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WITH PENTRIDGE**

December 1998

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EDITORIAL

*Welcome to the
December
edition of
The Downsman.*

Cover Picture
**The Star Inn
Sixpenny Handley**

I am sure that a lot of you were just as horrified as myself at the “sprouting” of a forest of brown signs, advertising a local facility, that have sprung up in and around our village. These signs seem totally out of keeping with not just our village environment but also with the size of the facility concerned. This also compares with the non-existent signage that the village has got for its own recreational facility.

It now transpires however that Dorset County Council did not know anything about the signs. They were put up by Wiltshire!!!. In theory Wiltshire should take them back, perhaps with the message, to paraphrase, that they are **over large, over bright and over here!** whilst the appropriate planning request is considered by Dorset. Bearing in mind that the large signs on the roundabout are so bright as to overshadow the local direction signs at night, and traffic is directed through the village their usage should be seriously questioned by Dorset County Council. Sadly I suspect that this will not be the case, and that they will approve the signs on the basis that they are already up. Mind you, we can be content that no golfers will get lost when looking for a course in the middle of the night!

There have been some problems with delivery of this magazine recently. To address this Charles Nodder has sent me the following note: *“The Downsman is delivered by volunteers organised by the Sixpenny Handley Homewatch. Your readers can help to ensure that a copy is delivered to every home in the Parish by letting them know of anyone who has*

inadvertently been missed out. In such cases they should advise the co-ordinator for the area so that the problem can be addressed. The co-ordinators are shown on the opposite page in the Parish directory”

I recently attended a seminar on the Working Time Directive. Whilst its aims are laudable the bureaucracy involved is amazing. For instance I am now supposed to advise my employers of the time I spend working on this magazine as they are required to record all hours worked by me whether paid or voluntary. If I exceed the limits set out it would be deemed against the law!

Sledgehammers and peanuts spring to mind.

Finally the editorial team wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Keep those contributions coming.....

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will be published on the
1st February 1999
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NOTES FROM RSPB GARSTON WOOD

Have you been watching Sir David Attenborough and the Life of Birds? This is a quite wonderful series of programmes showing all aspects of bird life and the very varied ways they survive and reproduce. Although many species shown seem to be from exotic places far away, it is worth noting that our own 300 or so types of bird are equally interesting and many are extremely colourful.

Have you taken a good look at birds yet? Are you having difficulty finding an interesting present for Christmas that will last all year? How about an RSPB membership for an adult, a child or all the family? To join one child to the Young Ornithologists Club is £9 for the year, but for all the children only £12. For this you receive a Birdwatching Guide, a Get Wild book, poster and Bird Life magazine six times a year. There are 120 RSPB reserves to visit free and often a local group in which you can become involved. If the family joins, £36 per year for everyone, then there is all the above and a free video guide to garden birds by Sir David Attenborough, Birds magazine four times a year and as a special offer, you will receive a Mitchell Beazley Pocket Guide to birds. The RSPB is a charity devoted to improving the conservation of birds and maintaining the biodiversity of our environment. Application forms are in the leaflet box at Garston Wood car park, or you can contact the RSPB on 01767 680551.

Work on coppicing is once more underway amongst the mud and chaos of a very wet spell. The fencing is progressing at a rapid rate now the volunteers have become so experienced at this type of short-lived protection from the ravages of deer. The poles have all been pre-prepared for use by other team members, drawing on the stock of more mature hazel and unwanted beech in the plantation. To help the environment, burning of the hazel tops is only carried out in areas where the trees are over 25 years old and the quantity is too great to be useful elsewhere. Wire fences will again be used to enclose the side and rear sections of the coupes to speed the coppicing cycle. This year another portion of the wood on the western side is being cleared of old hazel to open up a long glade for breeding butterflies. Eventually they will have a flyway right through the woods and the clearances will encourage ground flora, much needed if the Pearl Bordered Fritillary is to return as planned. By widening the rides a better habitat will be created for birds and dormice, allowing more light into the wood to encourage a large insect population. Breeding of the dormice has been much better this year with many young raised to a sufficient weight to last through the winter hibernation that has already started.

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and remind you that the wood is a wonderful place to take a quiet walk in winter.

Working party dates:-

28 December
13, 17, 27 & 31 January
10 & 21 February
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David Tucker



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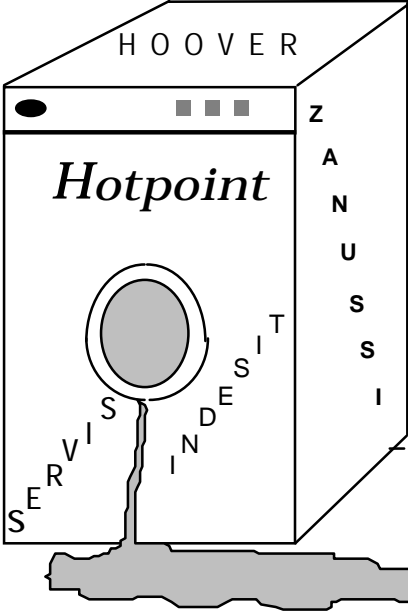
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Micro-Chipping of Dogs

Panic! Worry! Do you know that feeling when you realise that your dog is lost?

Put those worries behind you because a lifeline to lost dogs is being provided in East Dorset. The Council's Animal Welfare Officers, Michelle and Brian, are offering a new service to micro-chip your dog. Using Petrac Micro-Chips, they will be able to trace lost dogs back to their owners.

They are both fully trained to micro-chip dogs and will be out and about on the Council's Mobile Advisory Unit where you can visit and have your dog "chipped" while you wait. Steve Duckett, the Council's Head of Environmental Health, commented, "*It's like losing one of your children when your dog goes missing. Micro-chipping is the way forward; it gives you the security of knowing that it can be easily traced. I am sure there will be an increasing demand for this service especially as we, move closer to pet passports*". To encourage as many dog owners as possible to have their dogs 'chipped' the Council are keeping the cost to a minimum at only £15 per dog.

For any more information including details of when and where Michelle Jones and Brian Faulkner

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch



Local Crime Report

Our new local beat officer, PC Andy Boardman, recently attended a meeting of Sixpenny Handley Homewatch Co-ordinators to update us on crime patterns in the area. During the autumn the only reported crimes in the Parish were damage to an unattended motor vehicle on the evening of 21/09/98 and a theft from another vehicle in the daylight hours of 01/10/98. Other local villages fared much worse, with Shillingstone and Childe Okeford being particularly badly hit.

In discussion the importance of reporting **all** crimes and suspicious goings-on to the police was again emphasised. Whilst officers remain seriously over-stretched, every scrap of reported information is recorded on the police computer and successful prosecutions are often the result of information accumulated over a number of months. Furthermore, the allocation of police officers to particular areas is largely based on the amount of crime reported, so if you want to see more police about, report everything!

At the meeting we learned that nearly all crime in rural areas is opportunist. Eight out of ten burglaries are 'amateur', often carried out to raise cash for feeding a drug habit. Three out of ten involve no use of force; in other words somebody forgot to lock a shed door or shut a window before going out. The real professionals are few and far between so good crime awareness; the fitting of window locks and alarms can dramatically reduce the likelihood of your home being a target.

PC Boardman explained that most burglaries in this area were to the rear of properties. He advised keeping back gates and outbuildings locked at all times. Most criminals do not like to carry tools because of the risk of being picked up, so don't make their job easier by leaving yours accessible to them. Even the humble garden spade makes an ideal tool for forcing windows. Finally, if you haven't already done so, mark your property indelibly with your postcode. Doing so will reduce the risk of it being taken and dramatically increase the chances of recovery if it does get stolen.

Better Communication

Andy Boardman has made a great start in his new role, taking care to keep us informed of police initiatives and encouraging the many Homewatch schemes throughout the large area for which he is responsible. He is particularly impressed by the 'Sixpenny Handley System', in which the Homewatch area co-ordinators also deliver the Downsman, thereby getting about their patches and becoming known to residents both old and new. This is something that other villages would do well to copy. Andy also recently volunteered to come and speak informally to the children in the village school, something which hasn't been done for several years but which can form a vital

link in their early perception of law and order.

There will be a full meeting of everyone involved in the Sixpenny Handley Homewatch in February. Details will be passed to those involved in due course.

“THE IMPS”

Christmas Concert and Carols

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The afternoon costs 75p. which has to be the best value in the business - so why not come along and join us one Wednesday.

January 13 th	Singer and Entertainer - Howard Cole.
January 27 th	Dorset Heritage Slides - A.C.Wllson
February 10th	TRAIDCRAFT talk - Arthur Simmonds.
February 24 th	California 1993 - Ted Adams.

St Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley

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News and Information

NATIONAL
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INSTITUTES

Report for October and November

The W.I. have been rather unfortunate with their speakers recently. In October we were hoping to hear Hilaire Walden give us a talk on 'The History of Chocolate', but sadly, she was unwell. Luckily, Mr Bob Fox was able to come at short notice to entertain us with his experiences as a Theatre Manager in various parts of the country, but mainly in Lewisham. His talk was entitled "A Funny way to Earn a Living", and he regaled us with amusing stories of the many famous comedians he had met in the course of his work.

In November also, our speaker, Mrs Liz Ford, was prevented by ill health from personally helping us to make some Christmas Decorations. However, her preparations for the demonstration were so complete that Stella Symes, our president, was able to conduct us through the making of several attractive and colourful decorations.

Both meetings had a lively business session, November especially, as it was our Annual Meeting, The Secretary, Mrs Heather Eynon gave the Committee's Annual Report, and, wearing her other hat as Treasurer, she guided us through the Financial Statement. Our President, Mrs. Stella Symes gave a short address and thanked the Committee and members for their work during the year, she then moved the adoption of the Annual Report, which was seconded by Mrs. Win Judd. Nominations for President were taken from among the eight members who were standing for Committee; all were pleased when Mrs Stella Symes agreed to serve again.

Two annual competition cups were presented. The 'Flower of the Month' went to Mrs. Doreen Leverton and Mrs. Nancie Raban-Williams won the Competition Cup, both having most points for the year. Nancie also won the Annual Competition for a poem, the title of which was 'Autumn'

Members are now looking forward to our Christmas Party and Carol Services.

Nancie Raban-Williams

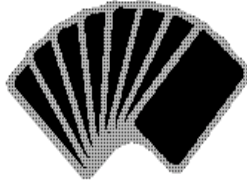
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Christmas Whist Drive**

Wednesday 13th January
Wednesday 27th January



**BRIDGE AT THE ROEBUCK
COMMENCES: 8:00pm**

Wednesday 9th December
Wednesday 16th December
Wednesday 6th January
Wednesday 20th January

Details - Bill Chorley - Tel: 01725 552776

CHILDREN – A MESSAGE FROM POSTMAN DAVID



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on

Thursday 10 December 1998
At 10.30 am
At The Village Hall

Come and join in with the carols and hopefully win a raffle prize!

1ST WOODCUTTS SCOUT GROUP

Firstly, I would like to thank Godfrey Turner, his helpers and all supporters for their kind generosity to the Scout Group not only during the Midsummer Street Fayre but also the 28 Hour sponsored Record / C.D. Play-in on 24th October. This support is greatly appreciated and the proceeds have been used to good effect, as anyone who has been passed the Scout H.Q. may have noticed with the new doors and surrounds.

Secondly, I am delighted to welcome Bob & Lyn Lewis as our new Scout Leaders and also Jeffrey Haskell who is becoming a new Assistant Scout Leader. I am sure many will remember Bob and Lyn, as they used to run the Scout Troop several years ago when the Troop had about 30 Scouts. Although our numbers are starting to increase, we would still welcome any new lads to Scouting. They enjoy many activities and district events, as well as camping. The Cubs are particularly low on numbers, so if you are aged between 8 to 10½ years for Cubs, or 10½ to 15½ years for Scouts and would like to know more please give one of the Leaders, or me a phone call.

Barry Howes G.S.L. 01725 552583

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Handley Sports Club '100' Club 1998

Draw No 1 - June

£50	119	Pete Godden, April Cottage, Sixpenny Handley
£10	149	M R Read, Handley Park, Sixpenny Handley
£10	188	Mrs RJ Prince, Cranborne, Dorset.
£5	116	Mr K New, Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley

Draw No 2 - July

£50	225	Julia Bishop, Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	81	Phil Harris, Common Rd, Sixpenny Handley
£10	168	P.J. Taylor, Deanland, Sixpenny Handley
£5	206	Veronica Hibberd, Didlington, Wimborne

Draw No 3- August

£50	23	Debra Harris, Handley Park, Sixpenny Handley
£10	210	Darren Card, Chase Crescent, Woodcutts
£10	99	Mrs C. Beckwith, Paddock Close, Sixpenny Handley
£5	227	Sylvia Mackle, St Mary's Close, Sixpenny Handley

Draw No 4 - September

£50	24	Maureen Preedy, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley
£10	21	Ruth Edwards, Town Farm Place, S. Handley
£10	107	J.A. Edwards, Council Houses, Cashmoor
£5	189	John Lennane, Waterditchampton, Wilton.

Draw No 5 - October

£50	16	P L Coombes, Dean Lane, Sixpenny Handley
£10	98	B.M.J. Curtis, St. Mary's Close, Sixpenny Handley
£10	230	G. Hancell, St. Mary's Close, Sixpenny Handley
£5	189	John Lennane, Waterditchampton, Wilton

Draw No 6 - November

£50	39	Mr M. J. Woodget, Hunt Corner Farm, Sixpenny Handley
£10	204	Julian Carter, Rose Cottage, Farnham, Blandford
£10	159	B.D.Ridout, Humby's Farm, Sixpenny Handley.
£5	96	Mrs S Young, Mill Hill Lodge, Moor Crichel.

Next Draw - December 8th 1998

DIGITAL TELEVISION

Most of us would have heard by now that digital television has arrived in the UK. But, like me, you are probably wondering what it all means; questions like "What do I need to do to become "digitised"?" and "What is it likely to cost?" come to mind. I was lucky enough to find a magazine the other day that goes some way to explain what is happening.

Digital broadcasting is a new way of transmitting television pictures and it will eventually replace the existing broadcast system, which, as we all know, is prone to atmospheric interference. At the moment, picture signals are sent out in a wave pattern (known as analogue waveform) which is picked up by your aerial and converted into a series of dots, which make up the picture you see. Under the digital system the picture signals are sent out as a series of 0s and 1s. By transmitting signals digitally the broadcasters can squeeze several channels

in the space previously occupied by one and thereby offer a wider choice of viewing. The broadcasters will use one of three different methods for digital television transmissions: digital terrestrial, digital satellite and digital cable.

At the outset, the existing service operators such as the BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 will provide digital terrestrial broadcasts. The broadcasts should reach 70% of the population initially, with the rest of the country covered within two years. Most people will be able to receive these broadcasts using their existing TV aerial in conjunction with a set-top decoder or an integrated digital terrestrial television.

BskyB will offer digital satellite television services and customers will need a digital satellite set-top decoder and a new or modified Sky dish. Digital cable services will also require a new set-top decoder from existing providers.

Whichever method of receiving digital broadcasts is chosen, there appears to be no problem actually recording a digital broadcast on an existing video recorder. But, because current VCRs do not have a built-in digital tuner, it will not be possible to record one digital channel while watching another. However, it will be possible to record a digital broadcast while watching an analogue channel on the television, and vice versa.

Regardless of which system is used, there seems to be no alternative to spending a fair amount of money on some sort of decoder or suitable receiver in order to experience the new digital TV revolution.

Ian Davies

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Christmas Services

This year, the first of the Christmas services will be Lessons & Carols at St. Rumbold's, Pentridge at 6 pm on **Sunday, 20th December**.

There will be Candlelit Carols at 4.30 pm at the Chapel of Gussage St. Andrew on **Wednesday, 23rd December**

If you have never been to the Chapel, which is a daughter chapel to St. Mary's in Sixpenny Handley, then this is a good time to visit a place steeped in prayer for more than 800 years.

On **Thursday, 24th December** - Christmas Eve - there will be the Christingle Service at St. Mary's at 5 pm. Come along - bring a child with you if you can, but if you can't find one just come anyway and join in the noisiest service of the year. Oranges, candles, jelly tots and all of us to give a real welcome to the Christchild!

At 11.30 pm, there will be the Midnight Service, again at St. Mary's.

On **Christmas Day**, there will be Christmas Communion at 8.30am at Gussage St. Andrew Chapel, at 9.30am at St. Mary's, and at 11.15am St. Rumbold's, Pentridge.

On **Sunday, 27th December**, there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols at 10.00 at St. Mary's.

Do find something that suits you and come and spend a little time with the Christ who is the beginning and essence of Christmas.

Ron Wood

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO

As the second millennium approaches its final year and preparations are made to record the event in all its glory, my thoughts go back to the beginning of this millennium and a time when the last thing on anybody's mind would be where to bury the time-capsule!

In 978 the young King, Edward the Martyr, was murdered at Corfe Castle on the Isle of Purbeck, and his body was transferred to the Shaftesbury Abbey. (Rumour has it that the ghosts of two men with pack-horses carrying the King's body have been seen on the steep, cobbled and famous Gold Hill which leads to the remains of the Abbey.) His death is attributed to his stepmother, who was keen to place her own son, Ethelred, on the English throne. And it was Ethelred the Unready who was the monarch at the end of the first millennium.

The surname given to Ethelred, according to Osbert Lancaster, had not quite the same significance for his contemporaries as it has for us; for them the word meant "ill-advised", but "unready" is equally descriptive in both its ancient and modern sense of the character of Ethelred. This unfortunate King was quite incapable of dealing with either the dangers which threatened the land within, or the revival of the pirate Danish invasions from without. So great a reputation for strength and courage had the previous Kings of England enjoyed, that the Norsemen had avoided the country for many years, preferring to harass the dominions of less resolute monarchs. But now that the throne was occupied by one of such notorious incapacity as Ethelred, they once more turned their attention to these shores.

Unable to exercise any control over those subjects charged with the responsibility of defending the coasts, Ethelred was forced to adopt the fatal expedient of bribing the Norsemen to discontinue their attacks. This catastrophic policy only encouraged the Danes to further onslaughts, and the King decided upon another and still more calamitous line of action. On St. Brice's Day, 1002, he caused all the Danes resident in England, most of whom were peaceable citizens who had been here for many years, to be slaughtered in cold blood. Unfortunately for him, among the victims was the sister of Sweyn, King of Denmark, and from henceforth Ethelred was no longer faced with the isolated raids of pirate bands, but the organised attack of the whole strength of Denmark. City after city fell until eventually in the campaign of 1013 London itself, which had always held out against the most desperate attacks, surrendered.

The loss of the capital forced Ethelred to flee to Normandy and Sweyn was chosen as his successor. But Sweyn died before taking his place on the throne and there was considerable opposition to his son, Canute.

Encouraged by this, Ethelred returned from abroad and a condition of civil war prevailed until his death in 1016. In the place of Ethelred his supporters chose his son Edmund Ironside, but, although he displayed all those qualities so sadly lacking in his father, he was unable to hold out against Canute and was forced to come to terms with the Dane. They divided the country between them, but before Edmund had a chance to demonstrate his skill as a ruler he was murdered by a follower and his subjects chose to be ruled by Canute.

Canute was a wise and able ruler, and, had his successors been more gifted than they were, might have been the founder of a great Northern Empire, for his dominions included Denmark, Norway, Iceland and parts of Ireland, as well as Britain itself. He was, to all intents and purposes, the first King of England to be crowned in this millennium.

Ian Davies

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Sunday 13th December Christmas Special

Meeting at the Village Hall from 10 - 1.00

If you would like to join us for games, crafts & worship

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Sundays 20th Dec & 17th, 24th & 31st Jan 99 will be 9.30 - 10.30am as usual meeting in the church then in the vicarage

There will be no Sunday School on 27th December

STARTS AGAIN

Sunday 10th January 10 - 11.00am
at the village hall

Hope you can join us -

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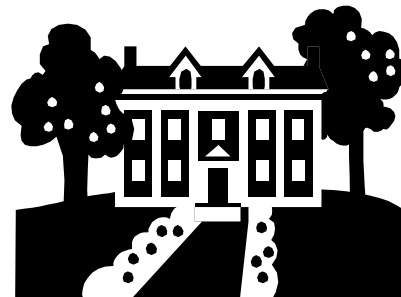
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SALISBURY

FAVORITE POEMS

**Pembury Knoll.
Margaret Quinn**

The clouds hung high above The Chase
 In grey serrated rows -
 The wind soughed softly thru' the trees,
 Lifting my soul with it's gentle breeze
 As I watched night creep o'er Pembury Knoll
 And day draw to it's close.

I had seen a glorious sunrise
 Tint the corn with lights of gold -
 And saw a fox - it's tail afire,
 Lope slowly round the cattle byre,
 Then take a path across the down
 To vanish in a distant fold!

In the quiet stillness of the morn
 I'd heard the buzzards' lonely call.
 Saw them wheel their way up high -
 A leisured progress through the sky.
 Whilst, far below, a Summer mist
 Stretched - grew, and covered all.

It drifted slowly o'er the hill
 To vanish in a gentle breeze,
 And then - whichever way I faced
 I saw the beauty of The Chase.
 As bird-song filled the quiet air,
 My heart - my soul, were all at ease.

*(Written by Margaret Quinn,
 East Woodyates)*

PEACE

Why do you still march old man
 With medals on your chest
 Why do you still grieve old man
 For those friends you laid to rest
 Why do your eyes gleam old man
 When you hear those bugles blow
 Tell me why you cry old man
 For those days long ago

*

I'll tell you why I march
 With medals on my chest
 I'll tell you why I grieve young man
 For those I laid to rest
 Through misty fields of gossamer silk
 Come visions of distant times
 When the boys of tender age
 Marched forth to distant times
 We buried them in a blanket shroud
 Their young flesh scorched and blackened
 A communal grave newly gouged
 In blood stained gorse and bracken
 And you ask me why I march young man
 I march to remind you all
 That but for those apple blossom youths
 You'd never have known freedom at all.

(Submitted by H M R)

Drs Pelly, Nodder and Morgan Surgery Opening Times

	Sixpenny Handlev	Broadchalke
Monday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0
Tuesday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	9.0 - 5.0
Wednesday	9.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0
Thursday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0
Friday	8.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 7.0	9.0 - 1.0 and 2.0 - 6.0
Saturday	9.0 - 12.0	Closed

FAVORITE POEMS

CHRISTMAS

John Betjeman 1906-1984

And London shops on Christmas Eve
Are strung with silver bells and flowers
As hurrying clerks the city leave
To pigeon haunted classic towers,
And marbled clouds go scudding by
The many-steeped London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,
And oafish louts remember Mum,
And sleepless children's hearts are glad,
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'
Even to shining ones who dwell
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue'd fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives to-day in Bread and Wine.

*(submitted by Christine Stone,
The Parsonage)*

IS THIS CHRISTMAS?

Jenny Hill

Imperial Cancer Research Collection

The collection taken up in Common
Road in August amounted to £10.80.
Thanks to all who contributed.

Eileen Miles

Hear the raucous, loud refrain
The telly advert - makes it plain
It's Christmas for another year
The season of goodwill is here.

At least, that's how it used to be
In the lost days of our infancy.
A season of goodwill and cheer,
The crowning glory of the year.

But today, weeks, months in advance
We join the rat race, take our chance
Of happiness, once and for all,
Though the hope, the chance is small.

It's Christmas the catalogues proclaim,
Windows of shopping stores, the same.
Perfect gifts for friends and family,
They all cost money, nothing's free.

Many households count the cost
Too late, of money spent and lost
On all the presents it can buy,
No matter they don't satisfy.

Computers, microwaves or toys
To satisfy the girls and boys
Complete with batt'ries that don't last
Too soon the fleeting life span passed.

Then the feasting we indulge
Until from our new clothes we bulge.
That dress should be a large size
If the stomach is as big as the eyes!

One more mince pie for a treat
It looks lovely, and a man can eat
Especially if he's fully grown
Even though the stomach's blown!

Buying, feasting, is that all
Implied in Christmas' yearly call?
It comes from One who bears the name
Anointed Christ, today the same.

Have we lost Him in the mass
Of rush and bustle, woe, alas!
Without him in his rightful place
The saviour of the human race.

One day, in Heaven, Our Lord we'll see
Through a joyful eternity.
And praise His great and precious Name
Our Saviour, who to Bethlehem came.

(submitted by Ian Davies)

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Service No	404	400		400	404
FARNHAM (Museum Inn)	----	0920	SALISBURY (New Canal)	1230	----
Farnham (Council Houses)	----	0921	Portland Avenue	1234	----
Farnham (Newtown)	----	0922	Homington Corner	1236	----
Tollard Green	----	0925	Coombe Bisset (Fox and Goose)	1240	----
Ashmore (Pond)	----	0930	Hillcrest Kennels	1242	----
Woodley Down	----	0934	New Farm	1243	----
Tollard Royal (Pond)	----	0940	Hoofprints Riding Stables	1246	----
Woodcutts	----	0944	Grimsdyke Garage	1247	----
Chase Crescent	----	0945	East Martin (Turn)	1249	----
New Barn	----	0947	Coote Arms	1251	----
Deanland	0930	----	Woodyates	1255	----
Handley (Garage)	0935	0950	Pentridge (Corner)	1256	----
Yew Tree Garage	----	0953	Yew Tree Garage	1257	----
Pentridge (Corner)	----	0954	Handley Cross	1258	----
Woodyates	----	0955	Handley (Garage)	1300	1300
Coote Arms	----	0959	Deanland	----	1305
East Martin (Turn)	----	1001	New Barn	1303	----
Grimsdyke Garage	----	1003	Chase Crescent	1305	----
Hoofprints Riding Stables	----	1004	Woodcutts	1306	----
New Farm	----	1007	Tollard Royal (Pond)	1310	----
Hillcrest Kennels	----	1008	Woodley Down	1316	----
Coombe Bisset (Fox and Goose)	----	1010	Ashmore (Pond)	1320	----
Homington Corner	----	1014	Tollard Green	1325	----
Portland Avenue	----	1016	Farnham (Newtown)	1328	----
SALISBURY (New Canal)	----	1020	Farnham (Council Houses)	1329	----
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The journeys from Farnham and Deanland to Handley and return are operated on behalf of Dorset County Council

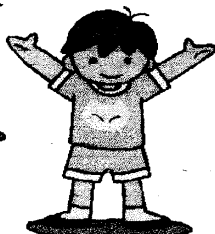
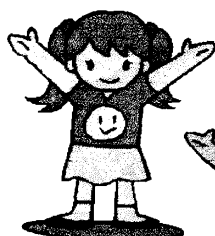
HANDLEY - BLANDFORD 402**BLANDFORD - HANDLEY 403****Thursdays only except Public Holidays**

Service No	402	403		402	403
HANDLEY (Garage)	0940	0950	BLANDFORD (The Ham)	1300	1300
Woodcutts	0945	----	Pimperne	1309	----
Dean	0947	----	Hill Farm (Crossroads)	----	1315
Minchington	0951	----	Stubhampton	----	1322
Farnham	1000	----	Tarrant Gunville	----	1326
Farnham (Newtown)	1006	----	Tarrant Hinton	1313	1331
Chettle	1015	----	Cashmoor	----	1340
Monkton St Giles	----	0955	Gussage St Michael	----	1346
Wimborne St Giles	----	1000	Gussage All Saints	----	1352
Brockington Breeches	----	1004	Brockington Breeches	----	1356
Gussage All Saints	----	1008	Wimborne St Giles	----	1400
Gussage St Michael	----	1014	Monkton St Giles	----	1405
Cashmoor	----	1020	Chettle	1317	----
Tarrant Hinton	1019	1029	Farnham (Newtown)	1326	----
Tarrant Gunville	----	1034	Farnham	1332	----
Stubhampton	----	1038	Minchington	1337	----
Hill Farm (Crossroads)	----	1045	Dean	1341	----
Pimperne	1023	----	Woodcutts	1344	----
BLANDFORD (The Ham)	1032	1100	HANDLEY (Garage)	1348	1410

HANDLEY - SHAFTESBURY**Thursdays only except Public Holidays**

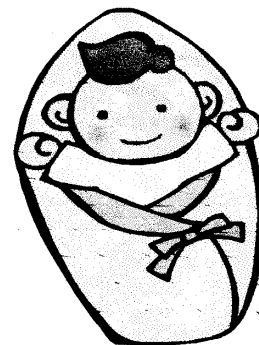
HANDLEY (Garage)	0940	SHAFTESBURY(Coppice St Cp)	1250
Woodcutts (Chase Crescent)	0945	Cann Common	1257
Tollard Royal (Pond)	0950	Melbury Abbas	1300
Woodley Down	0956	Ashmore (Pond)	1320
Ashmore (Pond)	1000	Woodley Down	1324
Melbury Abbas	1020	Tollard Royal (Pond)	1330
Cann Common	1023	Woodcutts (Chase Crescent)	1335
SHAFTESBURY(Coppice St Cp)	1030	HANDLEY (Garage)	1340

The Happy Nappy Club



*Come along
and join in the*

fun



The Happy Nappy Club meets at the Village Hall on Monday mornings between 10 and 11:30am (during school term).

We really look forward to welcoming you and your children. You can visit us every week or once a term. You can bring a friend or come alone. You can even come and help. Whatever you want to do, it's your club - it's up to you!

Play with playdough, have fun with friends, dress up and dance or just relax and read. From slides, sit-n-rides and sing-songs, to tents, tunnels and tea-sets, there's something for everyone.

Everyone is welcome - from babies and toddlers to children up to school age, with their mums, dads, nannies and minders! £1.40 per morning, refreshments inclusive.

If you have any questions phone Penny on
01725 552024

The Happy Nappy Club - Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Happiest folk are living far from the madding crowd

ENGLAND'S happiest citizens can be found in Thomas Hardy's rural idyll of East Dorset, according to a study published yesterday.

Their most miserable counterparts will be seen trudging the litter-strewn streets of east London and parts of the North-East of England.

The league table of gloom was presented yesterday at a "social exclusion" conference held at the Royal Geographical Society.

A study funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that while most of England's 20 million households were content with their surroundings, around two million expressed high levels of unhappiness.

Using figures from the National Census and the Government's Survey of English Housing, the researchers identified the most gloomy inhabitants as those living in the London boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Southwark, Islington and Hackney.

They were followed by Easington in Co Durham and Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

The brightest smiles could be found on

faces in East Dorset, Wokingham in Berks, Surrey Heath, Surrey, Christchurch, Dorset, Wealden in East Sussex and Castle Point, Essex.

In the most unpopular estates of east London, the dissatisfaction rating ran at about one resident in four whereas in parts of rural Dorset it was as low as one in 20.

The main cause of urban blues was crime, identified as a source of dissatisfaction by one householder in five, followed by dogs (16 percent), poor leisure facilities (15), vandalism (14), litter (13) and public transport (9). Only one per cent cited unfriendly neighbours.

The purpose of the "geography of misery" is to direct Government help towards areas that are regarded as squalid by the people who live there rather than by statisticians.

Roger Burrows, of York University's Housing Policy Centre, said such analysis often identified different neighbourhoods than those which are highlighted by conventional measurements of deprivation.

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Chalke Valley Playschool in Bowerchalke are looking for a new member of staff to be responsible for teaching the Rising 4 age group for two sessions per week.

The ideal candidate should be qualified to DPP level or have experience of working with children of this age within the guidelines set by the Government Voucher Scheme.

For further information telephone Rosemary Whitfield on 01722 780796.

PLANS

If any member of the public wishes to look at the Parish Council's copies of the amended plans by Downton Homes to build houses on land adjacent **Mulberry Court and Denzil Cottage, Dean Lane** with a view to making personal comment to the East Dorset District Council they will be on view at the:-

Sports Pavilion, Sixpenny Handley on:-

**Thursday December 3rd between the
hours of 6.30p.m. & 7.30 p.m.**

Rural Transport

The following services could be considered if there is sufficient support.

- Evening service to Poole/Bournemouth on Friday/Saturday (aimed at young people?)
- Hospital service to Poole, Bournemouth and Salisbury
- Weekly service to Ringwood/Wimborne markets.
- A weekly swimming pool service (Tower park, Ringwood, Salisbury, Ferndown)
- A weekly supermarket service.
- A weekly service to Poole Speedway Stadium.

If any of our readers want to comment on or support any of the above suggestions or to suggest alternatives will they

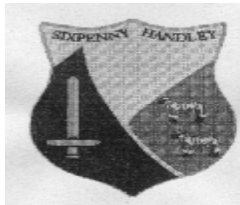
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I would like to thank everyone who supported me in this event. We raised the sum of £160 each for both the Scout Group and the Village Hall. These cheques will be presented at the Christmas Variety Show on the 19th December.

Once again thanks to all my sponsors and helpers.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

The Christmas Variety Show will take place on the 19th December 1998 at the Village Hall. This will be a fundraiser for the Church Restoration Fund. Talented people are still invited to join the cast. Doors will open at 6.45pm with Curtain Up at 7.45pm. Admission £2.00

S.H.E.D.D.S. STAR BINGO

The next S.H.E.D.D.S. Star Bingo will be on the 10th December. This will be the Christmas Bingo. The next session after that will be 7th January 1999 continuing fortnightly

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Our New Years Eve Party on the 31st December will be held in the Village Hall. This will be a Fund Raiser for the Village Hall. Admission £2.50.

MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1999

The planned date for the Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival 1999 is Saturday 19th June. I am hoping to set up a Tombola 1000 stall at this event. This is one prize for every year of the second millennium. More details on this event to follow.

S.H.E.D.D.S. MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Our Millennium Committee is: - Godfrey J. Turner (Chair), Mrs Geraldine Vincent, Mr Ian Davies, Mr Tim Palmer (Dorset County Council), Mr Alan Humphries (EDDC).

We are planning on putting down a time capsule within the Parish, to lie for 1000 years.

We are also producing a Millennium Film of the Parish. We have sourced the Stainless Steel Capsule and sourced the GPR Coating for it. The Film is already in production. We hope to have copies of this film available for sale towards the end of next year. More details to follow.

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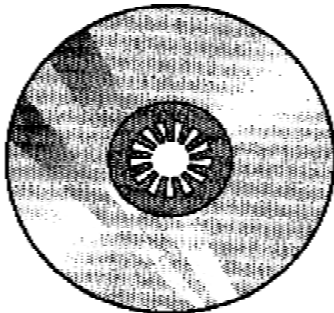
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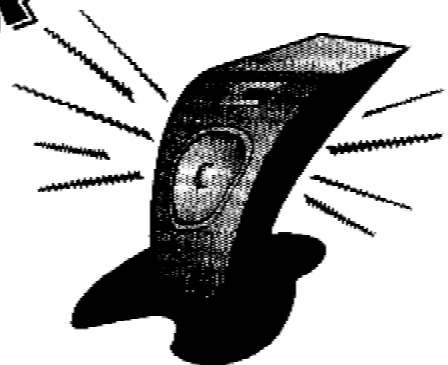
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PAUL OR ALISON

Report from County Councillor Timothy Palmer 16+ school transport: the story to date and thoughts for future action.

As you all know, at a meeting of the Education and Libraries Committee of the County Council last April, **it was decided that the Authority would withdraw from the provision of school transport for children at 16+**, that is to say all sixth formers whether at a school or at college.

It was immediately apparent that this would have a major impact in rural areas - transport is not an issue in towns where the distances involved are too short for a child to qualify anyway - **and that I would have to do everything I could think of to oppose it and to try to get it reversed.** This letter is to bring you all up to date on progress so far.

First, to rehearse the background. **In the spring of this year, after the Education budget had been settled, a £800,000 hole appeared in it.** A part of the bureaucracy of the Authority known as Professional Development Services (PDS) had failed to sell its wares to schools - the schools thought the service was low in quality and too expensive. Well, the money had to be found from somewhere and although it was agreed that it could be found in two halves, £400,000 this year and the same next, it was not to be found from the Service that incurred the original loss (PDS has since apparently been re-christened The School Effectiveness Unit) or anywhere else in County Hall. **Instead 16+ transport was to be abolished.**

This decision had, it turned out, an added attraction for the Authority. Not only would it immediately save the necessary £400,000 but also from Sept. 1999, when the new bus contracts came into operation and the number of vehicles running was significantly reduced, **the saving would rise to some £1.2 million.** This is the figure now being bandied about that proved too much for a cash-strapped Authority to resist and it is at the beginning of the next school year that the policy, I fear, will really begin to bite.

What is my position on the matter? We live in small communities scattered across northeast Dorset and the distance along a network of lanes and minor roads to Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne may be 10, 12 or 14 miles. **I believe that access to education in today's world is an absolute right and that transport into school for the children of distant rural families is part of that right.** That is what I am fighting for on your behalf and I feel sure that you support me.

So what have I been doing? **I have opposed the policy in committee, I have written pamphlets, I have spoken publicly in every forum that has been available to me, articles have appeared in the local press and I have been interviewed by local radio.** Finally, I initiated a debate in Full Council a few days ago. The motion called for the reinstatement of transport forthwith and there were many speeches both for and against. It was all good ding-dong stuff and of course we lost the vote ("Where else can we find the money?" won) but we certainly won the moral argument that this is a grossly discriminatory policy. **In the end the only point that the ruling group had in its favour was the distant possibility that the Government may come up with extra money to save the day** (the Lane Report says "Yes" but the Treasury will probably say "No").

That then is how we stand. We are going to have problems from Sept. 1999, despite the transport managers' best efforts, unless the Government comes up with the cash. **It is absolutely vital that we keep up a steady pressure,** myself, parents and parishes, because if more money does become available we must ensure that it is used for this purpose. If we let it go quiet there are plenty of other things that it could be spent on! And if the money doesn't appear and families really do start to have difficulties getting children to school we can renew the attack and get the Council to change its order of priorities.

So keep your fingers crossed and the pressure up!!

Timothy Palmer

What is *Alpha*?

A is for *anyone*-all denominations, atheists, agnostics, (even vegetarians?!) all welcome
l is for *learning & laughter* - based around a series of talks
p is for *pasta*. Share a meal (not just pasta) amongst friends and food for thought too!
h is for *helping* - helping each other along the way.
a is for *ask anything* - No questions too big or too small.

There is a course running near you now.

If you would like to find out more or book your place on our *special Guest Evening* in January where the topic for discussion will be:

Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?

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Agree? Disagree? Come and share your point of view

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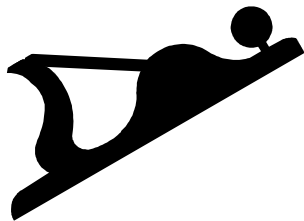
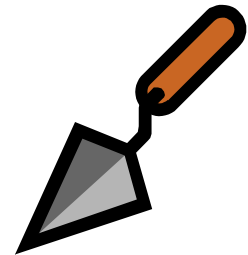
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Letters to the 'Editor'

Dear Editor

It is with regret and after a great deal of thought that I have decided to close **Sixpenny Handley Line Dancing Club.**

The club has been well supported for 18 months but recently gossip has forced many local people to seek lessons elsewhere and the club is supported by 'outsiders'.

I have decided to move to premises nearer my supporting members, details will be published in the near future.

Finally I would like to thank those who supported me and my club through the last 18 months.

Karen Hill

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Dear Editor

"The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal"

The house to house collections in the Sixpenny Handley, Woodyates and Pentridge area, together with "static point" collections at shops, inns and Yew Tree Garage raised the very satisfactory sum of £706.

This will go to the Royal British Legion Benevolent Fund which helps ex-servicemen and women in need.

The collection on Remembrance Sunday at St. Mary's will also go to the appeal.

Grateful thanks are due to all that helped in this appeal; your efforts are much appreciated.

David Birch
(Hon. Area organiser)

Dear Editor

At the end of June I took over as the Detached Beat Officer for the villages to the north of the Blandford Section. I was previously engaged on Traffic Patrol duties, so I am very much starting from scratch.

One of my responsibilities is towards Homewatch groups and I have endeavoured to start building a relationship with those groups. Although their work is important in helping their communities, I feel it is vital that I am seen and known by as many people as possible and to this end I am trying to spend as much time as is available on mobile and foot patrol in the villages.

It is probably the most common comment that you would like to see more Police officers on the beat, but we are unlikely to return to the situation where every village has its own officer. However, if I can meet as many village groups/organisations as possible I believe I can bring back the feeling that you have a Police officer that you can approach.

The Dorset Police can only operate effectively if we have the active support of the public and we can only respond to your concerns if you tell us about them. If you are involved with any group/organisation, no matter how large or small, and you feel that I can help you then please don't hesitate to contact me at Blandford Police Station.

If telephoning please ask for: Constable 568 Boardman, Direct dial 01395 223040.

Andrew Boardman
P.C. 568



THE STAR INN

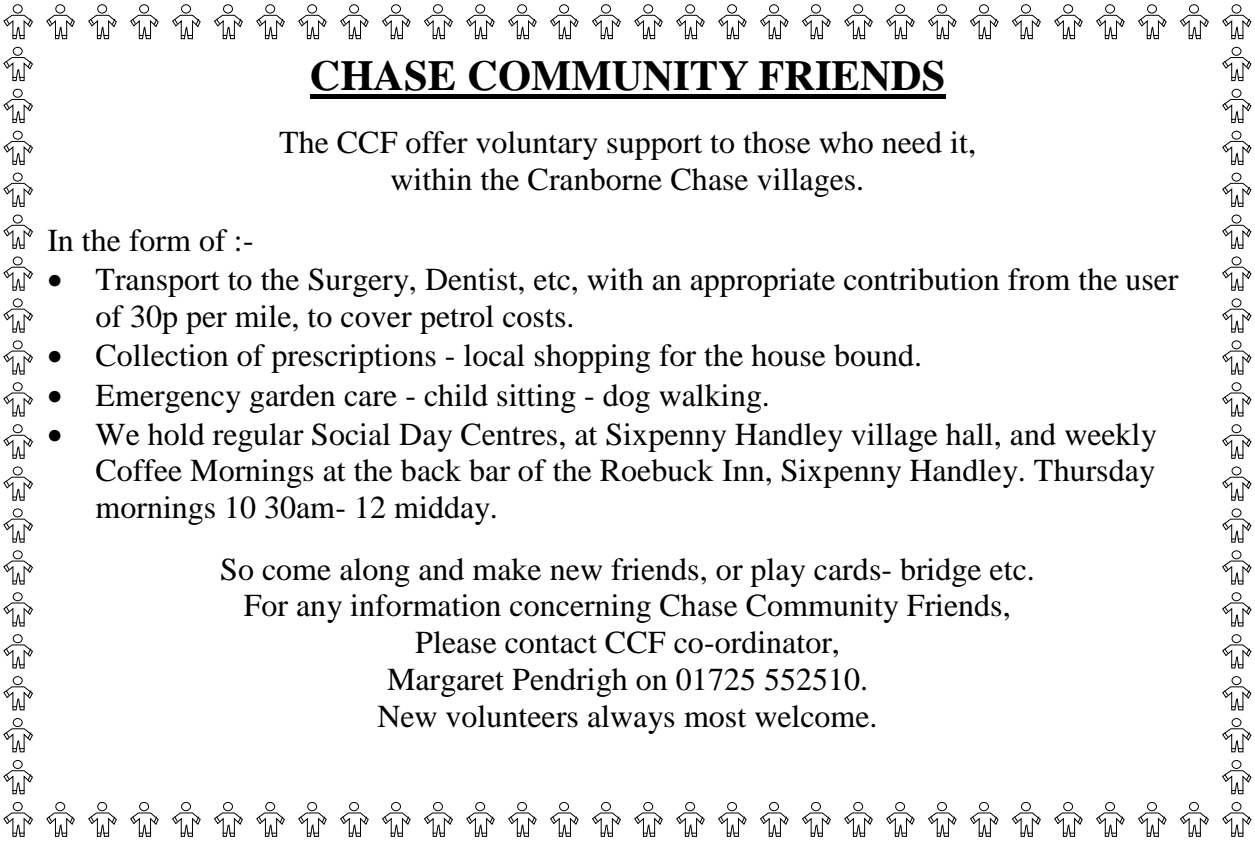
Come on down and have a jar
at your local called the Star
Come on in and sit right down
Whatever you drink be it cider or brown
You can play darts or maybe some pool
or just sit down by the bar on a stool
If you've come from near or from afar
We hope you won't forget the Star
We hope you have enjoyed your stay
as we wave you on your way
from all the staff behind the bar
at your local called the Star

THE STAR INN

Paul and Caroline welcome you all to our bar
with a nice variety of ale and good home made traditional food.
Nice comfortable bar area with separate lounge for eating.
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We offer you entertainment last Saturday of each month.
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Don't be shy and pass us by
Visit our bar and try a jar!





CHASE COMMUNITY FRIENDS

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it,
within the Cranborne Chase villages.

In the form of :-

- Transport to the Surgery, Dentist, etc, with an appropriate contribution from the user of 30p per mile, to cover petrol costs.
- Collection of prescriptions - local shopping for the house bound.
- Emergency garden care - child sitting - dog walking.
- We hold regular Social Day Centres, at Sixpenny Handley village hall, and weekly Coffee Mornings at the back bar of the Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley. Thursday mornings 10 30am- 12 midday.

So come along and make new friends, or play cards- bridge etc.
For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,
Please contact CCF co-ordinator,
Margaret Pendrigh on 01725 552510.
New volunteers always most welcome.

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The Parish Council is inviting interested parties to tender for Grass cutting within the Parish during 1999.

Further details are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mr. Brian Hansford - Tel: 01725 552468

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Mobile Advice Centre**

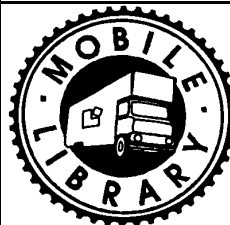
**Sixpenny Handley Village Hall
Tuesdays between 10:00am & 10:45am
8th December
5th January
2nd February**

The New Millennium

**The Millennium isn't a
once in a lifetime event
It happens once in forty generations
So don't be an Ethelred
Be ready for the millennium celebrations
in Sixpenny Handley**

The Village Notice Board

**If you wish to place a notice on the village
notice board the key is available from
Styles Newsagents**



**Planned changes to mobile library
schedules
From April 1999**

"In order to accommodate the various changes being made, a different mobile library vehicle from the one serving them now will serve some stops. All our mobile libraries are similar so this should not present problems in itself. However the complexities of timetabling will result in some stops being served on a different day from hitherto."

From April 1999 the mobile library will make its visits to Pentridge, Woodyates,

A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

I was very lucky earlier in the year to receive two complimentary tickets from Peter Francis to visit the Clay Pigeon Kart Club Raceway at Wardon Hill on the A37. But it wasn't until recently that I had the chance to use the tickets, and I must admit that I thoroughly enjoyed both occasions. At the most recent one in November, there were thirty-one races covering six classes of kart, the first twenty-two were heats and the rest were finals, with a total of thirty-five trophies available to be won. The marshalling and Organisation of the races is first class, with the emphasis at all times on the safety of those taking part; each meeting is held under the General Regulations of the RAC Motor Sport Association Ltd. Being an avid fan of Formula 1, I thought that karting would be a bit tame, but the speeds that the karts attain and the short, tight circuit makes for some exciting racing, especially when the finals take place. As I write this piece, I can still remember the distinctive odour given off by the karts' exhausts as they accelerate past the paddock in two lines, bumper-to-bumper on their way down to the first corner. Thank you, Peter, for a couple of very special days out.

I think it would be remiss of me not to comment on the recent decision by the East Dorset District Council's planning committee to approve the planning application for a telecommunications mast at Cobley. I cannot believe that the Council would ignore its own stated commitment to our AONB and approve such an application. When the application came up last year, the East Dorset District Council refused it and concluded "this proposal would be contrary to one of the primary objectives of the AONB which is the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and local character of the area. The proposal also conflicts with Policy 6.93 of The East Dorset Local Plan (Deposit)..."

Only a small part of the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB comes into the area governed by the East Dorset District Council but policy 6.93 of the District Local Plan includes the following: -

Within the AONB the special qualities of the landscape will be protected and enhanced by conservation, management and other measures. Development proposals, including changes of use, will be permitted where the type, siting and scale of development are sympathetic to and would enhance or maintain the natural beauty and character of the AONB in general and of the particular locality..."

Policy 6.93 has quite obviously been set aside by this planning decision, and I wonder how many more policies will be discarded by the District Council before the District Local Plan goes to the Public Inquiry. Indeed, how can we trust the District Council to stick to any policy even after the District Local Plan has been approved?

Ian Davies

Football Fixtures - December

Sunday 6th Handley v The George Inn
 Sunday 13th Handley v Stepping Stones
 Saturday 19th Hazelbury Bryan v Handley
 Sunday 20th Oakdale v Handley

PARISH DIARY

DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE	DATE	FUNCTION	PAGE
Dec-02	Chase Community Friends (Weekly on Thursdays)	3	Jan-11	W. I. Meeting	0
Dec-05	Whist at the Village Hall	1	Jan-13	Wednesday Club	0
Dec-08	100 Club Draw	1	Jan-13	RSPB Working Party	0
Dec-08	Mobile Advice Centre	3	Jan-13	Whist at the Village Hall	1
Dec-09	Bridge at The Roebuck	1	Jan-17	RSPB Working Party	0
Dec-10	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	2	Jan-18	Downsman Copy Deadline	0
Dec-10	Sixpennies Coffee Morning	1	Jan-20	Bridge at The Roebuck	1
Dec-11	IMPS Concert & Carols	0	Jan-21	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	2
Dec-13	St Mary's Mob Special	1	Jan-27	Wednesday Club	0
Dec-14	W. I. Meeting	0	Jan-27	RSPB Working Party	0
Dec-16	Bridge at The Roebuck	1	Jan-27	Whist at the Village Hall	1
Dec-19	S.H.E.D.D.S. Xmas Show	2	Jan-31	RSPB Working Party	0
Dec-20	Lessons & Carols	1	Feb-02	Mobile Advice Centre	3
Dec-23	Candlelit Carols	1	Feb-04	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	2
Dec-24	Christingle Service	1	Feb-08	W. I. Meeting	0
Dec-25	Christmas Communion	1	Feb-10	RSPB Working Party	0
Dec-27	Lessons & Carols	1	Feb-10	Wednesday Club	0
Dec-28	RSPB Working Party	0	Feb-18	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	2
Dec-31	S.H.E.D.D.S. New Year Party	2	Feb-21	RSPB Working Party	0
Jan-05	Mobile Advice Centre	3	Feb-24	Wednesday Club	0
Jan-06	Bridge at The Roebuck	1	Feb-24	Casterbridge Male Choir	0
Jan-07	S.H.E.D.D.S. Bingo	2	Mar-03	RSPB Working Party	0
			Mar-08	W. I. Meeting	0

Please support your local functions

Details correct at time of going to press.

Organisers -

Please let the Editor have details of any additional items to be included above.

Dates quoted in contributors' copy will appear automatically.

SIXPENNY

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Age 4 - 9 years
Give your child a first class education in the friendly, caring environment of your village school.
Register your child as soon as possible to ensure a place.
Contact - Mrs A. Latchem (Headteacher) Tel:- 01725 552356

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An introduction to mainstream school. Time to get to know the teachers, the routines and expectations of school life.
Monday and Friday morning 8:45am - 11:15am
Contact - Sue Shepperd Tel:- 01725 552784

SIXPENNIES PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Opportunity to spend time away from mum and enjoy playing with other children within a caring environment.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30am - 12:00 noon
Contact - Denise Meaden Tel:- 01725 552715

HAPPY NAPPY CLUB

Come and enjoy a friendly, fun-packed morning at the Village Hall.
Babies, toddlers and children under school age are welcome - with their mothers and carers.
We always provide refreshments and sometimes special events.
Mondays 10.00am - 11.30am Term time
Contact - Penny Morrison Tel:- 01725 552024

NEW BABY CLINIC - POST NATAL SUPPORT GROUP

A chance to share concerns and meet new friends with similar needs.
Contact - Mary Marsh Tel:- 01725 552792

**Get Your Child Headed in
the Right Direction!**

