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# EDITORIAL

*Welcome to the  
February  
edition of  
The  
Downsman.*

**Competition Time!!**

The photo reproduced on our front cover is of a property that used to exist in the Parish. The resident who kindly loaned the photo has also offered a bottle of wine to the person who can correctly answer the following:-

1) **What is the date of the photo?**.....

2) **Where was this property?**.....

.....

Name..... Tel No.....

Firstly it is sad to see one of our regular contributors is moving on and his series of articles is ending. Vic Fryer has written pieces for the Downsman about the rain in Sixpenny Handley for a number of years and the editorial team would like to wish him well and thank him for his efforts.

Another disappointment was that only 7 questionnaires about the Flower Show were returned. From a circulation of over 650 this represents only a 1% turnout – even politicians get more than that. I am sure that interest in the function is greater than this, so with the planning meeting to be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> – perhaps a few more of you will return them by that date.

I am sure that some of you will, like me, ask yourself **“a van full of WHAT?”** when you read one of the articles in this month’s magazine. The answer is Lurchers!

Hopefully this time, I have got the Parish Diary on the back cover correct and not mixed up some of the page numbers as last time. I could blame the computer but I know (as I am always telling the users I support at work) that “garbage in” gives “garbage out”. Still it does mean you have

to look through all the pages to get the right answer!

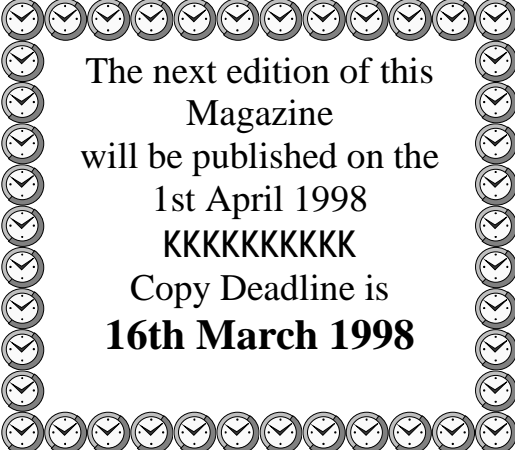
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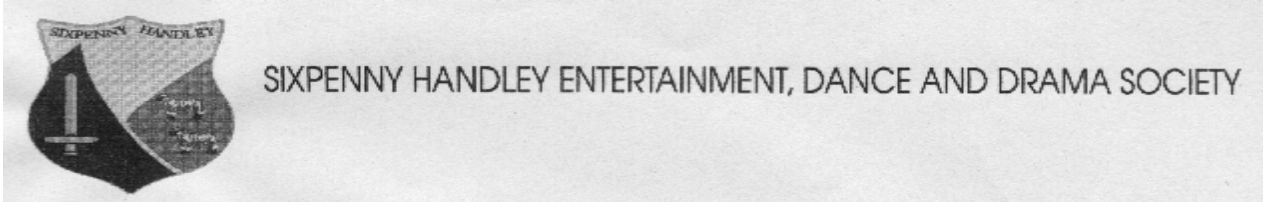
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 The next edition of this  
 Magazine  
 will be published on the  
 1st April 1998  
 KKKKKKKKKK  
 Copy Deadline is  
**16th March 1998**



**THE PANTOMIME "CINDERELLA"**

It is with regret that I have had to cancel the Pantomime, but I was unable to get enough cast members together to stage it.

**CARNIVAL QUEEN/PRINCESS SELECTION**

The selection of the Carnival Queen and Princess for 1998 will take place at the Star Inn on Easter **Saturday 11th April 1998** at 8pm (Approximately).

The Carnival Queen Entrants must be Age 13 or over.

The Carnival Princess Entrants must be Age 8 or over.

**MIDSUMMER STREET FAYRE AND CARNIVAL 1998**

**Entry Form for Carnival Queen/Princess Competition**

I would like to enter the **Carnival Queen / Carnival Princess** Competition  
(Delete one NOT entering)

**Name:**

**Age:**

**Address:**

**Signature:**

**Telephone No:**

The Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival will take place on **Saturday 20th June 98** from 1.00pm to approx. 6.30pm. It will be followed by a Midsummer Dance with Local Talent Cabaret in the Village Hall from 7.30pm to Midnight.

Stall Space will be available as usual for local groups who wish to raise funds for their organisation. They will be expected to donate 10% of their stall takings, whether on the Street or in a Garden or Driveway just off the Street, to the S.H.E.D.D.S.

Booking forms will appear in the next issue.

The proceeds from the 1998 Midsummer Street Fayre and Carnival and the Midsummer Dance will go to The Village Scouts and Cubs to help refurbish their hut.

**Please Support.**

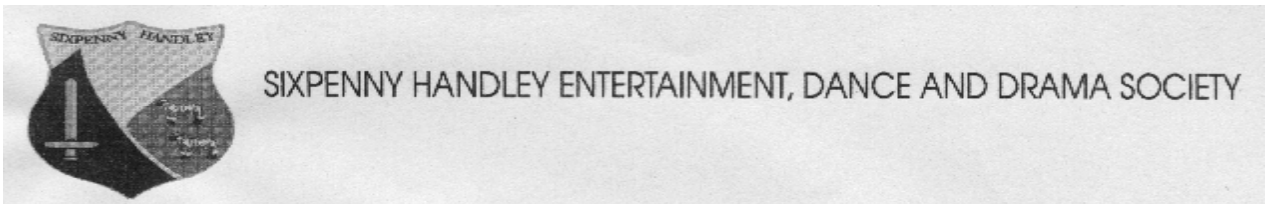
### **OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

I am at present working on a Christmas Stage Event that I plan to stage on the **19th December 1998** at the Village Hall.

### **S.H.E.D.D.S. ROEBUCK BINGO**

Bingo dates for 1998 are:      5th and 19th February, 5th and 19th March  
   2nd, 16th and 30th April, 14th and 28th May  
   and continuing fortnightly.

Godfrey J. Turner - Chairman S.H.E.D.D.S. – Tel: 552533 (Evenings Only)



Dear Sir,

## *Letters to the 'Editor'*

I was disturbed to read Councillor Ian Davies' article in your December issue under the heading PLANNING MADNESS. I find this especially disappointing as it is dated December, i.e. after the Chief Planning Officer, Mr Cross, attended the November meeting and answered questions that had been put by the Parish Council.

His comments in reply to points raised by Cllr. Davies were as follow: -

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1. *“The latest planning application..... development behind the Doctors surgery was pushed through so quickly that I [Cllr. Davies]..... have never seen it”*

The parish Clerk was consulted in accordance with agreed procedures by 14 August. The District received no written comments in accordance with agreed procedures from the parish & determined the application 31 days later. The Parish had ample time to comment. The complaint should be taken up with his Parish Council if he should have seen the application.

2. The District did not publish changes to the Village development boundary while the matter was *sub-judice*. It only stopped fighting the development after the independent planning inquiry had decided that there was no objection to the development now permitted. Indeed it had argued the Parish Council's case so hard that costs were awarded against the District for being unreasonable!

3. The time for the Parish Council to protest about the proposed minor boundary adjustments was when they were asked to comment on the proposed changes in the Consultative Draft Plan, they obviously failed to do so.

4. No mention is made of the way in which the District has ensured that further growth at Handley is severely restricted and that Handley is being protected by the District from the current pressure for development to accommodate the Dorset share of the “4.4million households”.

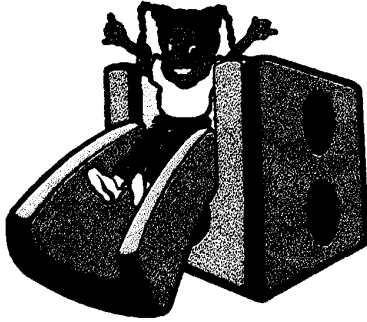
5. *“... Victory Tours site ... pushed through in a hurry just to satisfy developers ... only had a week to look at amendments.”*

The Parish had the agreed 3 weeks to look at the application. They were then asked if they wished to comment on some minor changes and did so within a week. They did not complain at the time. I explained to Mr. Davies that if they had difficulty responding in timescales that are set by law [& most Parishes manage], then if they ask us for more time we will always try and help. Narrowing the road was not required by the residential development. I explained that we had tried to get the Developer to fund some traffic calming to help local people if after consultation they thought this was a good idea. The Parish did not raise objections to the principle of the development as Mr Davies implies. They did not *“object strongly to these proposals”*. They wanted the site watched for archaeological interest while digging took place [we



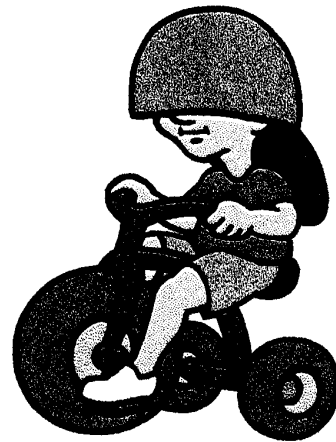
# The Happy Nappy Club

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We welcome all new members and visitors to join us at the Village Hall on Monday mornings between 10 and 11:30am (during school term).

From slides, sit-n-rides and sing-songs, to tents, tunnels and tea-sets. Play with playdough, paint a purple picture, have fun with friends, dress up and dance or just relax and read.



Not only are there toys for the children, there's also friendly chat for the adults and other great events all year round.

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**

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The Happy Nappy Club - Sixpenny Handley Village Hall



## A VIEW FROM WOODYATES

I have often referred to the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but it was not until recently that I saw the actual extent of its boundary drawn on a map. This came about when I was asked to comment on the Issues Report for Consultation produced by the Officer Working Group, which includes representatives from the eleven local authorities whose areas lie partly within the AONB.

The main purpose of this Group is to provide a forum for contact between officers working for these local authorities, so that they can liase on a range of issues and raise awareness and understanding of the AONB, its basic character and what is relevant to its future conservation and enhancement. In its report, the Officer Working Group introduces the AONB as follows: *The Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs AONB covers 983 square kilometres, and straddles four counties as well as including seven district councils. It was designated in 1983, following a consultation that started in 1979. Shaped like an ancient map of Africa, with the northern part compressed, it is composed of two areas of high chalk downland separated by the Vale of Wardour. It is a deeply rural area, with no major towns within it, but with Blandford, Wimborne, Salisbury, Warminster, and Shaftesbury close to the boundary. Railways run*

*through the Vale of Wardour and the Wylde Valley. The latter route is followed by the A36 Trunk Road. The West Wiltshire Downs are crossed by both the A303 Trunk Road and the A350 which is a north-south strategic link between Poole and the M4."*

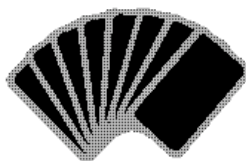
The Chairman of the Officer Working Group is a Mr. Richard Burden, so if you have any comments or queries regarding the AONB, they should be sent to him at the Environmental Services Directorate in County Hall, Dorchester.

One of the compensations - if that's the right word - for the dark mornings and evenings of December and January is the knowledge that by Christmas the days are becoming longer. Indeed, for a certain number of days around about the end of January - so I've been told - there is even an increased rate at which daylight itself increases. This I find quite baffling, because I would have expected a constant increase in the number of daylight hours over the whole of the period between the shortest day and the longest day. Anyway, one thing's for sure, it is the mild weather rather than the extra daylight which has been responsible for the early daffodil shoots and the unusual sight of a large Peacock butterfly in Woodyates at the end of December.

*Ian Davies*

### WHIST AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCES: 7:30pm

Wednesday 11th February  
Wednesday 25th February  
Wednesday 11th March  
Wednesday 25th March



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

Wednesday 4th February  
Wednesday 18th February  
Wednesday 4th March  
Wednesday 18th March

Details - Bill Chorley - Tel: 01725 552776



## Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club NEWS

The Bowls Club held their Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening recently - in fact they were forced to hold two such events in order to accommodate everyone. An enjoyable evening was had by all at the Roebuck on both occasions.

Preparations are now being made for the start of the new outdoor season in early April. More members are needed. The men have entered the Dorset County Men's League that will involve 12 matches during the season. Fixtures will be Home and Away, opponents are as local as it is possible to arrange and they will play matches on Monday evenings starting at 6.15p.m.

Some male members have also entered the County Championship competitions and these events will help to put the club and the facilities on the map.

Lady members are also needed urgently. Membership was insufficient to enter a League this year but perhaps friendly matches against other ladies teams can be arranged.

Mixed friendlies have been arranged throughout the season mainly on Saturday's and Sundays. We still have open dates.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH IN  
THE NEW SPORTS PAVILION AT 7.30  
p.m.**

If you are interested in an outside activity which is not too strenuous but nevertheless gives you exercise then please come along and have a go. You won't regret it.

***Is the Bowls game something  
I can play??***

Here follows a resume of some of what Gwyn John, Director of Coaching and Development for the English Bowls Coaching scheme says in his book 'Skilful Bowls'.

*The recent growth of the game of bowls has been tremendous. The vast majority of those who come along to try the game do remain with it. So what is the great attraction. Bowls has no age barriers.*

*The game of bowls appears easy to play and physical demands seem minimal.*

*However if you consider that a game can sometimes last for over two hours, then there is no doubt that the majority of players leave the green feeling contentedly tired.*

*For each bowl that is bowled the bowler has to bend down and pick up the bowl and there could be as many as four of them each end this represents a good stretching exercise. Players must of necessity walk from end to end of the rink. Even this gentle form of exercise could not be achieved by sitting at home in an armchair.*

*The game of bowls can overcome stress, as complete concentration must be achieved during the game- all other problems must be forgotten.*

*There is a very high level of sportsmanship and of course a quiet forceful discipline while on the green.*

*There are no written rules to cover etiquette but friendliness is the key word and the whole ethos of the game can help young players to become sports men and women in the true sense of the word."*

*There are no yellow and red cards as in Football and no violence, but the whole body is exercised and tuned to a high standard.*

*Here are some Match facts- playing singles a bowler could bowl as many as 164 Bowls and walk 1558 yards which is*

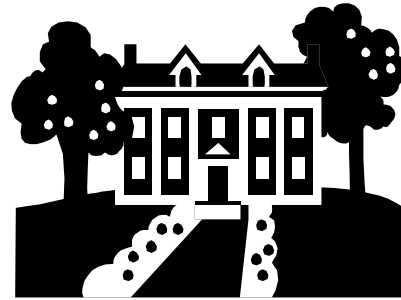
*getting on for a mile. If he visited the head to view his shot twice an end it could be another mile and a half. Not bad for an afternoon's gentle effort - or as sometimes happens the morning also.*

This article is not meant to put you off playing bowls but to illustrate that there is quite a bit of exercise involved to keep you fit but the exercise is gentle and above all you can control it to a great extent yourself. You can be out in the sun, the wind and the rain and not one game of bowls is the same.

**Why not come along and try it. - You can start to get the feel of the Bowls by starting with Short Mat Bowls in the Village Hall. Many of the National Champions, now playing worldwide, started their career by playing Short Mat Bowls.**

*Contact the Secretary Mrs Gill Martin  
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**NOTES FROM RSPB  
GARSTON WOOD**

I must open this month with an apology to all those regular visitors and dog walkers who are having to put up with the appalling state of the rides that has been brought about by the activities in progress. Four different areas are being worked at the same time necessitating four wheel drive vehicles entering the woods and due to the heavy rainfall, the paths have been badly churned up. There is little that can be done to improve the situation until we review the access arrangements later this year but I hope the improved parking facility now enables at least the top end to be used all-year round.



aim for Garston Wood is bio-diversity. This buzz word only means that all aspects of nature are to be encouraged equally and no one species of plant or animal be artificially encouraged or suppressed without sound ecological reasons. With all the controversy surrounding fox hunting it may be useful to use that as an example. I have referred before to the problem now being encountered with an exploding rabbit population. The recent survey of foxes carried out by Bristol University shows that in lowland Britain they have virtually no effect on the farming community, even taking very few pheasants, but that where they are heavily controlled the rabbit population is often

out of control. The use of very efficient pesticides on the fox's food source (largely small invertebrates) or control directly by hunting may cause a significant loss of profit through more rabbits damaging crops. This is not a proven case, just an example of the loss of bio-diversity causing another problem that may be expensive to resolve. The work in the woods is to encourage all

uncut area to another, the animals are able to move with the works and recolonise as the hazel matures again. Dormice are breeding again in a coupe cut in 1991/92 where the hazel has grown particularly strongly and indeed showed fruit last year. Coppicing encourages both butterflies and birds to be more successful while also providing a useful commodity for the community in the form of thatching spars and hurdles. By balancing our management of the woods we aim to please almost everyone!



**Come along and help us!**

<b><u>Wednesdays</u></b>	15 <sup>th</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> March
25 <sup>th</sup> February 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
<b><u>Sundays</u></b>	

The season finishes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March with a lunchtime barbecue

By the time this is in print, our local Blackbirds and Thrushes may have had a nasty shock! Due to the very mild spell it is possible to listen to a dawn chorus in the first week in January, surely some kind of record. If Blackbirds are nesting in Norwich, they may well be doing so here; bees and a butterfly have been reported in the south and some flowers are out in the wrong season. Perhaps a Mediterranean summer is in prospect.

*David Tucker*

aspects of the flora and fauna to survive without unduly making allowances for any one species. As an example, we continue with widespread coppicing that could seriously endanger the survival of the Dormouse if managed incorrectly. By keeping the understory of bramble and honeysuckle when coppicing, together with a band of connecting hazel from one

**TREE WARDEN**

Following the resignation of Gillian Edmonds, a vacancy now exists for the post of Tree Warden for the parish of Pentridge. According to the DAPTC: *there are over 130 tree wardens throughout Dorset; they play a significant role in local environment improvements, and act as important watchdogs of town and village trees; they are particularly useful contacts for enquiries regarding work on protected trees.* If anybody is interested in fulfilling this role and keeping the trees in the parish safe from harm or loss, the Parish Council would be pleased to hear from them - contact the Parish Clerk on Handley 552468.

For more information on the work of tree wardens, please contact Tom Goss of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers on 01305 267581.

**SNIPPETS FROM THE DORSET ASSOCIATION OF TOWN  
AND PARISH COUNCILS' OWN NEWSLETTER**

Village Design Statements (March 1997)

The Countryside Commission have prepared packs of advice on the preparation of Village Design Statements. In summary, a Village Design Statement seeks to identify the distinctive character of a village and its surrounding countryside, to identify design principles based on distinctive local character and then to work in partnership with the local planning authority to influence future planning policies. Completed Village Design Statements can become Secondary Planning Guidelines. They are not, however, intended to prevent change, rather they seek to manage that change to ensure that it is sympathetic to the local character and environment. (Sixpenny Handley has no such statement! - ID.)

Rate Relief for Village Pubs (March 1997)

In reply to a Parliamentary Question, Sir Paul Beresford stated that billing authorities will have the power to grant up to 100% relief under the provisions of the Local Government and Rating Bill, providing that: the qualifying village pub is within a rural settlement of 3,000 people or less; it has a rateable value of less than an amount prescribed by the Secretary of State by order; the billing authority is satisfied that the pub is of benefit to the local community; and the billing authority considers it reasonable to grant relief, having regard to the interests of its council tax payers.

Access to Information (June 1997)

The Campaign for Freedom of Information has told the Nolan Committee that public rights information about councils need *substantial strengthening*. Councils often impose restrictions on information unnecessarily. For instance whole meetings are closed to the public because members will hear a single item of exempt information in a report, even if this is just a sentence, or the name of an individual or company. Campaign Director Maurice Frankel was concerned that councils might be tempted to include an item of exempt information in an agenda to ensure that the meeting is held in private, and that negotiating terms of a contract cannot be revealed to the public even after the contract is signed.

The Party Wall Etc ACT 1996 (September 1997)

This Act came into force on 3rd July 1996 and means that anyone intending to build on a boundary or to repair a party wall or fence will have to give notice to the adjoining landowner.

Dorset Parish Records Win Lottery Funding (December 1997)

The Dorset Archives Service has been awarded £285,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the Dorset Parish Records Preservation Project. The Parish Project will continue into the next millennium and cost around £425,000, making it the largest preservation programme of its type to be undertaken by a local record office. The parish archives are a vital record of life in Dorset and cover more than 600 years of history, describing local events and the daily lives of people in all of Dorset's 280 parishes.

*Ian Davies*

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### **NEW YEAR RECIPE**

#### **Cathy's Cheesecake.**

Ingredients: -

For the Base:

2 Cups of Broken Digestive Biscuits  
1/3 Cup Caster Sugar  
A Pinch of Mixed Spice  
1/3 Cup of Melted Butter

For the Top:

1 lb. of Cream Cheese  
1 lb. of Low-Fat Curd Cheese  
4 Medium Eggs beaten  
2/3 Cup of Caster Sugar  
1 Cap of Vanilla Essence

To make the cheesecake: -

1. Pour all the Base ingredients into a bowl and mix well.
2. Place a flan ring on a baking tray and turn the mixture out into this ring and flatten so that a smooth base is created.
3. Beat the cheeses together until creamy and then fold in the eggs, add the rest of the Top ingredients and beat well.
4. Pour the Top mixture onto the biscuit base and cook for 25-30 minutes in an oven preheated to 180 degrees centigrade (Gas mark 4).
5. Leave to cool and set.
6. Remove Flan ring and add fruit topping if required.

# Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

## **Homewatching**

Over the Christmas and New Year holidays, several people who were going to be away from their homes took the sensible precaution of advising their local Homewatch representative of their intended absence. Their actions enabled the Homewatch to keep an eye on their property while they were away. This Homewatching service is available to all and whilst we give no guarantees, it may give you peace of mind to know that someone is looking out for your property while you are away. Always tell a reliable neighbour in the immediate vicinity of your home as well and make arrangements for the property to look 'lived in' while you are gone.

## **Recent Thefts**

Since the last issue of the Downsman there have been further thefts from parked cars in and around the village. Most have occurred at night and some involved taking petrol from the tanks, as well as radios and loose contents. In one incident the criminals were sufficiently determined to take out the entire back window of a car parked in Sheasby Close, but in other cases cars had carelessly been left unlocked. Gone are the days when it was safe to leave an unsecured vehicle in the village. Please **always** lock your cars and if you do not have one already, fit a lockable petrol cap.



Farms around the Parish have been subject to a number of poaching incidents over the winter and reels of electricity cable were stolen from the roadside near Deanland. A suspect vehicle was reported to the Police. Getting to grips with crime in remote rural areas is always going to be difficult but we can all help by reporting suspicious activity promptly. Don't wait till the week after to mention to the farmer that you saw a strange person hanging around his diesel tank, or that a van full of longdogs was crawling along one of the farm tracks – ring him at once!

**New Signs**

More Homewatch Area signs have been ordered and a volunteer working party will be putting them up in several vulnerable locations – including the RSPB car park at Garston Wood – as soon as they arrive.

**Summer Display**

Finally, your Homewatch Co-ordinators have been discussing ways of raising crime awareness further in the village and hope to put on some form of crime prevention display, hopefully with Police support and exhibits from local security firms, at one of the village events during the coming Summer. This will be in place of the Homewatch Barbecue, which we expect to return in 1999!



lay 6th March 1998

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### **Sixpenny Handley Village Hall**

The village hall was opened in 1978. It has been a focal point for the village since its opening and is used for many functions.

The management of the hall is a continuous balancing act for the committee. If hiring charges are too high then the hall will loose bookings and if charges are too low then lettings do not cover the cost of running the hall and 20 years on it is now in need of major repairs.

To help with costs a “100” club was started by Mr. Roy Medcalfe in 1978 and it is still running today. However we need more members.

**You can help** – the cost of joining the ‘100’ club is only £1.00 per month and whilst the prize money is slightly less than that available from the National Lottery your chances of winning are much greater.

Also you will know you are “winning”, even when your number does not come up, as the proceeds go directly to the upkeep of your Village Hall.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £15**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10**

If you would like a number for next month or, even better, for the rest of the year then please contact Rob Jesse on 552340.

Last year’s winning numbers.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
April	70	116	17	September	62	118	122
Mav	2	112	117	October	123	72	82
June	130	55	94	November	68	32	35
July	61	82	57	December	108	112	13
August	70	53	59				

### **Resignation of Cllr. Goodman** **Filling of Casual Vacancy – Pentridge Ward**

Councillor Chris Goodman has resigned. His resignation takes effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 1998. The Parish Council, at their meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> January declared a vacancy and Electors had until 1<sup>st</sup> February to inform the Returning Officer if they wished the vacancy to be filled by holding an election. A notice has been displayed to this effect.

If no election is requested then the vacancy will be filled by co-option, in which case Electors are invited to put their names forward for co-option to the council. This must be done by February 18<sup>th</sup>. A decision, decided by the voting of existing councillors, can then be taken at the Parish Council meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall.

### EAST DORSET RURAL SELF EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

Included with your copy of "The Downsman" you should find a brochure explaining how help can now be given if you, as a resident of the rural part of East Dorset, are thinking about becoming self-employed or starting your own business.

Free advice and trailing programmes will be run locally, probably in Horton, during March and April. These will provide practical assistance on how to start a business including the completion of a business plan. Beyond the training, ongoing support will be provided from professional business advisers during the vital first few months of trading,

If you would like to know more about the assistance, which is available free of charge, and supported by your District and local Parish Councils please come along to the Sixpenny Handley Village Hall between 5.30 and 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February where you can have an informal chat with one of the business advisers.

If you cannot make that date, other events will be held at: -

Memorial Hall, Churchill Close, Sturminster Marshall	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 5:30 - 8:30p.m.
Village Hall, Witchampton	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 5:30 - 8.30p.m.
The Reading Rooms, Station Road, Alderholt	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 5:30 - 8:30p.m.
The Town Council Offices, Vicarage Road, Verwood	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2:00 – 8:00p.m.

where you will be more than welcome to attend.

Other information is available from the Project Info Line on 01747 852267.

### NOTICE OF AUDIT AND DEPOSIT OF ACCOUNTS (LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1982 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 1996)

PARISH COUNCIL  
of  
SIXPENNY HANDLEY WITH PENTRIDGE

1. The Auditor, Mike Newbury of 20 St. Peter Street, Winchester, Hants has appointed **Thursday February 26th 1998 at 9.30 a.m. at Ferndown Town Council Offices**, King George V Playing Fields, Ferndown, Dorset as the time and place at which any local government elector of the Parish may be present or be represented and ask the Auditor any Question about the Accounts of the Council, its Committees and Officers for the year ended 31st March 1997, or make any objection to the Auditor.
2. The accounts together with all books and documents connected therewith will be deposited at 44, Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley and may be inspected there by any person interested between the hours of 10.30a.m. and 4.30p.m. by arrangement on the following days:- between Thursday 5th February and Wednesday 25th February 1998 (both dates inclusive)
3. Any interested persons may, free of charge, make copies of or extracts from the deposited Accounts.
4. Written notice of any objection, and of the grounds on which the objection is made, must be sent to the Auditor before the date appointed in Paragraph 1 and a copy of the notice must be sent to the Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish Council at the address specified in Paragraph 2.

Dated 22nd January 1998

B.J.Hansford  
Clerk to the Council.

## Sixpenny Handley Parish Council Finances

Parish Accounts  
1996/97

1998/99

	Budget	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precept	12376	
Wayleaves	31	
Tree Planting Account	20	
Interest	3	12430
<b>Rec-Ground Constr. a/c</b>		
Grants -Sprts. Council	191646	
EDDC	75000	
Other Income	3050	
Old Rec. Gnd a/c	432	270128
<b>Best Kept Village - Prize</b>		50
<b>Income from Rec. Ground</b>		
Site Charges	500	
Hire of Pavilion	120	
Drinks Machine	49	669
<b>VAT Refunds</b>		55689
<b>Excess Expenditure/income</b>		<u>53163</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>392129</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Precept:-</b>		
Sub to DAPTC	192	
Rec.Loan Repayments	4647	
Insurances	128	
Clerks Salary	1000	
Grasscutting	421	
Clerks Expenses	524	
Audit Fee( 1995-6)	202	
Downsman Nett Costs	630	
Leases - Computer	931	
- Digital Printer	1515	
Stationery	225	
Hire of Hall/Meetings	12	
New Notice Boards	165	
Sundry Items	253	
Training	38	
Photos/Parish Records	2107	
Nett Cost Opening Dav	849	13839
<b>Rec-Ground Construction</b>		
Sundry Items	36	
Contractors/Store Etc.	300012	
Architects Charges.	10160	
New Furniture	2180	
Publicity Brochures	3230	
New Equipment	2513	318131
<b>Rec. Ground Expenses</b>		
Lease - Mowers	1934	
Lease- Drinks Machine	603	
Heating Oil	440	
Insurance	206	
Other expenses	255	
Electricity	64	3502
<b>VAT Payments</b>		<u>56657</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>392129</u>

The Parish Council has set the Precept at £15500 for 1998/99 – an increase of approx. 15%.

The Parish Council, having built the new Recreation Ground, does not have any appreciable reserves to fall back on. They have tried to keep the precept down but just sufficient to pay the bills as necessary to run the Parish. If any funds remain at the end of the year they will be used to build up a Reserve Fund against any sudden un-budgeted expenditure.

DAPTC Subscription	200
Grasscutting	640
Donations Section 137	1000
Clerks Expenses	300
Stationery	150
Insurance	660
Audit fee	300
Clerks Salary	1000
Downsman Prod.	620
Printer Lease	1230
Maintenance Insurance	310
Sundries	400
Hire of Meeting Rooms	12
Loan repayment	4647
New Equipment	500
New Rec Gnd Project	1000
Wayleaves	-31
Interest	-29
Training	30
Computer Lease	931
Rec. Ground Costs	1630

**Total** 15500

## St Mary's Church



“The Seeker” is the Church magazine for the combined parishes of Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge. It gives details of all Church Services and Church activities. If you would like “The Seeker” delivered to you, please get in touch with Dr. Zoe Harris – see

### WHO'S WHO

The Vicar		
	<b>The Rev. Ron Wood</b> , The Vicarage, Sixpenny Handley	552608
Churchwardens (St. Mary's with Gussage St. Andrew)		
	<b>Mr. David Salmons</b> , 4 Wyke Cottages, Wimborne St. Giles	552721
	<b>Mrs. Jeannie Brown</b> , Dean Farm, Woodcutts	552438
	<b>Mr. Graham Smith</b> , 25 Paddock Close, Sixpenny Handley	552149
Churchwardens (St. Rumbold's Pentridge)		
	<b>Mrs. Jane King</b> , Pentridge House, Pentridge	552231
	<b>Mrs. Jean Longley</b> , Orchard House, Pentridge	552703
Lay Pastoral Assistants		
	<b>Mrs. Wendie Everall</b> (Youth and Sunday School)	552843
	<b>Mr. Haydn Everall</b> (Youth and Sunday School)	
	Mistleberry Cottage, Newtown	552843
	<b>Mrs. Jean Mayne</b> , 6 St. Mary's Court, Sixpenny Handley	552692
	<b>Mrs. Pamela Wood</b> , The Vicarage, Sixpenny Handley	552608
Seeker Distribution		
	<b>Dr. Zoe Harris</b> , 16 St. Mary's Court, Sixpenny Handley	552430

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**Sat 18th April**

Come “*taste and see that the Lord is good*” (Psalm34 v 8)

**SPRING HARVEST 1998**

If you're interested please contact Wendie 552843 or Ron  
552608

## St Mary's Church

Entry Costs for the Day £12.50 adult -£7.50 child  
Plus transport and food for the day.  
Meals & snacks available on site.



Transport costs will vary according to numbers

**so please speak to us as soon as possible**

if you're interested so we can make suitable arrangements.

If you wish to go independently we can provide booking forms.

Giving a baby myrrh is a fairly tactless thing to do, really. The modern equivalent would be giving a baby a shroud, and saying to the parents, "But he'll need it one day..." Myrrh is an embalming spice, and the fact that it was very valuable doesn't make it any less odd as a gift for a child. Here we are, looking back on Christmas, which already seems a long time ago, and looking forward to Easter. The Easter Eggs have been in the shops since Boxing Day, but it's looking forward to Easter that makes sense of the Wise Man's gift. The Bible says he was a Wise Man. It doesn't say Jesus was visited by some wise men and a prat with a jar of myrrh. He was recognising that Jesus was going to do his thing, not just by living, but by dying. So at Easter we will remember Jesus' death, by having a special service on Good Friday, and we'll hear again the terrible story of that day, that ended in despair and crushed hopes. And on Easter Sunday we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection, the day he stopped being dead, and rejoice that our sins are forgiven, and God is with us.

**March 29th** at 6.00pm, there will be a special Sunday Night Live! which will focus on the events of the last week of Jesus' life on earth, and the new beginning that is Easter.

**April 5th, Palm Sunday** Family Service at 9.30 at St Mary's. Palm Crosses will be given out. 11.15 at St Rumbold's, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, with the blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses.

**April 9th Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion at the Vicarage at 7.30pm. The Last Supper took place in a house, which is why we meet in a house on this evening.

**April 10th Good Friday** 7.30pm at St Mary's, Readings and Hymns to tell the story of Jesus' suffering and death.

**April 12th Easter Sunday** Holy Communion at Gussage St Andrew at 8.30am, at St Mary's at 9.30am and at St Rumbold's at 11.15am. Evensong at 6.00pm at St Mary's.

Everybody should be able to get to church somewhere, sometime on Easter Sunday!



**Sixpenny Handley Rainfall**

Since last writing, my forecast for a wet spell before early December was fulfilled. November's contribution of seven inches (175.6 mm to be precise) of rain made it the wettest calendar month of 1997 and the equal of the previous holder of the record (since 1985) i.e. February 1990.

December 1997 produced only 3½ inches in my rain gauge (the average over twelve years is 3 inches). The January average over the same twelve years is also 3 inches so as we've already, by January 14<sup>th</sup>, had 4 inches one can say that January 1998 is getting off to a good start. There's no consistency in months at all - in January 1995 there was hardly any rain at all while in 1988 the same month produced here in Sixpenny Handley 6 inches.

By the time that this appears in print I shall have moved house and returned the rain gauge.

Is there any person interested in keeping the readings going? A suitable site for the gauge is a spot that is distanced from the nearest house or tree by at least twice the height of the said house or tree.

If so, will he or she please contact:-  
Water Resources, Rivers House, Sunrise Business House, Higher Shaftesbury Road,  
Blandford Forum. DTII 7BR

Yes, they did send me a nice Christmas card.



**CHASE COMMUNITY FRIENDS**

The CCF offer voluntary support to those who need it,  
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- 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.

Anyone interested in Jig Saw puzzles?

to borrow or to lend, contact Peggy Jones on 01725 552377.

For any information concerning Chase Community Friends,

Please contact CCF co-ordinator,

Margaret Pendrigh on 01725 552510.

New volunteers always most welcome.





**SIXPENNY HANDLEY AND  
CHALKE VALLEY PRACTICE**

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**LOCALITY PATIENT CARE TEAM**

The Locality Patient Care Team is the only project of its kind in Dorset. It was initiated to supplement the service the community nurses provide for patients in their own homes, improving the quality and flexibility of medical care available.

The Locality Patient Care Team work under the strict supervision of the community nursing team. Tasks that the Locality Carers undertake include:

lifting and turning  
nursing care of the eyes, skin and mouth  
overnight nursing care  
care at short notice following an emergency  
doubling up for procedures requiring two nurses  
care following early discharge from hospital  
post operative supervisory care.

Hours are very flexible and will be on an 'ad hoc' basis depending on patient needs.

For further details and a job description please leave a message for  
Celia Stone, Practice Manager.

Drs Pelly, Nodder and Morgan  
The Surgery, Sixpenny Handley  
Doves Meadow Surgery, Broadchalke

In February we are introducing a  
**TRAVEL CLINIC.**

This is a NEW service  
and will take place at Sixpenny Handley Surgery  
4:00 - 6:00pm on Monday evenings.

Advice on any medical aspect of foreign travel will now be available at the  
Travel Clinic.

A fee of £10 per person will be payable.

For further information or to make an appointment please speak to a receptionist.

# HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB

## *100 Club 1997*

### Prizewinners Draw No 7 - December 1997

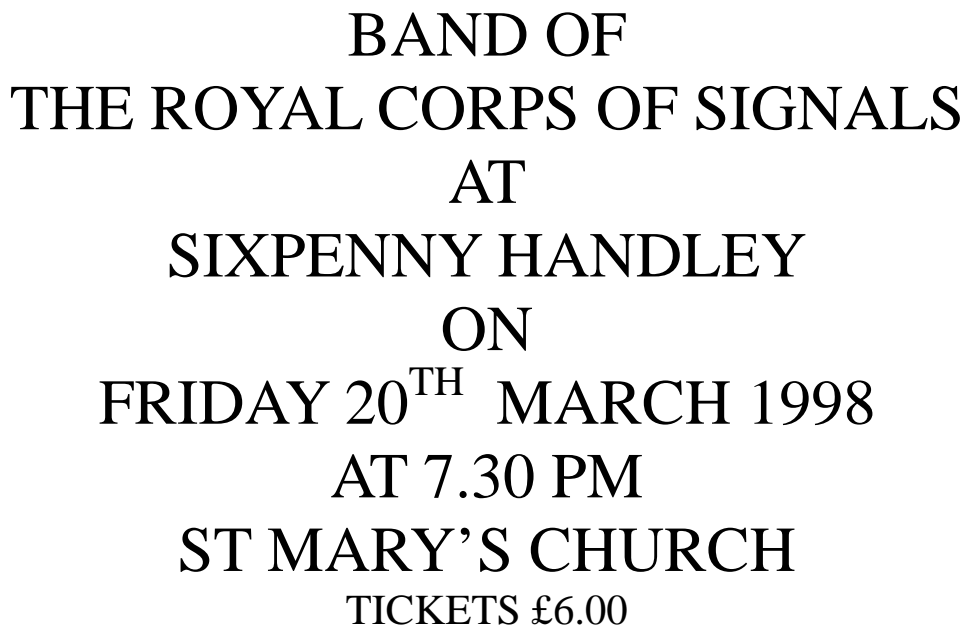
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Number 61</b>	Leanne Blachford, Copse Road, Verwood
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>Number 21</b>	Mrs D. Harvel, Town Farm Place, Sixpenny Handley
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>Number 119</b>	Peter Godden, April Cottage, Sixpenny Handley
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>Number 209</b>	Chris Davies, Avebury Avenue, Northbourne

### Prizewinners Draw No 8 - January 1998

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Number 187</b>	John Dee, Shorton, Blandford
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>Number 218</b>	James Blachford, Orchard View, Gussage St. Michael
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>Number 96</b>	Mrs S. Young, Mill Hill Lodge, Moor Crichel
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize</b>	<b>£10</b>	<b>Number 192</b>	Jeremy Haskell, Railway Terrace, Gillingham

**Draw No 9 will take place at the ‘Star Inn’ Lounge Bar on Monday February 9th at 9:00 pm.**

We are starting to canvass members for the 1998/9 Club which starts again in June 1998. You are welcome to join now if you wish but we shall ask for £4 for Feb. to May and then from June the 12 month subscription will be £12. Interested, then please contact the Club Secretary on 01725- 552468 - Brian Hansford.


  
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## HANDLEY SPORTS CLUB Football



The Club duly reached the semi-finals of the Saturday Minor Cup by beating Islanders 7-2 way back in December. The semi-final is to be played on March 14<sup>th</sup> and we have been lucky enough to get a home draw against Marina Sports. Please give the team your support!

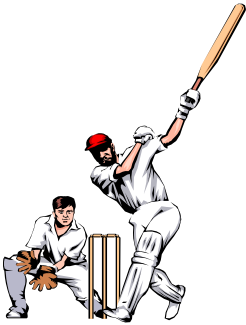
The Team at present are holding fourth place in the Dorset League with Simon Wallworth still the leading goalscorer.

The Sunday Team is midway in the table at present. However there is a serious situation for next season with the Sunday team needing a manager if it is to carry on. In order to appreciate what will be happening next year this manager designate needs to be working with the team **now!**

**Is there anyone out there who would be willing to run the team next season?**  
If so please telephone 01725 552468 or 01725 552540.

Fixtures for February as follows:-

Feb. 1st	Sunday	Fleetsbridge Beefeaters FC	Home
Feb. 7th	Saturday	Hospital Metalcraft FC	Home
Feb. 8th	Sunday	Bovington Wizards FC	Away
Feb. 14th	Saturday	T.J. Snooker FC	Away
Feb. 15th	Sunday	Horse & Groom FC	Home
Feb. 21st	Saturday	Okeford Utd FC	Home
Feb. 22nd	Sunday	GPT/Siemens FC	Home



## SIXPENNY HANDLEY CRICKET CLUB

The SHCC is repeating last year's good performance in

the SADICA Wooley and Wallis Indoor Cricket League. This season began in November 1997.

The first match against South Newton C. Tight bowling from the start gave Sixpenny Handley the upper hand and South Newton finished at 65-3 from their 10 overs. Confident batting from T Edwards and A Wright soon saw this total decrease and Sixpenny Handley reached their target in the 6th over.

The next match was a much closer fought contest. Sixpenny Handley batted first and got off to a slow start. I Potter and N Emm had a good 2nd partnership and, supported by C Spendley and S Goodwin Finished on 100-5. Things started well for SHCC with the runs being kept down for the first 5 overs. Then strong batting by Salisbury saw the target rapidly get smaller and they passed Handley's total in the last over.

The match against Over Wallop was a very exciting affair. Tight bowling by SHCC restricted Over Wallop to 81-2 from 10 overs. A strong start from T Edwards and A Wright (again) gave SHCC a good chance of victory but things slowed down in the middle of the match and SHCC required 15 from the last 2 overs. N Emm intended doing this quickly in 1 over but 4 runs were still required at the start of the last over. The first ball saw Nick get caught. 2 singles followed and then a wide. One run was needed from the last ball and sweat was pouring down the batsman's forehead.

Fortunately for SHCC the bowler was also feeling the pressure and another wide was bowled giving SHCC victory. Two further victories in the next two matches leaves SHCC second in the league. Batting honours go to:-  
N Emm(49 n.o. vs. Dinton; 29 n.o. vs. Salisbury)  
C Spendley(35 n.o. vs. Dinton)  
and T Edwards (26 n.o. vs. South Newton).

Bowling honours go to:-  
I Potter (0-15 from 3 overs vs. Over Wallop)  
and D Slater (0-13 from 3 overs vs. South Newton).

The team has won through to the second round of the cup and this match was played last weekend (Jan 25). Forthcoming fixtures:-

15<sup>th</sup> Feb vs. Gomeldon at Amesbury (1900)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb vs. Nomansland at Downton (1800)  
15<sup>th</sup> Mar vs. Nomansland at Downton (1900)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mar vs. Shrewton D at Downton (1900)  
5<sup>th</sup> Apr vs. ? CUP FINAL???????????

Coaching will again be offered this year and it is intended to start on **April 19 1998** (Weather Permitting). Sessions are open to anybody from 7-70 but it is mainly for children. Sessions will start at 10.00 and last for 2 hours.

If you are interested in attending please contact Robert Hammond-Smith on 01725 552691 or in writing to 7 The Parsonage, Sixpenny Handley, SP5 5QJ

SIXPENNY HANDLEY TENNIS CLUB

Membership applications/renewal form

Return to:

Subscriptions are due by 1 April. Members who fail to renew by 30 April will not be entitled to the privilege of membership. Your present courts key should be returned, with your subscription and a replacement key will be issued.

Treasurer  
10 Sycamore Close  
Sixpenny Handley  
Salisbury SP5 5QQ  
01725 552776

I (full name and title) \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ wish to apply/renew for membership of Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Club, as laid down by the Constitution.

Category	Annual Subscription	Amount enclosed
Family	£25	_____
Adult (over 21 years of age)	£15	_____
Junior/Student	£5	_____
Non-playing supporter	£1	_____
Temporary (not exceeding 14 days)	£10	_____
Key deposit (single payment on joining/refundable on cessation of membership and return of key)	£5	_____
	Total	_____

Please make cheques payable to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club.

Please complete this section when applying for/renewing family membership.

Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

For official use: Your application for membership to Sixpenny Handley Tennis Club has been accepted and your membership No. is \_\_\_\_\_ This number should be quoted when booking the courts, via Mrs Roni Peck on (01725) 516350.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer and Membership Secretary.  
01725 552776

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# News and Information

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## Report on December and January.

Early in December we all enjoyed our Beacon Group Carol Service, held, this year, at St. Mary's Church, Sixpenny Handley. The Carols and Readings marking the start of the Christmas season for us all. A collection was taken, and £121.16 was raised for RNIB Sunshine Homes for Blind children.

Our Christmas Meeting was a splendid party. Members worked hard to put all ready, and everything was very festive. We had guests from Institutes from far and wide. Tarrent Gunville, Shroton, SWIM., Margaret Marsh, E. Orchard and Melbury & Cann. and our retiring VCO Mrs Sue Breech. Everyone was offered a glass of wine or fruit juice on their arrival.

The evening began with songs from many favourite shows, old and new, from Ivor Novello via Show Boat to Cats, among others. Ending appropriately with a Carol. The singer was Olwen Kieser, and her accompanist, on the piano, Caroline De Cruz. Their efforts were received with much applause.

We then all enjoyed the excellent buffet supper, and many were lucky winners on the raffle.

At our January meeting the dark day was brightened by a splendid talk on, and a skilful demonstration of, Cartoons by our vicar, The Rev. Ron Wood. who is well known as a contributor to The Church Times with cartoons of the doings of St. Gargoyle!

It quite took the sting out of the necessity to pay our annual subscriptions!

*Nancie Raban-Williams*

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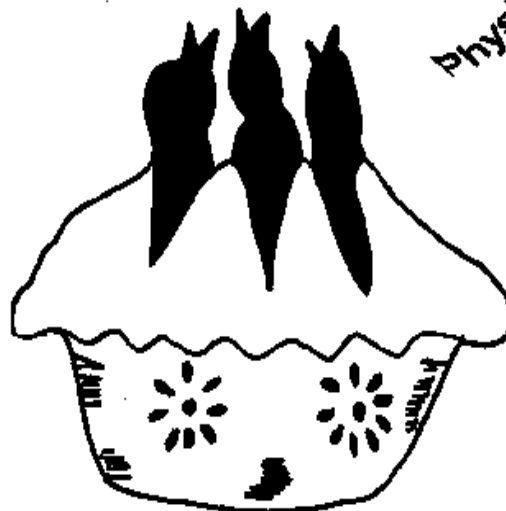
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### **Poop Scoop Law** **Siting of Bins**

We have asked District Council to provide Poop Scoop bins within the Parish. They have in return asked us to tell them where we would like them sited. We are therefore asking Residents to give us some indication where they would be useful. Please send letter with diagram to the Clerk to the parish Council by February 19<sup>th</sup> if you have any views on the matter.

Dog owners should be aware that the Byelaws will affect those people who exercise their dogs and do not pick up after their dog has fouled. Offenders risk a fine of up to £500.

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### **East Dorset District Council** **Community Service Awards 1998**

The search is on once again for unsung heroes as East Dorset District Council launches its Community Service Awards for 1998, the sixth time that the scheme has been run.

Chairman of the Council, Denis Ryan, would like to receive nominations of people who deserve recognition for good deeds carried out in East Dorset either voluntarily or above and beyond the call of duty in their paid employment. This year the Awards have been expanded to allow nominations of people who have shown an outstanding achievement in a particular activity. So long as the benefits are felt within the East Dorset District, the nomination will be considered.

Nomination forms are now available throughout the local area at libraries, schools, doctors' and dentists' surgeries, post offices, sports and leisure centres, and community centres. Alternatively copies of the form can be obtained from the Council's Mobile Advice Centre, or from Furzehill Council Offices, telephone (01202) 886201 extension 289 or 324.

The closing date for nominations is 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Council's Bigger Say On Phones**

Parish and community councils are to be given new powers over the removal or resiting of existing BT-operated public payphones, following new arrangements by telecom watchdog OFTEL. The move comes in an effort to provide local authorities with more of a say in the provision of services for their communities.

Both the Office of Telecommunications (OFTEL) and BT, the most significant provider of payphones, have agreed that alternative rules, allowing greater flexibility and more local involvement, were needed - with the changes introduced widely supported by extensive public consultation. According to the new conditions, BT will now not be able to "remove or resite a public payphone unless the relevant local authority and where they exist, the parish or community council, agrees in writing."

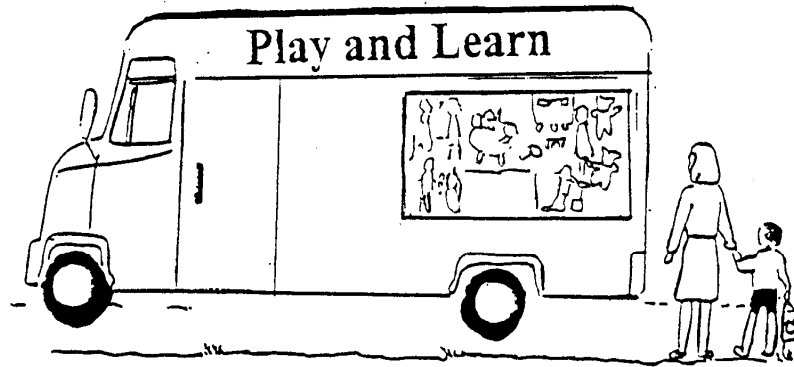
In addition, there are new arrangements for the request of new call boxes - a move likely to win support in rural locations where currently no public pay phone facilities are available.

Previously, BT has installed new phones where they were expected to be commercially justified, however a change in this policy has now been agreed so that BT will install up to 500 uneconomic payphones in the next five years.

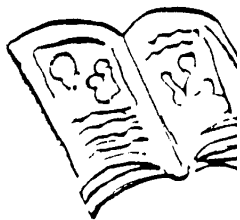
The aim is to design criteria, currently under discussion between BT and OFTEL, which reflect social need and ensure requests are fairly and consistently handled.

The new criteria will take into account: The size of the community in the area not served by existing 'phones; the type of accommodation in the area; and the walking distance to existing payphones.

The new regulations, which only concern BT payphones which are accessible 24 hours a day and are normally in the open air, came into force at the end of October.



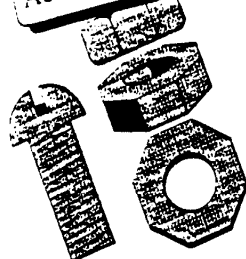
Books



Tapes



Construction Activities



Puzzles



Puppets

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The van is stocked with a wide range of pre-school equipment.

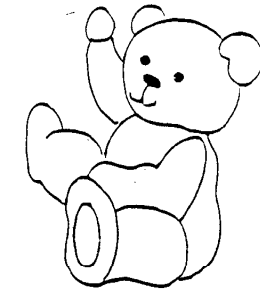
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Come and visit us soon and we will show you round the van.

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8:30 am – 9:15 am. On Sixpenny Handley School Playground  
9:15 am – 10:00 am outside the Village Hall

**COUNCILLORS AS SCHOOL GOVERNORS**  
**COMPOSITION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

The Government's Education Bill has just been published and it contains many changes to the education system directed mainly at improving standards. However Clause 35 and Schedule 9 of the Bill provide for changes in the composition of school governing bodies. One effect is to remove the nominating rights of town and parish councils and to increase the number of parent governors. If the Bill is passed in its present form, parish and town councillors will, in future, only gain access to governing bodies if they are nominated as co-opted governors.

NALC has already protested to DFEE about these proposed changes. The Bill is due to go through its Committee Stages in the New Year and NALC will again be making representations to have the present position restored as far as town and parish councils are concerned.

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**YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW:**  
**PROPOSALS FOR A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

The Government has issued a White Paper entitled "Your Right to Know" setting out the Government's proposals for a Freedom of Information Act.

The key proposals are:

1. Individuals would have a legal right to see information held by the vast majority of public organisations.
2. The legislation would apply across the public sector at national, regional and local level. This includes government departments, local authorities, nationalised industries, the national health service, the police, schools and some private sector organisations carrying out duties on behalf of government.
3. The Government anticipates that a very wide range of all information would be made available unless its disclosure would cause harm to one or more of a limited number of

specified "interests" or be against the public interest.

4. The Government proposes that the system for protecting sensitive information will be simplified based on seven specified interests.
5. The Government proposes to appoint an independent information commissioner to police the act and handle appeals with wide ranging powers including the power to order disclosure of information.

A copy of the White Paper may be purchased from the HM Stationery Office, priced £9.50.

Any comments on the White Paper should be sent to: Robert Cayzer, Freedom of Information unit, Room 65d/1, Cabinet Office (Office of Public Service), Horse Guards Road, London SW1P 3AL, by no later than **28 February 1998.**

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**Council for the Protection of Rural England**  
**North Dorset Group**

To the Parish Clerk

We have arranged for Mr. David Oliver, former Head of Planning with West Dorset District Council to give a lecture with slides, on the subject of the housing which will have to be built in Dorset during the period of the Structure Plan currently nearing completion. The lecture will be given at the Village Hall, Fontmell Magna, Nr. Shaftesbury immediately following our AGM which will commence at 2.30pm and last about 15 minutes on Saturday **February 28th 1998.**

We hope that you will be able to send a representative - several if you wish. It would help us considerably if you could let us know, in advance whether or not you will be represented so that adequate seating and refreshments can be made available.

Please reply to: -  
C.H.Bowen, Chase End, Glyn Place, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury, SP7 0DP

<p><b>East Dorset District Council Mobile Advice Centre</b></p> <p>Sixpenny Handley Village Hall 10:00am – 10:45am</p> <p>Schedule of Dates</p> <p><b>Monday</b> February 2<sup>nd</sup> February 16<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> March 16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b><u>Trouble free Renting</u></b> <b><u>Let your property the easy way</u></b></p> <p><b><u>East Dorset Housing Association</u></b> owns and manages 2,400 properties in East Dorset and the surrounding area. We are currently looking for 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses and bungalows to lease.</p> <p>We offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trouble free letting</li> <li>• Rent guaranteed to you monthly in advance</li> <li>• No management charges</li> <li>• Regular inspections of your property</li> <li>• All legal paperwork done for you</li> <li>• Guaranteed vacant possession when you want it.</li> </ul> <p>Interested? For further details please call either Irene Corrigan on (01202) 864240 or Linda Rowe on (01202) 864233.</p>
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**Local Author explains his work.**

For the past five years, I have researched the bomber losses sustained during these years of conflict and my publishers have, to date, issued five volumes describing the events of the air war, as it effected Bomber Command. Basically, my books show the squadron identity, type of aircraft, its serial and individual code letter and the duty it was engaged in when destroyed, plus the names of its crew, their fate and a brief summary describing what happened to bring about their demise, or charmed escape. Presently, I am compiling the sixth and last book in the series (January to September 1945), after which I will be devoting my energies towards writing companion volumes describing the losses of the training establishments that supported Bomber Command.

Further to the work here outlined, I have written two bomber squadron histories; one describing the work done by 158 Squadron while the second detailed life on 76 Squadron (a Squadron that is well associated with one local resident, namely Tony Budden). Both squadrons were equipped with Halifax four-engine bombers and both participated in the major bombing campaigns, such as the Battle of the Ruhr, Hamburg and Berlin.

Although the line of history is faithfully followed, each book is well supported by personal accounts from those who served and most of the photographs used come from private collections and, thus, are not the usual well known pictures that appear in many of the books describing the bombing war. Appendices identify squadron commanders, bases, raid tables, individual aircraft histories and sundry statistics that are helpful to anyone making a study of this period in our history.

For further information, please call at 10 Sycamore Close, or telephone me on 552776. Bill Chorley

**Garden Bonfires**

Extracts from an information leaflet produced by the

National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection.

The bonfire's name comes from the medieval bon-fires of animal bones – and while modern day bonfire ingredients may not be as gruesome, they still cause pollution and local nuisance. Bonfires may be fun, but they aren't usually the most environmentally friendly way of getting rid of your rubbish.

**What's the alternative?**

Composting and recycling  
Most garden and kitchen waste - even cardboard and paper - can be recycled into compost.  
Woody waste can also be shredded to make it suitable for composting and mulching.  
Household waste should certainly not be burned on a bonfire. Many items can be recycled

If however you are determined to have a bonfire, follow these guidelines and the chances are you won't cause a serious nuisance.

- Only burn dry material
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
- Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light the fire.
- Avoid burning when the wind will carry the smoke over roads or into other people's property.
- Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens.
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder – douse with water if necessary.

**LINE DANCING**

Sixpenny Handley Line Dancing Club meets every  
Tuesday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm  
in Handley Village Hall.

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## THE WEDNESDAY CLUB

**Are you free on a Wednesday afternoon?  
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**All for 75p!**

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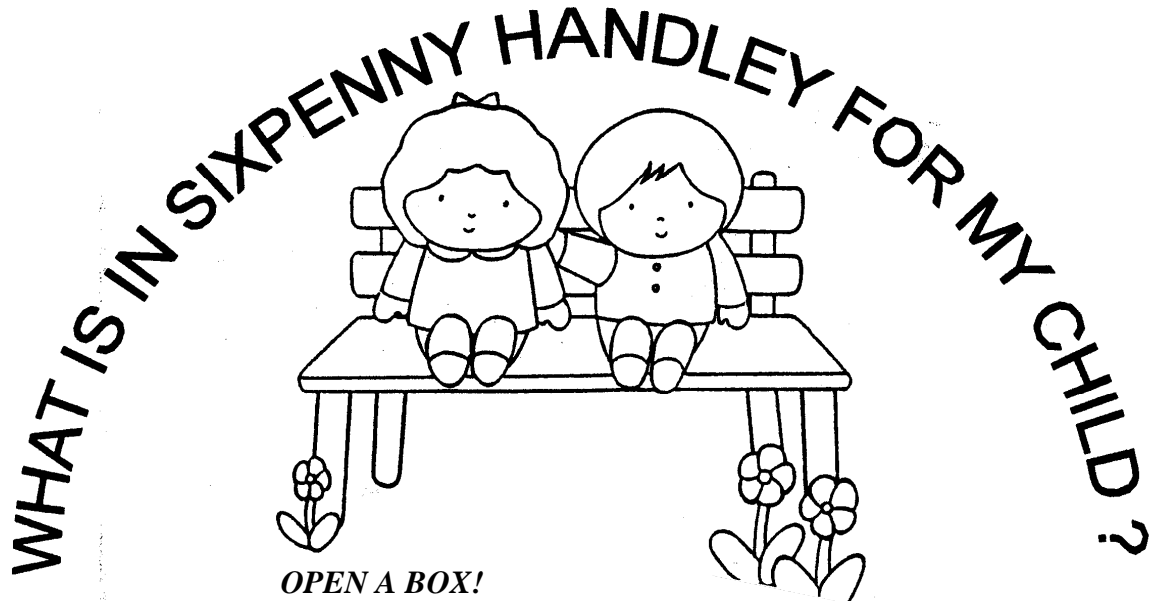
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