



The Downsmen

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

Delivered by Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

October 2023

A Celebration of the Harvest and traditions of the agricultural year in Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts

By Susan Smith, BA (Hons)

Massage St Andrew's Church

Thursday 12 October
2023

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Refreshments included
£10 Cash or card preferred on the door

Information
Anne Reed 07787 554418

All monies raised go to St Mary's and St
Andrew's Church Funds



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Autumn's arrival

I'm sitting writing this on the wettest and windiest day I remember for a long while (probably only last winter, but that still counts) and am feeling like autumn is well on it's way!

Autumn brings a change, not only to the weather, but to our day-to-day activities (back to football and netball lessons), food (comfort food here we come) and our festivals and activities. You'll see from the front cover traditions and changes of the seasons aren't a new thing (and the talk looks really interesting too) but the way we adapt and celebrate them does change. St Mary's has it's Harvest Festival on 8th Oct and at Cubs we are going to be looking at Harvest too and hopefully making a Harvest Loaf too!



I was talking to Bea this morning at the Crossroads Cafe and we were discussing how days like these are ideal for picking up a good book and settling in for the duration... so do remember you can pop in to the library and pick from the large selection there - times and days on page 11.

On with the celebrations and next will be the Scouts Firework Spectacular and those Christmas Craft Fayres - please do support them if you can and don't forget the Community Cinema is coming up too... I have read The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, there were definitely some sad bits, but I think it will make a great film and as for Barbie in December, my daughters have already booked me a seat ... well not quite, but they have asked if I can book them theirs!

We have some great new advertisers this issue, so do have a look through, see if you can spot them, or anyone you might have forgotten for those jobs you need doing in your life!

Also community grants are available from the Community Fund and AONB page 10 if there is anything you can apply for.

Have a great read and next time I write we'll be on our way to Christmas (sorry to bring that up, but I saw mince pies in the shops yesterday!!)

Naomi Booth

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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



Poppy Appeal 2023

In April, I asked for a volunteer to take over as Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Sixpenny Handley Area as, at that time, I was committed to looking after my wife. Sadly, no one came forward and, as there is also a need for several collectors, the decision has been taken out of my hands that there will be no further house-to-house collections in this area. The matter has been exacerbated by RBL who have kindly cancelled my appointment, without reference, so I can no longer order any supplies to support the appeal or Remembrance Day.

Tony Gibb

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



Scouts
1st Woodcutts

SIXPENNY HANDLEY
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SIXPENNY HANDLEY
4th November
Gates open 5:30pm
Children's display 6:30pm
Main display 7:30pm

A Celebration of the harvest and traditions of the agricultural year in Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts

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Sixpenny Handley
COMMUNITY CINEMA

Friday 20 October
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
Community Cinema
7pm start (Doors open 6:30pm)

Friday 17 November
What's Love Got to Do with It?
£6 entry
Bar & snacks (Popcorn, Ice-cream, Chocolate etc) available



Chase Community Friends AGM
will be held on
Friday 13th October 2023
at 1.45
in the Village Hall
(following the lunch)

CarmenCo Trio
Sun 22nd Oct



Pocket opera
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Doors open 3.15pm for 4pm start.
Tickets available from Clarkes the Butchers.

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Sunday 8th October
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Sat 28th Oct, Sat 9 Dec
10am-1pm
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Fri 27th Oct -Artsreach
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Under 5's.
Doors open 10am for 10.30am start.
Tickets available from Clarkes the Butchers

Apply For A Community Fund Grant Now

Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CCIO) Registered No.1172688	
Application for funds to the Grant Distribution Committee	
Name of Organisation Applying for Funds:	
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Post Code:	
Contact Name:	Email:
Phone Number:	2nd Phone Contact:
Description of Project:	
Estimate of costs: Please attach relevant docs:	
Funds raised so far: £	Amount needed: £
For CCIO ONLY	Request viewed [date]
Amount agreed: £	Date:
Committee Comments:	
Signed on behalf of CCIO Trustees:	

Calling all local charities and organisations that need help with funding

Thanks, mostly to the wonderful people at Sixpenny Sessions, the Community fund once again has funds available to help our village charities and organisations. Please use the application form on this page and hand in to the Parish Office by the deadline of the 30th October.

A meeting of the Community fund committee will be held some time in November to discuss allocations of the available funds.

*Rosalie Adams
Chair Community Fund*

Babies to School Age Children



Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Happy Nappy meets term time every Monday in the Village Hall from 10am - 11:30am

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Lucy Barr 07508 691323
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Please return this form, along with any relevant information/documents to: the CCIO, c/o the Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Office, Sixpenny Handley or by email to: parishclerk@sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk



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Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs Citizens Advice Bus is coming to Sixpenny Handley



We have been delighted with the response of the village to the visits by the Citizens Advice Bus. By the time you read this, it will have visited us four times to offer advice to members of our community. We really hope that all those who visited have found the advice beneficial. Being able to introduce more local residents to the Crossroads Café and the Parish Library as a result of the bus being in the village has been an added bonus!

The bus will be back at the Parish Office car park from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm on the following Wednesdays: 27 September, 11 & 25 October, 8 & 22 November and 6 & 20 December. So, why not come along and have a chat with Mags and Tracey about a range of issues from blue badges to water debt and then pop into the Crossroads Café for your cuppa, biscuit and a warm welcome from the team. We very much hope that this service might continue in 2024 should there still be a need within our community.

So, whether it's a question on benefits, debt & money, employment, energy, family, housing or legal, the friendly team of Advisors will be on hand to help. Please do pay them a visit. And, remember, if you are unable to visit the bus due to work commitments, you can always call to speak to an Adviser on 0800 144 884, email them at: advice@edpcitizensadvice.org.uk or visit the website: www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk for further information.



Reminder to all Technophobes!

Please remember, if you struggle with technology and want to learn more, then please contact our resident tech expert, Andy Turner, who can be on hand at the Crossroads Cafés to help demystify your laptop, mobile phone or tablet.



**Crossroads Café – Sunday Opening –
from 29 October from 2.00 – 4.00 pm**

We all know that Sundays can be very difficult for those who are on their own so, as previously promised, we will now be opening the Crossroads Café on the last Sunday of the month, from 2.00 – 4.00 pm, starting on Sunday 29 October. Please come and find us and enjoy a chat with the friendly team over a cuppa and a piece of homemade cake in the warm and welcoming surroundings of the Crossroads Café.

We will be opening monthly initially. However, if we can encourage some more willing volunteers to help out, we may be able to open more regularly. So, if you can spare 2½ hours of your time on a Sunday afternoon every so often, please do speak to one of the team or contact Andy (see below). We promise it's not an onerous task and can guarantee that you will find being part of our team both fun and rewarding.

Both weekday Hubs will continue to open from 9.00 am – 12.00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (Crossroads Café) and Thursdays (Magnificafé). Don't forget to let us know if you would like to come to one of the hubs but are unable to get there due to difficulties with transport (see contact details below). We may be able to help by organising a lift.

The community hubs are all 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, or need any further information, please contact us on: 552735 or at: andydturner@outlook.com

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



Handley Community Choir
The Choir Thursday evenings at
6.00pm for an hour in St Mary's.
New Members very welcome!
Please contact Margaret on 01725
553150.

Summer Cream Teas at the Church

27th August 2023



A very pleasing number of people came on the afternoon of August Bank Holiday Sunday to enjoy a relaxing Cream Tea at the church, both inside and outside under the trees. Brisk business kept all our helpers happily busy; mountains of scones, buckets of cream and vats of jam were consumed over the three or so hours (are you Devon-cream first, or Cornwall-jam first?) along with a wide variety of cakes and biscuits. The Home Produce Stall also had many customers all afternoon, selling fruits, vegetables, cakes, plants, posies in jars and, of course, other things in jars – preserves! One of the popular items was crème de cassis which sold out quite

quickly, to the point that the maker may abandon blackcurrant jam next year and put all the blackcurrants into the ‘Ribena for Grown-ups’. Just close to the Home Produce Stall, it was lovely to see three generations of one family having a picnic at the graveside of the great-granddad, so that four generations effectively spent the afternoon together. The Cream Tea was a real family event which raised £655 for our churches. Thank you to all who made it happen and to those who came to support us and enjoy the event.




Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT)

Ride and Stride

took place on Saturday 9th September

It was a very warm day when Anne and Colin Reed, Sally Clarke and Bob McCarthy set off on a round of cycling to churches from Handley, Tollard Royal, Farnham, Gussage St Andrew, Gussage St Michael

and All Saints, where there was a wedding in progress, a real country affair and then lunch in Gussage All Saints. After Refreshments at Bob’s house, he was left behind as he had already come from Gussage when he started with the others in Handley. The remainder then went on to Wimborne St Giles and then back home to Handley. Marvellous hospitality was enjoyed on route, which always makes the day so enjoyable. Very sincere thanks to the riders and all the sponsors who give so generously, especially those who frequent the Penny Tap and very kindly part with their money each year! Roughly £640 will be sent to DHCT which is a grand figure for our small team. Will you be ready to participate next year?



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Opening hours

Wednesday 4.30 - 7pm

Thursday 4.30 - 7pm

Friday 4-8pm

Saturday 4-8pm

Take out Service Available

A Hong Kong Childhood

Our purpose-built club house was constructed next to two large, low tropical palm trees just outside the perimeter wall of our block of flats. The planning had gone on over a few weekends when Dad was resting from work. Mumm knew it was what we three girls needed more than anything so she convinced Dad to run with it. A few sketches, a few trips to buy wood, screws and nails and the project was off to a great start.



The club house was set on an earthy outcrop over 1000ft above Victoria Harbour. I think it was about 2.5m x 1.5m, about the size of a shed. Dad would be better at estimating the size than I am, after all it was the work of his hands. We had a window to the north with that stunningly jaw-dropping view of Hong Kong Harbour, a side window to the west and a fully open doorway to the south. It was everything to us to have our own child-sized play house to share with friends.



Access to the area was slightly precarious as you had to scale the wall in front of Mountain Court next to the communal garden. Fence-hopping was involved and then we would follow the downward course of the high walls, some way along taking a right-hand bend at the storm

drain, then we'd be on a direct uphill course for the club house. The grasses were tall and scratchy but we didn't mind that; we children were a hardy breed. The only grown-up brave enough to get there was Dad. He hammered the walls and roof in place. Always the best at diy was our Dad...



Our Club house overlooked the site of a large colonial mansion built in the 1800's as a sanatorium for the likes of TB convalescents. In old on-line photos I have seen it had three high arches to the front and again to the sides, for air and light, mainly for keeping the inside of the building cool. The building became the summer residence in the mid-1800's of the Governor of colonial Hong Kong, the site of a building now completely covered in cut grass growing 3 metres high and shredding the unprotected arms of all unsuspecting children as we explored its tiled surfaces. A black dog skulked away the other side of the exposed floors of the former residence in the cut grass; we saw it lurking — it filled us with fearful dread. We thought she might have puppies hidden in the undergrowth or was it male? The dog had the darkest black coat and was hard to see. We grew all the stronger for the danger, our senses constantly alert.



The panoramic views from up here are simply an estate agents wildest wide-eyed dream; to the north below the eye can see Central HK Island and the expanse of the "fragrant" harbour. Beyond that, all of Kowloon and the hills in the far distance behind which is the area called New Territories. We had not only 180 degrees of sight to the north but the same again to the south: Aberdeen Floating Restaurant in Aberdeen Harbour to our far left; in the mid-distance was Pok Fu Lam Reservoir glinting in the sun; Cheung Chau Island, St George's Island and inshore waters completed the vista. The sun sets in the west and it goes down behind the top of The Peak. This was a popular destination for us when our family wanted a longer walk with our Oriental Spaniels, Susie and Scottie.



The club house secured friendships old and new, and all ages of children came to see it and stay for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. They gladly weeded and branch-brushed the soil to keep the garden clear. We gathered stones and marked out a hearth for our "fire". My sister always took charge of this but I remember once being allowed to poke the "fire" with a stick. I was chosen! Stars in my eyes!

There was one unwanted disruptive element; I'm reluctant even now to name the deviant, as I don't wish to remember him. This guy had a few cronies with him but they were wimps compared with his nasty nature. Anyway, this miscreant bothered my sister and bad-mouthed everyone with his curses. J told Dad what had happened and Dad talked to the miscreant's dad — I can tell you, the guy was put in his box. This guy's dad was even more furious than my Dad and he walloped him with full force. Mind you, we later heard that the deviant had been sent to Borstal. I never knew this as an option for education, but re-education was what was coming to him. I wonder if he ever turned himself around or if we're all still paying for his prison lifestyle ... AD Dorset, May 2023

Chase & Chalke Events & News



Women of the Dark Skies is a theatrical, storytelling walking experience for women that will transport you back in time to Iron Age Dorset.

Multiple performances in October:
Fri 13th | Sat 14th | Fri 20th | Sat 21st
7 - 11pm

A storytelling pilgrimage for women, crossing the ancient lands of Cranborne Chase at night.

You will travel back in time nearly 2,000 years. You will gather with fellow tribes women and meet the local Story Weaver who will lead you on a pilgrimage to honour a young woman on the eve of her coming-of-age ceremony. However, the Story Weaver brings word that an uprising against the Romans is being seeded by a formidable female Iceni Warrior...

Join Becky Burchell for this wonderful experience which has been co-created with local experts and members of the Chettle Community. Book now on Eventbrite via the button below. This event has been created

with support from the Chase & Chalke Communities Caring for Heritage Fund.
Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-of-the-dark-skies-tickets-719122884907>

October Archaeology Workshops

A chance to visit newly discovered archaeological features and conduct a field survey during a hands-on all day event.

Opportunity dates in October
Sun 22 | Mon 23rd | Tues 24th
10am - 4.30pm

These workshops will combine a morning of talks and exercises, followed by an afternoon of in-the-field observational survey at some of the newly discovered archaeological features. You'll start recording what's visible on the ground.

Delivered in partnership with PTS Consultancy (Pushing the Sensors), the workshops are aimed at anyone who wants to learn more about LiDAR or assessing archaeological features in the landscape.

These training days are a chance to undertake a condensed version of PTS's Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) courses. You'll be guided through the process of identifying, assessing, recording, and reporting features in the landscape.

Sign up for this fantastic archaeological opportunity via our volunteer hub. Once registered, you'll be able to assign yourself

to one of the days!

Discovering UK Otters: Online Course
13th Sep - 4th Oct | Online | Multiple Webinars

This beginner course will explore otter biology, ecology and conservation. Learn about their behaviour, habitats, and how to monitor and survey them. Register on our volunteer hub to access the course and materials.

Funding for Community Heritage Projects

Can We Help You?

We are inviting you to make an application for funding to create interesting and exciting projects which involve people in learning about, celebrating and improving their natural and cultural heritage through our Communities Caring for Heritage grants. If you have an idea for a project please contact Scheme Manager Jonny Monteith to discuss on 01725 517417 or email chaseandchalke@cranbornechase.org.uk

Creative Writing Competition

If you haven't already, please do enter at <https://cranbornechase.org.uk/chaseandchalke/words-in-the-landscape/creative-writing-competition-2023/>



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THE CROWN INN, ALVEDISTON

Gloria and Steve would like to thank everyone for their kindness, support following the recent fire.

We wish all our customers, guests, and friends all the very best.

The Rockbourne Fair 2023: Boutique shopping with a cause

Venue: Salisbury Racecourse, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8PN. Free parking available.

Dates & Times:

Wednesday, 18th October: 10am - 5.30pm

Thursday, 19th October: 10am - 8pm

Friday, 20th October: 9.30am - 3pm

Entry Fee: £5 (Special £3 entry after 6pm on Thursday).

The Rockbourne Fair returns this Autumn, offering unparalleled artisan shopping - all while supporting a noble cause: The Stars Appeal, Salisbury Hospital's charity.

This year's fair promises late-night shopping on Thursday 19th and features over 100 handpicked stalls. Visitors will be treated to rich variety of products - from fashion, cosmetics, jewellery, gourmet food, luxury homeware to toys - carefully curated items not typically found on the high street.



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As you all know we have a large selection of books for you to read.

Not only can you borrow books in our very popular library, and now we also have a few jigsaws for you to borrow, ideal to keep you busy on the coming darker days.

You can borrow books and jigsaws when the Parish office is open and on our usual first and third Thursday afternoons from 3 till 4.15

Our Crossroads café Hub and library is also open every Monday and Wednesday morning from 9 till 12.

Come and visit us, have a chat with friends, or make some new friends, have a coffee or tea and choose a few books.

We love to see you there, everybody is very welcome.

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We are delighted to have re-started the Community Cinema in September with the deeply moving Allelujah.

Films will continue to be shown on the third Friday of the month throughout the autumn and winter.



Our October film is **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** to be shown on Friday 20 October. Adapted by Rachel Joyce from her own novel of the same name, the film stars Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. Learning that his old friend and colleague Queenie has terminal cancer, Harold sets out to post her a letter of condolence, but impulsively decides to visit her in person instead, walking from his home in Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, and leaving his wife Maureen hurt and confused at home.

The Spectator described the film as “an incredibly beautiful film to look at” and “Broadbent is a wonder, so real and sincere it doesn’t feel like acting ... and Wilton equals him. This may even be one of those rare instances where the film is better than the book.” We hope you will come along and enjoy it with us.



Our November film (Friday 17 November) is the romantic comedy **What's Love Got to Do with It?** How do you find lasting love in today's world? For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs, to the dismay of her

Entertainment Update

eccentric mother Cath (Emma Thompson). For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or “assisted”) marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.



In December, we've got the cinematic phenomenon **Barbie** coming to Handley!

To live in Barbie Land is to be a perfect being in a perfect place. Unless you have a full-on existential crisis. Or you're a Ken. Barbie (Margot Robbie) and Ken (Ryan Gosling) are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

So, dust off your pink outfits (encouraged but not mandatory!) and come and join us on Friday 15 December for a pre-Christmas romp in Barbie Land!

Tickets cost £6 and are available on the door. Please note tickets will no longer be sold in advance.

As always, we would like to thank all the wonderful people who support our Community Cinema – we hope to see you again very soon. Thank you too to all the lovely volunteers from both St Mary's and the Village Hall who continue to help make them such enjoyable evenings. Please see: www.moviola.org or Facebook: 6dHandleyVillageHall for further information.



We are very pleased to have been offered two shows so far from the new Artsreach programme. Both companies are touring Dorset with Artsreach, the county's touring arts charity www.artsreach.co.uk

CarmenCo – A Pocket Opera – Sunday 22 October – 4.00 pm

“An unusual, highly entertaining evening... The three first-rate musicians rose to the challenge of acting and dancing as well as musical performance... Superb range of music, colour and artistry throughout the programme.” – review from The Ayrshire Post



CarmenCo is more than a concert: it's a performance of Spanish and Spanish inspired music presented as a play, inspired by Bizet's opera Carmen, but told from her point of view...

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With acclaimed flautist and mezzo soprano, Emily Andrews, and David Massey and Francisco Correa on guitars, expect a show filled with fantasy, comedy and tragedy, and immersive, evocative music.

This is our first foray into the world of opera and, as it's a matinee, we will be serving cream teas and prosecco – as well as the usual range of hot and cold drinks at the bar.

Date: Sunday 22 October / Time: 4.00 pm / Doors: 3.15 pm

Tickets: Adults - £12 / U18s - £5 / Family (2+2) - £30

Suitable for age 10+

Refreshments on sale: cream tea & prosecco from 3.15 pm. Tea, coffee and cakes.

**Lyngo Theatre – Egg and Spoon – Friday
27 October – 10.30 am**



through the seasons where you come in and out of our magic circle and get to open all the gifts of nature.

Percy and April will get you settled on your comfortable cushions and introduce you to Birdy, still hiding in his glowing egg.

We have to wait until Spring if we want to see him so it's time to begin our hands-on journey through the year. We'll run through the rain and the falling leaves and sleep under the snow until the sun wakes us up for the butterfly party.

A perfect gentle introduction to the magic of theatre!

Date: Friday 27 October / Time: 10.30 am / Doors: 10.00 am

Tickets: Adults - £7 / U18s - £5 / Family (2+2) - £20 /

Suitable for children aged 1 – 5 + their families

Refreshments on sale: hot and cold drinks, cakes & snacks

Tickets for both shows are available now online via TicketSource or at Clarkes the Butcher. Please contact Penny on: 01725 552812 to ask for details of 'Pay What You Can' tickets.

Silent Disco on New Year's Eve



**Village Hall New Year's Eve Party -
Sunday 31 December 2023 – 8.00 pm –
12.30 am**

As announced in the last issue of The Downsman, we are busy planning some fun and games for New Year's Eve!

We have booked fabulous local covers band – Break Cover who promise that “no songs are out of bounds for the Break Cover treatment – rock, rock & roll, 80s, pop and even some more recent songs get an outing in our set. If you can sing-along or dance to it, then we'll turn it into a Break Cover cover.”

Featuring music from every decade since the 50s including songs by Queen, AC\DC, Billy Idol, ZZ Top, Led Zeppelin, The Cult, Simple Minds, The Black Keys, Imelda May, Beth Hart, Blondie, Tina Turner, Kim Wilde, Joan Jett, The Clash, The Kinks, Bryan Adams, Deep Purple, The Monkees and many, many more, Break Cover promise to get us in the party mood.

We have also booked a silent disco for the latter part of the evening and are working on some additional entertainment for the early evening, including a Quiz – so get brushing up on your general knowledge and history of the village. There will, of course, be a prize for the winning team.

The bar will be fully stocked with beers, cider, wine, prosecco and spirits (gin, vodka and bacardi) and savoury and sweet snacks will be available to buy. And, for those who get the munchies later on in the evening, there will be food on sale. Details of how to pre-book food will follow in the December issue.

It is an adults only event (over 18s) and is supported by the Sixpenny Sessions team. Tickets costing £15 will be on sale from 1 December at Clarkes the Butcher, Budgens and online at Eventbrite.

Any profit raised will go to the Village Hall CIO (Charity Number: 1201429) and will be



used to maintain this wonderful facility of ours for the whole community.

Please check our Facebook pages (6DHandleyVillageHall and 6Dacoustic.live) for regular updates and full information will be published in the December edition of The Downsman.

So, put the date in your diary and tell all your friends and family NOW! Let's get together for a fantastic community celebration to welcome in 2024



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Summer Camp on Guernsey

What a week!

We visited the beach with sea kayaks and giant paddle boards then spent an afternoon on the beach with fish and chips rock pooling and rounders.

The next day saw us exploring Castle Cornet. We then went for a swim at La Valette outdoor saltwater pool. rock climbing at Cobo beach until early afternoon with one Scout invested half way down the rock face!

The group then visited Herm Island on the ferry, to visit one of the most beautiful beaches ever. We also managed to fit in another investiture as well, at a Neolithic burial site.

We also visited the Occupation Museum, the Little Chapel and the Underground Hospital, bunkers and gun emplacements and learned a huge amount about the occupation and fortification of Guernsey on our history walk along the coast. The young people engaged with all of these, really spending time to ask questions and discuss the things they saw.

Rob said “Thank you to all young people and leaders for a truly awesome Summer Camp. Watching the Scouts and Explorers challenging themselves, supporting one another, making new friends, chatting with the public (one scout convinced a passenger on the bus to enrol their son into a local scout group there and then they booked a place online!), laughing, dancing, singing, eating (more amazing food from auntie Cathy and John the griddle champion), learning and just being in a beautiful place with lovely people. As leaders, we come back absolutely shattered but with a buzz and satisfaction that we have made a difference. So, summer camp 2023 - job done!”



Scout Fundraising

A huge thank you to our volunteers, bakers and cream tea eaters who helped at our recent Wimborne St Giles Cream Teas. Our next fundraiser is our annual firework spectacular on Saturday 4th November.


This year as well as the fireworks there will of course be delicious food and drinks served by our fantastic team of volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you there, tickets will be available from Clarkes the Butchers and on the gate!



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Church News

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

THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

Revd Henriët Miell

Dear Friends,

As a young child I was very aware of the beauty of October, the changes in nature, the shorter days and the clear crisp mornings. At my school there was every year an autumn festival and in every classroom was a big a table with bountiful displays from the gardens and from the woods: conkers, coloured leaves, mosses, flowers and apples. Sometimes the fruits were already tasted- not by little children but by insects or small animals like squirrels or mice. As a child I had a lively imagination and I imagined that these squirrels or mice might have known about the Animal Welfare Day which we celebrated on 4th October by bringing pets and other animals into the school. Only much later I discovered that Animal Welfare Day is closely connected to the 13th century saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology.

The life of Francis of Assisi has inspired many people to live in a more balanced and simple way trying to be content with the little things in life instead of longing for materialistic growth and riches. Our catholic friends have received the news that Pope Francis will be releasing an update to his landmark 2015 environmental encyclical on 4th October as he called for an end to the "senseless war against our common home." A Vatican spokesman said that the update would take into account in particular recent climate crises (Vatican News Sept 2023). The diocese of Salisbury is also encouraging parishes to work for a more sustainable climate as "Championing Climate Justice" is one of the five priorities in the recently affirmed diocesan vision. It is good that churches, faith groups and organizations join in the working for a way out of the devastating climate crisis we are in. Parishes must look into these

matters afresh and not like the 1970's, as an alternative way, but as the new and only sustainable way of making changes at a local level. We have again to ask ourselves the simple questions of what cups do we use for our church coffee, what washing up liquid do we use, can we use, can we use less plastic, do we change from fossil fuel to more sustainable energy? Small and big questions we might put on our PCC agendas. Hopefully it is not too late to lower our CO2 impact and change the way we live so that the beautiful creation our good Lord has given us will be beautiful for generations to come. Maybe we could make 4th October a day where we again pledge ourselves to live a more sustainable way of life.

Our Benefice

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

In the last Downsman I wrote that the plan for our Benefice continues to take some unexpected and interesting turns, like a wriggling ribbon stuck in a wind tunnel. Sadly, not much wriggling or movement has occurred since then. Thus, it remains as I said last time, only too easy to become a little despondent about our future as progress has stalled. You will recall that last year we had advertised for a part-time or 'House for Duty' (HfD) priest, here in Handley, but no one applied. We then had a plan to create a new 11-parish Benefice with a full-time incumbent based in Stourpaine and an Associate Priest based in Handley. This gained traction for a time, but when push came to shove the 11 parishes felt unable to sign up for it as it was too wide a range of parishes to bring together sensibly. Although we got very close to advertising that option in June, it was rightly pulled because the detail was not confirmed. The alternative suggestion put forward by the parishes was for two Benefices, the larger one to

the south of us with 6 parishes, led by a full-time incumbent. The smaller one with 5 parishes based around Handley with a half-time (actually 0.66) incumbent priest. After a recent joint PCC Meeting in September, with the Acting Archdeacon of Dorset and our local parish friends, that option remains the current plan and there is some hope that we can advertise soon and if a suitable candidate applies, actually appoint before Christmas, though we will probably not see anyone actually in post until Easter.

In this new plan, the southern parishes of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston, Tarrants (Hinton, Gunville & Monkton) would form the southern Benefice. In the north, Chettle, Farnham & Tollard Royal would form the northern Benefice. These are the 11 parishes that David and Henriët currently support, but they both will leave us on retirement in July 2024. That said, nothing has yet been finally confirmed and there are many ways by which this plan

could fail. 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.

Affordability as always will be key and for those of you who do not know, we are expected to be able to raise sufficient money locally each year to pay for the majority of the costs of our priest as well as maintain the fabric of our churches. This is why we are always grateful for any support given.

St Mary's Sixpenny Handley. I reported last time the sad news that the church had been locked when a service is not on as we have experienced two incidents of vandalism, which caused some hundreds of pounds of damage. We have now fitted CCTV cameras and the church is again open on a regular basis roughly between 10am and 4pm. All are welcome to visit.

What's On

Our Community Film Nights in the Village Hall are back

This is a joint initiative between St Mary's and St Andrew's PCC and the Village Hall Committee, aimed at offering excellent films in a comfortable, warm setting with the opportunity to have a snack or a drink. See the adverts on page 12 in this edition of the Downsman or the notices around the village or Email: notices@handleychurch.org.uk

Harvest Festival Service this year at St Mary's is on Sunday 8th October at 10am.

All welcome!

It will be followed later in the week by an Historical Talk at St Andrew's Church. Our local historian Sue Smith is giving a talk with slides, at Gussage St Andrew Church on 12th October, so please come and show your support, especially as we are holding it in our very special chapel with its unique medieval wall paintings. Tickets are £10 to include refreshments, 7 for 7.30pm. The topic is a Celebration of the Harvest traditions in the agricultural year in medieval Illuminated manuscripts. Contact: Anne Reed 07787554418.

Community Café – MAGNIFICAFÉ

The marvellous Magnificafé, a Handley Hub, was on holiday during July, but has returned in all its magnificence each Thursday mornings in August from 9-12am providing hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, as well as hot and cold drinks. It's a great place to meet with other mums and dads with small children. There is also a quiet corner where you can hold a meeting if needed and there is free Wi-Fi. Thank you to the magnificent angels who make it all happen!

Handley Community Choir

The Choir is swinging – and singing - into action again after the summer break. The first meeting will be Thursday 5th October at 6.00pm in St Mary's. New members are most welcome, particularly tenors and basses who always lend weight, depth and gravitas to each piece. Sopranos generally anchor the recognisable tunes and melodies, except when they go soaring off on twiddly bits; altos often meet for an extra practice during the week at someone's house; for some reason they are referred to as The Altoholics. We are all looking forward to getting together again. Come and see why; it's good fun. Contact Margaret on 01725 553150.

Pastoral support

If you need help or pastoral support it is always available from Rev David Miell, who is also the Rural Dean, based in Tarrant Hinton and is the Priest in Charge of our Parishes. He can be contacted at: Rev Dr David Miell; The Rectory, Church Hill, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford Forum, DT11 8JB. Mobile: 07708 601462 or email: dkmiell@gmail.com. Local help or advice on any church matter is available by emailing support@handleychurch.org.uk or from our Church Wardens for Handley: Linda Cooper - 01725 552864 or Margaret Wilkinson 01725 553150. Or for Pentridge, our Church Wardens: Jane King - 01725 552231 or Mary Ferguson - 01725 552222.

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	10.30 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.



New Bookings Secretary.

We're delighted to welcome Shellie to our team as the new Bookings secretary. Thank you Shellie for responding to the advertisement and volunteering your time for our community! I've been personally surprised and delighted that as positions have become vacant that lovely people from our community have come forward to fill the roles. I would attribute this to the wonderful team we have running and organising events at the hall and indeed the wider group of volunteers who organise so much for our community, I think the positivity must be infectious! X

The Trustees would like to thank Gill our outgoing Bookings secretary for all her hard work since she took on the role. It has been a pleasure to work with you and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and more of your delicious Coffee cake! We wish you all the best for the future.

Monthly Craft fairs

Our monthly Craft fairs have been well supported, we're delighted to have a regular footfall and have been lucky to have the hall packed full with an everchanging variety of craft & produce stalls. The Trustees have been having the best time serving a delicious array of cakes, sandwiches & drinks and fun running the Childrens crafts over the summer events. By the time you read this we will have run our September fair, where all profit from our food sales will be going to Macmillan Cancer support. We're planning our special Christmas fair now!

Why not come and browse the delightful array of local craft & produce stalls. Only Two left this year! Treat yourself or loved one to a unique gift, all made by hand with love. Failing that come and indulge yourself and a friend with our delicious homemade cakes, sandwiches and a decent cup of coffee, all while supporting your village hall!

Maintenance & improvements

We're delighted to say that the installation

of Solar panels and battery storage has been completed. The Trustees had been determined to pursue this initiative as part of our ongoing project to future-proof the Village Hall for our community and take our responsibility seriously to swap to green energy. The trustees would again like to thank the Parish Council and clerk for their help & support.

Hopefully we'll have a larger paved outdoor area to offer our users by the end of September, the fence will look smart and have been treated with fence preserver and hopefully you'll have noticed our wonderful new welcome sign in the foyer created by the talented craftsman, Ian Callaghan. Made from Deanland ash, the letters in walnut, oak and sapele, are cut from recycled furniture and we just love it. If you haven't already seen it, then please do pop in sometime!

Community Cinema's

Thank you to all those who supported the return of the community cinema. We all enjoyed September's film 'Allelujah' based on Alan Bennetts play and look forward to this month's film, 'The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry' starring Jim Broadbent. I'm sure attendance will continue to grow! Well done Penny & Peter for organising and to their amazing volunteers.

Artsreach

We have two magnificent shows coming to the hall in October! First, we have the CarmenCo Trio performing their pocket opera for us on Sun 22nd Oct at 4pm, our first foray into opera! Delicious refreshments will be available. Then on Fri 27th Oct we have an interactive theatrical experience for under 5's in the half term with the Lyngo Theatre co and their Egg & Spoon show at 10.30am. These are excellent, fun, thought provoking shows. Don't miss out, BOOK NOW!

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News from Trading Standards

Single-use plastics ban

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Date for your diary:

Fri 20th Oct' –Community Cinema
7pm start (Doors open 6:30pm) The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry £6 entry. Bar & snacks (Popcorn, Ice-cream, Chocolate etc) available.

Sat 21st Oct' –The Repair Café
10am-1pm. Bring items for repair while you wait. Donations. Tea & Cake available.

Sun 22nd Oct' –Artsreach –CarmenCo Trio –Pocket opera
Doors open 3.15pm for 4pm start. Tickets available from Clarkes the Butchers.

Fri 27th Oct' –Artsreach –Lyngo Theatre –Egg & Spoon
Under 5's. Doors open 10am for 10.30am start. Tickets available from Clarkes the Butchers.

Sat 28th Oct' – Craft fair with teas
10am to 1pm. Browse the stalls, delicious sandwiches & cake available.

Fri 17th Nov' –Community Cinema
7pm start (Doors open 6:30pm) What's Love got to do with it? £6 entry. Bar & snacks available.

The Trustees would be delighted to hear your suggestions for the hall! Thinking of organising a community/ charitable event? Know of a club or class looking for a venue? Call or message us for a chat.

Sixpenny Handley Village Hall – available for hire priced per hour. BOOKINGS: Call or message Shellie on: 07563 703577 or email: 6dhandleyhall@gmail.com

*Paul Styles
Chair, Village Hall Committee*

Single-use plastics are only used once before they're thrown away. The problem with plastic waste is that it doesn't break down, it only breaks up into smaller and smaller parts. This impacts the environment and wildlife for years to come. According to estimates, England uses 2.7 billion items of single-use cutlery, most of which are plastic, and 721 million single-use plates per year. Of these, only 10% are recycled. If 2.7 billion pieces of cutlery were lined up, they would go round the world over eight and a half times. Previous efforts to eliminate avoidable plastic waste, include:

- One of the world's toughest bans on microbeads in rinse-off personal care products announced in 2018.
- Restrictions on the supply of single-use plastic straws, drink stirrers and cotton buds in 2020.
- Plastic Packaging Tax in April 2022 whereby a tax of £200 per tonne was introduced on plastic packaging

manufactured in, or imported into the UK, that does not contain at least 30% recycled plastic.

- The 5p single-use carrier bag charge, in May 2021 which was increased to 10p and extended to all retailers, taking billions of bags out of circulation.

Last year the UK Government consulted on banning other types of single use plastic and they reported that over 95% of those who responded to the consultation were in favour of the bans.

So, in October 2023 a new ban on other single use plastics is set to come into force. The ban will include single-use plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks, and certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers.

The UK Government announced the ban in January this year, giving businesses time to prepare for the change.



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Royal Air Force

A History - Part 2

With a little over seven months remaining before the Armistice, the operational capabilities of the Royal Air Force went from strength to strength with, for the time, advanced designs such as the giant Handley Page V/1500 4-engined heavy bomber capable of reaching Berlin from bases in East Anglia. Only two squadrons, Nos. 166 and 167 were equipped and with hostilities at an end the type was soon withdrawn.

It was an age when the exploits of airmen captured the public mood, this being particularly prevalent in France and Germany with the emergence of the term "Air Ace" - a phrase generally shunned by the Royal Air Force, though there was no disguising the fact that some impressive victory tallies were being scored by the pilots attached to the scout squadrons serving on the Western Front. However, within the loose context of "Ace" the best known of all was not one of the Allies but a German - Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen known to his adversaries as "The Red Baron". Of Prussian descent he commenced his military service in the cavalry but in 1915, he switched to the military's burgeoning air arm and within two years he was leading a fighter wing, Jagdgeschwader 1. The sight of his brightly coloured Albatros D.III, painted overall bright red [hence the title with which he was known] set the heart of every Allied pilot beating faster at the prospect of being engaged by this dangerous opponent.

But, as with so many fighter pilots of the era whose tally of success mounted with each passing month their demise came usually after breaking the rule that they had set for themselves, and others. Thus, on 21st of April 1918, a Sunday, the end came for the "Ace of Aces" and here I quote from my first volume devoted to Royal Air Force squadron losses: "The precise identity for the claimant of his death over the département of the Somme at Morlancourt Ridge near the village of Vaux-sur-Somme east of Amiens has occupied the minds of war historians for many years. What is not in dispute is that he sustained a mortal wound as he pursued at low level a No.

209 Squadron Camel flown by Canadian born Lieutenant Wilfred May. The plight of Wilfred, a relative novice, had been spotted by fellow Canadian, Captain Roy Brown who dived steeply to attack the Triplane [a Fokker Dr.1], reporting later that he had to pull up steeply to avoid flying into the ground. By this time Manfred was extremely low and was over an area held by Australian infantry who immediately engaged the fast flying Fokker Dr.1 and it was at this point that Manfred was hit, the bullet entering below his right armpit and causing massive internal damage to his chest. With his life ebbing away he executed a forced landing in a field close to where the Australians seconds before poured round after round in his direction. Immediately, there was a rush to see if the pilot was alive and it seems Manfred was conscious when lifted from the cockpit. Some say his last word was "kaput" and so died "The Red Baron" with eighty combat victories scored between 17th September 1916, and 20th April 1918, on which day he shot down two Sopwith Camels from No. 3 Squadron, his final victim [2nd Lieutenant D G Lewis] surviving to become a prisoner of war."

His death was not only a huge blow to the pilots of his wing who regarded their leader as indestructible, but to the German public at large. His initial burial, with full military honours [officers from No. 3 Squadron were his pallbearers], was at Bertangles, since when his remains have been exhumed and reburied three times - his final resting place now in the family plot at Südfriedhof Wiesbaden.

In terms of credited combat victories, Canadian born William 'Billy' Bishop came closest with 72, followed by a remarkable Irishman 'Mick' Mannock with 61,* Raymond Collishaw, another Canadian, and James McCudden the most decorated British "Ace" of the Great War. At the time of his death on 9th July 1918, he had been honoured with the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order with a First Bar, Military Cross and First Bar and Military Medal; for good measure, the French awarded him the Crois de Guerre.

Both Canadians survived and were

destined to serve in the Second World War, while 'Mick' Mannock lost his life in action a few weeks after Major McCudden crashed en route from England to take over command of No. 60 Squadron [SE.5a] at Boffles. Landing at Auxi-le-Château he enquired of a couple of airmen the whereabouts of his squadron, and when told Boffles was another 8km away to the northeast he took off, executing a tight right hand turn at about 100 feet, stalled and plunged out of control into the ground.

At 0510 hours on Friday, July 26th, 1918, dawn along the Western Front heralded another day of fighting. At St. Omer, Major Mannock, commanding No. 85 Squadron, accompanied by New Zealander, Lieutenant Donald C Inglis, were airborne in their SE.5a scouts. Heading out over the Pas-de-Calais towards the lines between Colonne-sur-Lys and Lestrem, Mannock was aware that young Inglis had yet to make his mark in combat and on what promised to be a bright summer day he was hoping the New Zealander's fortunes would change. Soon after reaching the line of trenches marking the front, an ever alert Mannock sighted a two-seater DFW CV reconnaissance aircraft. Signalling to Inglis to stay with him, Mannock climbed to engage the enemy and seconds later the DFW was falling away burning furiously to crash near Lestrem.

For reasons that will never be known, Mannock broke his cardinal rule - "never follow your victim down" - and with Inglis still on his tail Major Mannock dived towards where the DFW was a mass of blazing wreckage. By doing so he was engaged by a hail of fire from the German trenches and Inglis witnessed his leader go into a gentle bank to the right before smashing into the ground and erupting in a ball of fire.

So perished Major Edward 'Mick' Mannock who in death would receive such acclaim from his fellow pilots that he received a posthumous Victoria Cross, promulgated in the London Gazette on July 18th, 1919.








* Some sources suggest Mannock scored 73 victories but this has not been confirmed.

*To be continued
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Back to school – help with childcare costs

CBA Services Autumn Checks...

Checking your National Insurance record

CBA Services

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer despite the wet weather. We have been very busy here at CBA Services and have compiled a few articles you may find interesting from our website.

Back to school – help with childcare costs

As children return to school after the summer break, HMRC is reminding parents that they may be eligible to use the Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) scheme to help pay for any approved childcare.

The TFC scheme can help parents of children aged up to 11 years old (17 for those with certain disabilities). The TFC scheme helps support working families with their childcare costs. There are many registered childcare providers including childminders, nurseries, 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 of 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.

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Checking your National Insurance record

HMRC offers an online service to check your National Insurance Contributions (NIC) record online. In order to use the service, you will need to have a Government Gateway account. If you don’t have an account, you can apply to set one up online.

By signing in to the ‘Check your National Insurance record’ service you will also activate your personal tax account if you have not previously done so. HMRC’s personal tax account can be used to complete a variety of tasks in real time, such as claiming a tax refund, updating your address and completing your Self-Assessment return.

Your National Insurance record online will let you see:

- What you have paid, up to the start of the current tax year (6 April 2023).
- Any National Insurance credits you’ve received.
- If gaps in contributions or credits mean some years don’t count towards your State Pension (they aren’t ‘qualifying years’).
- If you can pay voluntary contributions to fill any gaps and how much this will cost.

In some circumstances it may be beneficial, after reviewing your records, to make voluntary NIC contributions to fill gaps in your contributions record to increase your entitlement to benefits, including the State or New State Pension.

It may also be a good time to look at whether your Will is up-to-date and consider making Lasting Power of Attorneys.



Autumn Statement 2023

The Chancellor, Jeremy Hunt, has announced that he will deliver his Autumn Statement to the House of Commons on Wednesday, 22 November 2023. This move would imply that the annual Budget will not take place until the spring of 2024.


The Autumn Statement is used to give an update on the state of the economy and will respond to the economic and fiscal forecast published by the independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR). The Autumn Statement also presents an opportunity for the government to publish consultations, including initiating early-stage calls for evidence and consultations on long-term tax policy issues.

The OBR has executive responsibility for producing the official UK economic and fiscal forecasts, evaluating the government’s performance against its fiscal targets, assessing the sustainability of and risks to the public finances and scrutinising government tax and welfare spending.

The Chancellor has made it clear that the main focus of the Autumn Statement will be to continue with measures to bring down inflation. We are therefore unlikely to see any major tax cuts that could further fuel inflation.

If you need assistance with any accountancy or tax related matters, please contact Catherine at CBA Services Limited on 01258 840306 / 07895 913546 / catherine@cba-services.co.uk

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6DH Skatepark Project Contract and Fundraising



to the process.

We are working to ensure a transparent and efficient tender process. Therefore, we have jointly decided that as it is not possible to publish the contract tender this week (early September) and therefore aim to complete the process by mid-October. This extension will allow for the necessary preparations, including the establishment of the Parish Council's Contract Finder account and to ensure that the tender is issued in full compliance with regulatory requirements. It is essential to emphasize that despite these challenges, both the Project team and the Parish Council remain fully dedicated to delivering a fair and competitive tender process. This update reflects their proactive approach in addressing unforeseen obstacles and our commitment to upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability in contract procurement. In a bid to boost community fundraising efforts, the project team discussed key strategies, including the popular Meat Raffle, and unveiled a forward-looking plan involving QR codes to amplify support for our project fundraising efforts.

During the meeting, we had a detailed discussion regarding the Meat Raffle and its frequency. It was confirmed that the Meat Raffle will now be held on a monthly basis, as initiated in August. This shift in frequency aims to keep the Meat Raffle engaging and enticing for local residents and recognising that support for community initiatives should not be overshadowed. We will keep the frequency adjustment under review to ensure it aligns with the community's preferences and our fundraising goals.

In a bid to expand fundraising horizons, the project also look to reviving our GoFundMe site visibility via QR code posters. Once the eagerly anticipated contract tender is issued, we will be printing QR code posters that provide access to the Project GoFundMe page. The QR code will then be distributed throughout the village, allowing residents and visitors to easily contribute

to the project. We will also go a step further to promote community engagement in this initiative. This will be for the project team to print and post these codes at other relevant locations such as skateparks, community centres, and for it to be published via our Facebook and Instagram accounts to the wider skateboard community.

"This QR code strategy is a forward-thinking approach to fundraising that embraces technology to make it simpler for our community to support our initiatives," remarked a project team member. "By sharing the QR code design, we encourage active participation from everyone who wishes to contribute, and we hope to see these codes spread far and wide."

We are also thrilled to run the Omniglow stall as a part of this year's Woodcutts Scouts Fireworks Display". Hopefully these environmentally friendly products add an extra layer of excitement and entertainment to an already spectacular event. As always, we hope our Omniglow stall promises a vibrant selection of glow items, perfect for creating a radiant atmosphere as families and friends gather to watch the dazzling fireworks light up the night sky.

Whether you're looking to wave colourful glow wands, or simply enjoy the magical ambiance created by these products, we should have something special in store for everyone.

The Woodcutts Scouts Fireworks Display is a cherished tradition, bringing the community together for an unforgettable evening of fun and celebration. Being able to run the Omniglow stall again at this year's event is a great way for us to support the village whilst raising funds for our project and we thank Woodcutts Scouts for giving us this opportunity. See you there for a night filled with lights, fireworks, and fun! We meet each month to discuss fundraising and all aspects of the project to be addressed over the next month. If you would like to know anything or to get involved, please contact Chairperson, Leah Way (07840 979180) or Secretary, Andy Turner (07427 119468)

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Dangerous Girls (again)

The Dangerous Girls group increases in popularity, and, as a result of LTSC being awarded RYA Sailing Club of the Year, The Club were invited to take part in Royal Yacht Squadron Commodore's Regatta. The Dangerous Girls were asked to represent LTSC which they did, with good results. J70 see photo.

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Adam

*Yachting Correspondent
for Sixpenny Handley*



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Dorset children who receive free school meals can also take part in free activities during the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays. Holiday food vouchers will also be provided for eligible pupils until at least March 2024.

Dorset Council provides a confidential checker so parents and carers can quickly

see if they qualify. Schools do not see financial information about the families applying.

All pupils approved for free school meals will continue to be eligible until at least 31st March 2025 and after that until they finish the school phase they are in.

CLlr Byron Quayle, Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help, said: "With the challenging economic climate impacting many households, families are finding themselves under increasing financial pressure.

"Some children can qualify for free school meals and be provided with a daily nutritious lunch - which is important for your child's health and wellbeing. If you receive qualifying benefits, please complete our quick and easy confidential checker to see if your child can receive a daily free school meal, as well as holiday

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Cyclists raise over £30,000 after completing Wiltshire to Devon challenge

A group of cyclists who travelled over 100 miles from Wiltshire to Devon have raised over £30,000 for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital's Charity.

The Unlikely Cyclists made up of William Warden, John Matthews, Andy Hillier, Matt Oakes, Mike and Elaine Davis, Nick Cordel, Matt Hurley, Alistair Fenwick, Wayne Davis, Tristan Warden and Chris Combe, completed the challenge over two days.

William, from Devizes, came up with the idea of doing the challenge after his wife Sarah was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and cared for at the Stars Appeal funded Breast Unit. After telling friends of his plan, they were keen to support him, and the Unlikely Cyclists were formed.

Explaining more about what spurred him on to fundraise for Salisbury District Hospital's Charity, William said: "Sarah was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in late 2022 and while sitting in Salisbury Hospital's Breast Unit, one grey and damp morning, I read through the list of companies and individuals who had donated to fund the unit to provide a calm and peaceful atmosphere for treatment, and felt I would like to do something to help. The care Sarah received from the dedicated team of nurses was faultless."

Members of the group visited the Breast Unit at the Hospital on Monday, August 9 for a special cheque presentation and also had a talk about the charity's work.

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