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# Downsman

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

Delivered by Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

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*Reflecting*

Autumn is often a time for reflection, but with the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II this autumn has begun early. So many people I have spoken to this week have been moved by memories they have of the Queen, memories of family or friends they saw the coronation with or were with at jubilees and other landmark occasions in the life of our country. It has been good to take this time out, it has made me look forward too. I hope you have found time too as we look towards this new chapter.



So looking towards those autumn nights - never fear, Sixpenny Handley Village Hall have a new community cinema evening planned, beginning with Downton Abbey: The New Era on 18th November, but before then Saturday 12th November you can come and enjoy the music of Track Dogs and before that why not get your tickets for 5th November Firework Spectacular, Sat 29th October is the local Craft Fair (time to start looking for those lovely Christmas gifts) and speaking of the C word - why not sign up for Stir It Up Saturday with Clair at Sixpenny Handley First School & Nursery!

I'm very excited to see that the repair cafe is coming back after it's COVID break, they are looking for volunteers to help on the day as well as your things that need mending - see the information on page 4.

With a welcome to our new advertisers, Occupational Therapist Anna Finlay and Heat Pump Specialist Nick Daniel, I will leave you to read the rest!

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*Left: Her Majesty greets employees on her walk from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center mission control to a reception in the center's main auditorium in Greenbelt, Maryland, 8 May 2007. NASA material is not protected by copyright unless noted.*

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*Centre: Floral tribute created by Lydia Carter at St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley*

*Naomi Booth*

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

## To the Editor

The first time I saw the Queen was nearly 70 years ago when at the age of 7 or 8 I was taken to stand on the pavement beside the Great West Road (A4) to watch the Queen drive past on her way to Heathrow Airport. To be honest I was slightly underwhelmed by the event as it was little more than a glimpse as the car passed.

The last time I saw the Queen was just a few years ago when as Parish Council Chairman I was honoured to be invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. We weren't selected to speak to the Queen but stood in a great position as she (and indeed several other members of the Royal family) spoke to as many of the guests as possible. This time I was very deeply impressed indeed.

*Colin Taylor*



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Sixpenny Handley  
Village Hall  
Saturday October 22  
10AM- 2PM

We need volunteers for:



Repairs (esp electrics / electronics)



Baking / Café



Admin on the day



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Sixpenny Handley  
Village Hall

Saturday October 22

10AM- 2PM

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Thursday 17th November 3-4.15pm

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Gates open 5:30pm  
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## Community Cinema

in association  
with Moviola

Downton Abbey:  
New Era (PG)

Friday 18 November  
6.00 pm  
(doors open at 5.30 pm)

Any profit shared  
between the Church  
and the Village Hall.

## CRAFT FAIR & AFTERNOON TEAS



Sat 29th Oct, 10am – 1pm  
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Saturday 3rd December

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served at 7.30 pm)

Tickets cost £14 via Eventbrite or  
from Saturday 15 October from  
Clarks the Butcher

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Petit Brocante at Frogmore Barn  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10am – 4 pm





## Clerk's Corner

Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council  
[www.sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk)

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One iconic image that is unique to Dorset is its fingerposts, the old road signs featuring a white or occasionally red metal roundel or finial. They are a common feature of the Dorset countryside, and are a legacy of the early road system. In 1773 the General Turnpike Act made it mandatory for trustees to put up signs informing the traveller of the distance to the closest town. The four red fingerposts are a source of some debate. Were they the locations of gibbets? The Red Post fingerpost on the A31 was more likely painted red to help prison guards find the local lock-up at the nearby Botany Bay Farm, when accompanying prisoners marching from the Dorchester Assizes to the ships at Portsmouth which would convey them to Australia.

Of the 1300 or so fingerposts thought to exist in the 1950s, less than half survive today. Many were lost in WWII as they were removed in 1940 to deny guidance to an invading army, and not replaced. Some of the originals have been repaired using non-traditional materials or lettering, and others are in need of attention. Now the Local Authority no longer has a remit to repair them, both the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Dorset CPRE are keen to support local Fingerpost Champions to save these signs from extinction and restore them back to their former glory.

Some of you eagle-eyed residents of Sixpenny Handley and surrounding areas may have already noticed our own refurbishments.

Huge thanks to local Thatcher Mr Nigel Turton for refurbishing the Spots Green Fingerpost.



Thanks also to Mr Jamie Selby for refurbishing the Thick Thorn Fingerpost.



Thanks to Councillor Stuart McLean who has refurbished the fingerpost located outside the First School (which was hit and broken off completely by a large vehicle recently) and finally thanks to Councillor Simon Meaden's passion to drive this project through the Parish Council.

We really do appreciate the hard work and commitment of local volunteers with their knowledge and expertise to undertake the work required to get these local landmarks restored to their former glory.

### Grant application to AONB Chalke & Chase Heritage Fund

In line with the PCs ambition to retain very important hedgerows both visually and for the preservation of wildlife; an application to support a hedge laying project was submitted to the Heritage Fund. We hope to lay the hedge adjacent to the play area (church side) and the remaining hedge behind the Tennis Courts. It is hoped that a hedge-laying course supported by the PC

**Opening Hours:**  
 10.00am – 12 noon Tue  
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 8.30am – 10.00am Fr  
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**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.  
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will allow volunteers from the village to be hands on and learn this woodland skill and work alongside skilled craftsman to help preserve our heritage. If you want to know more or simply wish to volunteer do not hesitate to contact Clerk: Ciona Nicholson 07907 445951.

### Wild daffodil bulbs

The PC have 250 wild daffodil bulbs to be planted around the Village Hall pond area – if you are interested in volunteering to help plant the bulbs do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

*Ciona Nicholson*

Clerk  
 Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Parish Council.  
 01725 552211 07907 445951

## Summerlock Upholstery

Summerlock Upholstery is a small family run business located at the top of Sixpenny Handley adjacent to the church. Kevin Easter alongside his son Mark and daughter Carrie, upholster an array of items from dining chairs to foot stools, motorbike/car/tractor seats and sofas to bespoke head boards as well as fitting blinds on tour buses for the rich and famous. They work alongside antique dealers, interior designers and also partake in work for large country estate houses in the area, such as Wilton house and Longleat to name but a few. Kevin's wife Stella also works in the office answering calls, emails and dealing with estimates and orders, a real family affair.

Kevin has been working at Summerlock since it was founded in the early 1970's, the workshop was due to be relocated at Summerlock Approach in Salisbury hence the name, however the opportunity came up to purchase the existing workshop, that was once used as an old cow shed for church farm, which after a bit of alteration is now the building in which Summerlock upholstery resides. Mark has been working at Summerlock for 23 years and Carrie for 13 years, both trained by Kevin to upholster in the traditional way, they say how enjoyable it is to bring furniture a new lease of life.

Kevin and Stella have decided the time has come to step down from Summerlock and into retirement, leaving Summerlock Upholstery in the capable hands of Mark and Carrie, who would like to take this opportunity to wish them both a happy and healthy retirement.

Summerlock Upholstery is open Monday through to Friday 8am until 5pm (4pm Fridays) there is a well-stocked fabric showroom with many a gorgeous pattern book to look through, fabrics are sold per meter or you can source your own fabric if preferred.

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*Editors note: Many apologies for missing this article from the last edition and best wishes to Kevin and Stella on their retirement*



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



## BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

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

We have a large collection of fiction and nonfiction books.

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

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

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Thursday 3rd and 17th of November

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Bea Boyland



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### Petit Brocante

'Petit Brocante' to be held at Frogmore Barn, in Sixpenny Handley on Saturday 1st October 2022. In addition to all Frogmore Design items in the Barn there will be those from Eve Wood's 'Nutmeg Crafts' and Bloomingnails.

We are to be open from 10 am until 4pm on the day!

We do hope that will be able to join us!

### AONB Stargazing evenings

We are delighted to announce our first stargazing event of the season. It's kindly being hosted by Marshwood Farming Camping near Dinton on Wednesday 26 October at 7.30pm. Book on [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk).

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'We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.'

*Televised address on April 5, 2020, after the outbreak of COVID-19*

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**Pentridge**  
Village Hall



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### Coffee Get-Together!



**CROSSROADS CAFÉ**

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Petit Brocante at Frogmore Barn

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10am - 4 pm



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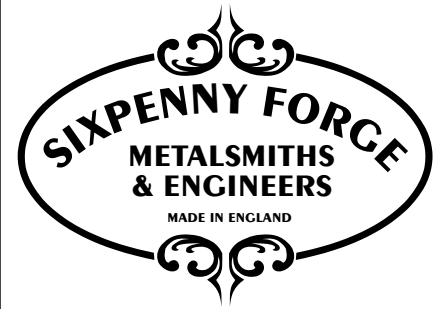
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### What Is Happening At The Clinic Field Midwife

The clinic has appointed a new field midwife Nsimenta Asaba who joined the clinic team in May.

Asaba is dividing her time between the Mijale Clinic maternity work helping the midwife Bethy, who delivered 218 babies single-handedly in 2021, and also working in the refugee camps where there is no maternal health support.

In the camps she has already begun teaching about hygiene, family spacing, correct use of a mosquito net and maternity classes. As well as helping deliver some babies.



*The eye screening underway in Mijale by specialist eye doctors from Arua*

### Eye Surgery

In June eye screening was carried out by eye doctors from Arua hospital, who travelled out to Mijale, some 100 kilometres away. They screened 234 patients. 43 patients were recommended to have glasses and others were seen with trachoma, degenerative diseases, allergies and glaucoma. Surgery was undertaken in July on 63 cataracts and 4 eye lids. The glasses were also given to their owners over the summer.

### Roba's Story

"My first eye problems started in March 2021. My eyes were both affected, it hurts so much. The two eyes were not seeing completely. They had to move me with a guiding hand. It was so challenging. I struggled a lot.

When I received the news about the eye project for the Diocese of Liwolo, I was so excited and asked my people to take me to Mijale for the screening, which was done. And now, after the first operation of the the right eye, I can see again, am so grateful....

...After the operation of the second eye, I could not wait for the next day for the cotton to be removed, the following morning, about 9am, when the cotton was removed, I was so glad when both of my eyes could see."

### Where You Can Help?

£10 A MONTH Goes toward Bethy, our midwife's salary... and match funding is available!

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# Church News

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

## THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

**Rev Dr David Miell – Priest in Charge**

October is the month when most churches celebrate harvest festivals. Someone recently asked me why the Church celebrates harvest in October when, in most of the UK, “all is safely gathered in” so much earlier. True enough, most of the harvest in the southwest is complete by the end of August. Well, of course, the church has always been accused of being a little behind the times! Some would say that earlier harvests are yet one more worrying sign of climate change. When, in the middle of the 9th century, the Cornish vicar, the Revd R S Hawker, chose the first Sunday in October to give harvest festivals a prominent place in the regular church calendar, it was because, back then, most of the harvest was being gathered throughout September. Times have changed! Of course, farmers can be thankful that the work we require of them has been done as soon as the grain stores are full. They don't wait until October to say their prayers of thanks if all goes well or pray for help if the harvest has been poor. Farmers, after weeks of racing against time, surely deserve a well-earned rest at the earliest opportunity – not that they are likely ever to get one!

But there is another reason, especially these days, for waiting before the festival. Celebrating the harvest, by giving due thanks to the Lord of the harvest, requires not merely that the job is done. To truly ‘raise the song of harvest home’, for our

hearts to be truly thankful, requires time for reflection on all that the harvest means. And, as with the harvest of the field, so with the harvest of life itself. In our relation to agriculture, we need to think long and hard about our relationship with the natural environment before we dare offer “our humble, thankful hearts” to our Creator God. What have we gained, and what have we lost? What is good and what is awry? We must have time for serious thought on what we have done and not done, time for repentance and amendment of life.

As Easter has its Lent and Christmas its Advent, so Harvest needs its time of reflection before we celebrate. This year we have all been given pause to think of “all things bright and good” as we reflect on the life and reign of our late Queen Elizabeth. We have all been blessed, as a nation and commonwealth, by a season of sombre reflection, to consider “all good gifts around us”. So now we may rightly and truly “thank the Lord for all his love”.

## The Benefice

Slowly the plan for our Benefice is developing as we continue to work closely with our neighbouring parishes of Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal who work towards the aim of gaining a part-time or ‘House for Duty’ priest with us in Handley as soon as possible. In the meantime, the good news is that Rev Dr David Miell was installed as the ‘Priest in Charge’ of the Handley Benefice on 26th September by the Bishop of Sherborne

in a short ceremony witnessed by the Church Wardens and Lay Chairs of our two Parishes. This is the first step to being able to appoint a ‘House for Duty Priest’ based in Handley. The next step is to produce the Parish Profile which is essentially a Job Description for the new part-time house for duty appointment which will be used to advertise the post. This is in hand and will be completed by the time you read this.

## Help & pastoral support

If you need help or pastoral support it is always available from Rev David Miell, who is also the Assistant Rural Dean, based in Tarrant Hinton who is supporting our Parishes. He can be contacted at: Rev Dr David Miell;  
The Rectory,  
Church Hill,  
Tarrant Hinton,  
Blandford Forum,  
DT11 8JB.  
Mobile: 07708 601462  
or email: [dkmiell@gmail.com](mailto:dkmiell@gmail.com)

Local help or advice on any church matter, is available by emailing [support@handleychurch.org.uk](mailto:support@handleychurch.org.uk) or from our Church Wardens for Handley: Sue Curtis - 01725 552397  
Linda Cooper - 01725 552864

Or for Pentridge, our Church Wardens: Jane King - 01725 552231  
Mary Ferguson - 01725 552222

## Recent Events

The Deanery Service at Milton Abbey on 7th August was a marvellous celebration of the visit of Bishop Emmanuel Lamoro (Rokon Diocese - South Sudan) and his wife Sarah after they attended the Lambeth Conference. It certainly increased our knowledge of that troubled area of the world and the problems they face.

St Mary's Vicarage Cream Teas - Sunday 28th August was a fantastic success collecting over £320 for St Mary's, many thanks to all those who helped in any way.

Ride and Stride - 10th September was also a great success, collecting more than we did last year for the Dorset Historical Churches Trust (DHCT). This marvellous charity kindly helped St Mary's with its roof repair bill this year and it's good news that we have continued to support them as best we can. The final figure is not yet available but will be published in our Church Notice Sheet when available.

**WHAT'S ON**

**Harvest Festival Service**

St Mary's Harvest Festival Service this year will be on Sunday 9th October at 10am. As ever all are welcome!

St Rumbold's Harvest Festival is on Sunday 2nd October at 6pm. Followed by cheese and home-made loaf and cyder of course! All welcome!

**Would you like to see the return of the Sunday Church Lunch?**

The way this worked was that folk met for lunch informally, on one Sunday of each month, at a group table for a meal and chat in Hanlegas at about 1230. This was a great way to meet outside of church - keep up friendships and enjoy a good value meal together. Please let us know if you would like this to get going again in the Autumn and are willing to attend - support@handleychurch.org.uk

**Film Nights**

Film Nights we hope will return in the Autumn but in the Village Hall, first film is on 12th November look out for details.

**The Handley Churches Christmas Bazaar**

will be held as a Community Fundraising Event for the CCIO and the Church Fabric Fund on 26th November in the Village Hall. All the lovely people who have helped before with this event and any new folk who may wish to help, are asked to get in touch with Margaret, please ring: 01725 553150.

**Community Café – Magnificafé**

The marvellous Magnificafé continues each Thursday morning from 9-12am during school term time Providing a hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, as well as hot and cold drinks, it's a great place to meet with other mums and dads with small children. There is also a quiet corner where you can hold a meeting if needed and it has free wifi.

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

After a summer break the Choir is testing is voices again and preparing for Autumn and Winter Events. The choir is beginning to broaden its horizons into well-known, popular songs; it is not necessary to make a regular Sunday commitment at all. It does of course prepare for special services during the year with harmonies and descants at Easter, Christmas and the Harvest Festival. The get-together for practice is on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm for an hour in St Mary's. New Members welcome! Please contact Margaret on 01725 553150

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

We were pleased to be able to offer two special services of special commemoration marking the death of her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to set up a Book of Condolences in the Church during the period of official mourning.

**CHURCH WARDEN NEWS  
THE VIEW FROM THE PEWS!**

**Church Service Coffee Rota**

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

**A Tidy Vestry**

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

**SERVICES**

The details of our normal services are posted regularly in the weekly Church Notice Sheet by email along with lots of other news and information. If you would like to receive this, please email notices@handleychurch.org.uk or phone 552161.

The standard monthly plan for services is shown below, but clearly, we may have to adjust things as we approach each Sunday.

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

	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	9:20 Breakfast Church 10:00 Informal Service YCT	10:00 Holy Communion CW DM	A Benefice / Group Service will be arranged at 1030am
Gussage St Andrew	No Service	9:00 Matins BCP AR	No Service	9:00 Holy Communion BCP DM	
Pentridge	9.00 Holy Communion BCP DM	No Service	11.15 Matins	No Service	

YCT - Young Church Team, DM - Rev David Miell, HM - Rev Henriët Miell, NB - Naomi Booth, DL - David Lockyer, JM - Jackie Molnar, CN – Carol Neilson, AR - Anne Reed, LWL - Lay Worship Leader.





Group Scout Leader  
John Curtis  
01725 552397

# 1st Woodcutts News

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01725 552397

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Annette Toop  
07973 677815



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Andy Young (Akela)  
07796 941202



Age 10½-14  
Mon & Tue  
Rob Easton  
01725 552038



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

## Squirrels

Squirrels are beginning this week and the new team working together with Sixpenny Handley First School and Nursery and the members of Woodcuts leadership team and we look forward to letting you know how the first session go!



Beavers have just completed their first sleepover at Woodcutts HQ - gaining leader Tic Tac her Nights Away Permit... Luna's turn next month to run a sleepover!



Foraging and making apple and blackberry crumbles ready for the Apple Days at the Ancient Technology Centre this weekend. Raising money for our #SalisburysGotTalent challenge!



Welcoming new leader John to the troop, this week they are visiting Ansty PYO and the Maize Maize.

## EXPLORERS

Explorers have lots of new members who have been getting to know each other and deciding on their programme - lots of things beginning with A.... more next time!



**Scouts**  
1st Woodcutts

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**5th November**

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Children's display 6:30pm  
Main display 7:30pm



## Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Craft fair & afternoon teas on the last Saturday of the month. We originally planned to hold these during the summer months but as they've been so enjoyable, we've added additional dates up until December!

If you haven't already visited then please do so, starting at 10am until 1pm you'll find a wonderful variety of craft stalls, all reasonably priced and not the usual stuff you'd find on Amazon! You'll also find Gitta & the teams delicious homemade Cakes, sandwiches and a decent cup of tea or coffee.

Thank you to the fantastic team, namely Janice, Penny, Gitta & Charlotte, who have so brilliantly, planned and run the fairs, superbly aided by Ros, Rob Jesse and many others!

Forgive me if it's too early to mention the 'C' word but Christmas is not far away, and you'll find many stocking fillers at our upcoming fairs.

Dates for your diary: Saturday 29th October 10am-1pm & Saturday 3rd December 10am-1pm.

### Artsreach

Our fantastic entertainments committee, Penny & Gitta, have submitted their choices to Artsreach who will be in contact soon to let us know which shows we can bring you this Autumn / Winter. Please support the events, they really are excellent performances offering us the opportunity to come together as a community and raise funds for the Hall. Watch this space for details.

### Bookings Secretary vacancy

Janice has been juggling the secretary and booking secretary roles for four years now and has indicated that she would like to step down from the bookings role as soon as possible. The Trustees would like to thank Janice for all her hard work during

this time. The hall's bookings continue to go from strength to strength and Janice is a valuable member of our team. Thank you Janice.

The role does require regular contact with the groups and individuals wishing to hire the hall, emailing users, and working with our treasurer to produce the invoices. Training will be given, and we provide you with a laptop and mobile phone. If you feel you have the time & skills to fulfil this rewarding role within our team, then please contact Paul on 07786 790349 or Janice on 07951 056069

Your trustees are continually working hard on improvements to the hall including the purchase of new chairs, replacing the fridge, clearing the committee room, new storage solutions for user groups and improving the appearance and functionality of the outdoor space! to name just a few but we are interested in your opinions and suggestions. Contact us now

for a chat.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire priced per hour. BOOKINGS: Janice Bicker: 07951 056069 or email: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com

Dates for your diary:

Monthly Craft fair & cream teas - Saturday 29th October 10am-1pm & Saturday 3rd December 10am-1pm.

TRACK DOGS@ Sixpenny sessions - Saturday 12th November, 8pm (doors open and food will be served at 7.30 pm) contact: sixpennysessions@gmail.com or on Facebook.



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### Track Dogs

**Saturday 12 November at 8.00 pm**  
**(doors open and food will be served at 7.30 pm)**

On Saturday 12 November Track Dogs will be bringing their unique brand of acoustic music - "sun-shiny songs thriving on dark themes behind irresistible rhythms" - a dynamic fusion of styles including folk, latin, Americana & even some bluegrass.

Some of us were lucky enough to see Track Dogs when they appeared at The Tivoli in May with folk supergroup Show of Hands and we can assure you that you are in for a treat! Dust off your dancing shoes and come and join us for a great evening of music and entertainment.

Tickets cost £14 and are available online via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/track-dogs-sixpenny-sessions-tickets-420897936057>) and paper tickets will be available from Saturday 15 October from Clarkes the Butcher, 55 High Street, Sixpenny Handley. There will be hot food, costing £5, for sale prior to the event from 7.30 pm. The show will begin at 8.00 pm and there will be a half hour interval shortly before 9.00 pm. All profits from the event will be given to the CCIO for distribution to qualifying local projects within the community.

Check out Track Dogs' website for further information about the band: <https://trackdogsmusic.com/>

Contact Sixpenny Sessions via our Facebook page: [facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live](https://facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live) or email us at: [sixpennysessions@gmail.com](mailto:sixpennysessions@gmail.com)



### Community Cinema

The Village Hall and Church Committees are teaming up to relaunch the community cinema in the village hall in association with Moviola. Any profit from the events will be shared between the Church and the Village Hall.

Initially, we hope to run films monthly during the winter months but hope to expand this during the spring and summer if there is sufficient demand. So, it's up to you! Please support this initiative if you wish to see regular movie nights in the comfort of the village hall.

Our first movie will be Downton Abbey:

New Era (PG) to be shown on Friday 18 November at 6.00 pm (doors open at 5.30 pm). The much-anticipated cinematic return of the global phenomenon reunites the beloved cast as they go on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa. Meanwhile, strapped for cash and faced with a leaking roof, Lady Mary decides to allow a film crew to use the Abbey as the setting for their latest picture.

There will be the usual bar as well as snacks and warm drinks. Tickets are £5 and will be available in advance from Clarkes the Butcher or on the door.

For updates on all village hall events, including the community cinema, please like and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/6DHandleyVillageHall> or contact us at [6dhandleyhall@gmail.com](mailto:6dhandleyhall@gmail.com)

The banner features three icons at the top: a heart with the Union Jack, a heart with two hands shaking, and a simple white heart. Below these is the text "Ukraine Relief" in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom left are logos for Stena Line and Castlepoint Bournemouth. In the center bottom is the website [ukrainerelief.org.uk](http://ukrainerelief.org.uk). At the bottom right is a QR code with the text "Scan here to find out more and donate" below it.

## Jubilee Celebrated on Handley Park



*Editors note:  
Many thanks for  
these lovely photos  
from Jubilee  
Celebrations at  
Handley Park  
earlier in the  
summer. Sorry I  
missed them from  
the last edition.*



## On Leadership

I know of no single formula for success. But over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration to work together.

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## WI News and Information

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Autumn is now upon us, as we look back on a glorious summer of record-breaking temperatures, which proved too warm for some and reminded everyone of the worldwide impact of climate change.

The traditionally informal August meeting on 9th August, was held in the tranquil garden of Tony and Jan Gibb, whom we thank for their hospitality. The weather was perfect, as were the cream teas, with delicious scones baked and given by President Bobbie Carter. A very successful raffle raised funds for both the Dorset Air Ambulance and the W.I.

On Wednesday 7th of September three Sixpenny Handley members joined other group members for a blue plaque historical walking tour of Salisbury Cathedral Close. This tour was conducted by Mr. Alan Clarke, a very knowledgeable member of Salisbury Civic Society, whose interest in his subject comes across well, also, with much added incidental information. Fortunately, we managed to avoid the heavy downpours of rain, with just a light shower as the walk ended.

September's meeting on Monday the 12th started with a minute's silence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. Mrs. Sarah Delves, an antique dealer, collector and lecturer at the Victoria and Albert Museum was the speaker. She gave a fascinating and informative talk, starting with make-up in ancient Egyptian times and finishing with modern versions. Throughout the talk she showed illustrations and actual compacts for various uses, plus powder puffs too. There was a lively discussion about the impact of plastics used and possible ways forward to deal with the problem. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Mandy Hosegood and Mrs. Delves has been invited back to talk about textiles and sustainability.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Esme Isaacs with a fuchsia.

In conclusion, as the nation mourns the loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, we

remember with joy the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June and our tree planting ceremony in St. Mary's Churchyard to commemorate both the Jubilee and our own 100th birthday. The late Queen had been a member of Sandringham W.I. since 1943 and attended the meetings every January when residing at Sandringham House. We remember her with great respect and for her service and duty to this country throughout her entire life. To quote her own words "grief is the price we pay for love". Now we have a new monarch, King Charles III. May he have a long and peaceful reign.

### NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Please see below for contact details.

#### Forthcoming events:

Monday 10th October – Speaker: Anne Jones

"An evening with Henry VIII" at 7:30pm.

Wednesday 12th October – Autumn Group Meeting at Iwerne Minster at 2pm

Thursday 27th October – DFWI Autumn Council Meeting at the Lighthouse Theatre, Poole.

Monday 14th November – Speaker:

Anthony Brown

"Woodland Theme" at 7:30pm

For further information please contact our secretary, Mrs. Margaret Jones on 552358 or visit:

<https://dorset.thewi.org.uk/>

*Stella Olsen  
Vice-President*

## Trussell Trust

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We're planning a range of new training opportunities to take place from Autumn 2022, and we are currently working on the programme.

If you or someone you know would be interested in taking part please stay in touch. [chaseandchalke@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:chaseandchalke@cranbornechase.org.uk)

By taking part in training helping to keep traditional skills alive which are both beneficial to the environment and the economy.

These sessions look to be very popular, and so we encourage you to register on our volunteer & training portal early in order to be first to hear about these opportunities.

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## CBA Services

It has been a very strange time over the past month, with the children all returning to school and the sad passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As we now approach the busy times of half term, Halloween and Christmas, here are a few current news items and upcoming changes from the tax world that may be of interest:

### Taxable and tax-free state benefits

Whilst there are a large number of state benefits available, it is not clear which of these benefits are taxable and which are tax-free.

HMRC's guidance provides the following list of the most common state benefits that are taxable i.e., Income Tax is potentially payable, subject to the usual allowances and reliefs:

- Bereavement Allowance (previously Widow's pension)
- Carer's Allowance
- contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Incapacity Benefit (from the 29th week you get it)
- Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- pensions paid by the Industrial Death Benefit scheme
- the State Pension
- Widowed Parent's Allowance
- The most common state benefits you do not have to pay Income Tax on are:
- Attendance Allowance
- Bereavement support payment
- Child Benefit (income-based - use the Child Benefit tax calculator to see if

- you'll have to pay tax)
- Child Tax Credit
  - Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
  - free TV licence for over-75s
  - Guardian's Allowance
  - Housing Benefit
  - Income Support - though you may have to pay tax on Income Support if you're involved in a strike
  - income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
  - Industrial Injuries Benefit
  - lump-sum bereavement payments
  - Maternity Allowance
  - Pension Credit
  - Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
  - Severe Disablement Allowance
  - Universal Credit
  - War Widow's Pension
  - Winter Fuel Payments and Christmas Bonus
  - Working Tax Credit

### The pension savings annual allowance

The pension savings annual allowance for tax relief on pensions has been fixed at £40,000 since 6 April 2014. The annual allowance is further reduced for high earners. Since 6 April 2020, the tapered annual allowance increased from £150,000 to £240,000.

This means that anyone with income below £240,000 is not affected by the tapered annual allowance rules. Those earning over £240,000 will begin to see their £40,000 annual allowance tapered. For every complete £2 income exceeds £240,000 the

annual allowance is reduced by £1. The annual allowance cannot be reduced to be less than £4,000. The annual allowance can also be affected if the taxpayer flexibly accessed their pension pot.

There is a three-year carry forward rule that allows taxpayers to carry forward unused annual allowance from the last three tax years if they have made pension savings in those years. The calculation of the exact amount of unused annual allowance that can be carried forward can be complicated especially if subject to the tapered annual allowance.

There is also a pensions lifetime allowance that needs to be considered. The limit is currently £1,073,100.

### Interest rates on student loans from September 2022

Student loans are part of the Government's financial support package for students in higher education in the UK. They are available to help students meet their expenses while they are studying. It is HMRC's responsibility to collect repayments where the borrower is working in the UK. The Student Loans Company (SLC) is responsible for collecting the loans of borrowers outside the UK tax system.

The interest rates that will apply for the 2022-23 academic year were announced last month. Earlier in the summer, the Government had announced that student loan borrowers faced a 12% interest rate from September 2022. The Government announced in June that there would be a cap of 7.3% on student loan interest rates for current graduate borrowers to protect them from a rise in inflation. This interest rate was calculating using predicted market rates. The actual market rate reduced to 6.3%, so the cap has been lowered to this figure.

The 6.3% rate will apply to student loan borrowers on Plan 2 (undergraduate) and Plan 3 (Postgraduate) loans. This change will impact the total value of the loan, but there is no difference in the monthly



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repayments paid.

A spokesperson for the Student Loans Company said:

‘The change in interest rates is automatically applied so customers don’t need to take any action. We encourage customers to use SLC’s online repayment service to regularly check their loan balance and repayment information, as well as ensure their contact information is up-to-date.’

There are also new measures that will apply from 2023-24 to ensure that new graduates will not, in real terms, repay more than they borrow.

**Back to school – help with childcare costs**

As children have returned to school, HMRC is reminding parents that they may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) to help pay for breakfast and after school clubs.

The TFC scheme can help parents of children aged up to 11 years old (17 for those with certain disabilities). The TFC scheme supports working families with their childcare costs. There are many registered childcare providers including childminders, breakfast and after school clubs and approved play schemes signed up across the UK. Parents can pay into their account regularly and save up their TFC allowance to use during school holidays.

The TFC scheme provides for a government top-up on parental contributions. For every £8 contributed by parents an additional £2 top up payment will be funded by Government up to a maximum total of £10,000 per child per year. This will give parents an annual savings of up to £2,000 per child (and up to £4,000 for disabled children until the age of 17) in childcare costs.

The TFC scheme is open to all qualifying parents including the self-employed and those on a minimum wage. The scheme is also available to parents on paid sick

leave as well as those on paid and unpaid statutory maternity, paternity and adoption leave. In order to be eligible to use the scheme parents will have to be in work at least 16 hours per week and earn at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage. If either parent earns more than £100,000, both parents are unable to use the scheme.

HMRC’s Director General for Customer Services, said:

‘Tax-Free Childcare can make a big difference to families, helping with the bills for things like wraparound care for school children, nurseries, childminders and holiday clubs. It’s easy to register – search ‘Tax-Free Childcare’ on GOV.UK.


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## 6DH Skatepark Project Update (Progressing)

Yet again we have to start this article with a massive thanks for two amazing fundraising activities. Firstly, the Car Boot Sale organised by Ray and Nora Churchill, held back in July where £104 was raised for the project, as well as an amount for Salisbury NHS. Secondly to Sue and Leonard Holihan who set up a Tombola alongside their Garage Sale, which they also contributed monies from, which raised a fantastic £200 for the project. Thank you to everyone who supported these amazing and generous events.

Just ahead of drafting this article we delivered a questionnaire to every house in the parish, thanks to Handley First School for supporting us in printing these (we did provide the paper and manpower so that we did not use up valuable school resources). The questionnaire is to gauge support, understand any concerns and establish as wide a view as possible on the practicality of rebuilding the Skate

### On celebrating VE Day, 1945

‘We cheered the king and the queen on the balcony and then walked miles through the streets. I remember lines of unknown people linking arms and walking down Whitehall, all of us just swept along on a tide of happiness and relief.

‘I think it was one of the most memorable nights of my life.’

*Speaking to the BBC in 1985 about joining street celebrations for VE Day in London, May 1945*

Park. We ran an open evening on the 27th September, where we presented the output from the questionnaire and information that we gathered. Additionally, we provided an insight into what we hope for the Skate Park, and whether it is something needed by the Parish.

As we do not know at the time of writing this article, whether rebuilding the skate park is what the Parish wants or not, we are currently analysing the detail gained from the questionnaire responses and information given at the presentation evening. From this analysis we will look to progress with the next steps which hopefully will be to ensure the project is aligned to the needs of all the young people in the parish and addressing concerns of the wider community.

In the meantime, can we remind you of our Go Fund me page and that if so inclined we would appreciate any donations and so have a Go Fund me site - <https://gofund.me/db38e02a> for anyone to donate.

Watch out for more news on the project and fundraising efforts through our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Sixpenny-Handleys-New-skatepark](http://www.facebook.com/Sixpenny-Handleys-New-skatepark)), the NextDoor app or word of mouth.

We meet each month to discuss fundraising and all aspects of the project to be addressed over the next month. We are a small team, and it would be great to see some parents or anyone who has experience in chasing down grants who are interested in making this happen joining us. If you would like to know anything or to get involved, please contact Chair Person, Charlotte Gilson (07464 884533) or Secretary, Andy Turner (07427 119468)

## Bowls Club

The summer season at the club is nearing its end with only a couple of league matches still to play. We have had a good season and though we will not win the league we have done well despite struggling for players for some matches.

Our internal cup competitions are at their closing stages and presentations to the winners will be made at our annual dinner to be held on 20th November. Before that we shall have our AGM on 26th October when officers will be elected for the ensuing year. The indoor short mat season starts at the beginning of October in the village hall and members will again be competing in the Blackmore Vale short mat league.

We are also planning a Christmas Social Evening on 10th December when those attending will be able to air their knowledge of all things related to Christmas with a table quiz.


We look forward to welcoming players from other clubs who join us for the outdoor winter season. As always a warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to give bowls a try. It is a skilful game and despite its reputation it's enjoyed nationally by people of all age groups.

### AONB Conservation

Our Chase & Chalke practical conservation days are continuing through Autumn to Winter 2022. As well as the weekly Wednesday sessions, the team is starting an additional series of weekend activities on the 8 and 9 October with a programme of conservation tasks to support our Ancient Ways and Wonderful Woodlands projects. First up is Saturday 8 October where you can help clear footpaths at Melbury Valley and on Sunday 9 October we'll be offering a more family-friendly activity - a berry harvesting and broadcasting event: Picking up seeds and throwing them where they're needed! All welcome for what promise to be great activities in a lovely setting. Full details and information about how to join are available on our Volunteer Hub.

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## Fire on Woodcutts Common

Cranborne Fire crew were joined by crews from a number of local stations to tackle this stubble fire at Woodcutts Common on 30th July. Swift action prevented it spreading into the Chase Woods.

The plume of smoke as captured here by Mark Wolstenholme could be clearly seen from Sixpenny Handley as we saw over 12 Fire vehicles heading up the High Street. Thanks to the fire service involved for preventing any further damage.



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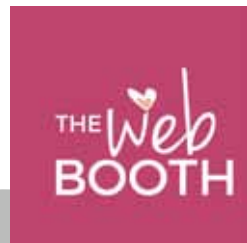
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## Gone Sailing



### Log 59

#### Freshwater Bay

We had planned a passage to Studland Bay (domain of long snout sea horses), the tide being west bound, but the earlier forecast for winds being in the right direction and strength, turned out not to be. So we headed for Freshwater Bay in light airs from the East, with full main and cruising chute, which eventually had to be 'goose winged' in order to clear The Needles, at such a gentle pace in flat seas, was a good opportunity to check out the clearing line to avoid the wreck of 'Varvassi' off The Needles. To pass outside this hazard, use a transit which keeps the base of the Old Needles Battery above the top of the lighthouse. Once spotted and identified, is much easier next time. More information may be found in 'Yachting Monthly' and 'Wight Hazards' – Peter Bruce. Finally anchored in Freshwater for lunch, but a bit roly poly, with a fast sail back to The Needles. Sunny and breezy, a good sail.

#### Osborne Bay

Next week the tide was East bound, and so with cruising chute hoisted we headed towards Osborne Bay. Enjoying the sight of lovely yachts taking part in Cowes Classics Regatta. Anchored in Osborne Bay and then a close fetch return to Lymington. Another lovely day on the water.

#### Saturday Wanderers

For those not able to 'get away' on Wednesdays, Saturday Wanderers gives an opportunity to sail. And so we turned up at the club to see who would join us. We found a willing crew, and headed West, anchoring off Southbourne Beach, Bournemouth, for lunch. A couple of paddleboarders came out to have a look, I have to report that none of the three were wearing buoyancy aids, did they realise, we wondered, that they were in seven meters depth, that the wind was offshore, and the tide starting to flood?? All that information is easy to obtain, there are many free 'Apps'.

#### Sometimes....

A good wind and tide for Osborne Bay, this



*Photo shows 'Ayers & Graces' closing yacht 'Scribble' courtesy of LTSC member on 'Scribble'. (During a Saturday Wanderers).*

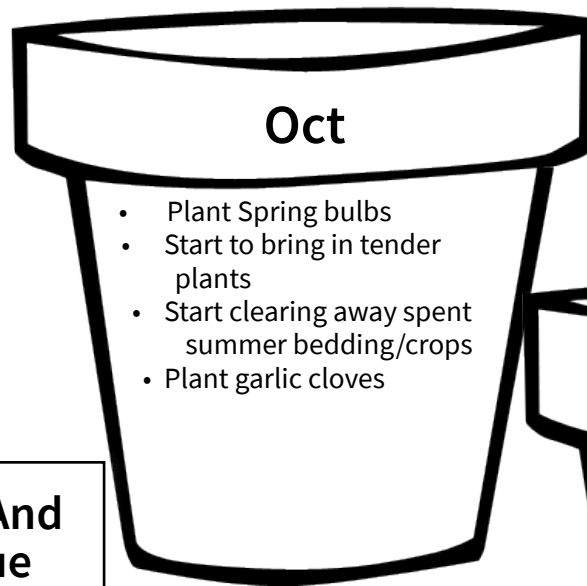
time a close fetch to Osborne Bay, with the wind freshening, a bit overpowered in a gust, and the skipper lost his Tilly Hat overboard, unfortunately we lost sight of it. Tilly used to cover loss and theft, but unfortunately, no longer! Recovering the anchor after lunch, a fender went overboard, Oh No! it was one of the new ones, quickly stow the anchor, and set off in hot pursuit, before the water gets too shallow, this time we made a full recovery. The return to Lymington was under cruising chute with 8kn boat speed and 10kn SOG, great.

#### LTSC

Plenty of sailing opportunities, so no reason not to join in! [www.ltsc.co.uk](http://www.ltsc.co.uk) We sail all year round. See you in the club or on the water.

Adam  
Yachting Correspondent for Sixpenny  
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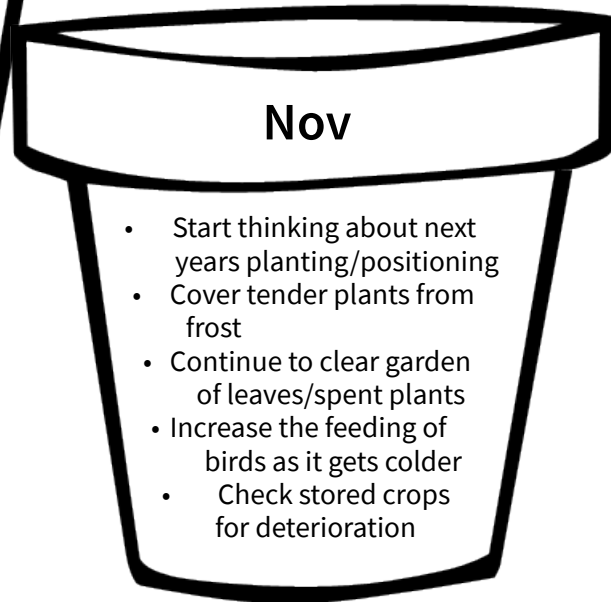
After the hot summer your grass may need some tending to, October is the perfect time to add some autumn fertiliser and aerate the ground ready for the winter



**Oct**

- Plant Spring bulbs
- Start to bring in tender plants
- Start clearing away spent summer bedding/crops
- Plant garlic cloves

*Gardeners' Notes*



**Nov**

- Start thinking about next years planting/positioning
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Larger lithium 'coin cell' batteries (about the size of a five pence piece) are the most dangerous. Smaller batteries can be inserted into places such as ears and noses, causing serious injuries for children if undetected.

- Store spare batteries securely and out of children's reach. Be careful when opening

multi-packs of button batteries to ensure they do not fall on the floor.

- Know what products use button batteries and check that the button battery compartment is secure. Put products with unsecured button batteries out of children's reach. Under product safety regulations, button battery compartments in toys are required to be secured.

- Educate older children about button batteries including why they should not play with them or give them to younger children.

- Discard dead button batteries straightaway as even dead button batteries can still have enough power to badly hurt a small child. When you remove a button battery, store it securely, and recycle it properly and promptly.

- Act promptly if you suspect a child has

swallowed a button battery, take them straight to the nearest A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance. Take the battery packaging, toy, or gadget if you can, to help staff identify the battery. Symptoms may not be obvious. Your child might be coughing, gagging, or drooling, or pointing to their throat or tummy. Unclear or fluctuating symptoms mean it is important to be vigilant. Do not let your child eat or drink and do not make them be sick.



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### Ingredients

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

Put peeled bananas into the freezer and leave them until they are frozen.  
Melt some leftover chocolate, then leave it to cool down (don't let it set).  
Take the bananas out of the freezer and while they are still frozen, cut them in half, then poke a wooden lolly stick into the end of the banana (to make a lolly).  
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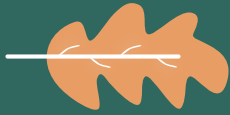
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