



The

# Downsman

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

Delivered by Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

April 2023



## The Big Help Out

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Monday 8th May, 9am – 1pm

Make a difference in our community by improving our outdoor space and spring cleaning. Tea & Cake for all volunteers.  
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## Coronation Concert

Tuesday 2nd May

A coronation concert fit for a king!

St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley

7:30pm

more info page \*\*\*

## Make a "Crown" Competition

Children, make a "Crown" to go on Teddy's head for Coronation Day and win a prize!

1st Prize £50. 2nd Prize £30. 3rd Prize £20.

All entrants will be given chocolates  
more info page \*\*\*

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The next edition will be published from  
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15th May**

Please make every effort to meet the deadline so that we have time for printing, production and distribution.

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Whole Page	186mm x 248mm

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If you need us to set your advert please add a one-off £5 fee.

**Sorry - we are unable to include flyers**

*Spring!*

So lovely to have spring in the air again today! Social media told me the first lovely day I sat out on the doorstep for a few minutes in the sun that it was a 'Fools Spring', but I don't mind I'll take any type of spring, even one followed by snow!



This week however I have been out in the River Ebble with training offered by the Wessex Rivers Trust in conjunction with the AONB Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership. There was method to the madness, it means Akela and I will be able to safely run river dipping sessions for Cubs in the summer when the river doesn't require waders... If your young person is interested we have a few spaces in most sections (except Squirrels) - but it is amazing to hear that we have 123 youth members now in the group! With all this growing we are always on the look out for adults to help us out. If you are thinking about it (it doesn't have to be weekly) do get in touch with Skip.

Luckily for Sixpenny there are also lots of other clubs vying for your attention! Tennis club membership for 2023 is open and you can find the form on page 13. The bowls club is also looking for new members and advertising it's open day at the beginning of June. If sport isn't for you then the WI or the Library, or just time for a cuppa and chat at the Community Hub cafés!

As you can see from the cover - the community is looking forward to celebrating the coronation, thanks to all the organisers and I hope you can support these lovely events and make new memories on our three-bank-holiday-May! Do send me the photos as I don't always remember to take them myself!



*Naomi Booth*

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More about the parish can be found at [www.sixpennyhandley.info](http://www.sixpennyhandley.info)

# To The Editor

## Apology

I'd like to apologise for missing Penny Llama and Alpaca Rescue organic poop advert in the last issue.

I hope all your gardens and allotments are getting ready for this next season, don't forget that with this manure there is no need to rot down as it can be used straight away - perfect!

**Penny Llama And Alpaca Rescue Organic Poop for sale. No need to rot down, can be used straight away, low in phosphorus. £1.50 per bag.**

**Tel: (01725) 552061**

## Common Road Allotments

Allotments are currently available at Common Road for 2023 season. We have a whole and a half plot available and nobody on the waiting list! If you fancy a huge challenge we also have another coming free soon which is going to take a lot of effort to get back to a cultivatable state!

## Trussell Trust

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

Find what they are most in need of here: <https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>

Currently they need

Dried Milk, Small Jars of Coffee, **Packet Puddings, Sponge pudding, Jam and Sandwich Spread, Tinned potatoes, tomatoes, fruit, fish and soup, Instant Mash, Men's toiletries, 2 in 1 Shampoo and Conditioner** don't need **Pasta, Cereals and Pulses**



## URGENT

### Poppy Appeal Organiser Wanted

Over the years the generosity of this community towards the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has steadily grown to a peak of over £2.5K.

Due to a change of circumstance, I am afraid that I have to give up organising the RBL Poppy Appeal within the parish of Sixpenny Handley. A volunteer to take on the role of coordinating the stalwart collectors throughout the parish is urgently needed. If you are able to help, please contact Tony Gibb on 07818 047617.

### Free Breastfeeding peer support training for parents

The training on offer is fully funded and gives mums the opportunity to gain an OCN accredited level 2 qualification. Mums will then go on to volunteer in their local community, offering friendly support and information to other parents.

Our volunteers receive regular supervision sessions to help with their ongoing training and support needs, and become part of the wider Breastfeeding Network team, as well as being able to go on and complete further training if they want to (dependent on availability of funding).

More information about the support groups in Dorset can be found here: <https://www.breastfeedingnetwork.org.uk/dorset/>



## Make a "Crown"

Make a "Crown" to go on Teddy's head for Coronation Day. It can be made of paper, cardboard or anything you would like to use. Decorate it with lots of colour and sparkle!!!!

Teddy's head measures 43cm (17 inches) circumference.

Bring your Crown to St Mary's Church on Thursday 4th May (during the day) and place on the table marked "competition" together with your name, address, telephone contact and your age! Category A (ages 3-6 years); Category B (ages 7-10); Category C (ages 11-15).

1st Prize £50. 2nd Prize £30. 3rd Prize £20. All entrants will be given chocolates ☒ Any queries phone 07557 448080 (Jacqui). GOOD LUCK.



## Richard Foley's Books

**Mr Egg** A simple primer to introduce children to reading who may not benefit from super phonics, available from myself at £4 inc. p&p. Or on Amazon.

**Erratic Ramblings of an Elderly Man!** Moments of reflection, insight and appreciation, £5 inc. p&p. Or on Amazon.

Order from R.Foley Patience Cottage, Tarrant Hinton, nr Blandford Forum, DT11 8HY

**Activities to Help with Reading** Does what it says on the tin, £5.99 available only on Amazon.

# Downsman Noticeboard

If your group is staging an event or needs help, use this free space to tell everyone!

**Simply Cecilia and friends**



A coronation concert fit for a King!  
Around the world in 80 minutes on a magical musical journey

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley

Tickets: £7.50, children (under 16): £4.00

Available, in person from 'Clarke's Butcher', or from Maureen Lockyer (01725) 552492

All profits go towards the fabric of our St Mary's Church

Sixpenny Handley  
**FAMILY CINEMA**



**SING 2**

Saturday 22 April, 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm)

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall  
**FILM FREE OF CHARGE**  
Subsidised bar and snacks

Further info: 01725 552612  
or: [6DHHandleyVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/6DHHandleyVillageHall)



**Adults Clothes Sale**  
All ages - all styles!



**Sixpenny Handley Village Hall**

Changing Rooms available

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April; 11am to 2pm**

All proceeds for St Mary's Fabric Fund

Sixpenny Handley  
**COMMUNITY CINEMA**



**The LOST KING**

Friday 21 April - 7pm (doors open 6.30 pm)

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall  
Tickets £5 from Clarke's Butcher or on the door  
Snacks & bar

Further info: 01725 552612  
or: [6DHHandleyVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/6DHHandleyVillageHall)

in association with 

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

**CRAFT FAIR & teas**

Last Saturday of the month

**10am-1pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

[6DHHandleyVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/6DHHandleyVillageHall) / 079510 56069

**Farnham Car Boot Sale**

**Sunday 21 May**  
**DT11 8DE**

Sellers from 8.30am, £5 per car; buyers 10am to 12.30pm

**THE BIG HELP OUT**



Lend a hand. Make a change.

**Sixpenny Handley Village Hall**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 9am - 1pm**

Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club  
**OPEN DAY**

Saturday 3 June from 2.00pm  
Recreation Ground, Common Road, Sixpenny Handley

**FREE ENTRY**

You are assured a warm welcome

A chance to try your hand at a different pastime

Refreshments available

All equipment provided

All ages welcome, why not make it a family occasion



Anyone for Tennis? 



Adult & Junior Coaching: all ages & abilities, contact Roni Peck on 07747 842700

Tennis membership and hire available.  
Full information and membership form page 13

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### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW PASTIME?

Then SIXPENNY HANDLEY BOWLS CLUB may have the answer for you.

Bowls is suitable for people of all ages and abilities. It provides exercise for all parts of the body without being over strenuous

It provides a stress-free environment

Can be played by both men and women on an equal footing

Can involve the whole family from childhood onwards  
Is available all year

A warm friendly welcome is assured

Coaching and support is freely available

Call any of the following for further information and advice

Dave Adams 01725552284

Colin Chambers 01725552796

Ron Jermyn 91725552424

## Bowls News

We are nearing the end of our Winter Season.

Our outdoor bowlers have completed their fixtures though results have not always gone in their favour. The indoor short mat bowlers have yet to complete a couple of their fixtures and again they have had mixed fortunes.

Our next event will be a social evening at the clubhouse for the ever popular race night which may bring better results for some of the members.

The new outdoor season starts with Opening day on the 29th April at 2.00pm when players will be able to renew their membership.

We will be entering the Westbrook Mixed Triples League as usual as well as The Harold Ford Trophy .

Our annual Open Day takes place on 3rd

June and is advertised above in this edition of the Downsman along with an article explaining the health benefits that can be derived from playing Bowls.

As always a warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join the Club.



Come and join us at The Penny Tap for a pint or two in the re-modelled Sports Pavilion @ Sixpenny Handley

**Opening hours**

**Wednesday 4.30 - 7pm**

**Thursday 4.30 - 7pm**

**Friday 4-8pm**

**Saturday 4-8pm**

Take out Service Available



# Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs



We are delighted that, with your support, our hubs continue to go from strength and have attracted people from all parts of the village. From young mums with tots and working people needing a break from their laptops at the Thursday morning Magnificafé, to our young at heart neighbours who love their regular weekly get together for a natter over a cuppa in a warm and friendly place at the Crossroads Café. Our renewed thanks go to our wonderful team of volunteers who selflessly give up their time to make the hubs happen.



Thanks to some of those fantastic people, we will be trialling the opening of the Crossroads Café on a Sunday. We really hope that those who can't get to a hub café during the week might be able to come along. We are also acutely aware that Sundays can be very difficult for those who are on their own, so if you'd like to join our friendly team for a hot drink, a piece of homemade cake and a bit of company, then do please come along to the Parish Office on Sunday 23 April from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. If popular, this will become a regular hub feature. Both hubs will continue to open from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (Crossroads Café) and Thursdays (Magnificafé).

If you would like to join the team at one of the hubs but are unable to get there due to difficulties with transport, please let us know (see contact details below). We may be able to help by organising a lift.



Following the success of our first Family Cinema in February, we are delighted to be showing the sequel, Sing 2, on Saturday 15 April at 3.00 pm (doors open at 2.30 pm). The story is set after the events of the previous film with Buster Moon and his group putting on a show in Redshore City whilst working to impress an entertainment mogul and enlisting a reclusive rock star to perform with the group. The film will be shown free of charge and there will be subsidised drinks and snacks available. So, why not come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon with friends and family in a warm and comfortable setting.



We are currently in discussion with our local Citizens Advice team regarding the possibility of their community advice vehicle visiting Sixpenny Handley. If this is something you would be interested in, please let one of our volunteers know or email us at: [andydturner@outlook.com](mailto:andydturner@outlook.com). If there is sufficient interest we will make the necessary arrangements and publish

a date for the first visit in the June issue of the Downsman and on our Facebook page: Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs.

Citizens Advice offers free and confidential advice on a multitude of issues, including: grants and benefits; debt and money management; getting help with energy bills; how to read your smart meter; social housing issues; family issues; gender violence; children and young people; education; death and wills; legal advice.

All the community hubs are run by a band of cheerful volunteers who will guarantee you a friendly welcome and a listening ear. They are subsidised by the host organisation and a minimal charge or donation is requested to help cover costs if you are able. We really hope that even more members of our wonderful community will come along and join in at one or more of these venues.

If you would be interested in joining the volunteer team, please contact us on: 552735 or at: [andydturner@outlook.com](mailto:andydturner@outlook.com)

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



# Sixpenny Handley Village Hall CIO

Charity Number 1201429

## Charitable incorporated organisation

At our recent extraordinary general meeting, the members unanimously voted to transfer the management and finances of the 'Trust' to our newly formed CIO. The trust has been dissolved inline with Charity commission procedure. This has been a lengthy process for the trustees, but we will benefit from this new structure.

SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

# CRAFT FAIR & teas

Last Saturday of the month

**10am-1pm**  
**FREE ENTRY**

 6DHandleyVillageHall / 079510 56069

## Entertainment

The Entertainment committee has worked incredibly hard to establish regular events for our community. They recently brought us two sell-out shows via Artsreach, who really do offer top quality shows. Thank you to those who hosted & fed the artists during their visit. We look forward to more shows very soon!

As you'll read in these pages, the Community cinema is also establishing itself. Offering a variety of films at a reasonable rate in the comfortable setting of the hall. Thank you to those who regularly support and we look forward to seeing many more of you soon! We also run a bar with cinema snacks available during screenings.

Thank you to the St Mary's team for co-hosting with special mention to Peter our projectionist!

## Craft Fair with Teas

Our wonderful monthly Craft Fair with Teas have already started again in March and will run to the end of the year once more. Congratulations and thanks to the team for the delicious food as ever with a special mention to Gitta & Charlotte for all their baking. The Craft Fairs have proven popular and raise a profit towards the running of the hall.

## Supporting other local organisations

We're delighted to be working with the other organisations in our parish. The Trustees are proactively communicating and supporting these groups. The team has recently hosted a family film matinee working with the Parish Council, CCIO and St Mary's to offer a free event to all as part of the wider 'Handley Hub' initiative. We look forward to the next screening in April.

We were also pleased to support the Repair café run by Sustainable Handley as it re-established itself. A fantastic venture that we hope goes from strength to strength.

## Waste recycling

You'll have noticed the additional bins at the hall. The trustees voted to improve our waste disposal facilities and expanded our collections to include mixed recycling and glass. We remain in partnership with The Penny Tap.

## Maintenance & improvements

We're constantly working towards a program of improvements and scheduled maintenance at the hall. We recently received a generous offer from Simon Marsh heating & plumbing to replace the hot water system which we hope will address the low hot water pressure problem.

Many thanks to Janice for making two beautiful sets of curtains for the committee room.



## The Big Help Out

As part of the national volunteering day to mark the King's Coronation, the trustees will be holding an outdoor work-party morning on Monday 8th May. We'll be staining the fence, erecting a new storage shed, installing some outdoor seating and giving the hall a good spring-clean. Your trustees will be on hand to chat about our plans and dish out tea & cake! We look forward to welcoming you.

## Date for your diary:

Community Cinemas.  
Sat 15th April – Sing 2 – 3pm (doors open 2.30) Free entry  
Fri 21st April - The Lost King (PG) - 7pm (doors open 6.30) Tickets £5 per person available from Clarkes or on the door.  
Sat 29th April – Craft fair with teas – 10am to 1pm. Browse the stalls, delicious sandwiches & cake available.  
Mon 8th May – BIG help out – 9am to 1pm. National volunteering day – Work party at the hall.  
Sat 27th May – Craft fair with teas – 10am to 1pm. Browse the stalls, delicious sandwiches & cake available.  
Advance notice:  
Sun 18th June – Wimborne St Giles Cream teas – 2.30pm start. Fund-raising at Wimborne St Giles village hall.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire priced per hour. BOOKINGS: Gillian Mott: 07563 703577 or email: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com





## WI News and Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S  
INSTITUTES

The February meeting on Monday 13th March was a members social evening. Following the usual business, Hazel Brewer and Eva Parker organised games of Rummy, which were both entertaining, but confusing for some of us! This made for a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxed occasion.

The flower of the month competition was won by Stella Symes with an Iris.

On Saturday 25th February we held our annual jumble sale in the Village Hall. As usual, it proved a popular event, fortunately due to the fine weather there was a good attendance. Many thanks to all members, family and friends who helped on the day, and also to those who donated goods and jumble to make it a success.

On Monday 13th March our evening meeting began with a minutes' silence in memory of Esme Isaacs, whose funeral service was attended by several members, earlier in the afternoon. Esme was a long-time stalwart of the W.I. and since the cessation of the Cranborne W.I. had been a member here at Sixpenny Handley. In the past she had been County Chairman and also carried out a number of different roles within the Dorset Federation, in particular as representative for A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World), a cause very close to her heart. All of these duties she undertook with dedication and enthusiasm, and will be sadly missed by all of us.

The speaker for the evening was Anthony

Brown, local woodsman, who returned with a follow-up of his previous visit to us last November. He gave a most interesting talk and demonstration of his many skills in various aspects of rural wood-working. It is reassuring to know that these ancient crafts are still being taught and used today, as historically rural woodwork was the main employment within Sixpenny Handley and neighbouring villages and hamlets in this area of the Cranborne Chase.

The flower of the month competition had joint winners Teresa Marshallsay with a Daffodil and Stella Symes with a Hellebore.

### NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

#### Forthcoming events:

Monday 17th April Annual Meeting 7.30pm  
Flower Demonstration by Liz Coombs  
Wednesday 26th April  
101st Birthday meal at Rushmore Park Golf Club 12.30pm for 1pm  
Thursday 27th April  
Spring Group Meeting at Manston Village Hall 7pm  
Tuesday 9th May Monthly meeting 7.30pm

Members' evening flower arranging competition

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

Stella Olsen  
Vice-President

### **THE CROWN INN, ALVEDISTON, SP5 5JY**

The Crown Inn, a homely village pub serving fine local ales, ciders and good food.

Traditional Sunday Roasts served 12pm - 2:30pm

(Bookings preferred but not always necessary)

Large car park and garden. Dog friendly

Come and visit our **Vintage & Various Room** full of antiques, curios, collectibles and arts and crafts for sale

Come and enjoy a beer or coffee and have a browse

Award winning **Bed & Breakfast.**

For our opening times please go to [www.the.crownalvediston.co.uk](http://www.the.crownalvediston.co.uk) Tel: 01722 780203



## OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Thinking of visiting our parish library?

We have a large section of books and are open any time the Parish office is open.

The usual first and third Thursday  
Afternoon  
from 3pm till 4.15pm.

Also our Crossroad Café Hub and library is now open every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9am till 12 noon.

Come and visit us, have a nice chat with friends, a cup of coffee or tea and choose a few books.

We love to see some new faces, everybody is welcome.

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Coffee with  
**FRIENDS**



## Crossroads Café Community Hub

We are open every Monday and Wednesday morning  
from 9 till 12.

Please come and visit us for warmth, chats with friends,  
a cup coffee or tea, and you can  
even have a go at our jigsaw puzzle!  
And of course our library is open as well.

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

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## Return of the 'Community Fund'

In legal terms it's still the Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CCIO) which is a bit of a mouthful. The Trustees have realised that residents (and Trustees) would like a simpler name for use within the Parish and one which goes back to its origins. The original Community Fund operated for many years raising and distributing funds before it was taken into the Parish Council's care for a couple of years. Under David Lockyer's leadership and guidance the CCIO was set up as a tax-efficient community charity providing an umbrella for fund raising and grant distribution whilst incorporating the necessary policies and procedures to meet current charity legislation.

David guided the Community Fund through its early years which included the very difficult Covid period. He decided to step down as Chairman last year and we are very grateful for all his hard work.

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The Community Fund AGM was held in early March with the accounts reviewed and Trustees elected. It was disappointing that there were no members of the general public there to hold us to account. Hopefully we (you!) will do better next time. The accounts showed a healthy balance and so we have money available for grants. The Trustees rely on the Grants Committee for advice on suitable applications and the membership of the Committee is designed to reflect the wider interests and expertise within the community. Ros Adams has agreed to chair the Grants Committee and recruit suitable new members. Elsewhere in the Downsman Ros has written about this and a grant application form is included. Please contact Ros if you are interested in becoming a part of that Committee or are looking for a grant.

Many of you will be aware of the growing success of the Handley Hubs gatherings held at St Mary’s Church and at the Crossroads Café in the Parish Office where the number of attendees has continued to increase. In support of this project the Trustees have agreed to provide up to £1000.00 to help provide a coffee machine, a fridge and a toaster.

After the Big Picnic last year to help celebrate the late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, this year see the return of the Big Session on 8th July. More details from the hard working organisers elsewhere. This is the main fundraiser for the Community Fund and I’m sure it will be another great success

We are also hoping to hold a clay pigeon shooting event during the summer – more on this to follow.

Colin Taylor  
Chairman of Trustees

## CCIO Community Fund

The CCIO Grant Distribution Committee comprising 6 appointed members from diverse groups of the community will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 17th May 2023.

With ‘Big Thanks’ to the ‘Big Session’ organisers and the Church there are more funds in the account available for grants and any local organisation or individual can

apply.

Please complete the simple Application Form and submit to the Sixpenny Handley Parish Office before the **deadline on Friday 28th April.**

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CCIO) Registered No.1172688	
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Please return this form, along with any relevant information/documents to: the CCIO, c/o the Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley or by email to: parishclerk@sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk

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<b>(BACS/cheque)</b>				

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

Would you like to join the Tennis Whatsapp group? YES/NO (mobile number .....)

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

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## Community Litterpick

Cubs, Scouts, parents and leaders enjoyed a beautiful spring morning together whilst tidying their village. The team from 1st Woodcutts took two routes around the village and together collected rubbish large and small from the village recreation ground, lanes and roads before having a well earned drink and snack in the Parish Office.

## Cub Disco

Last weekend Cubs held their fund-raising disco. Thank you to the parent volunteers for supporting our disco. We raised an amazing £350.50! This means Cubs have grown our #salisburygottalent challenge fund to £629.60!!! Watch this space to see what the Cubs choose to do next...



## Week nights

- Explorers led evenings exploring Greek and Japanese food and games.
- Scouts made a tin can stove and then cooked over it, marshmallow and omelette!
- Cubs completed their Emergency Aid and are working towards their Entertainer too!
- Beavers have been working on our cooking badge so making pancakes, muffin pizzas and learning about kitchen safety and hygiene and finding out how easy it is to transfer bacteria
- Squirrels have been building bridges and growing seeds!

## We are growing!!

Our annual census showed that we have 123 young people enjoying Scouting every week. If you have a young person interested in joining us, get in touch ... we are also on the look out for adult support so we can continue to provide the best possible Scouting experience on our doorstep!



## Church News

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

### Pastoral support

If you need help or pastoral support it is always available from Rev David Miell, who is also the Acting Rural Dean, based in Tarrant Hinton and is now also Priest in Charge of 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 Henriët Miell - Assistant Priest

The Gardener

Dear Friends

There is a lovely passage in the gospel according to Saint John (chapter 20) about a garden which will be read out in the churches on Easter Sunday which this year is on 9th of April. April is a very good month for gardeners as there is so much to do and to plant. The frosty nights are gone and most plants can be put outside again. Everyone who has green fingers is very eager to use the Easter bank holiday for gardening and those who are not so keen to "work" in the garden might be tempted to visit a National Trust Garden or enjoy a walk in woodlands. We love the outdoors and are so blessed that there is so much to explore in our country. We do not have to travel very far to see the beauty we have around us which Sir David Attenborough has shown in his latest television series Wild Isles. We love Sir David back on our screens as he is like a good friend to most of us. Hearing his calming voice makes all the disquiet of our world and daily lives disappear for a while. To listen to his stories and to watch the otters and beavers, the deer, kingfishers and bluebells makes it all come to life and close to our home.

The beauty of creation is not something millions of years ago but is happening right in front of our eyes, yes, in fact in our own garden.

On Easter Day many churches have an Easter Garden, sometimes outside but mostly inside. During the service we invite children and adults to stand around these beautifully arranged small gardens and

we discover all the spring flowers which are there. And there is much more to discover: for there in the Easter Garden is a tomb, an empty tomb. On a place in the tomb are some linen cloths folded up but the one who was wrapped in these cloths is not there. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to take care of the one who was buried there, her dearest friend, Jesus. She is so sad and distressed that the tomb is empty and her Lord is not there that she hardly can understand the angel's words and when she is hears a sound and turns around, she even asks 'the gardener' if he knows where the body of Jesus is. "Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'" What follows then is the most amazing moment of recognition and wonder. The gardener says her name: "Mary", and on hearing the gardener's voice she knows that it is Jesus. She turns and says to him "My Lord". This is the great discovering of the Easter message, to hear the Risen Lord saying our name when we are looking for him in a place which is not far away but very close to us.

Easter is the time for us to discover again that Gardener, and his love for all the things he created and has given life to. Nothing in this world can take that love away, not even death. I hope that we all will have the opportunity and the time to look and to long for meeting the Gardener, our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Happy Easter!

## Our Benefice

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

The plan for our Benefice is taking some unexpected and interesting turns as we slowly progress towards a new future. You will recall that we had advertised for a part-time or 'House for Duty' (HfD) priest, here in Handley, but no one applied. The intent was to advertise the post again in early Spring, but a new plan has been developed which would see Handley gaining a part time priest working 4 days a week instead of only 3 (for a HfD.) This would also see our Benefice (Handley with St Andrews and Pentridge) merged together with the Chase Benefice and the Benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine & Durweston with Bryanston.

The following parishes: Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston, Tarrants (Hinton, Gunville & Monkton), Chettle, Farnham & Tollard Royal would be part of this new Benefice created as a result. These are the 11 parishes that David and Henriët currently support, but they both will leave us on retirement in July 2024. The plan is that when they depart the part-time priest would be based in Handley and a full-time priest would be based either in Tarrant Hinton or Stourpaine. There is hope that the part-time priest could be recruited earlier, perhaps some time in 2023 in anticipation of this new arrangement.

This is obviously good news in principle and a better option than we were previously expecting, but it should be emphasised that nothing has been confirmed yet and there is much to be decided and agreed before we can be confident of such an outcome. Affordability will be key and for those of you who do not know, we are expected to be able to raise sufficient money locally each year to pay for the majority of the costs of our priest as well as maintain the fabric of our churches. This is why we are always grateful for any support that is given. Meanwhile, as many of you will know, the vicarage in Handley has been refurbished with solar panels and an air-source heat pump making it one of the most eco-friendly vicarages in the Diocese. Much cosmetic work is now needed to make it properly habitable.

## WHAT'S ON



**Simply Cecilia and friends**

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**Coming Soon:** Simply Cecilia and friends - A coronation concert fit for a King - starring music from around the world in 80 minutes on a magical music journey, to be held in St Mary's Church Handley - Tuesday 2nd May 7.30pm in aid of St Mary's Fabric Fund.

**Our Community Film Nights in the Village Hall.** This is a joint initiative between St Mary's and 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. Attendance is growing and we are encouraged by the responses we have received. The childrens' Matinee films have also been welcomed. The plan is for the film nights to take a break during the summer but they will return in the autumn. Look out for future FILM NIGHTS flyers around the village or ask to be included on the weekly Church Notice sheet. Email: notices@handleychurch.org.uk



Sixpenny Handley  
**COMMUNITY CINEMA**

**R** **The LOST KING**

Friday 21 April - 7pm (doors open 6.30 pm)



**Community Café – MAGNIFICAFÉ** The marvellous Magnificafé continues each Thursday morning from 9-12am providing hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, as well as hot and cold drinks. The café is now part of the fantastic Handley Hubs initiative. 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 Wi-Fi. Special Events expected for Easter. Thank you to the magnificent angels who make it all happen!



**Handley Community Choir** – singing from strength to strength! - The Choir is tuning it's voices for Spring 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 very welcome! Please contact Margaret on 01725 553150.

## Normal Weekly Services

The details of our normal services are posted regularly in the weekly Church Notice Sheet, pick up a copy when passing St Mary's or ask for it by email. It is always useful along and has lots of other local news and information. If you would like to receive this, please email notices@handleychurch.org.uk

### HANDLEY BENEFICE WITH INNER CHASE GROUP MONTHLY PLANNED SERVICES

Changes are published in our Weekly News Sheet.

	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	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.



## Sixpenny Handley First School & Nursery

### Spring News from the Explorers...

Our youngest members of school, the Explorers have been as busy as ever embracing every opportunity to find awe, wonder and show curiosity in the wider world. The Spring Term has brought so many invitations to play, from spray painting shower curtains whilst joining in with the festival of Holi, to baking for Acts of Kindness week, there is never a missed opportunity to have fun with our friends, whilst developing so many wonderful new skills. The weather has, of course, provided us with ample opportunities for fun and exploration...blowing bubbles and watching them fly in the wind, baking mud cakes, splashing in colourful puddles with powder paints, chasing our shadows, listening to the rhythm of the rain, creating frozen treasure chests and of course building snowmen and making patterns in our winter wonderland. Everyday is new and exciting when learning through play! If you are looking for a Nursery place for your 2 - 4 year old, we would love to welcome you for a visit to Explorers. For more information or to register your interest please see our website: [www.sixpennyhandleschool.co.uk](http://www.sixpennyhandleschool.co.uk) and click on the Nursery link, where you will find an enquiry form.



### Fair Trade

To celebrate and raise awareness this year at Sixpenny Handley First School and Nursery, we held our Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 (27 February – 12 March) and got incredibly creative! We focused on the harmful effects of the climate crisis on the future of our food. We looked at how making the small switch to Fairtrade items supports producers in protecting the future of some of our most-loved food and the planet. Each class researched endangered products; coffee, bananas, chocolate, honey, avocados and looked at how we can protect them, where they come from and explored what would be presented in a museum if the product did in fact become extinct in 50 years time. We took part in a Fairtrade 'bake off' where all classes had to make a baked item with set ingredients and then present it to the judge (our headteacher), who tasted each bake! The adventurers class won with their brownie and cookie tray bake! Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products. Choosing Fairtrade means standing with farmers for fairness and equality, against some of the biggest challenges the world faces.

### Hedge Laying

Children from across the school benefited from a hedge laying demonstration by Anthony Brown during the recent hedge work adjacent to the football pitches.

Children received information about the importance of hedges and how hedge laying management techniques will create a better wildlife habitat. This event was funded by the Parish Council.

The Eco Ambassadors also took part in litter clearing and got hands on using some specialist tools.



## Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Entertainment

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Sixpenny Handley Community Cinema and to all the lovely volunteers from both St Mary's and the Village Hall who have helped to make them such enjoyable evenings for all attendees.

As regulars will know, we have teamed up with Moviola to provide some of the best current films. We will be having a break over the summer (yes, it is coming, honestly!) but the cinema will be back on the third Friday of the month from 15 September, so keep an eye out for the next selection of films from Moviola's autumn programme in the August issue of the Downsman.



Our April film is *The Lost King* (PG) and will be shown on Friday 21 April at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm)

In 2012, having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian, Philippa Langley (Sally Hawkins), whose unrelenting research had been met with incomprehension by her friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics. *The Lost King* is the life-affirming true story of a woman who refused to be ignored and who took on the country's most eminent historians, forcing them to think again about one of the most controversial kings in England's history.

Thanks to your support thus far we have been able to buy a DVD player for the village hall (rather than having to borrow one!) Any further profit from these community events will be shared between the Church and the Village Hall. For further information, and to see trailers of the films, please go to: <https://www.moviola.org/venues/sixpenny-handley/>.

Following the success of our first Family Film in support of the Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs initiative, we are delighted that the Hub team has asked us to host another event on Saturday 15 April at 3.00 pm (doors open at 2.30 pm). If, like us, you completely fell in love with *Buster Moon* and the other animal characters in *Sing*, we know you will be happy to hear that we will be showing the sequel *Sing 2*.

We look forward to seeing you there. To remind you the film will be shown FREE OF CHARGE and the CCIO will kindly be subsidising hot drinks, soft drinks and snacks from the bar. So, why not come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon with friends and family in a warm and comfortable setting.



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Sixpenny Sessions brings you our family friendly community festival - The BIG Session - on Saturday 8th July at the village cricket ground. Gates open at 1:30pm and there will be live music from 2pm -10pm. The fantastic line-up includes: Bournemouth singer/songwriter, Lee Rasdall-Dove recently voted Best solo act 2023 at the Dorset Music awards. Find out more at <https://www.leerasdalldove.com/> Hailing from Hampshire, 'Copertura' are a 3 piece guitar driven band performing high energy classics from the 90's to now. Guaranteed to have our heads bobbing and feet tapping right from the get go! Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/CoperturaBand>



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Elvis impersonator, 'Brad As Elvis' has been wowing audiences all across the land with his homage to 'The King'. Finalist of the 2022 European Elvis Championship, Brad will have us enthralled as he powers his way through a rip-roaring set of all the classic hits.

# The Big Session

Saturday 8th July



And headlining this year's Session is..... Quinns Quinney, hugely popular good time festival band (featuring members from the Sixpenny Handley community itself) bring an unparalleled level of energy and unbridled joy to any festive occasion.....Shaping up to be quite the line-up! ..... More to follow.

We have our newest member of the Sixpenny Sessions team to thank for this impressive line-up. If you haven't already met him, we're delighted to introduce local musician, Simon Lane, who has also agreed to comper the event.

Along with the music will be: outdoor activities, circus skills, Creative Skills hub photo booth with craft photo frame, Gitta's craft workshop, Woodland crafts plus much more all included in your ticket price!

Come and enjoy a local ale from The Penny Tap with a delicious burger, ice creams plus Home baked cakes & teas. :p

So bring a rug and settle in for an amazing day of great music, great food and great local ales and cider. Warm up for summer with The BIG Session!

The Big Session Ticket prices are: advanced tickets £12.50 (single), £30 (family - 2 + 2), £5 (additional child). Under 5's come for free. All profits go back into the local community via the Community Fund (CCIO).

If you'd like to get involved, please let us know by messaging us via Facebook or by email at [sixpennysessions@gmail.com](mailto:sixpennysessions@gmail.com) We're also looking for sponsors for the events or raffle prizes!



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## Leukaemia patient shares story of how the Stars Appeal has supported him through his cancer treatment

At the age of 26, Charles McGrath from Salisbury was given the shocking news that he had acute leukaemia.

After his diagnosis on September 16, 2022, he had intensive chemotherapy and says projects for cancer patients funded by the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity, made all the difference to him during his time in hospital.

The charity's cancer support projects include free drinks for chemotherapy and oncology outpatients, aromatherapy, free headwear for patients who lose their hair, dedicated swimming sessions in the Hospital pool as well as wellbeing programmes. It also funds enhancements to the Pembroke Unit's furnishings and décor along with additional medical equipment.

Charles said: "Having the volunteers come around with free drinks and a friendly

face made my time in hospital much more comfortable. For blood cancer patients like myself, you often have to spend long periods of time in hospital. I wouldn't have known what to do if I hadn't had the Stars Appeal's free Wi-Fi! It was not just about having access to the internet; it was also being able to call my family and friends and stay in touch with the outside world."

Experiencing the support of Stars Appeal-funded projects first-hand inspired Charles to do a sponsored head shave. It was also a way to thank Pembroke Unit staff for their "constant support" throughout his treatment. Earlier this month, he returned to the unit to present a donation of £1,780 to staff for the charity's Pembroke Unit Fund.

His fundraising efforts for the Stars Appeal will continue when he takes part in Walk for Wards on Sunday, July 9, which will be the sixth time he's done it.



He said: "The Stars Appeal fund so many things from new medical equipment to free drinks and food given to patients receiving their cancer treatment. It's a great opportunity to give back to such a vital cause."

Nearly 500 people have signed up for Walk for Wards at Wilton House. To get involved visit [starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards](https://starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards)

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As I sit writing this article I can hear the birds singing and feel the warmth of the sun – Spring is on the way! Here are a few articles that may be of interest.

### Gaps in your National Insurance record

National Insurance credits can help qualifying applicants to fill gaps in their National Insurance record. This can assist taxpayers to build up the number of qualifying years of National Insurance contributions which can increase the amount of benefits a person is entitled to, such as the State Pension.

This could happen if someone was:

- employed but had low earnings;
- unemployed and were not claiming benefits;
- self-employed but did not pay contributions because of small profits; or
- living or working outside the UK.

National Insurance credits are available in certain situations where people are not working and therefore, not paying National Insurance credits. For example, credits may be available to those looking for work, who are ill, disabled or on sick pay, on maternity or paternity leave, caring for someone or on jury service.

Depending on the circumstances, National Insurance credits may be applied automatically or an application for credits may be required. There are two types of National Insurance credits available, either Class 1 or Class 3. Class 3 credits count towards the State Pension and certain bereavement benefits whilst Class 1 covers these as well as other benefits such as Jobseeker's Allowance.

Taxpayers may be able to pay voluntary contributions to fill any gaps if they are eligible.

### Newly self-employed taxpayers

Newly self-employed taxpayers should notify HMRC as soon as practicable when they begin working for themselves. However, HMRC must be officially notified by the 5 October following the end of the tax year so that a Self-Assessment return can be issued on time and to avoid any unnecessary penalties.

HMRC's guidance says that you are probably self-employed if you:

- run your business for yourself and take responsibility for its success or failure;
- have several customers at the same time;
- can decide how, where and when you do your work;
- can hire other people at your own expense to help you or to do the work for you;
- provide the main items of equipment to do your work;
- are responsible for finishing any unsatisfactory work in your own time;
- charge an agreed fixed price for your work; and
- sell goods or services to make a profit (including through websites or apps).

The newly self-employed should also register to pay National Insurance contributions (NICs) and monitor whether a VAT registration is required.

There is a £1,000 tax-free allowance for miscellaneous trading income that has been available to taxpayers since April 2017. This is known as the trading allowance.

The exemption from tax applies to taxpayers who have trading income of up to £1,000 from:

- self-employment;
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**Passport fee increase**

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- the fee for a standard online application made from within the UK increased from £75.50 to £82.50 for adults and £49 to £53.50 for children;
- postal applications increased from £85 to £93 for adults and £58.50 to £64 for children;
- priority service fees have been aligned so all customers now pay the same;
- the fee for a standard online application when applying from overseas for a UK passport increased from £86.00 to £94.00 for adults and £56 to £61.00 for children; and
- overseas standard paper applications increased from £95.50 to £104.50 for adults and £65.50 to £71.50 for children.

Making a claim on an unclaimed estate  
There are special intestacy rules that govern how assets are divided if you die without making a will. If this happens your assets are passed on to family members in accordance with a set legal formula. This can result in a distribution of assets that would not be in keeping with your final wishes and can be especially problematic for a couple who live together but are not married and have not entered into a civil partnership.

However, if someone dies without a will or any known family their property passes to the Crown as ownerless property. This is known as ‘bona vacantia’ which literally means vacant goods and by law this property (including money and other personal possessions) passes to the Crown. The bodies that deal with bona vacantia claims vary across the United Kingdom, but they all ultimately represent the Crown.

It is possible to make a claim on the estate but only if you are an ‘entitled relative’. The general rules are:

- If there is no will, the person’s spouse or civil partner and then any children have first claim to the estate.
- If there is no spouse or child, anyone descended from a grandparent of the person is entitled to a share in the estate.
- If you are related by marriage, you have no entitlement.


It is also possible for someone who lived together with the deceased (such as a partner) to apply for a grant from the deceased person’s estate. The rules are complex and serve as an important reminder to make a will thereby ensuring that your assets are divided amongst family, friends and charities in accordance with your wishes.

We are able to make recommendations if you do not currently have a will and would like to speak to a professional who can help you.

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## Species in Focus: The Tree Sparrow

The Tree Sparrow can be identified by its chestnut brown head and nape, rather than the more commonly seen grey like the house sparrow.

They have white cheeks and collar with a black cheek spot. They are shy than house sparrows and smaller and are rarely close with people in the UK. They can be spotted on farmland and in woodlands.

The UK tree sparrow has suffered a massive population decline since the 1970's, their population has plummeted by 93 per cent and are on the red list for birds.

The decline of the tree sparrow, like most farmland birds, is linked to agricultural changes and reduced overwinter survival.

As a farmland bird, they are found in hedgerows and woodland edges. They feed on seeds, weeds, cereals and also insects. The tree sparrow mate for life and nest in

holes in trees and can produce two or three broods a year containing up to seven eggs.

The main populations can be found across the midlands, southern and eastern England but they are almost absent from the south west, Wales and the north west.

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## Cranborne Chase LiDAR Portal

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These images below show the same area, one with tree cover and the other showing the LiDAR visualisation. This substantial earthwork, otherwise invisible through the trees, most likely represents an Iron Age 'banjo enclosure' with banks that surround an internal circular enclosure.

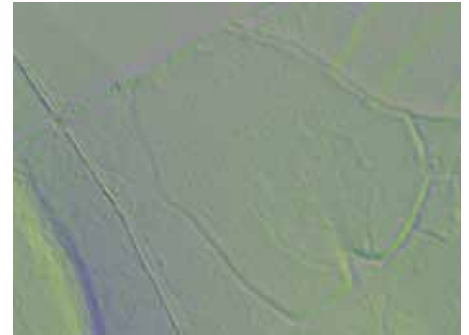
So far our volunteers have identified around 300 previously unknown archaeological sites and features, so why not join the team and explore the LiDAR website.

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**Thursday 30 March | 7pm | Online | Free | Booking Required**

As part of the Cranborne Chase LiDAR Portal project we're introducing a number of sessions to support our volunteers.

We'll be holding an introductory webinar which will be hosted on Zoom on the 30th March. If you can't make it for the live webinar don't fret - this will be recorded and hosted on the website, so you can watch it at any time. Do check out the Volunteer Hub to find out more, and book your place for the session.



We'll also have a series of monthly Volunteer check-ins, as well as in-person training days that will combine both the digital aspect of the projects with interpretation in the field. In our next newsletter, we'll be telling you about the survey and training dates we've set up, so you can join us to start recording the newly discovered archaeological sites.

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## Gone Sailing



### Log 62

#### Dangerous?

During the various Covid Lockdowns (remember those?), a number of girls found that they could not sail with their regular helm/crew, as they were not in 'the bubble'. And so began the 'Dangerous Girls', who at first sailed single handed. The group quickly gained popularity (notoriety?) and now number some 30, meeting regularly once a week, and include training in their group. I have not yet asked why they are 'dangerous' perhaps time will tell! Yet another aspect of LTSC.

#### The Trap

If you are sailing East, through Hurst Narrows, and against an ebb tide, you would, plot a course in shallow water, where the tidal flow is less. And would probably follow a depth contour on the mainland shore. Locals will know of 'The Trap' – a banana shaped sandbar which can 'trap' the unwary. Over winter storms the bar has changed shape, and poses more of a problem. Keep well clear say I. Photos show Trap from air and sea.

#### Success

Lymington Town Sailing Club have been awarded 'Club of the Year 2023' by RYA, and Sailing Today with Yachts and Yachting magazines, logo shows it all.

#### Maintenance

Ayers & Graces is out of the water as I write, for her annual maintenance, only four weeks, and time to do those jobs better done ashore; renew seals on log, anti fouling, polishing, engine service, and so on. Back in 22 March.

#### Saturday Wanderers

For those unable to sail on Wednesdays, there is always Saturdays, once a month Wanderers meet for a day on the water, starting 15 April, maybe see you there. Or of course Meanderers meet every Wednesday throughout the year. And much dinghy activity most of the time. [www.ltsc.co.uk](http://www.ltsc.co.uk).

*Adam*

Yachting Correspondent  
for Sixpenny Handley



*'Dangerous Girls' on the water.*



*Photos show Trap from air and sea. (Drone photo above – Nick Boxall, below photo LTSC)*



## Letting Clutter Go

As Spring is here, there is always a drive to spring clean the whole house. That is great if you have the time and motivation, but my motto is always 'something is better than nothing.' So instead of beating yourself up this Spring, why not set yourself a doable list. Such as sorting the understairs cupboard out or thinning the wardrobe or clean out the fridge or wash the windows downstairs.

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## Animal Health and Welfare

From Dorset Trading Standards

Most farmers care passionately about the welfare of their animals. Rural Dorset often brings to mind pictures of healthy animals grazing in sunny fields of grass. However, when it comes to winter, things can look very different, especially after long periods of rain.

Some farmers house their cattle in barns over the winter months. Others keep cattle out in the fields and give them supplementary food such as silage, because grass has stopped growing. The ground around their feeders can get muddy and cows with their shaggy winter coats can look a bit bedraggled when it is wet. As long as the cattle have an area in the field that is well drained for them to lie down, then their welfare can usually be met.

Sheep are often put on fields of stubble turnips to eat. They quickly eat off the green tops of the plants and it might therefore look to the untrained eye that they are in a muddy field with nothing to

eat. The reality is that they might have a really good source of food to give them the energy to cope with the cold wet weather.

Farmers are usually happy to speak with people who have concerns about their livestock. If you are worried about welfare standards on a farm you can always call the Dorset Council animal health line on 01305 224475, or email [tradingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Unfortunately, there are occasions when a farmer might let welfare standards slip. Trading Standards will try to help and support the farmer to turn things around. Where necessarily they work closely with charities such as the Farm Community Network, who can provide volunteers to give practical advice to the farmer.

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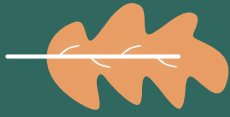
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