



# The Downsmen

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

**HANSEL AND GRETEL**  
 Monday 13 February, 11am  
 £6. £3 for the 438 seats in reserve. Tel: 01725 552812  
 in association with Clarks the Butcher or call 01725 552812

**SIXPENNY HANDLEY WI JUMBLE SALE**  
**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
 Doors open at 2.30pm  
**SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Lots of Stalls  
 Teas  
 Raffle **Entrance 30p**

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 For collections beforehand ring Stella on 552236 or Jan on 552704.  
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**Magnificent café**  
 Thursdays 9am - 12pm  
 St Mary's including  
 Teddy Bears Church Toddler Group

**Sixpenny Handley FAMILY CINEMA**  
**SING**  
 Saturday 4 Feb, 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm)  
 Sixpenny Handley Village Hall  
**FREE OF CHARGE**  
 subsidised bar and snacks  
 Further info: 01725 552812  
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**HAPPY NAPPY**  
 Happy Nappy meets term time every Monday in the Village Hall from 10am - 11:30am  
**Toys, Singing and Fun for Babies and Children**  
 ...with coffee, tea and a chat for adults at our friendly group...  
**£1.50 for adults, £1 for children (under 6 months free)**  
 Lucy Barr 07508 691323  
 Milly Bones 07525 248890

**Sixpenny Handley COMMUNITY CINEMA**  
**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS**  
 Friday 17 March - 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)  
 Sixpenny Handley Village Hall  
 Tickets £5 from Clarks the Butcher or on the door  
 Snacks & bar  
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**PRE-LOVED SALE**  
 2-4pm  
 Saturday 18 March  
 Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

TEA COFFEE CAKES

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 Sixpenny Handley Village Hall  
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 Snacks & bar  
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**CRAFT FAIR & AFTERNOON TEAS**  
**Sat 25th March, 10am - 1pm**  
 Sixpenny Handley village hall  
 Come and enjoy homemade cakes & sandwiches.  
 Free entry, donations welcome.  
 If you're interested in booking a table, then contact us: edhandleyhall@gmail.com / 07951 096069

**CROSSROADS CAFE**  
**HANDLEY HUBS**  
 Parish Office  
**9am - 12pm**  
 Mondays & Wednesdays

**STEVE KNIGHTLEY**  
 Unlock Me & other Lockdown Laments  
 Sixpenny Handley Village Hall  
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 Time: 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm)  
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**CHASE COMMUNITY FRIENDS**  
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 11am - 3pm  
 £6 per person  
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**Next edition**

The next edition will be published from  
**1st April 2023**

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

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

If possible please email your articles to [editor@thedownsman.org.uk](mailto:editor@thedownsman.org.uk).

**Advertising**

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**Advertising deadline  
10th March**

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

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Size	Single edition	Yearly rate
Small Text Ad	£2.50	-
Small Square	£6	£30
Rectangle	£12	£55
Large Square	£25	£125
Half Page	£35	£175
Whole Page	£50	£250

**Advertisement Sizes**

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

\*without frame which will be added by us.

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

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

*10 years!*

Happy New Year... can you believe it is 10 years since we changed to this format for the Downsman! Time flies as they say... I realised this as we have been reviewing our advertising rates due to increased paper costs pushing the printing prices up - thankfully we haven't had to change them much, you can see the new rates in the left column. If advertising with us is of interest to you do email Tarda, [adverts@thedownsman.org.uk](mailto:adverts@thedownsman.org.uk) and myself! Did you know you can catch up with past Downsman issues on our website [thedownsman.org.uk](http://thedownsman.org.uk) too?



Have you seen the Noticeboard??? I had to put them all on the front page somehow - and that is only the village events, have a look through the pages and you will see events from other neighbouring villages and towns too. Lovely to have things to look forward to in these darker months - I do hope you can find something you enjoy!

Volunteering - as always I do like to put before you the volunteering opportunities that have come to my notice. Squirrels are the 4-6 year old Scouts and are in great need of another helper as one of the leaders is not available every week. If you enjoy working with small people you will make a huge difference. If small people aren't your thing - why not go down to enjoy the Crossroads Cafe and help Bea with set-up and chatting over coffee... there is a lovely atmosphere down there so pop along and make yourself known. Talking of good atmospheres, Chase Community Friends would love to see you at their second of the month Friday lunches - whether you want to volunteer with them - or just want to go for lunch. Booking is needed, so give them a call - all are welcome to join!



I'll leave you with my photos of ice and water on the same day - and hope you all keep warm and safe!

*Naomi Booth*

[editor@thedownsman.org.uk](mailto:editor@thedownsman.org.uk)

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

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

## To The Editor

The Cranborne Chase Farmer Cluster, a network of 20 farms across the Cranborne Chase, would like to invite members of the community with an interest in conservation and the environment to a series of training events being held on farms in the Cluster. These events will provide opportunities to find out more about what farmers in the cluster are doing to help nature to thrive on their farms and to learn skills to enable you to carry out surveys on your local cluster farms if you decide to put those skills into practice.

There will be four events between March and October 2023 focussing on surveying four different species: small mammals, butterflies, rare arable plants and veteran trees. You will be welcome to join as few or as many events as you would like.

To register your interest please contact Cath Mason [cath@launcestonfarm.co.uk](mailto:cath@launcestonfarm.co.uk) and we will send you details and joining information.

For more information about the Cranborne Chase Farmer Cluster and current environmental projects please visit <https://www.cranbornechasefarmers.org/>

Thank you!

### Trussell Trust

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

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

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

### Hanlega's

Friends and customers,

Due to the loss of my caravan in the fire and having nowhere to live, I have now left the shed as chef.

It has been a pleasure to cook for you all, and having made a lot of friends through the job, I will be very sorry to leave the village, if I have to.

I have been very touched and grateful for all your concern and kind wishes, gifts and support following the loss of my home and all my possessions in the fire.

I would especially like to thank the person who anonymously left a card and cash gift just before Christmas.

Best wishes  
Paul



### Richard Foley's Books

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

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

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

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

### CRESS Christmas Appeal Thanks

A huge thank you to those who supported our Christmas Transport Appeal. We are delighted to announce that, including Gift Aid, we raised a total of £4235.71. Some of the money has been sent out already for scheduled maintenance for the new truck pictured. The rest will be used for the driver's salary, a bicycle, servicing the vehicles, road licences and more during 2023... The truck has been busy already this year, it took Bishop Joseph to confirm 600 people at the beginning of the year and this week is transporting the team to the two Savings Group Conferences.

### Sixpenny Handley First School

A Pre-Loved Sale is taking place at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall on Saturday 18th March 2-4pm, featuring a wide selection of clothes, toys and books, including lots of great items for children. There will also be teas, coffees and delicious homemade cakes available. All proceeds will go to support Sixpenny Handley First School and Nursery. If you would like to offer donations for the sale, please drop them off at the school reception on Friday 17th March. For more info contact Becky at [sixpennyhandleyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:sixpennyhandleyfriends@gmail.com)

### Christmas Collections

Santa's visit to Handley by Traction Engine event collected about £420 for the Salisbury Hospital Stars appeal including the Choir Singing collection in the Penny Tap - The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve collected £250 for the Children's Society and St Mary's donated £500 to the Parish CCIO Fund collected at their Christmas Bazaar during November. A fantastic effort by everyone - thank you.

# Downsman Noticeboard

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

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**EARLY CHILDREN'S  
HANDLEY HUBS  
VILLAGE HALL**

**OUR PARISH  
LIBRARY**

Open when the Parish Office is open  
From 9am - 12noon Mondays and  
Wednesdays  
first and third Thursday afternoons  
from 3pm till 4.15pm

**CROSSROADS  
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PARISH OFFICE EVERY  
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**STEVE  
KNIGHTLEY**



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A RELATED, INCLUSIVE THEATRE EXPERIENCE FOR EARLY YEARS AND FAMILIES

**HANSEL AND  
GRETEL**



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Monday 13 February, 11am  
£6.45 (incl. £30 family) or on the door Tel: 01725 552813  
or from Clarke's the Butcher or online at [SIXPENNY.CO.UK](https://www.sixpenny.co.uk)  
Full refreshments and Snacks Available. *Refresh*



## Clerk's Corner

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

Unit 6, Town Farm Workshops, Sixpenny Handley. SP5 5PA  
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 Clerk to the Council (Ciona Nicholson) 01725 552211  
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### Traditional Hedge Laying Technique to Conserve our Landscape.

Hedge laying is a traditional country skill that has been in use for centuries. The original aim of a well-laid hedge is to create a 'living fence' to stop sheep, cattle and other livestock from wandering away. When you lay a hedge, you generate new tree growth and increase the habitat value of the land. They act like long, thin strips of woodland – creating sheltered low habitats for plants and birds. Animals can use hedges to travel between habitats. Once laid, a hedge only needs regular trimming and it will last for decades.

The techniques of hedge laying vary from region to region, this is due to the fact that the type of tree, the stock that were grazed, even the tools that are used vary from area to area and result in slightly different end results. However, the basics of hedge laying remain the same. Dorset style hedge laying produces lower and wider hedges, as sheep were the main livestock in the region. Hedge laying is a seasonal task that is carried out between October and March. This is when trees and shrubs are dormant, and birds are no longer nesting. The funding for this Hedge Laying activity at Sixpenny Handley comes from the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme's 'Communities Caring for Heritage' grants programme, which supports activities at a community level which conserve and enhance the wonderful cultural and natural landscape of their area.

### Our Successful bid to Chase & Chalk Landscape Partnership Scheme.... 'Conserving our landscapes by laying our hedges project'

The Parish Council recently successfully applied to AONB Cranborne Chase & Chalke valley Landscape Partnership for a £2500.00 grant to support our Conserving the landscape by laying hedges project.

The hedge boundary at the Recreation Ground adjacent to football pitch all of the way down to the tennis courts will be fully completed in the new year. We have

engaged the skills of two local crafts man that will lay the hedge and where there are gaps we will fill with a new order of hedgerow saplings supplied once again by the Woodland Trust.

This project is also an opportunity to educate and involve the children from the local first school and wider community by educating and passing on woodland skills. The Parish Council on behalf of St Mary's Church will also 'lay' the hedge adjacent to the play park and St Mary's land.

The hedge is currently at a perfect hedge height and width to be able to demonstrate these type of craft skills which will stock proof and regenerate the hedge which will allow continuity of rich wildlife and preserve the current landscape which is essential if we are to retain our natural heritage. We have engaged the skills of a local craftsman who champions conservation and will be able to teach, educate and demonstrate traditional methods. We would also hope that members of St Mary's Church who have a keen interest in conservation would be interested in taking part/observing the craftsmanship on specific training dates which are yet to be confirmed.

When: January 27th & 28th educational days & possibly a further date in February (tbc)

Who: We are looking for volunteers or simply those who are interested in observing the techniques as the Downsman will be published after this date we will promote elsewhere on social media.


Why: We want you to be part of conserving our heritage by being hands on and learning a new skill.

*Ciona Nicholson*

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

**Opening Hours:**  
 10.00am – 12 noon Tue  
 7.00pm – 7.30pm Thu  
 8.30am – 10.00am Fr  
**For Parish Council information visit:**  
[www.sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sixpennyhandleyandpentridge-pc.gov.uk)

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



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

**Opening hours**  
 Wednesday 4.30 - 7pm  
 Thursday 4.30 - 7pm  
 Friday 4-8pm  
 Saturday 4-8pm  
 Take out Service Available



## Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs



A huge thank you to all those who have supported our Handley Hub Cafés to date and to all the wonderful volunteers who have given up their time to make them happen.



The SHCH team met recently to review how we're doing and to discuss what additional services we might be able to provide to our wonderful community. Alongside the trustees of the Village Hall, we will be hosting a family cinema on Saturday 4 February at 2.00 pm. We will be showing the ever-popular Sing, which follows a koala named Buster (voiced by Matthew McConaughey) who decides to host a singing competition to attract more customers to his theatre. Sing also features the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane, Scarlet Johansson, John C. Reilly, Tori Kelly and Taron Egerton. The film will be shown free of charge and there will be a subsidised bar and snacks available. So, why not come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon with friends and family in a warm and comfortable setting.



We are pleased to have seen a significant increase in attendance at the Crossroads Café Hub since Christmas, which is fantastic. It was great to see so many people at 'Brew Monday' on Monday 16 January (and on Wednesday 18 January!) which the Hub held in line with the initiative launched by the Samaritans to combat loneliness and to help break the myth that the third Monday in January is the most difficult day of the year. As the

Samaritans say, "there's no such thing as 'Blue Monday' - everyone has good and bad days, and those aren't for the calendar to decide". The team recognises that this is true for all of us, which is why we are working on enhancing the facilities available at the Café. We hope to entice even more of you to come along to improve your day by chatting with neighbours, friends or work colleagues in a warm and welcoming environment. We now have a filter coffee machine and hope to have a toaster soon so that you can come and have a piece of hot buttered toast, with a choice of toppings, along with your cuppa. We are very grateful to 1st Woodcutts Scouts who have kindly offered to support us by providing homemade cakes for you to eat in or take away. Please keep an eye out for further details about their "Winner Winner Cakey Dinner" initiative on our new Facebook page.



The Magnificafé team at St Mary's Church are also delighted to have seen an increase in footfall at their Thursday morning Hub. From parents calling in after dropping off their children at school, to those wishing to have an informal business meeting in a warm and accessible location. With delicious bacon and egg baps, toast and bagels plus freshly brewed coffee or tea on offer what's not to like - let's make every day a brew day!

Both hubs will continue to open from 9.00 am - 12.00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays (Crossroads Café) and Thursdays (Magnificafé). We are also considering opening the Crossroads Café on Sunday mornings, subject to having enough volunteers. We hope that those who work outside the village and can't

get to a hub during the week might be able to come along on a Sunday instead. We are also acutely aware that Sundays can be very difficult for those who are on their own. If popular, this could become a regular Hub feature. Let us know if this idea appeals.

The hubs are run by a band of cheerful volunteers who will guarantee you a friendly welcome and a listening ear. They are subsidised by the host organisation and a minimal charge or donation is requested to help cover costs if you are able. The intention is that this continues to build on what we know works and we really hope that even more members of our wonderful community will come along and join in at one or more of these venues. If you would be interested in joining the volunteer team, please contact us on: 552735 or at: andyturner@outlook.com

Please visit and like our new Sixpenny Handley Community Hubs Facebook page (<https://tinyurl.com/2fd6d3t4>) to ensure you get our news as quickly as possible and to message us with your ideas and comments.

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



## Chase & Chalke Talks

**Chase & Chalke Talks Set to Return in 2023**

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[cranbornechase.org.uk/chaseandchalke/](http://cranbornechase.org.uk/chaseandchalke/)

In the meantime our first series of Chase & Chalke Talks are available to view on YouTube, so you can enjoy these well received sessions/lectures at your leisure.

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## WI News and Information

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We are a month into 2023 already, but I hope it's not too late to wish everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Two W.I. events took place in December: The Group Advent Carol service on Friday 2nd, which had had to be cancelled in 2021 due to Covid restrictions, was held in our own lovely ancient church of St Mary's. Attendance was good and we were thankful to be able to return to our seasonal traditions.

Monday 12th was our members' Christmas Party – a very enjoyable festive evening with the Sixpenny Handley Community Choir entertaining us, which also included some audience participation. There was a successful raffle and delicious buffet as usual, a fine way to end the year.

Monday 9th January was our first meeting of the new year. Unfortunately, several members were unable to attend, but those who did enjoyed an excellent talk and film show. The speaker was Mr Kenneth Fowler, who had lost two close family members to cancer. Taking all his annual leave from work, which was one month, to embark on a trip sailing in a bath tub sized dinghy from Lands End to John O'Groats, hoping to raise money for cancer research. He was aided by two friends, travelling in camper vans, who would aim to be wherever he came ashore after each day at sea. The story of his incredible journey was most interesting as he described the drastic changes in weather conditions from day to day, even hour to hour, and the intense loneliness of whole days at sea, the varied wildlife and the magnificent scenery of our coastline, also the great kindness of strangers along the way. The amazing thing is he achieved his ambition, leaving just two days to drive home to the south coast, towing his boat and returning to work the following morning at 5am. This herculean task raised £37,000 for Cancer Research. Mr Fowler is a brave and admirable man and it was a pleasure to meet him and hear his account of this great challenging undertaking.

Flower of the month was won by Teresa Marshallsay with a Primula.



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#### Forthcoming events:

Monday 13th February  
Members Social Evening 7.30pm

Saturday 25th February  
Jumble Sale 2.30pm  
Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

#### NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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

*Stella Olsen  
Vice President*

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of course our library is open as well.

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

### A Winter Solstice Celebration at Win Green

Come celebrate today this winter Solstice  
day so bright  
Come join me, together we give blessing for  
the return of light  
Come follow the Kestrel as it hovers high  
above  
Come climb the green hill to the Beech  
trees above  
Come enter the trees beckon, with their  
outstretched limbs  
Come join our circle they implore, as we  
celebrate the light  
Come sit here a while and reflect in our  
cathedral so bright  
Come says the Raven with a deep raspy  
croak the Solstice finale begins  
Come watch the Red Kites dance  
silhouetted in the deep golden light  
Come watch closely as the Sun begins to  
sink slowly away  
Come watch in awe the colour changes  
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Come celebrate the star light as the day  
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Come tomorrow we celebrate the light's  
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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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special cream tea (booking required) please keep an eye on our website for more details

VINTAGE FAIR - Sunday 23rd April 10am - 4pm

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# Hedge Laying

Following questions regarding the recent hedge work adjacent to the football pitches I have been asked by the parish council to provide some information and instruction in hedge laying.

Hedges are the original barbed wire forming stock proof barriers between fields and weather protection for crops, they also form an important habitat linking woodlands together. They are often known as corridors of nature with a mini woodland type habitat linking woodlands together and providing ideal homes for birds, mammals and wildflowers.

Originally hedges surrounded villages to keep stock away from crops, along byways and trackways, or marked boundaries. During the enclosures of the 17th and 18th century when the common land was divided up 200,000 miles of hedges were planted.

Over the intervening years hedges have been used as sources of timber, provided shelter for animals, formed linear coppices providing materials for hurdles and fencing and more recently been seen as valuable tools in wildlife conservations.

Decline (loss 22% 1947-85)

1. Neglect, poor flailing, herbicides
2. Labour, Time consuming skilled activity
3. Fencing
4. Urbanization
5. Removed to make larger fields to accommodate cash crops and agricultural machinery.

How do we manage hedges ?

Hedges are usually managed by trimming with a flail but periodically, every 8-12 years they should be layed, in this process the stems are cut at an angle 4/5 of the way through then bent over or pleached. In this way the hedge is lower to the ground and denser.

Most hedges in the UK are left for way to long and for some the only way to keep a hedge from becoming a row of trees is to coppice it, chop all the larger trees down and allow them to regenerate and planting

all the gaps. After about seven years a new hedge with a greater diversity of hedgerow species is created.

The hedge adjacent to the field falls into this category. The quality of the hedge as a habitat has slowly been degraded as the hedge has been cut back clear of the power lines. The trees now growing are spaced out and the habitat which they provide is slowly deteriorating. The management although harsh will ultimately lead to a better shelter and wildlife habitat.

## Which style to lay?

There are a variety of different regional styles of hedge laying which have been developed for differing types of livestock, landscape or prevailing weather conditions. The most common and popular is the midland bullock style.

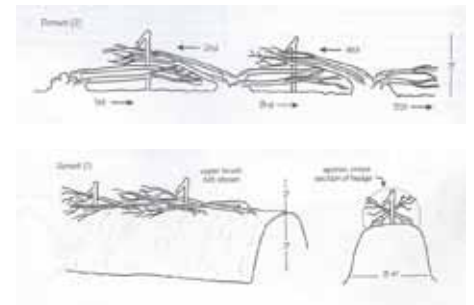


## The Dorset style

Often accompanied by a bank, is designed for enclosing sheep.

Pleachers can be laid in either direction and are pegged to the ground using crook sticks and string and or flexible woody material i.e. willow or hazel.

In the Wiltshire / Dorset downland areas



the hedges were traditionally held down using pitched string, or flexible stems where necessary. Now we use flexible stems only the hedge should largely hold itself down.



If you would like more information do not hesitate to get in touch. On 07920031314

We will be laying the hedge adjacent to the graveyard extension on the 27th and 28th of January and 4th February. If you would like to drop by for a chat or to have a go at laying you would be most welcome.

*Anthony Brown  
Pete Etheridge*

## Dorset's Digital Champions

can help people use their Christmas gadget gifts

People who received a device for Christmas and are unsure how to use it are being urged to call on Dorset's volunteer digital champions for help.

Dorset Council has a team of volunteers who provide both face-to-face and over-the-phone support to anyone who needs help with technical issues – including how to use and set up a new tablet, smartphone or laptop.

The volunteer digital champions run advice sessions at libraries and community centres across the county.

And between 10am and 12 noon every weekday, residents can also get help over the phone by calling the Dorset Digital Hotline on 01305 221048.

Dorset Council's portfolio holder for Customer Services, Cllr Laura Beddow, said: "Being digital and getting online can make people's lives so much easier.

"We would urge anyone who needs help getting to grips with using their new smartphone, tablet or laptop to visit one of our digital advice sessions or call the Digital Hotline.

"Our volunteer digital champions are incredibly kind, helpful and patient and their advice is helping thousands of Dorset residents."

In Dorset, 11% of residents are completely offline and another 20% lack all the essential digital skills needed to get online.

For some people that means although they like their new Christmas gadget, they just do not know how to make the most use of it.

Digital champion, Julie Saunders, said: "If you have received a new device for Christmas or even if you are using an old one, the digital champions are here to help.

"We all need help using a computer or device at times so don't be afraid to ask.



"Whether you want to learn something new, check that everything is working as it should or even because you are frustrated because the computer just says 'no'! call or come and see us - we can't promise to solve every problem, but we'll have a very good try."

To find out where face-to-face digital advice sessions are held go to [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/volunteer-digital-champions](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/volunteer-digital-champions) or call the Digital Hotline on 01305 221048 (Mon to Fri, 10am to noon) for more information and to book.

## Farmland Bird Guided Walk & Talk

14 February 2023 | 11 - 1pm | Trow Farm, Alvediston | Free | Booking Required

The day starts with an introduction to farmland birds in the old staddle barn followed by a 1 - 2 mile walk around this beautiful mixed farm to see what birds we can see.

There are steep muddy tracks on the farm so walking boots or wellingtons are essential. Please bring binoculars if you have them although we do have a few pairs we can lend people. The barn has heating but it's an old draughty building so warm clothes are advised! This walk compliments the Nurturing Nature project by providing an opportunity to introduce people to the unique variety of bird species that accompany farmlands on Cranborne Chase.

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cranborne-chase-aonbchase-amp-chalke-30958334931>

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# 1st Woodcutts News

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**Squirrels**

Age 4-6  
Thursday 4:15pm  
Zoe Wilkinson  
01725 552397

**BEAVERS**  
Age 6-8  
Tue & Wed 5 to 6pm  
Annette Toop  
07973 677815

**cubs**

Age 8-10½  
Mon & Wed  
Andy Young (Akela)  
07796 941202

**SCOUTS**

Age 10½-14  
Mon & Tue  
Rob Easton  
01725 552038

**EXPLORERS**

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

### Christmas celebrations

Group Christmas celebrations this year were held at the Ancient Technology Centre in Cranborne. We kept warm with a fire in the centre of the Earth House and some great action songs from our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Leaders! We invested three new leaders, saw the highlights from 2022 and found out about the exciting plans for this year! With thanks to David Meill for his words and accompanying our songs and carols on the guitar.

Woodcutts Explorers, Leaders, Active Support Unit and Trustees then gathered in the Long House for a finger buffet for our President, Richard Adlem's, 90th Birthday.

### Winter Camp

Thankfully it had warmed slightly for Winter Camp. The Scouts cooked themselves a Christmas dinner over the fire and in the pizza oven and generally had a great time chatting and catching up.

### Christmas Gifts

Squirrels, Scouts and Explorers worked together to create some beautiful Christmas Hampers for members of the village community which were very well received.

Beavers made gifts for our friends in the Care Home in Blandford and Cubs made keyrings to sell at the Village Hall Craft Fayres for #SalisburyGotTalent challenge.



# Squirrels

### Help needed

Our Squirrels are thriving, but one of our leaders can't attend for a period so we are desperate for another adults' weekly assistance, 4-5pm at Sixpenny Handley School. No experience necessary just good with young children as Squirrels are 4-6years old. The Squirrels (and Zoe and John) will be pleased to hear from you  
Skip, John: 01725 552397  
Squirrel Leader, Zoe: preedyzoe85@gmail.com



## Church News

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

### THE VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

Rev David Miell – Priest in Charge

In the Christian Calendar, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (this year 22nd February) and takes us through forty days of fasting, prayer and self-examination until, finally, we rejoice in the celebrations of Easter. Those forty days have their roots in the period Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism, as he himself fasted and prayed, resisting temptation. They also echo the forty years of the Exodus when God led his people out of slavery and tested their faithfulness.

Various explanations have been given as to why we call this season 'Lent' or 'Lenten', with most referring to the Old English word 'laencten', the season in nature when the days 'lengthen'. That Old English word may in turn derive from the Latin word 'lentus', meaning 'slow', given that the lengthening of days, and our spiritual progress through the forty days, can often seem quite slow!

But, as a vegan, I prefer a quirkier explanation: that 'Lent' comes from the Latin word 'lens' or its plural 'lentes', meaning 'lentils'! From the earliest centuries of the church, preparations for Easter involved fasting: no meat, no fish,

no dairy! This period coincided, at least in our part of the world, with the season of scarcity, when stored food supplies, having been consumed over the winter, run low: out of necessity, if not as a matter of spiritual discipline, dried pulses became the seasonal diet.

Our modern English word 'lens' is also derived from that same Latin word 'lens' - because the shape of a lens (in a magnifying glass) is that of the humble little lentil! Lenses help correct our sight and bring things into focus. They help make things that are fuzzy or far away much clearer and closer.

Lent is the season for examining ourselves, and through the lens of our Lenten disciplines of prayer, penitence, study of the scriptures and self-denial, we can begin to see ourselves as God sees us. May this Lent help us see our own lives, our church and our world more clearly in the light of Jesus Christ. "In your light shall we see light" (Psalm 36:9)

### Pastoral support

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

He can be contacted at:  
Rev Dr David Miell; The Rectory, Church Hill, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford Forum, DT11 8JB.  
Mobile: 07708 601462 or  
email: dkmiell@gmail.com

Local help or advice on any church matter is available by emailing support@handleychurch.org.uk or from our Church Wardens for Handley: Sue Curtis - 01725 552397 or Linda Cooper - 01725 552864. Or for Pentridge, our Church Wardens: Jane King - 01725 552231 or Mary Ferguson - 01725 552222

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

The plan for our Benefice is still developing as we continue to work closely with our neighbouring parishes of Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal. You will recall that we had advertised before Christmas for a part-time or 'House for Duty' priest, applications closed on 17th November but unfortunately no one applied. Bishop Karen has kindly agreed that we will advertise the post again in early Spring and this time make the post a permanent post. We welcome this as hope that it will thus attract some interest. The latest news is that interest has been voiced and we hope that a formal application will follow! Naturally we pray for excellent candidates and good news

in the near future. Meanwhile as many of you will have noticed, the vicarage is being refurbished and solar panels and an air-source heat pump are being installed making it one of the most eco-friendly vicarages in the Diocese.

Many have assumed that we have no priest during this time, but we do. Our priest in charge for now of course remains Rev Dr David Miell who along with his wife, Rev Henriët Miell both look after our pastoral needs. We remain grateful for their kind support.

## Confirmation

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

## WHAT'S ON



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

The **Handley Christmas Bazaar** was held as a Community Fundraising Event for the CCIO and the Church Fabric Fund on 26th November. Everyone who has helped before with this event were marvellous as ever, as were those who came along on the day, £500 was donated to the CCIO by St Mary's. Thank you to all who supported this event.



**Community Café - MAGNIFICAFÉ** - The marvellous Magnificafé continues each Thursday morning from 9-12am during school term time providing hot breakfast, eggs, bacon, bagels, waffles, as well as hot and cold drinks. It's a great place to meet with other mums and dads with small children. There is also a quiet corner where you can hold a meeting if needed and there is free Wi-Fi. The Café is now proudly associated with the fantastic Handley Hubs initiative of which much more elsewhere in this edition of the Downsman.



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

The Choir is preparing its voices for Spring Events and they are always on the lookout for new people to join in. They get together for practice on Thursday evenings at 6.00pm for an hour in St Mary's. New Members very welcome! Please contact Margaret on 01725 553150

## Normal Weekly Services

The details of our normal services are posted regularly in the weekly Church Notice Sheet, pick up a copy when passing St Mary's or ask for it by email. It is always useful along with lots of other local news and information. If you would like to receive this, please email [notices@handleychurch.org.uk](mailto:notices@handleychurch.org.uk) or phone 552161.

### 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	9am HC (Said) 10:00 Informal Service YCT	10:00 Holy Communion CW DM	A Benefice / Group Service will be arranged at 1030am
St Andrew 's Gussage St Andrew	No Service	9:00 Matins BCP AR	No Service	9:00 Holy Communion BCP DM	
St Rumbold's Pentridge	9.00 Holy Communion BCP DM	No Service	11.15 Matins	No Service	

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



## Find a trader and check you can trust them

Sometimes it can be difficult to know where to turn to choose a reliable trader. The following points can help you to select wisely and reduce the possibility of problems.

Use a Trading Standards approved 'Buy with Confidence' trader. Visit [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk) to search for local traders around your postcode, or call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline who can search for you on 0808 223 1133. Ask friends and family to recommend traders too.

Get three quotes in writing before starting work. Unlike an estimate this is a fixed price for the job and should not change. Check that the price is inclusive, that it details all work that you have requested and there is a timescale from start to finish.

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Never agree to go with a trader to the bank or building society to withdraw money, even if this might seem a kind offer, it is usually an aggressive practice under consumer law for a trader to do this.

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## *Chase Community Friends "CCF"*

### **Urgent Appeal for Help**



### **We Urgently need volunteer drivers!**

We are a local charity that provides the chance for people to meet old friends or make new ones, once a month over a freshly prepared meal on the second Friday in every month. Some of our clients need help with lifts to these monthly meetings.

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

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

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

## Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

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

At the time of writing we are about to host our first post-pandemic sell-out gig with the amazing Moscow Drug Club. It will be so good to see a packed village hall again after far too long and we are sure it will be a great night!

We are very grateful to Artsreach, Dorset's rural touring arts charity, for bringing us such high quality performers. Not only do these events enable us to enjoy high quality arts on our doorstep, they also support the upkeep of the village hall and, most importantly, are a great social occasion and an excellent way to bring the community together.



The next event we have from the Artsreach Spring programme is a perfect half term treat for young and old alike.



**THE PADDLEBOAT THEATRE present  
HANSEL AND GRETEL**

Monday 13 February at 11.00 am  
Join Hansel and Gretel as they venture into the woods, trailing breadcrumbs and sharing their story as they go. The mischievous siblings are searching for the magical market at the heart of the forest – but if they're not careful they'll find more than just sweets waiting for them in the deep dark woods...

This inclusive version of Hansel & Gretel is a sensory story full of magic, gentle interaction and integrated signing. With an enchanting woodland set, playful characters and poetic storytelling, it is a perfect first-time theatre experience for

little ones aged 3+ and anyone who would like to enjoy a relaxed performance in the warmth of the village hall.

Date: Monday 13 February 2023  
Time: 11.00 am (doors at 10.30 am)  
Tickets £6 (adult) / £5 (under 18) / £20 (family) – available online at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artsreach/t-avajpdo> and from Clarkes the Butcher  
Refreshments: Snacks and hot drinks available to buy

Look out for details of the next season's Artsreach programme in the April issue of the Downsman and on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/6DHandleyVillageHall>. If you would be interested in joining the Artsreach mailing list to hear about arts events throughout Dorset, please visit: <https://artsreach.co.uk/ mailing-list>

supported Sixpenny Handley Community Cinema thus far. We kicked off 2023 with the blockbuster movie Top Gun: Maverick last month. It was fantastic and we hope that those who attended will agree that it highlighted why it is so much better to see a film on the big screen at your community cinema rather than via Netflix!

As regulars will know, we have teamed up with Moviola to provide some of the best current films and will continue to run the cinema on the third Friday of the month throughout 2023 as long as there is continued community support. We have selected the next few films from the Moviola programme and hope we have managed to select something for everyone.

**Our next film, The Railway Children Return (PG)** will be held during half term week on Friday 17 February at 7.00 pm.

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It's 1944 and World War 2 is raging. Bobbie (Jenny Agutter), one of the original Railway Children but by now a grandmother, welcomes a group of evacuees from Salford to her home in Yorkshire. Rambling about the countryside one day they encounter a young African American GI (Kenneth Aikens) who, like them, is far away from home, and who is hiding from the authorities. Will they help him to stay hidden?



**Next up, in March, we have Fisherman's Friends: One and All (12A)**

The Cornish mariners are back! Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues", we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.



**And, in April, The Lost King (PG)**

In 2012, having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard III were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester. The search had been orchestrated by an amateur historian, Philippa Langley (Sally Hawkins), whose unrelenting research had been met with incomprehension by her friends and family and with scepticism by experts and academics. The Lost King is the

life-affirming true story of a woman who refused to be ignored and who took on the country's most eminent historians, forcing them to think again about one of the most controversial kings in England's history.

We hope to see you soon at the cinema! Any profit from these events will be shared between the Church and the Village Hall. For further information, and to see trailers of the films, please go to: <https://www.moviola.org/venues/sixpenny-handley/>.



**SIXPENNY SESSIONS AT THE VILLAGE**

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**Friday 24 March 2023**

Sixpenny Sessions is delighted to announce that Steve Knightley, one half of folk supergroup Show of Hands, will be bringing his one man show 'Unlock Me & Other Lockdown Laments' to Sixpenny Sessions in March.

In this brand new one man show Steve will perform material that surfaced over two years of isolation and inactivity. Songs such as the 'Bristol Slaver' and 'You'll Get By' were refreshed by headlines and current affairs whilst classic covers such as 'Forever Young' and 'The Boys of Summer' struck a chord with the thousands that tuned in to his hours of online content. Insights, anecdotes and a bunch of new songs will attempt to chronicle and draw a line under

an extra episode in all our lives.

Recently described by The Independent as "Formidable operators in the roots arena. A class act", Show of Hands is undeniably one of the strongest current forces in acoustic music and something of a "people's band". Our regular followers may remember the sell-out gigs that Steve did in the hall 6 years ago and last year's gig by the other half of the duo, Phil Beer, and we strongly advise you to get your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets are available online now via: Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/nbypt6th> and will be on sale at Clarke's the Butcher later this month (keep an eye out for the posters around the village and on our Facebook page for confirmation of when these are available).

Date: Friday 24 March 2023  
Time: 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm)  
Tickets: £20

Hot food will be served at 7.00 pm plus full bar.

For further details see our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/6Dacoustic.live>).

And.....

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**SATURDAY 8 JULY - THE BIG SESSION**

Further details to follow in the next issue of The Downsman. If you'd like to get involved, please let us know by messaging us via Facebook or by email at [sixpennysessions@gmail.com](mailto:sixpennysessions@gmail.com)

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## Rockbourne Fair raises ‘incredible’ £51,000 for the Stars Appeal

Organisers of the Rockbourne Fair are celebrating after raising an “incredible” £51,482 for the Stars Appeal, Salisbury District Hospital’s Charity.

Members of the Rockbourne Fair Committee handed over their donation, which surpassed the amount raised in 2021, to the President of the Stars Appeal, Lord Pembroke, the charity’s Hospital Ambassadors, and the Hospital’s chief executive Stacey Hunter, during a special presentation event on Tuesday (January 10) at the Stars Appeal funded Beatrice Birth Centre.

Bev Moulding, the chair of the Rockbourne Fair Committee, said: “We are delighted that Rockbourne Fair 2022 has raised such an incredible amount for the Stars Appeal, totalling £51,482, compared with £50,301 in 2021. It was wonderful to see so many people come through the door and enjoy this unique shopping experience with over



100 stalls - the atmosphere was fantastic! This achievement is even more remarkable given the current economic climate. “We are extremely grateful to everyone who made the event such a success - for the support of our stallholders, our volunteers and the generosity of everyone who attended. This money will go on to make a big impact on the lives of so many people in Salisbury District Hospital and it’s a great reminder of how we can come together to make a real difference to our local community.”

The boutique shopping event, which is held

annually, took place across three days from October 19th to 21st, 2022 at Salisbury Racecourse.

This year’s Rockbourne Fair is being held from October 18th to 20th at Salisbury Racecourse.

Donations from the Rockbourne Fair help the charity towards its goal of raising more than £1million each year to fund projects supporting local people being treated at Salisbury District Hospital and the staff that care for them.

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Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a restful Christmas and that 2023 is going well so far. As I write this we are busy getting tax returns out to clients and filed with HMRC before the 31 January deadline, but here are a few articles that may be of interest.

### Scams targeted at taxpayers

Self-assessment taxpayers, who are starting to think about their annual tax returns for the 2021-22 tax year, should guard against being targeted by fraudsters, warns HMRC. In the 12 months to August 2022, HMRC responded to more than 180,000 referrals of suspicious contact from the public, of which almost 81,000 were scams offering fake tax rebates. Criminals claiming to be from HMRC have targeted individuals by email, text and phone with their communications ranging from offering bogus tax rebates to threatening arrest for tax evasion. Contacts like these should sound alarm bells – HMRC would never call threatening arrest. Anyone

contacted by someone claiming to be from HMRC in a way that arouses suspicion is advised to take their time and check the scams advice on GOV.UK. Taxpayers can report any suspicious activity to HMRC. They can forward suspicious texts claiming to be from HMRC to 60599 and emails to phishing@hmrc.gov.uk. Any tax scam phone calls can be reported to HMRC using the online form on GOV.UK.

### Unclaimed Child Trust Fund accounts

A recent post by HMRC reminds tens of thousands of teenagers in the UK, who have not yet claimed their matured Child Trust Funds savings, that they could have thousands of pounds waiting for them. An estimated 6.3 million Child Trust Fund accounts were set up throughout the duration of the scheme, containing about £9 billion. If a parent or guardian was not able to set up an account for their child, HMRC opened a savings account on the child's behalf.

Teenagers aged 16 or over can take control of their own Child Trust Fund if they wish, although the funds can only be withdrawn once they turn 18 years old. Where children have a Child Trust Fund, families can still pay in up to £9,000 a year tax-free. The account matures once the child turns 18 years old and no further money can be deposited. They can either withdraw the funds from the matured Child Trust Fund account or reinvest it into another savings account. Until the child withdraws or transfers the money, it stays in an account that no-one else has access to.

The Child Trust Fund scheme closed in January 2011 and was replaced with Junior Individual Savings Accounts (ISA). Child Trust Funds are long-term savings accounts set up for every child born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011. To encourage future saving and start the account, the government provided an initial deposit of at least £250. The savings accounts mature when the child turns 18 years old.

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and have yet to access their Child Trust Fund account, could have savings waiting for them worth an average of £2,100. If teenagers or their parents and guardians already know who their Child Trust Fund provider is, they can contact them directly. This might be a bank, building society or other savings provider. Many eligible teenagers who have yet to claim their savings might be starting university, apprenticeships or their first job. The lump-sum amount could offer a financial boost at a time when they need it most.

**Vehicle benefit charges from April 2023**

The vehicle benefit charges for 2023-24 have been announced. Where employees are provided with fuel for their own private use by their employers, the car fuel benefit charge is also applicable. The fuel benefit charge is determined by reference to the CO2 rating of the car, applied to a fixed amount. The car fuel benefit charge will increase in 2023-24 to £27,800 (from £25,300). The fuel benefit is not applicable when the employee pays for all their private fuel use.

The standard benefit charge for private use of a company van will increase to £3,960 (from £3,600). A company van is defined as ‘a van made available to an employee by reason of their employment’. There is an additional van fuel benefit charge for a van with significant private use. The limit will increase in 2023-24 to £757 (from £688). If private use of the van is insignificant, then no benefit will apply.

Since 6 April 2021, the van benefit charge has been reduced to zero for vans that produce zero carbon emissions. This measure supports the governments climate change agenda by encouraging the uptake up of vans that emit zero carbon emissions.

**Mortgage Guarantee Scheme extended**

The Mortgage Guarantee Scheme was set to end on 31 December 2022. In a last-minute announcement from HM Treasury, it was confirmed that the scheme will now be extended for a further 12 months until 31 December 2023.

The scheme helps prospective home buyers (mainly first-time buyers) who only have a small deposit and may find getting a traditional mortgage difficult. Under the scheme, lenders can offer 95% mortgage products.

The scheme has assisted over 24,000 households since it was launched in April 2021. The scheme is open to first time buyers and home movers across the UK. Home buyers can purchase properties valued at up to £600,000 and both new-build and existing properties are eligible.

The government provides lenders with the option to purchase a guarantee on the top-slice of the mortgage (over 80%). Lenders will also take a 5% share of net losses above this 80% threshold. This helps to ensure that lenders are not motivated to provide poor quality loans. Lenders also need to pay the government a commercial fee for each mortgage in the scheme. The


mortgage guarantee is valid for up to seven years after the mortgage is taken out.

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To register your interest, or to ask any questions, please email Anna Cooper at [AnnaC@WSBRC.org](mailto:AnnaC@WSBRC.org)



## Sarpenela

Dates for the Diary

February 2023

Thursday 2nd February - Reiki Share - 6-8pm

Sunday 5th February - Gong Bath - 3-4pm

Thursday 9th February - Gong Bath - 6-7pm

Sarpenela will be moving to St Mary's Barn in Chettle at the end of February and we look forward to letting you know more in the next edition.




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# Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

## NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL (UNICORPORATED CHARITABLE TRUST) Charity no 276132 will be held at Sixpenny Handley Parish Office  
 Time: 7pm  
 Date: Monday 13th Feb  
 to vote on the following business:

### 2) Dissolution proposals:

Transfer proposal  
 It is proposed that the unincorporated charitable trust named SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL, Charity number 276132 be dissolved and the entire undertaking of the Charity be transferred to SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL CIO, Charity number 1201429, a copy of whose constitution will be circulated at the meeting. The members shall consider and vote on the following resolution to this effect.

Charity to do all such things and to incur such costs as shall be required to give effect to this resolution as the Committee (trustees) shall determine.

*Paul Styles – Chairman 13/01/2023  
 Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Trustees*

### AGENDA

#### 1) Welcome and apologies.

‘As proposed and carried at our AGM on 16/06/2021, the Trustees have successfully registered a Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) to replace the current unincorporated trust. Our members are formally invited to vote to transfer the Charitable objects and assets to the new organisation. All current trustees are standing as Trustees of the new organisation’.

#### Dissolution of the Charity and Transfer of Assets

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Charity, SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL be dissolved with effect from midnight on Monday 13th February 2023 and to transfer the entire undertaking of the Charity to SIXPENNY HANDLEY VILLAGE HALL CIO and THAT the Committee (trustees) are hereby authorised and instructed on behalf of the

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The free stargazing activities include storytelling and stargazing, planetarium sky tours, talks and art workshops. They will be taking place at Coombe Bissett in the Cranborne Chase AONB International Dark Sky Reserve.

### Storytelling and Stargazing

Enjoy glittering star stories around the firepit with storyteller Lizzie Bryant, who will lead you on a wonderful journey through the heavens.

10th Feb / 11th Feb

### Astronomy Sketching Workshops with Mary McIntyre

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11 Feb 10.30am / 2.30pm

### Lighting, Biodiversity & Health

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11 Feb

### Pop-Up Planetarium (No booking required)

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#### Winter Sailing

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Very strong winds forecast, and a not good tide, decided a reach across to Yarmouth for lunch, and a reach back, was a good idea. Perhaps a better idea would be to not go at all! But always good to have challenging conditions in a controlled? environment. Interesting sail getting there in strong winds and a strong cross-tide, there is a rule of thumb, which goes something like – for every knot of cross tide, you need to steer up by 10 degrees, well we had 3 kn + of cross tide, so it did seem a bit extreme, but worked. On the return we had sustained true wind of 43kn, which according to my ready reckoner is F9!!

A Saturday sail (for those unable to make Wednesdays). With a good Southerly breeze, and sunshine, five yachts and 27 crew braved the benign conditions and enjoyed a close fetch to Cowes, and up the Medina to Folly Reach. Lunch was enjoyed in the sunshine, and a reach return to Lymington. One of those rare fabulous days in Winter!

#### LTSC successes

LTSC have had very good results, in National and International events, I was going to list them here, but there would be about two pages in abbreviated format. However I thought worthy of a mention for those who may be inspired to join a club with such a good track record. Of course for those who are looking for something more relaxed, well, plenty of that also. There is a range of training opportunities.



*Photo shows a J80 racing, a tradition that all 'Js' have a J in their name, which can lead to some interesting spellings!*

#### Bunkside Bookshelf

For Christmas I received a couple of books worthy of note.

'SuperYacht Captain' Brendan O'Shannassy, Life and Leadership in the World's Most Incredible Industry, A professional at the zenith of the world's most lavish and exclusive industry gives a rare and honest insight into a career that spans two decades and circles the globe, the real world of superyachts, crews, and owners. You will not hear of these billionaires in the news or richest people lists, for they prefer anonymity. But to give some idea of scale, the yachts may cost £250 million to build, with an annual budget of £15 million, some may be more, and some a bit less. So to captain/manage these vessels, the owners expectations (which are high and without compromise), and 50 crew, takes a lot of leadership. The book defines leadership aspects in the many interesting scenarios. If you are a leader, or aspire to be one, then read this book. If like me you are simply fascinated by all this stuff, go on read it! On a completely different aspect, 'Ancient Stones on Old Postcards' Jerry Bird, postcards from Edwardian times showing stone circles, cromlechs, caves, gorges,

craggs, and tors. Each one with a map reference, and how to get there, and there are some Dorset places mentioned.

#### 2023

A programme of events for 2023, is published, more next time, but check out [www.ltsc.co.uk](http://www.ltsc.co.uk) hopefully see you out there sometime.

*Adam*  
Yachting Correspondent  
for Sixpenny Handley

## Larmer Tree Gardens won

the Hitched.co.uk Wedding Awards 2023

Larmer Tree Gardens is one of the Hitched Wedding Awards 2023 winners in the Wedding Venues category, making them one of the most recommended professionals by newlyweds on Hitched.co.uk.

Larmer Tree Gardens, and thousands of other wedding professionals in the United Kingdom have just completed an unprecedented year for the industry - 2022 was the year of the 'wedding boom' following hundreds of thousands of delayed celebrations. Hitched.co.uk, a leading wedding planning platform and part of The Knot Worldwide group, has announced the winners of the second annual Hitched Wedding Awards.

These awards are based on reviews by couples who married in the past year. Larmer Tree Gardens has won a Hitched Wedding Award in the Wedding Venues category.

Larmer Tree Gardens, received a total of 32 reviews on their online storefront on Hitched.co.uk and a rating of 5.0 out of 5.0 determined by the couples who planned their weddings with them. As of today, they have received a badge on their Hitched listing, which recognises them as winners of the Hitched Wedding Awards 2023. This badge will serve as a marker of quality to the thousands of couples who use Hitched to book their wedding vendors. Last year's awards were special, but this year's edition holds even more value. In the words of José Melo, Vice President of Sales for Europe at Hitched.co.uk, "After two very difficult years of the pandemic for the sector, where professionals had to halt their activity and suffered great losses, this year we can finally talk about an edition where weddings were celebrated big.

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# LENT PROJECT 2023



## ENABLING AGRICULTURE

CRESS supports South Sudanese Refugees in Rural Northern Uganda through our delivery partners based in Arua. We have established 62 Savings Groups, 34 of which are trained in sustainable agricultural techniques. We want to raise funds to buy tools so the others can benefit from agricultural training

Most of the refugee community in which CRESS works, lives under the \$2 a day mark. Many families just eat one simple innutritious meal a day of maize meaning they are hungry and poor nutrition leaves them vulnerable to illness. For those in refugee camps, the UN World Food Programme has announced it will have no choice but to make further food ration cuts for refugees which adds to their pressures as does the increase in inflation and climate change in Uganda. So we hope you will help us support them through this project.

*Carlie.*

## WHAT WE HOPE TO DO

CRESS has trained 34 agriculture groups with an average of 25 members per group, together with 76 pastors who were also trained, giving a total of 926 refugee farmers trained in sustainable organic veg and fruit production and small business development up to 2021. Their gardens are flourishing but we can do more.

We hope to fund **tree seedlings**  
**tools training seeds**  
for **10** more of our 62 Savings Groups.

We want to raise funds so that a savings group of around 25 people can have tools, seeds, training and some fruit tree seedlings. This will enable the members to begin to grow nourishing crops to provide food, security against climate change and eventually produce to sell so they can purchase medicines, school fees and essentials.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP...

## JOIN IN OR RUN EVENTS DURING LENT

The programme of events is now being created, if you can help please email Emily Broomhead at [thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com](mailto:thechalkevalleychurches@gmail.com) or contact Caroline on 07807 780 707, [caroline.lamb@cressuk.org](mailto:caroline.lamb@cressuk.org)



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## 6DH Skatepark Project Update

(A Year of Opportunity)

So here we are in 2023, in which we have the potential to progress the work done to date and refurbish the Skate Park. We collected a lot of useful information with our questionnaire, which we shared in the last edition. An important aspect of this was to understand why people did not want the skate park rebuilding. Understand the negatives and make them positives, so we are going to be working through this detail to ensure the new park is designed to address these concerns. Whilst also ensuring we have a park that is able to support all skill levels, beginner to advanced and a range of skate park devices, roller blades, micro scooters, BMX bikes and of course Skateboards.

At the same time, we will be looking at how we can make the skate park as safe as possible, learning lessons from other locations, having training sessions, building a 'team' spirit so that its an all-inclusive site and a level of self-policing. We will be

looking to keep the current shelter so that young people can sit around and chat. If budget is available, we will look at how we can also incorporate the existing Basketball court, and if not, work with the Parish Council to see how it can be relocated so that it can still be used.

We need to ensure there is a maintenance model built into the new Skate Park. We will therefore look at how we continue to maintain fundraising activities to support this work and that the park does not suffer from neglect. Part of this will be looking at how we can set up a Skate Park Jam, these are events that have competitions and demonstrations by top level athletes as well as training sessions, like the one held last year which was run by Rubicon who are part of the national Skate boarding organisation.

We are factoring all this in and continue working on the project, sharing information

as we go through 2023 and are hoping for a successful outcome. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us to date with our fund raising. A big shout out to Creative Hub and the auction of David's Waistcoat and the winning bid of £200 by Iain of Kickstand Marketing and Dee who we all know and love. Thank You all very much.

One thing we would really benefit from is more active support, if you can spare the time, please contact us to discuss what you may be able to do. Especially anyone who has experience in chasing down grants. We meet each month to discuss fundraising and all aspects of the project to be addressed over the next month. If you would like to know anything or to get involved, please contact Chair Person, Charlotte Gilson (07464 884533) or Secretary, Andy Turner (07427 119468)



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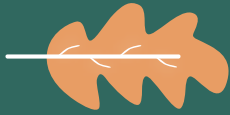
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