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Downsman

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



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December 2022



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Seeing it through!

And here we are... the last Downsman of 2022 and we have had such a full year of events and celebrations and generally getting back to all those things we did pre-pandemic.

Our house is full of GCSE revision mixed with birthday plans and meeting friends at the moment, but we are escaping to join in some of the community events going on too. Tonight we are going to the new community cinema at the Village Hall and looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar next weekend and the Christmas Craft Fayre the following weekend. Thinking of the Village Hall welcome to Gill who has taken over the role of Booking Secretary and thank you to Janice for fulfilling that role for the past few years. You can find the number to contact Gill on the Directory opposite or on the Village Hall page 18.



We are also welcoming the new Community Hub initiative, bringing all the different organisations together to offer space for people to chat, work and play together from 9am - 12noon, currently Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, see page 6 for more details.

Bill Chorley's book review has returned for a Christmas special and we also have a lovely article from Verwood Brass on page 12, thanks to Karen for letting us know about this great local organisation and it's upcoming events. If you have news from an organisation you are involved in - do send it in, you never know who might be interested in reading it or getting involved.

Appeals include drivers for the Chase Community Friends and I know the Crossroads Cafe are looking for a few more volunteers for the rota too.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and bright New Year,



Naomi Booth

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

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Penwood Brass

Marieann & Hazel send our most sincere thanks to all our loyal followers & friends, without your support we would not be able to play at charitable events and raise money for good causes, thank you.

Here's Wishing Everyone

A Very Merry Christmas & Happy & Healthy New Year

Trussell Trust

Donations can be left in the church or Mike will collect call 01725 552720.



As well as the required items shown on the website, they would also be pleased to receive the usual Christmas items (Christmas cake & puddings, chocolate, sweets etc)

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OUR PARISH LIBRARY

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Thursday 20th October 3-4.15pm
Thursday 3rd November 3-4.15pm
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Christingle



**St Mary's Church
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Farnham Church's Xmas Fair on Saturday 3 December.

In the church from 10.30 - 12.30



Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs



Hopefully by now you will be aware that, as a community, we are working together to increase the opportunity to get together in various locations around the village. We have started with the Handley Hub Cafés at the Parish Council Office and St Mary's Church and, over time, this will be extended to include additional events at the Village Hall.

Initially, the cafés will be open from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (Crossroads Café at the Parish Council Office, Town Farm Workshop) and Thursdays (Magnificafé at the Church). We hope this might be extended to additional days if you, the community, wishes.

The hubs are run by a band of cheerful volunteers who will guarantee you a friendly welcome and a listening ear. The cafés are subsidised by the organisation running them and charges will remain the same, with a minimal charge or donation requested to help cover costs. The intention is that this builds on what we know has worked in the past and we really hope that members of our amazing community will come along and join in at one or more of these venues.

So, please help us to spread the word. How many people now working at home sat in front of a screen could do with somewhere for a coffee and a chat instead of the constant Teams or Zoom meetings? Think outside the box and come and join in with people face to face and give yourselves that bit of downtime and break from the 'at home' office routine. There is a Suggestion Box in the Parish Office, so if you have any ideas you would like us to consider, please drop your suggestion in the box!

The idea for the Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs (SHCH) - known as "Handley Hubs" - was born out of a meeting of Covid support volunteers, members of the Parish Council, CCIO, Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church and Village Hall, which was held to discuss ideas based on lessons learnt from the various community led initiatives during the pandemic. The aim is to establish a truly community



focused approach. The team will meet monthly to review how the Handley Hubs are operating and to discuss what else could be introduced that would be of benefit.

We have a wonderful community and hope you will agree that this is a great way to bring people together for a chat and a cuppa in a warm and welcoming environment.

Thank you for your support.

SHCH Team





Hedgehog News



It's been a busy summer with lots of activity in gardens and hedgerows around the parish.



THREE BABIES ORPHANED WHEN CARELESS DRIVER RUNS OVER MOTHER

It's the sort of headline you read about in the tabloid papers but, yes, it happened in our parish. As a result of careless driving a nursing mother was hit by a car within 50 metres of a hedgehog warning sign! The three hoglets were still huddled in their nest made of moss on the edge of the wild garden. Their combined weight was 279gms, their eyes were only recently open, so they were about three weeks old. They had been without their mother's milk for a couple of days, but with lots of syringe feeding they survived until the heatwave struck at the beginning of July. Sadly, that proved too much for them and all three succumbed.

Out of the sadness comes joy when, the following day, three more babies were brought in from the same area. These hoglets had been deserted by their mother but were about six weeks old and weaned. Careful feeding and ice packs placed in their boxes during the excessive heat meant that they were able to be released back to



the wild five weeks later.

It was then time to receive a few hoglets from the second litters. Not all have been healthy, but some have been released successfully.

Most hedgehogs have fleas, but they specific to the hogs and will not move onto other animals.

Hedgehogs are now starting to look for areas in which to hibernate for the winter. If the weather is warm enough, they will still venture out in search of food and water. If you know that there are hedgepigs in your

garden, please help them by leaving dried cat food (meat only) in a shallow bowl under cover somewhere; a bowl of water should also be kept refreshed.

I am indebted to Linwood Veterinary Practice in Verwood and Wimborne who have treated hedgehogs for free. They pass healthy animals that have been treated and are in need of feeding up to gain weight to me before release.

Hogfather
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With the increasing cost of fuel and rising inflation in Uganda making repairs, parts and tyres more expensive we have decided this needs to be our focus for our Christmas appeal - to keep the vehicles on the road to keep all the projects - from Agriculture and Savings Groups to the Clinic and Health Outreach.

You can donate on our website <https://cressuk.org/donate/> or send any cheques to 'CRESS' at Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, SP5 5EB.

We are also selling our charity Christmas Cards at The Hub in Broadchalke or you can send them via email, <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/cress/christmas>

With many thanks for your support through 2022 and wishing you joy this Christmas from Caroline and the CRESS team.



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Now the colder and darker days and nights are coming, think ahead and stock up with books for the winter.

We have a large collection of fiction and nonfiction books.

If you have not visited us before, or a long time ago, come and see us and you will be surprised at the number of books there are for you to choose from.

Our library is open when the parish office is open and every first and third Thursday of the month from 3 till 4.15

And I expect most of you will know by now, Monday and Wednesday mornings are open for coffee, from 9 till 12, so more opportunities to browse through our books and take some home.

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And of course there is also our library with a big selection of books for you to choose from.

Our Crossroad café will now be open on Monday mornings as well as our usual Wednesday.

Both mornings we will be there from 9 till 12

Everybody is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



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Verwood Concert Brass is not just one brass band but a brass band organisation based just down the road in Verwood.

Verwood Concert Brass was started by Mr Jesse Shearing in 1864 when it was known as "Verwood Temperance Band". In 1929 they took part in the first Verwood Carnival and still continue the tradition today. The present name was adopted in 1976. The Band became a registered charity in November 2011.

The Bands

The organisation runs four distinct bands but with lots of interaction between them. These are:

The Acorns new starter group – for absolute beginners of any age.

Verwood Community Band – for those that wish to play fun music together without the rigours of competing at contests. The Band has had a Training Band since the early 1960's. All ages are welcome. The Training Band has recently changed its name to the Community Band and is conducted by Mike Dunnings, a Bb Bass player in Verwood Concert Brass Principal Band. Mike's enthusiasm and patience encourages the talents within the Community Band and several members have already progressed to the higher Bands. The Community Band performs regularly at local events. Rehearsals are in the Band Hall on Monday evenings from 6.15pm-7.45pm. Anyone wishing to listen or meet us is more than welcome to come and introduce themselves. New players are always welcome.

Verwood Town Band – for experienced musicians. The band is a contesting band and is currently graded as a 3rd section band. Verwood Town Band was formed in June 2009, has grown in confidence and is now also under the baton of Kevin Smith. Rehearsals are at the Band Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Verwood Concert Brass Band – for expert musicians. The band is a contesting band in the top flight Championship section



and competes nationally. It is Dorset's No1 brass band, 5th in the West of England region, 21st in England and 33rd in the WORLD! (Brassstats.com @ 1-3-2022). Verwood Concert Brass Band is under the baton of Kevin Smith. The band performs concerts regularly in the Verwood Hub Theatre, and plays at many other events throughout the year.

Verwood Concert Brass are currently raising money to rescue the band hall

What has happened to the band hall?

One end of the band hall has suffered from subsidence causing significant damage with large cracks to external and internal walls. Without fixing the subsidence and repairing the walls there is a real danger that the band hall will become unsafe to use and Verwood Concert Brass will become homeless.

The overall cost is estimated to be £250,000. Although the band hall was insured, the insurer has declined to pay out the claim due to deficient foundations when the hall was built. This may sound like a lot of money, and it is, but other options were even more expensive.

If you would be interested in joining a band, hiring a band, attending one of our events or would like any further information then please get in touch.

Check out our website and facebook pages for more information.

Website verwoodconcertbrass.co.uk/
Email secretaryvcb@gmail.com
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Registered Charity No: 1144224

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EXPLORERS

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Thursday 7 to 9pm
Anthony Brown
01725 552814

Remembrance Parade

Message from Skip John Curtis

A big thank you to all of the young people who came to the Remembrance parade, you were so smartly turned out, it was great to see our newest section join us. Our Squirrels appear so small, but none the less very enthusiastic. I was so proud to be leading you up the High Street. (about a 95% turn out, 133 on parade).



Ready for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

The standard bearers were exemplary, best lower before and raise after the 2 minutes silence ever.

I'm so sorry that some of you were unwell, we are glad to hear that you are all recovered, my thanks to all of the adults who tended to the casualties.

Thanks also to you the parents for your support with this event.

On a personal note I was so proud to have two of my Grandchildren laying the Scout Groups wreath with me today, my forever family memory.

Fireworks Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported our 20th Firework Spectacular - we did indeed have a spectacular evening and raised an amazing £8500 which goes towards the maintenance of our HQ and activities and further funds were raised for Sixpenny Handley First School & Nursery and the Skate Park project.

Huge thanks to Clarkes Butchers and Budgens Sixpenny Handley for selling tickets and to Steve and Lee at the campsite for kindly allowing us to use the field for the weekend, without their support there would be no firework spectacular and the village would not benefit from the fantastic event and the significant amount raised for village groups and charities over the 20 years.



Squirrel's on parade for the first time



Cubs and Scouts ready to join the parade



Beavers with their leaders forming up at Town Farm Workshops

All photos by Ash Mills - ashmills.com

Church News

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

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

Rev Henriët Miell - Associate Priest

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

This one long sentence is taken from the book of the Prophet Isaiah and this year these words will be read out on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day in church services. Many people will hear them, some maybe for the first time; others might have heard the words before or even know them by heart: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news..." If only these words could be, or become, true.

Many people are waiting for good news, especially this year as there seems to have been very little good news to be happy about. When we look back at 2022, we realise that the news we have received has been the very opposite of good and happy. It has been quite a year, with very sad news: the death of Queen Elizabeth, devastating wars, political and economic unrest, accumulating climate changes which have led to catastrophes of drought and floods, a global cost of living crisis, mortgage rises, an increase in the number of refugees and a deepening crisis in the NHS, just to mention a few of the news items we have received during the year. Many of us feel very anxious and upset about the state of

Our Benefice of St Mary's, St Andrew's and St Rumbold's

The plan for our Benefice is developing as we continue to work closely with our neighbouring parishes of Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal. Our first round of advertising for a part-time or House for Duty priest sadly failed to gain any applicants, we pray for better luck when we try again.

Many have assumed that we have no priest, but we do. Our priest in charge for now of course remains Rev Dr David Miell who along with Henriët look after our pastoral needs. They will certainly be working hard for us over the Christmas period.

our country and our world and we are really longing for good news this Christmas. But to whom do we go to find it and where can it be found?

The good news is that we do not have to find it ourselves, as it will find us. When we think the message of hope and goodness is unapproachable, it will reach out to us. No mountain is too high, no valley too deep, nothing can stop the messenger from coming, he will come and his message will warm our hearts because the news he brings is the good news of happiness, words of blessing and hope. The messenger is sent out to reach all people who walk or dwell in the land of deep darkness, so they will be able to hear his words when he proclaims: "Your God reigns." These words are the hope for our world, for they show that it never will be the power of the mighty nor the destruction of war which will have the ultimate last word of the daily news but instead the message of peace and salvation is proclaimed in the words: "Your God reigns." That is the message people will hear once again in churches this Christmas.

The Christmas message is about God's Light coming into our world and into our lives. It is the Light we are given and see in Jesus Christ. He is the Light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. That is GOOD news!

HELP & PASTORAL SUPPORT

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

Linda Cooper - 01725 552864

Or for Pentridge, our Church Wardens:

Jane King - 01725 552231

Mary Ferguson - 01725 552222

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Karen of Sherborne would like to come to our Deanery in 2023 to preside at a Deanery Service of Confirmation. Confirmation is a way of affirming our commitment to following Jesus Christ and our involvement in the life of Christ's church. If you are interested in being confirmed by Bishop Karen please contact Rev David Miel before the end of January and he will consider it a great privilege to help you prepare for that happy occasion. David Miell's details are listed above.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS AUTUMN

Autumn saw the usual celebration of Harvest with a wonderful Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's. A Group/Benefice All Souls Day Service at St Andrew's with our friends from nearby parishes - it was marvellous to see so many in that beautiful tiny chapel of ease. Of course, Remembrance Sunday was marked with the Scouts and Veterans marching up the High Street in bright Sunshine to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 11am, it is always great to see our young remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.



WHAT'S ON

By the time you read this we will have had the first of our new **Film Nights in the Village Hall**. This is a joint initiative between St Marys' & St Andrew's PCC and the Village Hall Committee, aimed at offering excellent films in a comfortable, warm setting with the opportunity to have a snack or a drink. Next on 16th December - Elvis. Look out for future FILM NIGHTS coming soon.



The Handley Christmas Bazaar will also have been held as a Community Fundraising Event for the CCIO and the Church Fabric Fund on 26th November. All the lovely people who have helped before with this event will have done their best to raise funds and provide the community with a Christmas opportunity to find some presents.



Community Café – MAGNIFICAFÉ - The marvellous Magnificafé continues each Thursday morning from 9-12am during school term time providing 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 and there is free wifi.



Handley Community Choir meets AGAIN! - Thursdays - at St Mary's, 6pm.

The Choir is preparing its voices for Autumn and Winter Events and they are always on the lookout for new people to join in. They get-together for practice on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm for an hour in St Mary's. New Members welcome!

Please contact Margaret on 01725 553150

Church Services December 2022

4th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	1st Sunday
9.00am	Pentridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am	Sixpenny Handley	Family Service
11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday
9:00am	Gussage St Andrew	Matins (BCP)
10:00am	Sixpenny Handley	Holy Communion (CW)
18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday
9.00am		Said Holy Communion
then 10.00am	Sixpenny Handley	Informal Service
6pm		Carol Service
11.15am	Pentridge	Matins (BCP)
Wednesday 14th December 6pm Santa comes to Handley on a Traction Engine followed by Christmas Cheer / Entertainment at the Penny Tap		
Monday 19th December 6pm Carol Service at Pentridge with mulled wine and mince pies		
Saturday 24th December		
4.00pm	Sixpenny Handley	Christingle Service
25th December	15th after Trinity – Proper 21	4th Sunday
10:00am	Sixpenny Handley	Holy Communion
11.15am	Pentridge	Holy Communion

Normal Weekly Services

The details of our normal services 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.

The standard monthly plan for services is shown below, but clearly, we may have to adjust things as we approach each Sunday. Note that we no longer have a Breakfast Church on the 3rd Sunday.

	1ST SUNDAY	2ND SUNDAY	3RD SUNDAY	4TH SUNDAY	5TH SUNDAY
Sixpenny Handley	10:00 Family Service YCT/NB/CN	10:00 Holy Communion CW HM	9am HC (Said) 10:00 Informal Service YCT	10:00 Holy Communion CW DM	A Benefice / Group Service will be arranged at 1030am
St Andrew 's Gussage St Andrew	No Service	9:00 Matins BCP AR	No Service	9:00 Holy Communion BCP DM	
St Rumbold's 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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Christingle

St Mary's Church
24th December
4pm



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Urgent Appeal for Help



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In addition to this we also provide ad-hoc transport to the Doctor's surgery, hospital and dental appointments, and prescription collection where there is no other help available.

This part of our service will have to be discontinued in the near future if we are unsuccessful in finding new volunteer drivers.

In order to continue our popular service to the community we need your help. If you'd like to join our team **PLEASE** give us a call on: **07399 466234**

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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

Unwelcome night-time visitors!

Unfortunately, the hall had visitors who broke in through the patio doors on the 9th Nov overnight. Glass was smashed and chains, padlocks and cupboard doors cut and broken into. Thankfully nothing was taken, and the damage was cleared and patched up for the Creative skills hub to carry on as normal. Thank you to the Trustees who dealt with the mess and calls to various companies and organisations to remedy the situation. This has spurred the Trustees and Parish council to explore installing security cameras to facilities at the recreation area.

Our last Craft fair & cream teas of 2022

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Craft fair & afternoon teas on the last Saturday of the month. We had a record number of stalls in October and footfall was our best yet!

If you haven't already visited then please come to our last one of the year on the 3rd December, starting at 10am until 2pm you'll find a wonderful variety of craft stalls, all reasonably priced and not the usual stuff you'd find on Amazon! You'll also find the teams delicious homemade Christmas treats, festive sandwiches, a decent cup of tea or coffee and maybe even a drop of Mulled wine or cider, yum!
Thank you to the fantastic team who have planned and run the fairs, looking forward to the craft fairs returning in the spring ☺

Date for your diary: Craft fair, Saturday 3rd December 10am-2pm. For all your Christmas stocking fillers.

Artsreach

We're delighted to have been offered two shows from Artsreach as described elsewhere in these pages. Please support the events, they really are excellent performances offering us the opportunity to come together as a community and raise funds for the Hall.



Dates for your diary:

MOSCOW DRUG CLUB

Saturday 14th January 2023 8.00pm (doors at 7.30 pm) Tickets £10 available online or via Clarkes the butchers.

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Monday 13th February 2023 Time & tickets TBC

Community Cinema

By the time you read this we will have held our first community cinema in partnership with St Marys Church. We hope these cinemas will develop with time and hope to host screenings for families as part of the 'Handley Hub' community scheme. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Date for your diary:

Elvis (12A) Friday 16th December 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm). Tickets £5 available from Clarkes the butchers or on the door.

The Trustees would like to Thank Penny for all her hard work organising our Entertainments program.

New Bookings Secretary.

The Trustees are delighted to welcome Gill to the team as our new booking's secretary. Gill has lived in Woodyates for 10 years and has decided to take on a new challenge! We look forward to working with Gill and her becoming another valuable member of our wonderful gang :D

Janice is remaining as our secretary and a trustee as well as an invaluable member of the team. Thank you.

Hopefully you'll notice our fantastic new chairs at the hall as well as some other improvements. Your trustees are continually working hard to improve the Village Hall and develop opportunities to cooperate with other village organisations for the benefit of our community. The Trustees are interested in your opinions and suggestions. Why not contact us now for a chat.

Thank you for your support. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year !

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

BOOKINGS: Gillian Mott: 07563 703577 or email: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com

Where to get trusted advice on consumer problems?

With budgets stretched we want to make sure we are buying wisely and know what to do to get our money back, or problems sorted, if a purchase goes wrong. This is especially true as we approach Christmas, a time when we all probably spend a bit more.

If you've read our trading standards' editorials before, then you'll know that we often mention the Citizens Advice consumer service, their website and helpline. They are the one stop shop for independent and trusted consumer advice, assistance and to report something to trading standards.

Topics covered include energy, holidays, buying or repairing a car, scams, insurance, water, phone internet and TV, home improvements, issues with your post as well as when something goes wrong with a purchase, or if you change your mind. Many people access this trusted advice through the consumer section of the Citizens Advice website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer> There you'll find pre-shopping advice and what to do when things go wrong, including template letters to help you to sort out

simple consumer problems for yourself. When you need more tailored advice, usually because you have a more complex problem and the general guidance on the website is not specific enough, then you can chat with a web advisor using the Citizens Advice online web chat facility. When you haven't access to the internet, or if you would just prefer to speak with an advisor, then you can call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133. This is also the number to use to report something to trading standards. If you would just prefer to speak with someone in person, then this is supported through the network of local Citizens Advice offices found in Dorset's larger towns.

As you can see there are many ways to receive independent and trusted consumer advice from Citizens Advice. Hopefully nothing will go wrong with your purchases this Christmas, but if it does then Citizens Advice is here to help.

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Downsman December 2022 Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

I have to start this report on a sad note to record the death of Chris Mugford who was a keen bowler not only at our club but also Fordingbridge Bowls Club as well as being a keen supporter of Dorset Patrons team. He will be sorely missed in the bowls fraternity. The summer Presidents Day saw us raise a creditable £440 for the Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal. We held our AGM in October which was well attended. All previous officers were re-elected for another year and in addition we were pleased to see the return of Dave Adams as Club Captain a post he so ably held for some time previously. The Autumn weather has been unseasonably fine which has enabled our winter members to make good use of the outdoor greens. The indoor short mat players have been getting some practice in and have had two league games so far winning one and losing one. Our Annual Presentation Lunch took place at Hanlegas when Trophies and Certificates were awarded to the winners and runners

up in our competitions. The President's Cup was won by Dave Adams with Kevin Johnson runner up. The situation was reversed seeing Kevin Johnson win the Men's singles title with Dave Adams runner up. Kevin was also in the Two Woods final but lost out Paul Chalmers who took the title. The Ladies Singles title was won by Stella Olsen with Barbara Sewell runner up. Liz Davis beat Ted Bais-Brown to take the Novices Cup while the

Mixed Pairs winners were Kevin Johnson and Stella Olsen with Paul Chalmers and Liz Davis runners up. It only remains for me to wish all our members and readers a Merry Christmas and a Safe Healthy and Happy 2023.
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Trading Standards officers who deal with illegal tobacco sellers often also discover involvement with other criminal activity such as drugs, stolen items, counterfeit goods and abuse of the benefits system. Profits made from the sale of illegal tobacco are then fed back into the criminal activities. These issues can have a negative impact on local communities.

The sale of illegal tobacco is not limited to shops. Its sale can take place from private homes, pubs, clubs, car boot sales and via social media such as Facebook.

All genuine tobacco products sold in the UK must be sold in standardised (olive coloured) packaging. If tobacco is cheap, then the chances are it is illegal. You can report illegal sales to Trading Standards via that Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 2231133.

News from Trading Standards

CBA Services

Before we bring you the latest news in the tax and accountancy world, we would like to take this opportunity to send our very best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas to all of our clients, contacts and friends.

2021-22 Self-Assessment filing deadline

By the time you are reading this, there will only be approximately 6 weeks to file your 2021-22 Self-Assessment tax return electronically. Last year over 12.5 million taxpayers were required to complete a Self-Assessment tax return but over 2.3 million taxpayers missed the 31 January filing deadline.

The deadline for submitting your 2021-22 Self-Assessment tax returns online is 31 January 2023. The deadline for paper returns ended on 31 October 2022. You should also be aware that payment of any tax due should also be made by the 31 January date. This includes the payment of any balance of Self-Assessment liability for the 2021-22 year plus the first payment on account due for the current 2022-23 tax year.

If you miss the filing deadline then you will usually be charged a £100 fixed penalty if your return is up to 3 months late, regardless of whether you owed tax or not. If you do not file and pay before 1 May 2023 then you will face further penalties unless you have made an arrangement to pay with HMRC.

HMRC is encouraging taxpayers to complete their tax return as early as possible to avoid getting more stressed as the filing date looms. Those who submit their returns early still have until 31 January 2023 to pay any tax due.

If you are filing online for the first time you should ensure you register to use HMRC's Self-Assessment online service as soon as possible. Once registered an activation code will be sent by mail. This process can take up to 10 working days.

Gifts to spouse or charity

In most cases, there is no capital gains tax (CGT) to be paid on the transfer of assets to a spouse or civil partner. There is, however, still a disposal that has taken place for CGT purposes effectively at no gain or loss on the date of the transfer. When the asset ultimately comes to be sold, the gain or loss will be calculated from when the original spouse or civil partner first owned the asset.

There are a few exceptions that couples should be aware of where the relief does not apply. This mainly relates to the use of goods which are sold on by the transferee's business and for couples that were separated and not living together for the entire tax year when the assets were transferred. Spouses or civil partners that lived together at any point in the tax year when the assets were transferred can still benefit from these rules. If a transfer did not qualify then the asset must be retrospectively valued at the date of the transfer and the transferor is liable for any gain or loss.

There are similar rules for assets that are gifted to charities. However, CGT may be due where an asset is sold to a charity for more than was paid for it and less than the market value. The gain in this case would be calculated based on what the charity paid rather than the market value of the asset.

IHT claiming business relief

There are a number of reliefs available that



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can reduce liability to Inheritance Tax (IHT) if you inherit the estate of someone who had died.

One of these reliefs is known as IHT Business Relief and is a valuable tax relief for taxpayers with business interests, offering either 50% or 100% relief from IHT on the value of the business assets if certain conditions are met.

- 100% Business Relief can be claimed on a business or interest in a business or on shares held in an unlisted company.
- 50% Business Relief can be claimed on:
- shares controlling more than 50% of the voting rights in a listed company;
- land, buildings or machinery owned by the deceased and used in a business they were a partner in or controlled; and
- land, buildings or machinery used in the business and held in a trust that it has the right to benefit from.

Relief is only available if the deceased owned the business or asset for at least 2 years before they died. There are a number of restrictions to the relief, for example if the company in question mainly deals with securities, stocks or shares, land or buildings, or in making or holding investments. In some cases, partial Business Relief may be available.

Stamp Duty is now payable on share transfers

Stamp Duty is paid on shares bought on a stock transfer form. A stock transfer form is the standard form used for transfers of shares from one person to another. If you use a stock transfer to buy stocks and shares for £1,000 or less, you do not normally have to pay any Stamp Duty. The 300-year-old process used to manually stamp documents to show the duty has been paid, came to an end on 19 July 2021. A new electronic process was introduced during the pandemic as traditional physical stamping could not function under COVID-19 restrictions. As this process has worked well, HMRC has decided to retain the new approach.

The Stamp Duty must be paid and HMRC notified within 30 days of the document being dated and signed. If the deadline is missed, you may have to pay penalties and/or interest.

Once the Stamp Duty has been paid, HMRC should be notified by email. The email should be sent to stampdutymailbox@hmrc.gov.uk.

The email should include:
the payment reference;
the payment amount;
the date of payment;
an electronic copy (for example, a scanned PDF) of either the signed and dated stock transfer form, instrument of transfer or form SH03 for return of purchase of own shares.

Note - Stamp Duty is not the same as paying Stamp Duty Reserve Tax, which is paid on the paperless purchase of shares.


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information on topics such as mortgage interest on rented property, writing off a director's loan, IHT business asset relief and when you are required to register for PAYE.

Our team is here to help you. If you would like to receive further advice and assistance from us, please get in touch.

If you need assistance with any accountancy or tax related matters, please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306 / catherine@cba-services.co.uk

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Book Review

Christmas approaches, the time of year when consideration may be given to choosing a book or two. My review is purely aviation orientated though one review will appeal not only to readers of Royal Air Force history, but to anyone who has an interest in their family background.

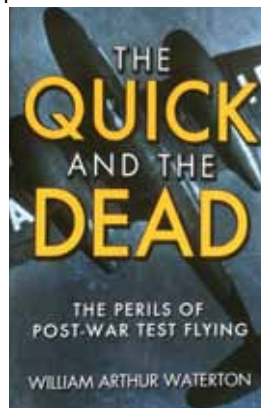


I begin with Simon Hepworth's first volume in a series titled 'God Gave Them Wings - British Air Accidents 1786 - 1914'. The date '1786' may well cause an eyebrow to rise, but the age of ballooning was present and with it a plethora of accidents in which lives were claimed. The first of many occurred on 19 July 1786, during the filling of a gas balloon in which the experienced balloonist Vincent Lunardi would give a demonstration to a crowd gathered in Westgate Street, Newcastle.

With the balloon partially filled and buoyant, an accidental spillage of acid occurred and the ground handlers, wisely, took to their heels but poor Ralph Heron who had one of the restraining ropes wrapped around his hands was immediately lifted into there and as the rope uncurled he fell to the ground sustaining injuries that proved fatal. In the pages that follow the author, a former professional balloonist, recounts numerous accidents [by which time aeroplanes had entered into the arena of flight] the last being the loss of a Henri Farman HF20 biplane, No. 244, belonging to No. 5 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corp which stalled soon after taking off from Fort Grange and spun to the ground killing the pilot, Lieutenant Llewellyn C Hordern and seriously injuring his passenger Sergeant

Campbell.

Simon provides a Roll of Honour, 88 names in total, which includes such pioneering aviators of the age such as Samuel Franklyn Cody [7 August 1913] and The Honourable Charles Stewart Rolls [12 July 1910]. The second volume will commence with civil air accidents post the Great War; it will be eagerly awaited for this series promises to fill a gap in our rich aviation past.



Written in 1956, 'The Quick And The Dead - The Perils Of Post-War Test Flying' by William Arthur Waterton, Canadian by birth but whose military and test flying was firmly connected with the Royal Air Force ['Bill' Waterton was a pre-1939-1945 war short service commission officer] and twixt late 1946 and the spring of 1954, Gloster Aircraft's Chief Test Pilot. It is a remarkable book on two fronts; as well as recounting Gloster's success in selling various Mk. of Meteors to air forces around the world, as well as providing the Royal Air Force with a fighter that would be the 'backbone' for Fighter Command squadrons in the immediate postwar era and into the 1950s - the first examples had reached squadrons in 1944, while a night fighter version equipped the Command until deliveries of the Gloster Javelin commenced in 1956. In addition, a stretched fuselage tandem two-seater Meteor known as the T.7 equipped numerous flying training units until surpassed by more modern types such as the Jet Provost, Gnat and Hawk. But it is the author's far-sighted criticism of Britain's aviation industry as a whole that was to lead to his dismissal from Gloster's, despite

his professionalism in the summer of 1952, when he landed the prototype Gloster Javelin at Boscombe Down after it had lost its elevators during a high-speed run over Oxfordshire leaving him with no fore and aft control. It was a quite remarkable example of test flying for which he was awarded the George Medal.

Following his abrupt dismissal he became aviation correspondent for the Daily Express before returning to Canada where he died at the age of 90 in 2006.



My third choice is a follow-up to 'Bill's' story; titled 'Empire Of The Clouds - When Britain's Aircraft Ruled the World' James Hamilton-Paterson fleshes out many of the criticisms expressed in 'The Quick And The Dead.' It is an excellent account of the demise of our once burgeoning aircraft industry, many of the 'wounds' being self-inflicted by management structures that were content to coast along in the belief that the Royal Air Force would always be their 'chief customer.' They were, sadly, very much mistaken; those famous names such as Avro's, De Havilland, Gloster's, Handley Page and Hawker's to name but five are now just a memory, while the Royal Air Force is equipped, in the main, with airframes of American manufacture.

Finally, I trumpet my latest foray into aviation history 'Royal Air Force Squadron Losses 1st January 1921 - 31st December 1930' co-written with Paul McMillan. It is the fourth book in a series published by Mention The War Publications which traces losses of aircraft and crews from the Royal

Air Force and Australian Flying Corps from 1st April 1918 [the date on which the Royal Air Force formed from the merger of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service] up to the eve of the Second World War, 2nd September 1939.



The strength, however - and which will have immediate appeal to those interested in ancestry - lies with two key appendices; short service commission officers and graduates from the Royal Air Force [Cadet College, Cranwell, subsequently retitled Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. These appendices identify the names of every

short service commission officer and graduate from 1921 to 1930, showing their rank and dates of leaving the service and in numerous cases their deaths, usually in flying accidents, long before their honourable discharge. Also included are award citations, as officially published by The London Gazette, contemporary newspaper reports of flying accidents - often reported in great detail - and operational records [usually in the form of a single-line] of operational flying by the many who were still serving when war broke out in September 1939.

It is envisaged two more volumes will be necessary to cover the period 1st January 1931 through to 2nd September 1939, and, presently, well over 300 pages have been written on the subject."

Publishing details:-

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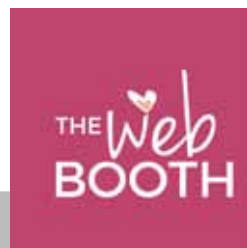
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Gone Sailing



Log 60

What comes up, may not go down!

A Saturday in August saw us heading East with the tide, and a suggested anchorage in Osborne Bay for lunch. We had a good beat there against an easterly breeze of 10 – 15 kn, and sunny. Found our preferred spot and prepared to anchor, but the anchor winch would not let chain out, further inspection showed it would bring chain in, but not out. Which in this situation was good for had it been the other way round would have been an effort to haul up 15 meters of chain by hand. Further investigation would have to be carried out, for who knows when you might need to anchor?. So we joined the rest of LTSC fleet in Folly Reach (Medina River IoW), entering Cowes through the East channel. Later an electrical fault was diagnosed, and a temporary repair effected. The more permanent repair involving running a new electrical cable from anchor locker to chart table connection will wait 'till haul out. Steering – oops!

Something is not right with this steering, observed the skipper. And so all parts of the steering gear were checked, and found that the original cable had stretched, it was replaced and opportunity taken for a full overhaul. Now much better. Unfortunately the Engineer had not centred the wheel, and the Turks Head which our lady crew had formed at the top of the wheel, was now in the wrong place, so a return visit from the Engineer during haul out to correct wheel alignment.

Where is the wind? What is our speed?

Hmmm! For some reason the wind and log instruments were misreading, and needed calibration. The wind instruments had to have True wind set up (Apparent wind will follow). So, motor head to wind, and following the instruction manual, this was done. Speed through the water – log – had a problem, and despite best efforts and reading the instructions, could not get it to give a true reading. The problem was wear on the paddle wheel through hull fitting, a replacement kit is on order.



Photo shows two yachts of The John Lewis Partnership Sailing Club, which was formed some 72 years ago. LTSC have an arrangement with JLPSC, which will benefit both clubs. Interestingly LTSC is slightly older at 76 years!

New Members and not yet Competent Crew Some skippers have experienced taking out new members sailing, and finding that whilst they want to sail, have little or no idea of what it entails. I found this somewhat surprising as from an early age my reading included; Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame ' there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much doing as simply messing about in boats.', Swallows and Amazons and all the other books by Arthur Ransome, the Hornblower novels by C S Forester, and of course Sailing Alone Around the World, (24 April 1895 – 27 June 1898) Captain Joshua Slocum. So before early teens – I knew how it all worked! A plan was hatched by a few skippers – an introductory briefing, maybe a video, and advice to read RYA Competent Crew booklet (or rather 'ere you are, read it!). It

is actually a very good and easy read lots of pictures and diagrams – simples!

Destination 2023

Next years cruising programme is being drawn up, will we visit France? Currently the French are making life difficult for visiting sailors, and indeed holiday makers in general, so maybe we will visit other UK ports and Channel Islands? Some skippers are planning to visit The Netherlands who seem to have a more relaxed view of things. So, whether here or foreign see on the water

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As we look forward to the festive season and the end of a very eventful year for our country, we hope this Christmas will be more "normal" after the various restrictions last year.

October's meeting on Monday 10th was extremely entertaining; the speaker, Anne Jones' theme was "An evening with Henry VIII" and indeed it was. Mrs Jones, a musician, brought three fellow singers and musicians with her, all dressed in tudor costume and playing reproduction authentic instruments of the period. Several of the tunes and songs were attributed to Henry himself, and were very melodic. In fact, one could imagine being in the great hall at Hampton Court, rather than at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall! Flower of the month was won by Liz Coombs with a penstemon.

Our next meeting was the Autumn Group held at Fontmell Magna on 12th October. This was well attended. The Presidents of each W.I. present gave a report for the past year, and the speaker was Alice May. The talk was entitled "The House that Sat Down". Mrs May told us of the day her home in the New Forest partly collapsed, and the trauma which ensued for her family. This happened during summertime, so her husband, three small children and herself were able to camp in the garden for a while. After many problems with insurance companies and building regulations, etc, their home has finally been rebuilt.

This stoic lady told us how her hobby of drawing and painting had sustained her during the darkest days. An exhibition of "house" related items e.g. pictures, miniatures, tea pots etc was organised by Jan Gibb. The usual raffle and cream tea ended the afternoon.

The D.F.W.I. Annual Autumn Council meeting was held at the Lighthouse Theatre, Poole on 27th October. Unfortunately, due to illness and medical appointments only Margaret Jones and myself were able to attend. We were

pleased to deliver a large number of knitted squares and crocheted blankets, kindly donated by our members, which had been requested by the Dorset federation. The meeting followed the usual agenda, including the morning speaker, Tish Collins, chief executive of A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World), a registered charity founded in 1929 which promotes empowerment of rural women in 82 countries, many of whom have no human rights but are the backbone of families and communities. Sixpenny Handley member Esme Isaacs has been the Dorset representative for many years, but unfortunately she has recently resigned due to ill health. We thank her for her commitment to A.C.W.W. and the board of trustees.

The afternoon session opened with the presentations of various cups and awards. I was very proud to collect the certificate for Sixpenny Handley to commemorate our 100th anniversary in 2022.

The final speaker was Pip Stewart, adventurer and journalist, whose talk, 'Life Lessons from the Amazon' about her incredible journey by kayak, with two friends and two guides, through Guyana to find the source of the Essequibo River, she told of the many dangers and hardships of the 12-week trip, which was successful, although on her return she was diagnosed with an illness caused by a flesh-eating parasite, which fortunately was treatable. The meeting ended on time after the inevitable raffle and a fine rendering of God Save the King.

Meeting Monday 14th November. Following the usual business, the speaker for the evening was Mr Anthony Brown, Woodsman. He told us of his educational and working life journey from teacher, environmental conservationist and hands-on green wood worker, to being a member of the Dorset Coppice Group. This group has a wide range of skills which include hedge laying and hurdle making, in fact the woods in the Cranborne Chase are well known for the quality of hazel wood

used in hurdle making and spars used for thatching. Mr Brown showed us pictures of round houses he has constructed, and brought several tools of his trade. He also explained how coppicing the woodlands helps to preserve wildlife as well. It is heartening to know these age-old crafts are still being taught and used today.

For a change instead of our usual tea and cake, we had a choice of delicious soup (Pumpkin / Leek and Potato) with crusty bread and lashings of butter, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, and was made by our President, Bobbie Carter.

Flower of the month was won by Jan Gibb with an astroemeria.

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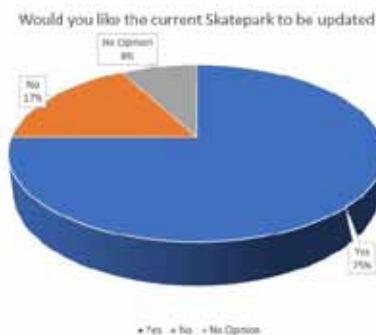
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6DH Skatepark Project Update (Progressing)

So here we are 12 months on from our first article in the Downsman, what a year it has been for us. We have worked through establishing what the project needs to focus on in the short term. Whilst getting real focus on where we would like to be, having a skatepark that can last at least another 20 years, yes its that long since the current skatepark was built. We have had some amazing support with donations, attendance at our fundraising events and great feedback on our questionnaire in the summer.

Firstly the questionnaire response in September. This was issued to gain a view of what people thought about replacing the existing skatepark. Is there need to update it, are people opposed to having one at all. Hopefully every household received one, we certainly tried to deliver to each house and also made it available online. So that said out of the approximately 1,000 deliveries, we received 64 responses. This may not seem a great number but is just over 5%, which given it was over two weeks and delivered by hand for us is a promising return.

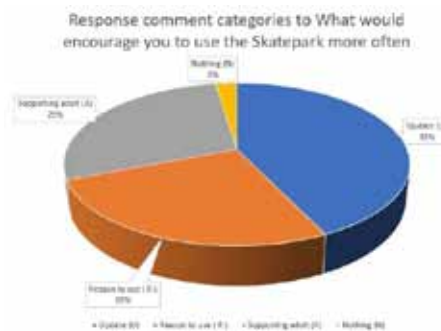
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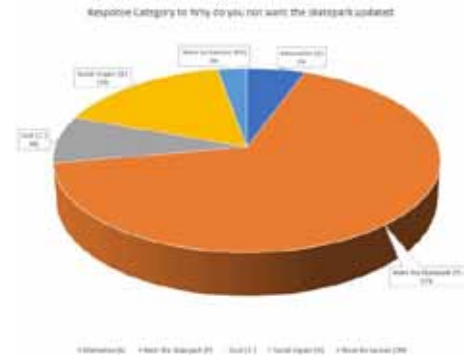
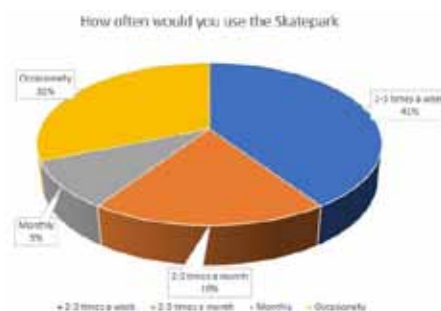
Well, we did establish that whilst a number of people said no, the majority supported progressing with the Skatepark. Even where the response was no, these were backed up with comments about making better use of the money, what about the bus service being improved or spent on something for the wider community. All really valid statements but we need to recognise that this is not a Parish Council project using existing funds. It's a group of individuals working as a project under the CCI0, which is about benefiting the whole community.

Our project was initiated because some young people and parents felt it was something that could be updated and would then be used by more people. The survey bears this out with over 67% saying they would use the skatepark more if it was updated.

The question also captured reasons for what would encourage people to use the skatepark more. These ranged from adults who felt young people needed this type of facility, it will also give them a place to expend energy whilst also learning new skills. Comments also stated that the current skatepark does need updating and would then provide a better facility. There were also statements about it needing to be updated so that it could be used by people of all skill levels and not just skateboards e.g. Scooters or roller skates.



We also asked how often people would use the skatepark if it was updated. This question was to ensure if it is rebuilt the money would not be wasted. Again, a positive response with just under 70% using it monthly or even more often. With some indicating they could see family visiting them wanting to use it as, they currently use skateparks when visiting other family members.



Our last question asked why people did not want a skatepark and interestingly the people who wanted the skatepark also answered this question although in a different way than expected. That said we have focussed on why people do not want the park; this is to ensure we factor all views into how we progress with the project and do not just focus on the positives who are in favour. So whilst the majority in this pie chart relates to positive feedback, here are some of the comments that we received and will take on board such as:

- Cost – The money could be better spent on something that benefits the Whole community. Who will pay for future expenses. Who will caretake area. Who will clean up graffiti. Money better spent on a return of youth club. Other things to spend money on eg repair playframe, decent basketball ring. A lot of expense aimed at a small minority. Better skateparks in towns. It will be an expensive white elephant. To answer some of these statements, the project will be sourcing funding and an approach to funding the maintenance of the park, not just its construction. As part of what we set up, relocating the existing Basketball ring will be addressed, we will work with the Parish Council to ensure existing facilities are not lost and if possible improved. There may be better skateparks in towns than the one we have now, but how do young people get there, given the public transport situation. We will be continuing to engage with the community as we establish costs to ensure it is not a white elephant, it is

being funded through self-fundraising and grants. If the business case does not stack up, we will not receive the grants and it won't be built.

- Social Impact - An increase in noise and hooliganism. A breeding ground for problems. Attracts bad bullying. Not right for village. Expensive for a small minority. It would be mistreated and only attract the wrong sort to our village. Noise and behaviour. Would be too noisy and unsettling
This all depends on how the Skatepark is designed, built and managed, our young people involved in the skate park project already know of many skateparks in the area that are self managed. Recently in Verwood some vandalism took place, the offenders were identified by the 'skateboarders' and made to come back and clean up the graffiti. Our young people are involved in the project and do not want to see it fail because of a minority. We need to start trusting our young people and support them. As a project team, this is a key objective, give young people opportunities and

ownership, they will deliver.

- Alternatives - A play area for older children is needed 10-16 not just skatepark which limits children and young adults. Too much for kids! Not enough for seniors! Facilities in the village need updating
There may be other things needed within the village, we as a project cannot deliver everything, we have a remit to support the rebuild of the existing skatepark, to bring it up to date and more useable across a wider skill range. If there are other needs then please contact the Parish Council to discuss them.

I mentioned earlier that we have only been operating for a year and just wanted to thank everyone who has helped get this project to where it is today. Fundraising by the team has meant that in less than 12 months we have raised over £3,500 and this is going to increase, at the time of printing we are still confirming the profit from selling Glow sticks at the Scout Bonfire and a donation from the Youth Club as it sadly has to close down. A massive thank you to

the people who delivered the Youth Club, we know how vital helping young people grow and move on in life and the Youth Club over the years has been there for many, so thank you.

Watch out for more news on the project, we hope to meet with Maverick Stakeparks from Poole in November to move the next phase and fundraising efforts will continue in the new year. Information will be issued as usual 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 who are interested in making this happen joining us. 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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As we approach the Festive Season, it is worth thinking about some of the regular matters we cover from time to time in The Downsman as they have particular relevance at this time of year. First of all, if you are planning to visit family and friends over the holiday period do ask one of your neighbours to keep an eye on your property while you are away from home.

Although the weather has been remarkably mild throughout the autumn and even into mid-November, it is very likely that it will turn colder over the next week or two. Given the high price of energy and the rising cost of living, please look out for any elderly neighbours as they tend to be more susceptible to the cold. It will only take a moment or two to check that all is well with them every now and then.

Remaining with the theme of worsening weather, please always ensure that you drive in accordance with the prevailing

conditions. Dark nights and wet roads can be particularly challenging on our narrow rural lanes, and there is always the risk of deer and other wildlife causing an accident. There will also be more than the usual number of delivery vans moving about the area at what is always a busy time for them in the run up to Christmas.

On the subject of deliveries, it is worth ensuring that you make arrangements for deliveries to be securely carried out if you are not going to be at home. You may be able to ask a neighbour to accept the package on your behalf, failing which you may have to advise the delivery company to leave it in a reasonably safe place such as a shed or garage or, better still, rearrange the delivery for another time.

Finally, don't let your Christmas shopping end up under somebody else's tree by leaving it in a vulnerable situation such as an unlocked car or visible from an open

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Ingredients

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

Put peeled bananas into the freezer and leave them until they are frozen.
Melt some leftover chocolate, then leave it to cool down (don't let it set).
Take the bananas out of the freezer and while they are still frozen, cut them in half, then poke a wooden lolly stick into the end of the banana (to make a lolly).
Coat the banana with the cooled chocolate and put on any decorations/sprinkles, then allow the chocolate to set.
Wrap the bananas in clingfilm, place them in a freezer bag and freeze.



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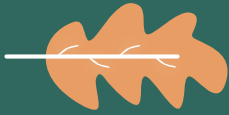
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