



The Downsmen

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

Delivered by Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

June 2023

PENTRIDGE BBQ & AUTHENTIC BARNDANCE

29th July 2023

7pm - Open
8pm - Dancing with live band Innominata & caller

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***Licence Bar/Burgers and Sausages**

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OPEN DAY

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

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Sixpenny Handley First School & Nursery Parent & Friends Committee Presents:

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Eyes Down - 7.30pm

Card Payments Accepted

Refreshments and Raffle

All Welcome!

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Live Music & Children's Workshops

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2pm - 10pm

The Penny Tap, Scouts BBQ, Church Teas, Ice Cream

Live Music:

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Sixpenny Handley Cricket Pitch *No Dogs please*

*Advance Tickets: £12.50 Adult, £5 Child Under 16, £30 Family (2+2)
from Eventbrite, Clarkes the Butcher or Budgens. Under 5s attend free of charge*

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Next edition

The next edition will be published from
1st Aug 2023

**Copy deadline for the next edition
15th July**

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

If possible please email your articles to editor@thedownsman.org.uk.

Advertising

Our advertising offers great value. The Downsman is currently delivered to over 700 households within the parish. Email: adverts@thedownsman.org.uk for more details.

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Payment must be made before the advertising deadline to be included.

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Small Square	£6	£30
Rectangle	£12	£55
Large Square	£25	£125
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Whole Page	£50	£250

Advertisement Sizes

Size	Image area*
Small Text Ad	30 words
Small Square	59mm
Rectangle V	59mm x 122mm
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Large Square	122mm
Half Page	186mm x 122mm
Whole Page	186mm x 248mm

*without frame which will be added by us.

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

Sorry - we are unable to include flyers

Growing time

Sunshine finally feeling warm now that we are most of the way through May and the gardens have enjoyed this wetter spring, 'No mow May' means our grass is still 6 inches in places and the daisies are enjoying their time in the sun. It was great to get together in the churchyard to help prepare the ground for more wildflowers, and I see others have been busy helping out in the Village Hall over the coronation weekend too. Great what can be achieved when people get together!



Talking of getting together, there are so many events to take friends and family to in the coming months as you can see from the cover and Noticeboard. I've just thought up a new game - take a look at each event and decide which friend would be best to invite to each one :-D

Back to the wildflowers... would you be willing to take responsibility for a small area of the Churchyard? Perhaps a few graves or a small strip of planted beds and under the instruction of Christine Reynolds (who has almost 93 years fantastic gardening experience)? You can learn to maintain them in a way that sustains wildflowers and thus helps the environment and the wildlife that depend on it. If you are interested get in touch with Mike Dyer, notices@handleychurch.org.uk

Bowls, tennis and cricket are all after your attention in this issue of the Downsman too, and they all offer a great excuse to get outside and keep active! Lovely to see the Cricket history write up, thank you!

If you are thinking of booking your holiday and are looking for a good book to take with you, do go and visit Bea and her friends in the library, they have a great collection of books that change regularly as donations are added to the shelves. The cafes in the Parish office on Monday and Wednesday continue to be well supported and all are very welcome.

I'll leave you to catch up on the rest of the Downsman in your own time - enjoy!

Naomi Booth

editor@thedownsman.org.uk

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

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

To The Editor

Our Thanks

Our thanks to Pat Oxford for having delivered the Downsman to St Mary's Close for the past 20 years or so. We hope to have found a new volunteer in the Close for this issue. Without our team of distributors the Downsman would not be able to be delivered to you all, we much appreciate their contribution to the village.

Stuart Mclean, Downsman Distribution

Decades of Dance Disco

16th June 2023 7:30-11pm
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Tickets are £5 and are available from Clarkes the Butcher, The Penny Tap or the school office.

The event is in aid of Parents and Friends of Sixpenny Handley First School and Nursery as part of our Sixpenny Supporters week.

Trained and/or experienced gardener needed

Regular 1 to 2 days a week
Long Crichel.

Confidence with ladders essential.

07780460639

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**

Full Time Electrician/Handyman & Part Time Housekeeper/Assistant Gardener

Live-in couple required for a large property near Sixpenny Handley.

Charming secluded cottage included.

Mechanical and IT competence of particular interest.

Caretaking duties every other w/e.

Phone 0777 186 1110

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Downsman Noticeboard

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STRICTLY OVER 18'S ONLY PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY PRESENT...

Decades of Dance DISCO

Featuring anthems from the 70's / 80's / 90's and more!

16TH JUNE 2023

7.30PM UNTIL 11PM
SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS: £5 AVAILABLE NOW

FULLY STOCKED BAR WITH DRINKS AND SNACKS FOR PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE, CLARKE THE BUTCHERS

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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CRAFT FAIR & teas

Last Saturday of the month

10am-1pm

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CRANBORNE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 6th June
CROWNING GLORY

A history of crowns and tiars by Daphne Atkinson in Cecil Memorial Hall, Cranborne at 7.30pm.

4th July
ANCIENT LIFE AROUND CRANBORNE

from the beginnings to 1100 by John Smith in Cecil Memorial Hall, Cranborne at 7.30pm.

All welcome. Guests £3, refreshments included. Raffle. Enquiries: clhssecretary@gmail.com 01725 517569

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From Cranborne Cricket Club, Cranborne, Wiltshire. Tickets are offered free of charge.

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Farnham STREET FAIR

Saturday 12th August

12.30pm to 4.30pm

Bourne River Morris Men - Classic Cars
Fun Dog Show - Silent Auction - Flower Festival
Art Display - Raffle - Local plants - Games
Home Produce - Lunches, Teas
and much more



Clerk's Corner

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

Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley. SP5 5PA
 Email: Parishclerk@sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk
 Clerk to the Council (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211
 07907 445951

I would like to share with you some of the important work that your Parish Council have undertaken recently on your behalf since the last publication.

The Parish Council have focussed much of their time and efforts this year on energy & efficiency related matters. Members called upon the advice and experience of two local energy engineers to help support the energy efficiency changes the Parish Council aspired to make.

Mr Simon Marsh MI Heating & Plumbing
 Mr Marsh's company provides comprehensive heating and plumbing services to both residential and commercial businesses specialising in designing renewable 'green' solutions to individually fit the setting.

Mr Marsh provided the PC with a general overview of energy efficiency using his wealth of experience across the plumbing and heating business whilst incorporating some aspects of his own personal knowledge of the council owned properties.

Members discussed (with both engineers present) the importance of green renewable energy, aspects of the unique water usage in the pavilion, water cylinders, lack of insulation, the current heating system in both pavilion and parish office, thermal heating and plans to install solar PV panels and debated the suitability of battery storage of solar generated electricity.

Mr Nick Daniels Air2Air Heating & Cooling
 Mr Daniels is a fridge engineer specialising in the installation of air source heat pumps in order to reduce fuel bills, reduce carbon emissions, minimise on-going maintenance whilst relatively simple installation process. Mr Daniels explained how air source heat pumps work and how the premises owned by the PC would benefit from installing this type of system.

CLLr D Adams (experienced Plumbing Engineer) recommended the installation of cylinders with immersion in conjunction

with solar generated electricity would be an efficient way of topping up hot water demands.

Sports Pavilion lighting

Members also considered the merits of replacing the current fluorescent lighting installed throughout the Sports Pavilion. Although the initial outlay is quite expensive, members felt the move to LED lighting would be more energy efficient and the costs would eventually be recovered. Three quotes were attained from local contractors and members resolved unanimously to appoint S Wallworth Electrical Services and approved £2010.00 expenditure to upgrade.

Installation of a Solar Panel System – Sports Pavilion

Members considered the long term renewable energy plan associated with the installation of solar panels. It was agreed to make the building as energy efficient as possible. Members were keen to review all aspects of energy efficiency including the ability to heat immersion with solar generated electricity along with the potential to store energy generated in batteries.

Installation of Solar Panel System – Village Hall

It was also a straightforward decision for Councillors to approve expenditure for the installation of a solar panel system to the Village Hall roof. An opportunity to utilise the expanse of roof space with a view to reduce costs and generate income further down the line was not to be missed. Following the submission of quotes and completing the process of deciding the best provider for our needs, local service provider DES Renewable Energy were appointed to install the first of our systems onto the Sports Pavilion. We are hopeful that a slightly larger system with the inclusion of battery provision will be in situ shortly at the Village Hall.

Members are still currently considering:

- The installation of an air source heat pump (multi split) for the Parish Office.
- The installation of an air source heat

Opening Hours:
 10.00am – 12 noon Tue
 7.00pm – 7.30pm Thu
 8.30am – 10.00am Fr
For Parish Council information visit:
www.sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Office Unit 6 Town Farm Workshops is available to HIRE
 Come and take a look when we are open on Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings or arrange a visit with Ciona.
£10 per session
Book in with Ciona on
01725 552211 or 01725 553040

pump system for the Sports Pavilion.

- The provision of replacement balanced water tanks with improved insulation whilst considering changes to the placement of the new tanks.

Parish Council support for the Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club & Football Pitches

Thanks to the commitment from Mark Young (Football Club) & Tom Morgan (6dH Cricket Club) the sports pitches continue to be superbly maintained. The PC agreed expenditure of £790.00 +vat to apply a complete fertiliser & weed treatment application to both football and cricket pitches.

A polite reminder to all dog owners that when a pitch is marked out (or in the process of being marked out) for a match either cricket or football our rules are in line with Dorset's Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which states: 'Owners are to pick up their dog's poo and dispose of it appropriately. No Dogs are allowed in enclosed children's play areas or on marked sports pitches. All dogs must be on leads within 5 metres of marked sports

pitches’

It is a constant problem for many communities but we are very fortunate that volunteer groundsmen look after and present our pitches for the benefit of us all superbly – please respect the hard work that goes into it.

Tree Work – Village Hall Hybrid Poplar Tree

The Parish Council are responsible for the health and safety of the TPO Hybrid Poplar Tree located at the Village Hall driveway. Following an application to carry out tree works which was granted, Damory Tree care carried out the work.

Speed Watch Volunteers


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

First School – maybe consider helping by taking each other’s children to school to enable a parent or two to attend a speed-watch!

Dorset Highways – Work in our area.

Between the 27th June - 4th July 2023 Sixpenny Handley is scheduled for surface dressing on roads between Garston Wood and the village. These works will be carried out under a road closure system with a local diversion in place. Works to Common Road & High Street will be carried out under a temporary speed restriction with a convoy working under a stop & go. Please can you make every effort to remove parked cars from these areas during this time.

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council AGM/Full Parish Council meeting @Parish Office on Thursday 25th May
We have 2 Councillor Vacancies which we look forward to filling – being a Parish Councillor is a very rewarding role. Please contact Ciona if you wish to discuss what is involved.



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

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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

Anyone for Tennis?



COACHING & SOCIAL TENNIS

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

After school coaching on Fridays, starting 28th April:
Beginners (5-9yrs) 4.30-5.15pm £3 per session for members, £5 per session for non-members
Junior Rackets (10yrs+) 5.30-6.30pm £4 for members £6 for non members

Rusty Rackets for Adults on Thursdays from 27th April 6.30pm
£8 for members, £10 for non members per session

Join the Club and you get a Key to use the courts whenever you wish!
Contact Membership Secretary: Kay Phillips, Tel:07803725838 email kay.Phillips@wpprods.co.uk

PAY & PLAY £7 per court per hour - key available from Sixpenny Handley store and The Penny Tap,
during their opening hours

Courts next to The Penny Tap at the Recreation Ground, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5NJ
<https://sites.google.com/view/sixpennyhandleytennisclub>

Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club 2023

Annual membership for Adults, Juniors, Families and Non-playing adults

Members are issued with a key and have access to the courts at all times, within government guidelines (except during organised club coaching sessions).

All memberships run until 1st February 2024.

Please return membership forms and pay by bacs/cheque and a key will be posted to you so you can come and play!

Membership Secretary: Kay Phillips, Pleasant Cottage, Tollard Royal, Wilts, SP5 5PX. Tel: 07803 725838

email Kay.Phillips@wpprods.co.uk

Treasurer: Stephanie Chick, Tel: 01725 552557 / 07748 925810 email: david@davidchick.co.uk

Chairman: Alex Thomas Tel: 01725 516320 email: rhodr.alex@btinternet.com

Name..... Email address.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Telephone no.....

Membership category	Annual subscription 2022	Name Of Member(s) (plus Date of Birth for junior members)	Quantity	Amount endorsed
Adult	£35.00			
Junior (under 18) on 01/02/21 *	£10.00			
Family (All living at the same address)	£80.00			
Non playing Adult Member	£10			
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (BACS/cheque)				

*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

Disclaimer: Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club accepts no liability whatsoever for loss, damage, illness, accident or injury to players, spectators, other persons or property on the club grounds and courts.

Signed Date Date paid by bacs

BACS payments to: Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club, Barclays Bank Sort Code 20-96-96, Account number 53438384

A Brief History of Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club



Handley Team 1954

Cricket has been played in Sixpenny Handley for a very long time. Unfortunately records do not exist of matches prior to the mid 1980s when a team was drawn together from customers of the Star Inn. Landlord Malcolm Gritt mentioned the idea which was then taken up by Rob Smith and Neil Bowes, amongst others, and cricket was again played by people from Handley. To be fair, it was necessary to bolster the team with overseas players and itinerant visitors from time to time. Particularly notable visitors were Grunter and his brother from New Zealand, both visiting sheep shearers. Getting commitment to play in the afternoons was easier back in the mid 1980s since pubs closed at 3:00 pm and did not reopen until 5:30. It could be argued that the death of English cricket can be traced to the introduction of the Licensing Act 1988 which allowed pubs to stay open from 11:00am to 11:00 pm.

The team played the occasional friendly match with local village teams but lacked their own pitch. Combining interest from people at the Roebuck Inn with the Star was the formation of Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club. The Parish Council commitment to obtain Lottery Funding and the support of Arthur Downton, the new landlord of the Star Inn gave the impetus for a more formal team to be established. With Ivor Potter training as a groundsman, Arthur acting as chairman, Rob Smith becoming a qualified coach and the support of many others (Nick Emm, Martin Green, Steve Goodwin,

Ollie Coward ...) a new cricket pitch and pavilion became a realistic dream to add to the Development plans for the Sports Field and Sixpenny Handley had its first cricket pitch in 1996.

May 30 2005

By now there was quite a formidable team (in our eyes anyway. Martin Green was an excellent opener – he didn't score many runs but was a devil to get out. Nick Emm the most enthusiastic wicket keeper. Tom Green, Clive Spendley, Rob Smith and Ollie Coward supplying the pace with Neil Bowes, Steve Goodwin and Dave Cross providing the spin attack. Combined with several competent middle order batters (trained before Rob Smith got to them) provided a good balance. Matches were won, matches were lost but always played in a good spirit and visiting teams often made return fixtures for the next season as they liked the location and the atmosphere so much.

The village grew, the team grew and a decision was taken to enter a league, the Old Sarum Invitation Division 2. This proved to be a challenge in more ways than one. Teams were more competitive and less friendly than in the earlier games and it was difficult to get people to commit on a regular basis. People moved on and were replaced by others as the village grew. Clive and Julie Spendley, and Frances Churchill kept the team running for many years but eventually, along with many other village teams it became more difficult to get players and matches. The club was kept in existence and the facilities rented out to ensure that the ground was

maintained (Huge thanks to David Cross) Where are we now? Fresh blood into the village and a resurgence in interest in Cricket (T20 cricket, improving national teams – both mens and womens) has put new life into the Club. Last year saw the team play a few matches against local teams (Sturminster & Hinton, Cranborne, Ashmore, Witchampton and Broadchalke). New players replace the old. (Welcome Tom Morgan, Rob Farrington, Paul Dore, Nick Limb and others) The old players still turn out (Neil Bowes – old in both senses of the word) along with their children (who are now over 30 years old) and it was fabulous to see a match against Cranborne on a Sunday afternoon last season with plenty of families watching and supporting the local team. Unfortunately, Handley came second on that occasion but the old spirit and atmosphere is still there and village cricket was the winner.

The club also has strong links to Ashmore CC with some players playing for both sides. Matches with Sturminster & Hinton seem likely to be a regular affair and 2023 is looking to be a good year.

If you are interested in playing for or just supporting the club pop up to the Sixpenny Tap and you will probably see at least one of the team there.

HOME FIXTURES 2023

June 18 vs. Sturminster & Hinton

June 28 vs. Pedagogues

August 6 vs. Witchampton

August 20 vs. Sturminster & Hinton

Handley Team August 2022





WI News and Information

NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES

The meeting on Monday 17th April started with two minute's silence in memory of Jan Gibb, who sadly died on 8th April. Jan was a long-time member of the W.I. and fulfilled many roles over the years, including that of President, Vice-President, committee member, also President and Secretary of the Beacon Group, which comprises five different W.I.s in this area of Dorset. Her commitment, knowledge and expertise in all things relating to the W.I. was invaluable and enabled us to adhere to all correct procedures set out by the National Federation. Jan will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Tony and family as they mourn her loss.

This April meeting was our annual meeting when we celebrate our "birthday". Also, when voting takes place for all members to elect a new committee and the compulsory positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are selected. Unfortunately, no member felt able or willing to fulfil the duty of Treasurer, so, under the constitution of the National Federation and with the deepest regret, we have no alternative but to suspend Sixpenny Handley W.I. As a consequence, this was to be our last meeting, but we did manage a subdued celebration of our 101st year with delicious gâteau and wine. Liz Coombs gave a flower arranging demonstration, and three lucky members won the imaginative and beautiful displays Liz had created.

The annual flower of the month competition cup was won by Teresa Marshallsay.

Wednesday, 26th April. Almost all members were able to come to the "Birthday Meal" at Rushmore Golf Club. This was a bittersweet occasion, but most enjoyable. We reminisced as we looked at various photographs and items from the archives during our past 101 years.

Thursday, 27th April. Five members had a very wet journey to attend our final Beacon Group meeting at Manston Village Hall. This meeting also started with a minute's silence in memory of Jan Gibb. The

speaker for the evening was Judith Ford who gave a talk on the history of Blandford Forum, which was most interesting and informative. The evening ended with an excellent buffet and the usual raffle.

On a personal note, I joined Sixpenny Handley W.I. fifteen years ago. It has been a pleasure to be a member of this diverse and friendly group, also a privilege to have served on the committee and to have been Vice-President, particularly as my paternal grandmother, Florence Judd, was a founder member in 1922. I wish to thank all members and fellow committee members, who have become friends, especially President Bobbie Carter, who has been at the helm for the past ten years, and instrumental in writing and producing our annual Christmas plays and entertainment, which have been so much fun to rehearse and perform and have become famous in W.I. circles!

The failure to attract new and younger members has also contributed to our closure; many other rural W.I.s are experiencing the same problem, as we appear outdated to the younger generation of women.

Now it is with a heavy heart I write this last report for Sixpenny Handley W.I. and say farewell.

Stella Olsen
Vice-President



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Bea



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The Sixpenny Sessions team is delighted to be bringing back The BIG Session on Saturday 8 July 2023 from 2.00 pm to 10.00 pm (gate opens at 1.30 pm) on the village cricket pitch. Supported by and in aid of the local community, our family friendly festival aims to give you a fabulous mix of live music, together with children's workshops and fun stalls run by community organisations.

The newest member of the Sixpenny Sessions team, local musician Simon Lane, has put together the following impressive line-up of musical entertainment, which we hope you will agree has something for everyone:



2.15 – award winning Bournemouth-based singer/songwriter, Lee Rasdall-Dove who is a most impressive young talent.



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4.45 - critically-acclaimed songwriter, Phil King who has been much lauded by Radio 2's 'Whispering' Bob Harris amongst others. A true musical craftsman.

The Big Session

Saturday 8th July



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In addition to the music, there will be children's workshops around the field, including woodcraft with Anthony, Aboriginal-style art with Holly, crafty musical instruments and festival headband making with Gitta, crafts with Isla, facepainting with Claire and much, much more! Please remember, these activities are all included in your ticket price and are held on the cricket pitch so that the whole festival is contained in one fabulous setting.

There will also be fun and games for children and adults 0 – 100 years old – all are welcome! We are delighted that so many community organisations are taking part with stalls and fundraising activities this year, including The Creative Skills Hub, Bowls Club, Football Club, Cricket Club, Village Hall, 1st Woodcutts Scouts and, of course, the team from St Mary's Church who will be selling an array of hot drinks and delicious savoury and sweet treats.

The BIG raffle this year will be run by the Skatepark fundraising team, so keep an eye out on social media for a preview of some amazing prizes.

Food will be on sale during the afternoon with the usual fantastic barbecue, run by the team from 1st Woodcutts Scouts (available from 2.00 pm) and Richard will be back selling a selection of ice creams from his van. A full bar will be available throughout the afternoon from The Penny Tap and there will be a free drinking water station.

This year we have been humbled and amazed by the generosity of so many local organisations who have donated towards the running costs of the event. At the time of writing these include our lead donor, D G Corbin Ltd, plus CBA Services, Clarkes the Butcher, CLGCC Financial Consultants Limited, Cranborne Chase Cider, Dorset Bench Hire, Humphries Kirk LLP, Savills (UK) Ltd, Sixpenny Forge, Summerlock Upholstery and Wilsons Solicitors LLP. Your help in funding this event is greatly appreciated; thank you all.

To remind you, all profits raised by the event go into the Community Fund, which funds projects within our wonderful

community. The recent round of grants from the fund has benefited Happy Nappy Toddlers Group, the Cricket Club, Village Hall, 1st Woodcutts Scouts, Common Road Allotments, First School and Nursery and the Home Ed Gardening Group. So, the more we raise, the more we can put back into the community.

The Big Session ticket prices are: £12.50 (adult), £30 (family of 2 + 2), £5 (additional child). Under 5s attend for free. Tickets are available online via www.eventbrite.co.uk (we will pay the booking fee!) or from Clarkes the Butcher and Budgens in the High Street.

So, grab a rug, hat and sunscreen and come and join us. We promise you will have a fabulous afternoon. Switch off from what's going on in the world for one afternoon and immerse yourself in the wonderful atmosphere, whilst enjoying some great music, food, local drinks and fun and games. All we need now is wall to wall sunshine.

Finally, please remember that NO DOGS are allowed on the cricket pitch during the day. We have had issues in the past with irresponsible owners not supervising their dogs and, although we are dog owners ourselves, we have had to make the difficult decision to exclude our four-legged friends from the event. Sorry.

We would welcome your help on the day so, if you'd like to get involved, please let us know by messaging us via Facebook, by email at sixpennysessions@gmail.com or by collaring one of us when you see us out and about around the village!

See you on 8th July. Let's have a blast - woop, woop!

Naomi, Paul, Penny & Simon

Village Hall Big Help Out

A Big 'Thank you' to all the volunteers who joined us over the Coronation weekend in May. more on page 19.



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Woodcutts join District Camp

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined groups from East Dorset District at Buddens Camp site near Bere Regis for the first bank holiday weekend in May.

Cubs and Scouts arrived on Saturday morning and set up their own tents before having an afternoon on the climbing tower and pot hole hill.

On Sunday, Squirrels and Beavers joined us for St George's day celebration which had to be moved into the marquee due to a huge downpour. The weather cleared in time for the Squirrels and Beavers to try out fencing, fire lighting, the climbing tower and craft activities before their camp fire.

The Cubs and Scouts tried archery, axe throwing, air rifles and zorbing. After lunch they tried different types of crafts including tie-die t-shirts and then after tea when the Squirrels and Beavers had left it was time for their camp fire.

The last morning, while the camp leaders and parents took down the marquee and tents, the Cubs and Scouts went to the water and tried paddle boarding, kayaking and finished the day with some backwoods cooking.

Loving summer

Summer is always an amazing time for Scouting as we get out in the lighter evenings.

Squirrels are looking to enjoy the outside during their sessions, but are really in need of an extra pair of adult hands to keep ratios correct. Thursdays in term time 4.15pm - 5pm. If you can help ring Skip John 01725 552397 or leader Zoe 01725 552397. Email bmjcurtis@aol.com.



Church News

From St Mary's, St Andrew's & St Rumbold's
THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

Rev David Miell – Priest in Charge

Dear Friends

This year, Trinity Sunday falls on the first Sunday in June. Trinity Sunday is like the crowning or culmination of that part of the Christian Calendar which begins with Advent Sunday and then follows the sequence of the great Seasons and Festivals: Christmas, Epiphany, Candlemas; Lent, Holy Week and Easter; Ascension Day, Pentecost (Whitsun) and Trinity Sunday; all celebrating the history of our salvation, our nature and being as humanity, destined to live in the light of God's great love for us.

From the vantage point of Trinity Sunday, we look backwards and understand the significance of those saving events of Jesus's life: his birth, childhood and baptism; his temptations, conflicts and trials; his suffering, death and resurrection;

his ascension into heaven and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we find ourselves standing at the very threshold of heaven itself, contemplating the unfathomable mystery of God, whom Jesus Christ has revealed to us to be 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit'. We try to take in the inconceivable truth that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

Because it's going to take us a while to come to terms with the meaning of all this, the Christian Calendar then takes us, from Trinity Sunday onwards, into a period known as 'Ordinary Time'. Given that in our world today we live in what can seem like the most extraordinary times, facing existential threats of war, climate change,

economic uncertainty, political instability, global migration, food insecurity, poverty and pandemics, the idea of a period of 'ordinary time' can sound appealing.

As we enter the summer months, most of us need a bit of a break from all that the rest of life demands of us: we perhaps try to get a holiday, take time to sit in the garden, close our eyes and feel the warmth of the sun, spend time relaxing with family, friends or neighbours, time just resting and recuperating. Let's use that 'ordinary time' well - before it's too late - and contemplate what it might mean, for ourselves and for our world, if all that the Church says about Jesus Christ is actually true!

David Miell

Our Benefice

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

The plan for our Benefice continues to take 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 as a permanent paid post instead of only 3 days, non paid and with a limited 3 year contract. 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 good news is that this seems at last to be going ahead and we hope that the post will be advertised on 9th June with a selection process of candidates on 24/25th July. Let's all pray for lots of great applicants.

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 now is that when they depart the part-time priest would be based in Handley and a full-time priest would be based in Stourpaine. The formal process to achieve this is now about to start. An Advisory Group has been established with membership from all the parishes, which is planning how that new Benefice might be run, everything from organisation, to services, to PCC management is being considered in order that if and when this goes ahead, we have a robust plan to implement which will be to the benefit of all the parishes involved. If anyone has any thoughts or concerns about this or wishes to input an idea that may be helpful for the challenges we face, please write to notices@handleychurch.org.uk

All of which is good news, 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 an outcome. Meanwhile affordability as always will be key and for those of you who do not know as 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.



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!

Could you help keep St Mary's Churchyard beautiful and blossoming with wild flowers?

We recently held a working party afternoon in the Churchyard to clear Cow Parsley and Hog Weed in order to allow the wild flowers we have planted to blossom and develop properly. It was a marvellous occasion which saw many young people involved and great work carried out. The plan now is to ask for volunteers who would be willing to take responsibility for a small area of the Churchyard, perhaps a few graves or a small strip of planted beds and under the instruction of Christine Reynolds who has almost 93 years fantastic gardening experience, learn to maintain them in a way that sustains wildflowers and thus helps the environment and the wildlife that depend on it. If you are interested in taking part, learning a new life skill and playing your part to help the community and nature please get in touch by contacting us at notices@handleychurch.org.uk

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 Warden for Handley: Linda Cooper - 01725 552864. Or for Pentridge, our Church Wardens: Jane King - 01725 552231 or Mary Ferguson - 01725 552222

WHAT'S ON



Summer Cream Teas at the Church – 27th August 2023. This summer will see the return of our popular Summer Cream Teas at St Mary's 2- 5pm - with no doubt a produce stall or two. Put the date in your diary now and prepare for a delicious afternoon.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) – Ride and Stride Event this year is on 9th September. DHCT have kindly supported with grants, now it's our turn to support them. Sponsors and bikers required. Please contact Anne Reed on 01725 552518 nearer the time. Or to see the details click: <https://ridestride.org/counties/dorset>



Handley Community Choir – singing from strength to strength! - The Choir is on a break over the summer. 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 and has lots of other local news and information. If you would like to receive this, please email notices@handleychurch.org.uk

Church Service Coffee Rota

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

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.

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A Big 'Thank you' to all the volunteers who joined us over the Coronation weekend in May. Unfortunately, the weather stopped us from staining the fence but everyone eagerly undertook a range of tasks that we hope you'll agree have improved the hall. A fantastic team of guys put together our new benches and everyone else played a part in checking and cleaning the kitchen cupboards, crockery, cutlery, windows – inside & out, decorating, weeding and much more!

The Trustees have decided to make the foyer more welcoming, The Creative skills hub have done us some magnificent art that we are now displaying and we'll be renovating the noticeboard and splashing some paint around. We were all rewarded with some delicious cake and cups of tea!

We really were very encouraged and delighted with the volunteers who attended. Thank you again for deciding to make such a positive contribution to our community. It is greatly appreciated!

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have stained the fence and erected a storage shed!

As a result of Penny speaking at the recent Parish assembly, we have received a generous offer from Anthony Brown of Conygar coppice to supply and erect a Pergola in our outdoor space. The trustees are excited by Anthony's offer and the difference it will make to the space! :D

Craft fair with Teas

Our wonderful monthly Craft fair with Teas continue to go from strength to strength. We have some wonderful, loyal crafters and visitors as well as new ones every month. Congratulations and thanks to the team for the delicious food and all the organisation involved.

Maintenance & improvements

As mentioned previously in this piece, local tradesman, Simon Marsh of MI heating & plumbing kindly offered to replace the hot water system for the cost of materials only. This has now been completed and has made a huge improvement with plenty of hot water available in all areas of the hall.

Thank you very much Simon & team. The Parish council have been investigating the installation of Solar panels to the Village hall. Subject to a survey, the Trustees are delighted that we should be able to proceed with this initiative. Thank you to the Parish Council.

Community Cinemas

Thank you to all those who attended the Community & family cinemas in April. They were very enjoyable events and will continue in the Autumn. Well done to the team for organising them.

Artsreach

The Entertainment committee recently attended the Artsreach promoters event and will be making their selection for our Autumn program over the coming months. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Wimborne St Giles Cream teas

Join the Trustees & volunteers as we host the regular Sunday Afternoon teas in Wimborne St Giles village hall, which has gained a great reputation for delicious,

generously portioned food at reasonable prices!. Held in the village hall with garden seating and car parking. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.

We'll be serving a variety of scrumptious sandwiches, cream scones, gateaux and a wide range of delicious home made cakes, yum! Details below.

Dates for your diary:

Sun 18th June – Wimborne St Giles Cream teas – 2.30pm start. Fund-raising at Wimborne St Giles village hall.

Sat 24th June – Craft fair with teas – 10am to 1pm. Browse the stalls, delicious sandwiches & cake available.

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The 'Community Fund'

As I said in the last edition of the Downsman, in legal terms it's still the Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation but hopefully you (and we) are getting used to referring to it as the original Community Fund.

The Community Fund operates as a tax efficient charitable umbrella for fund raising and grant distribution whilst incorporating the necessary policies and procedures to meet current charity legislation.

The latest Trustee meeting took place on 17th May. We reviewed the fund's finances, approved the recommendations of the Grants Committee, discussed future fund raising events and confirmed that policies on Safeguarding, Conflicts of Interest etc were appropriate and up to date. The Trustees do this so that organisations which operate within the fund don't have to do it all themselves and can get on with delivering services/raising funds etc. The Grants Committee with Ros Adams as its chair received seven applications for grants and considered them carefully at its meeting on 8th May. They recommended support for all of them. So the 1st Woodcutts Scout Group will get a barbeque for use by them and other Parish organisations. The Common Road

Allotments will get a noticeboard. The Sixpenny Handley Village Hall will get a new coffee machine. The Parents and Friends of Sixpenny Handley First School and Nursery will get a contribution to improve the security of the perimeter fencing. The resurgent Sixpenny Handley Cricket Club will get help with signage. The Home Education Gardening Group will get money to pay for plants and seeds as they work to bring wildflowers back to St Mary's churchyard. And finally the Happy Nappy Toddler Group will receive new interlocking mats and storage boxes for the children. The Trustees also confirmed payments for equipment for the Handley Hubs which had been agreed at the previous meeting. I think that is a pretty impressive list! We intend to have two Grant Committee meetings a year and the next one will be in the Autumn. So if you have a project that would benefit from support from the Community Fund please make an application.

The next big fundraising event is, of course, the Big Session on 8th July. Work continues to make it its usual success and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Colin Taylor
Chairman of Trustees*

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- Imported goods you've declared on the Customs Declaration Service
- Miscellaneous payments (if your payment reference begins with 'X')

When making a payment for Self-Assessment, you should use your 11-character payment reference. This is your 10-digit Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) followed by the letter 'K'.

HMRC will accept your online debit or credit card payment on the date you make it, and this includes payments made on bank holidays and weekends.



Take advantage of new pension tax reforms

The new pension tax reforms that were announced in the recent Spring Budget took effect from 6 April 2023. The old £40,000 cap on annual pension contributions has been increased by 50% to £60,000, with effect from 6 April 2023. Tax relief for contributions to pension schemes is given at a taxpayer's marginal rate of Income Tax and is subject to the increased underlying limits. Taxpayers will continue to be able to carry forward unused annual allowances the last three tax years if they have made pension savings in those years.

The lifetime allowance was the maximum amount of pension and/or lump sum that benefits from tax relief. The lifetime allowance was removed from 6 April 2023 and will be fully abolished in a future Finance Bill. Both of these changes are intended to incentivise older employees to continue in work whilst continuing to build additional pension savings.

In addition, the adjusted income threshold for the Tapered Annual Allowance increased from £240,000 to £260,000 on 6 April 2023. Those earning over £260,000 (from 6 April 2023) will see their £60,000 annual allowance tapered. For every complete £2 income exceeds £260,000 the annual allowance is reduced by £1. The annual allowance cannot be reduced to less than £10,000 (2022-23: £4,000). The Money Purchase Annual Allowance also increased to £10,000 (2022-23: £4,000) from 6 April 2023.

The maximum amount that most individuals can claim as a Pension commencement lump sum (PCLS) was historically based on a cap of 25% of the available lifetime allowance. In the current



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tax year, there remains a PCLS upper monetary cap of £268,275 (based on 25% of the 2022-23 lifetime allowance). Any individuals who already had a protected right to take a higher PCLS will continue be able to do so.

Starting a new business?

One of the issues you will need to consider if you are starting a new business is the business structure. There are three commonly used forms to choose from, each with advantages and disadvantages.

- A sole trader – this is the simplest way of starting and running a business. However, you are personally responsible for your business’s debts.
- A limited company – this means that the business is a distinct legal entity in its own right; quite separate from you as a person, but there are more reporting and management responsibilities. It also means that you cannot simply draw money from the business without considering tax and legal implications.
- Partnership – There are two main types of partnership, a conventional version where you work with one or more partners in the business. This is the simplest way to run a business for two or more people, however, partners can be personally liable for partnership debts. There is also a limited liability partnership or LLP, this is a more complex structure that provides you and your partners with the protection of limited liability, just as with a company.

Which business structure is best suited to you will depend on a host of factors. This could include your cashflow projections, your longer-term plans for the business, whether or not you need the protection of limited liability, your willingness to comply with legal and administrative obligations and the nature of any inward investment you are seeking.

If you are contemplating a new business venture, please call so we can help you choose the right structure for your business.

Retaining an interest in a gift

The settlements legislation is contained in s.624 ITTOIA 2005. The legislation seeks to ensure that where a settlor has retained an interest in property in a settlement that the income arising is treated as the settlor’s income for all tax purposes. A settlor can be said to have retained an interest if the property or income may be applied for the benefit of the settlor, a spouse or civil partner.

In general, the settlements legislation can apply where an individual enters into an arrangement to divert income to someone else and in the process, tax is saved.

These arrangements must be:


- bounteous, or
- not commercial, or
- not at arm’s length, or
- in the case of a gift between spouses or civil partners, wholly or substantially a

right to income.

However, there are a number of everyday scenarios where the settlements legislation does not apply. In fact, after much case law in this area, HMRC has confirmed that if there is no ‘bounty’ if the gift to a spouse or civil partner is an outright gift which is not wholly, or substantially, a right to income, and the legislation will not apply.

If you need assistance with any accountancy or tax related matters, please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306 or office@cba-services.co.uk. Our Team is here to help and advise you.

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CRESS Lent Project Thanks

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Project Appeal with Chalke Valley Church. We made some great memories sharing our stories, cups of tea, glasses of wine, soup and nibbles with you. Bishop Joseph especially wanted to thank all the people he met and churches he was welcomed into.

Thanks to your generosity with Gift Aid we raised a wonderful £15,253.04

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- Provide agriculture training for 10 more savings groups (250 refugees) in the refugee settlements in Northern Uganda
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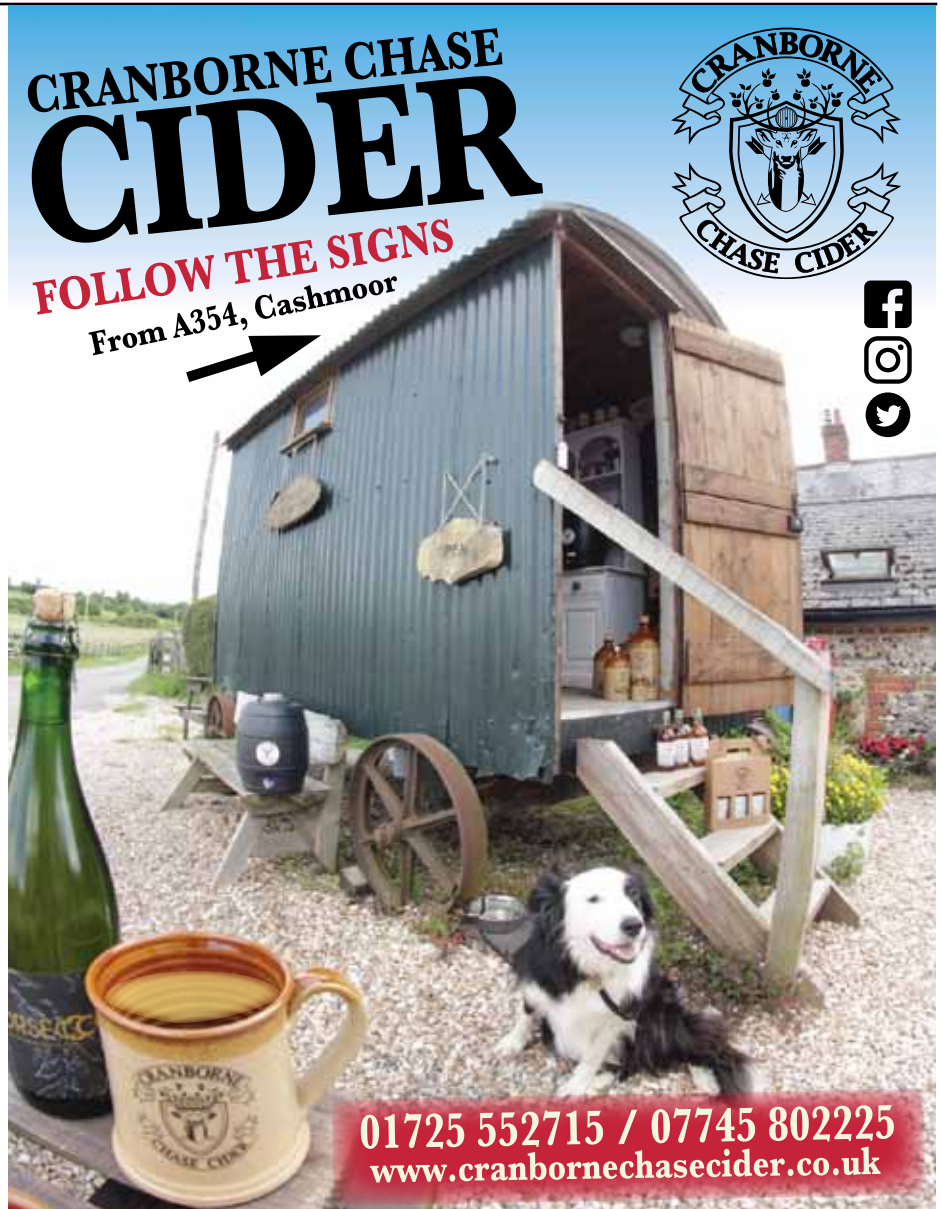
Money from the Lent Project has also been used to organise the fundraising events and Bishop Joseph's travels. Caroline and her team plan to meet some of the new Chalke valley agricultural groups when they visit Uganda in January.

We look forward to bringing you updates over the next few months so you can see the impact your donations have had.

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It seems that over the last few months a number of crimes in the local area have been reported to the Police but there has been no serious follow up action. While this is disappointing, it is essential that as a community we do report all incidents of crime, criminal damage, antisocial behaviour and other such incidents to the Police. If we fail to do so the Police may very well assume that, in the absence of any reports, no crimes are being committed. Rather than using the telephone you may find the best way of making your report is via email to ruraleastdorset-npt@dorset.pnn.police.uk. Naturally, if you see a serious crime in the act of being committed you should pick up the phone and dial 999.

There has been a noticeable increase in inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of the school, especially at the start and end of the school day. The vision of drivers approaching from the direction of Tollard Royal is frequently impeded by cars parked

perfectly legally along Common Road anyway, but cars parked in the restricted area adjacent to the school itself create a potentially serious hazard to traffic approaching the junction with Back Lane from every direction. It would be much appreciated if everyone could ensure that they park safely in this area.

Motorists speeding through the village continues to be an issue of concern to many, given the narrowness of our roads. In this connection, we would welcome volunteers willing to join the 'Speed Watch' team so that we are better able to provide a visible deterrent to drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds through the village. If you are interested in taking on this important role, please let Ciona in the Parish Office know.

Finally, a plea for all dog owners to ensure that they always clean up after their pet(s) when using the roads and footpaths in and around the village for the benefit of everyone. The Dog Warden has already made a number of visits to the village and will be dropping in again from time to time.

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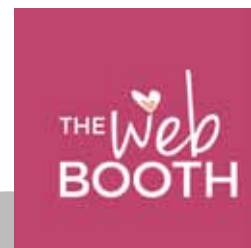
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Gone Sailing



Log 63

Delays Delays Delays

Adverse weather and a plethora of jobs taking longer, meant that our first sail was somewhat delayed.

Into the Anchor Locker

You will have read in earlier log, about problems with the electric anchor windlass, would go up, but not down. This was traced to an electrical fault, and temporary repair made.

The permanent repair required new cable to marine specification, run from anchor locker back into a duct with soldered connections. Interestingly domestic pvc insulated cable is not waterproof in a marine environment, and insulation and cable disintegrates over time! Waterproof connections had to be made in the anchor locker for windlass, remote control, and

navigation lights. The locker is deep, and a bit of a stretch to reach and secure cables and connectors, so we took it in turns, all was going well until the skipper overstretched and slowly and gently disappeared head first into the locker! He could not get enough purchase to haul himself out, 'you will have to pull me out by my feet' was the cry, so I did, just as loW ferry went past – maybe recorded on film?

Recent Sail

Set sail with our new, expensive Genoa, being careful not to overstress. With a strong Easterly wind and an ebbing tide, not ideal conditions, but we made Newtown Creek. Most of the moorings were taken, leaving those up river available, but very shallow, and so with some ebb still to run, we decided to leave and head for Yarmouth, which was the best plan.

Training

Downsman readers who are also on 'Next Door' will have seen adverts for LTSC 'Training Camps' for young people age 7+, during school holidays. Check out on www.ltsc.co.uk open to non-members, and places tend to go quickly.

Next sail

Now all ready to go, just need reasonable weather. See you on the water, Wednesdays and Saturdays for yachts (racing on Thursday evenings). Dinghy sailing many days/evenings during the week.

Adam
Yachting Correspondent
for Sixpenny Handley

Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs

Thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers who selflessly give up their time to make the hubs happen, we were able to run a trial opening of the Crossroads Café on Sunday 23 April. It was a great success and we really hope to repeat it in the very near future. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page: Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs and look out for posters at weekday hubs and on lampposts around the village for details of the next date. And don't forget to do your bit! You too can help spread the word to those who may not be on social media.

We are acutely aware that Sundays can be very difficult for those who are on their own, so we would really love to make the Sunday openings a regular feature and as successful as the Monday and Wednesday sessions. However, we can only do this if more wonderful people come forward to help out so, if you would like to volunteer to help with a Sunday session (2.00 – 4.00 pm), please contact Andy Turner at: andydturner@outlook.com.

Both hubs will continue to open from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm on Mondays and

Wednesdays (Crossroads Café) and Thursdays (Magnificafé) throughout the summer.

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.

Our Family Cinema matinees at the Village Hall have been a little slow to take off. The team has taken a break for the summer but hope to be back invigorated with new ideas in the Autumn. Details of future shows will be announced in the next issue of the Downsman. We hope that we can tempt more mums and dads to come along with their small people to enjoy some FREE entertainment and popcorn!

As we mentioned in the last issue of the Downsman, we are 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.

If there is sufficient interest we will make the necessary arrangements and publish a date for the first visit in the August issue of the Downsman and on our Facebook page: Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs.

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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

6DH Skatepark Project Update: Excited about the Year ahead

So, whilst we have had a slow start to the year due to both Charlotte and my workloads, we are now getting things moving again. We welcome Leah Way to the team as our lead on our Fundraising activities, more on that later. We also have a date in the diary to meet with Maverick Skateparks to establish what is feasible to put in place from a space, effort, and affordability perspective. So read on to find out what this all means.

Leah has some great ideas for our fundraising activities. These kick off with a weekly Meat Raffle at the Penny Tap (thanks to them for allowing us to run this). It started on 26th May and will be every Friday, the tickets are £1.00 each and the prize will be £50.00 worth of Meat from our amazing local butchers – W S Clarke & Sons. Tickets will be on sale each Friday with the winning ticket being drawn before The Penny Tap closes, a good reason to stick around and have a pint as well as a

chance to win this great weekly prize. We are also going to be running a Raffle at the Big Session in July and are now gathering prizes for the day. Watch out for more events through the year, we have a great list of ideas but recognise we need to fit in with everything else going on in the village.

We will have met with a member of Maverick Skateparks on 26th of May to discuss the feasibility for the Skatepark, what we need to do to make it a reality, understand the process as well as understand the likely cost. With this information we can produce our business case and establish a plan of attack to progress the build having raised the necessary funds through grants along with our own fundraising. We will be updating our Facebook page and produce an article for the next issue of the Downsman with the details from this meeting as well as a progress update.

As demonstrated through our work overload at the start of the year and Leah joining our team is; what we would really benefit from is more active support, if you can spare the time, please contact us to discuss what you may be able to do. Especially anyone who has experience in chasing down grants. We meet each month to discuss fundraising and all aspects of the project to be addressed over the next month.

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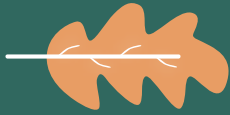
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