues!. Yacht racing. Yacht charter for members. Dinghy sailing, Dinghy Racing. Dinghy cruising. Club Dinghies. Lots of training available – in house Dinghy Instructor. RYA level 1 & 2. Saturday training. Safety boat course. RYA First Aid course, (addressing the issues of First Aid afloat). RYA Short Range VHF course. There are also special interest groups; ‘Ladies wot lunch’, Yoga, Book Club, Weekend walks, Bridge Club. Also Quiz nights, and seasonal social events. Must mention the well stocked bar and restaurant.

Photos

Photos show dinghies under spinnaker during a recent regatta.

Sail Away

So there you have it, something for all, see more at www.ltsc.co.uk



Adam
Yachting Correspondent for
Sixpenny Handley

Gardeners' Notes

Aug

- Water crops regularly/including feeding tomatoes
- Mist tomatoes or flowering crops to help them set
- De head flowers for a longer flowering season
- Continue to sow salad leaves
- Check plants for signs of disease and remove affected areas

Sep

- Continue to de head flowers
- Lift and store your onions/shallots/garlic/potatoes
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Ingredients

- 4 bananas
 - Leftover chocolate
 - Sprinkles to decorate
 - 4 wooden lolly sticks
- Instructions

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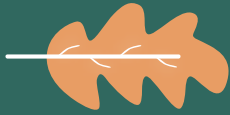
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