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Welcome to the June edition of your Gazette! It's officially summer! We've a packed season ahead, which kicked off with the third Purbeck Pirate Festival, held over the late May Bank Holiday in Swanage.

If the rum's worn off, then you have a short time to get yourselves prepared for Wool, Wareham and Swanage Carnivals, Swanage's blossoming Fish Festival, as well as getting your tickets booked for the revived Swanage Jazz Festival, the Wilkwood Reggae Festival, the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival... is there such a thing as too much fun?! We think not! There's a busy summer in front of us, so remember to eat your greens to ensure you have the stamina to make it through.....!

We bring you another packed edition this month, with our annual June feature: 'Here comes the sun!', positive as ever in our expectation that the big yellow ball in the sky will remain with us for at least a few weeks this year! Have a browse through and at the risk of repeating myself for the thousandth time (I am), please do support our advertisers - they run businesses which hire local staff, who in turn are likely to spend their money in other local businesses, thus helping keep them open and keeping other local staff in employment.... it's a wheel we need to keep turning for the benefit of all, so please jump a'board and keep that wheel spinning this year!

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02-Jun		06:34	12:08	18:52			04:59	21:11
03-Jun	00:21	07:06	12:39	19:26			04:59	21:12
04-Jun	00:52	07:42	13:11	20:05			04:58	21:13
05-Jun	01:30	08:24	13:53	20:52			04:57	21:14
06-Jun	02:26	09:16	14:52	21:51			04:57	21:15
07-Jun	03:41	10:21	16:03	23:06			04:56	21:16
08-Jun	04:50	11:36	17:10			NP	04:56	21:17
09-Jun		00:16	05:50	12:40	18:08		04:56	21:17
10-Jun		01:13	06:42	13:35	18:59		04:55	21:18
11-Jun		02:04	07:29	14:25	19:46		04:55	21:19
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24-Jun		01:21	07:11	13:43	19:30		04:56	21:24
25-Jun		02:13	08:01	14:34	20:21		04:56	21:24
26-Jun		03:01	08:45	15:21	21:05		04:56	21:24
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Planning & Transport	Mon 4th	7pm
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Thur 14th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 25th	7pm

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - June 2018

Licensing Committee	Wed 6th	9.15am
Council	Tue 12th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 20th	7pm
Planning Committee	Wed 27th	9.15am

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Folk & Fun Thank You!

Dear Editor,

Folk & Fun for Fairtrade says: 'Thank you!'

At the recent Folk & Fun for Fairtrade (2) event in Corfe Castle Village Hall, a wide range of talented local performers helped raise almost £500 for Fairtrade organisations.

The near-capacity audience was treated to the skill of folk singer/songwriter Paul Openshaw, the superb close harmony of the 4Ds barbershop quartet, sonorous selections from the wind trio Zephyrae, the varied shanties of the energetic Wareham Whalers, and some humorous songs from David Kemp, accompanied by Eve Baker.

Lois Fletcher provided a more serious moment, with a passionate and articulate presentation on the purposes and achievements of the Fairtrade movement, encouraging us all to support the Fairtrade mark.

The Purbeck Fairtrade Group would like to thank all those who took part in and contributed to this enjoyable and successful evening. The proceeds will be shared between the Fairtrade Foundation, Traidcraft Exchange, and the Purbeck Fairtrade Group, which publishes the Purbeck Fairtrade Directory each year.

Brian Wilkins, Chairman, Purbeck Fairtrade Group

Defend Dorset NHS

Dear Editor,

How I agree with Gill Dight and her letter; Defend Dorset NHS in May's issue.

I also find it incredulous that after a year of painstaking deliberation about closing down Poole Accident and Emergency department, those responsible do not have the knowledge or whereabouts about Purbeck residents being forced to travel considerably longer journeys to Bournemouth with increasing traffic congestion, caused in part by a huge population increase leaping ahead of the infrastructure needed to maintain decent living standards.

Quick medical treatment is of the essence in life threatening situations, any MP worthy of their salt should know that.

Can anyone in all honesty explain how such a daft proposal ever came to be? All it has done is antagonise the public who are rightly very concerned about their lot. The outcome should have been that all the Conservative MPs who represent all of Dorset stopped the closure of Poole A&E from ever having come this far. As things stand, will the closure take place after those MPs have been re-elected; their silence is deafening?

Traditional Conservative voters should pledge to reconsider how they vote if this very dangerous proposal goes ahead. We need to be assured now, so as to enable this ghastly shroud to be lifted for once and for all.

I remain Editor, yours sincerely, Mike Fry, by email.

Content Confusion...!!

Dear Gazette,

Is Nick Bird's letter 'April Fools Disappointment' (May Gazette) actually serious or else, what was behind your decision to publish it?

Admittedly, the headline in your April issue 'Construction Starts On Swanage Pier' caused some confusion as the content of the article related to the restoration project of Swanage Pier Marine Villas, which is technically onshore rather than on the pier itself.

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However, as I can see from my home at the far northern end of Shore Road, work on restoring Swanage Pier is manifestly evident with the piling rig in situ and also the restoration works on the Marine Villas building, which is also evident by the scaffolding enveloping it.

May I draw Mr Bird's myopic (mischievous?) attention to the 'trade advert' at the foot of page 37 of the April Gazette wherein 'Purbeck Building Emporium... now have in stock' 5L cans of Tartan paint as well as Elbow grease and Left-handed screwdrivers amongst other excellent April Fool's day jokes which did not disappoint me but, hopefully, you can do even better next year!

I love living here and look forward to each issue of the Gazette - especially each April!

Richard Ingall, Shore Road, Swanage

Council Takes Over Lights

Dear Readers,

Switch on Swanage

Switch on Swanage are sad to announce they have now disbanded. After over twenty years of lighting up the town, the time has come for us to retire and hand over the erecting of the lights in the cold, wind, rain and snow to someone else.

We have raised many thousands of pounds during the years and having to change all the lights to LED in recent years added extra challenges.

I am very proud of what the group achieved as I think the town looked wonderful during the festive season. We could not have lit up the town without the support of all the wonderful people and businesses of Swanage and our heartfelt thanks go out to you.

Swanage Town Council have agreed to take over the work that the lights committee have been doing.

We wish them all the best and hope you will support them as you did our group.

Cherry Bartlett, Chair (retired).

In Memory Of Bob West

Dear Readers,

Our father, Bob West, passed away on 19th April. He was an awesome husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be dearly missed by us all. I would like to offer our sincere thanks to the staff of Swanage Hospital for the outstanding care that dad received in his final days.

"How beautiful it is to do nothing and then rest afterwards."

Rest in peace dad, we love you.

From Steve (West), Jan, Sara, Katie, Tracey, Ian and family.

Money Wasted?

Dear Readers,

What a complete waste of money by Dorset Wildlife Trust

Seven-ten years ago, the Dorset Wildlife Trust received a grant to put in a set of cattle grids at Hyde near Wareham to allow their horses or other animals to roam from one side of Higher Hyde Heath Nature Reserve to the other.

It is understood that the cost was excess of £100,000.

Having spent this large sum installing the cattle grid, they never completed the fencing work to allow the animals to roam from one side to the other. I used to be a member of Dorset Wild Life Trust - but no more!

Mr No Longer a Member (full name and details supplied and withheld on request)



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Fri	15th	8pm	Don Kipper
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Sun	17th	2pm	Truckstop Honeymoon
Fri	23rd	8pm	Amelia White
Fri	29th	8pm	Jenny Wren & Her Borrowed Wigs
Sat	30th	8pm	Taylor Smith & The Roaming Jasmine

Decline Of World Standing

Dear Readers,

An oldie's view of Brexit

As an octogenarian I do not expect to live long enough to experience the full consequences of Brexit. But in all my years I have never known Britain to be so divided. I have never had high regard for the EU, seeing it as a costly bureaucracy with democratic shortcomings. Nevertheless, is there really any alternative for the UK than being part of it?

I began to understand Britain's position in the world once I had lived and worked abroad. This degree of objectivity allowed me to see Britain's gradual decline. Consequently, when we joined the Common Market, I was able to see our standing improve as the world recognised the financial and economic power EU membership gave us. As Britain became a major EU player, other countries invested here, to use our influence to gain access to what has become the world's largest and richest market.

Since the Brexit referendum, our standing in the world has started to decline again. I understand we have already lost our seat on the International Court. How long will it be before we lose our seat on the UN Security Council?

I understand some of the concerns that Brexiters have, and to some extent share them. The agricultural and fishing policies need reform, and there are some issues about immigration, which concern me too. Being in the EU is not perfect.

However, I am surprised that Brexiters have yet failed to provide any clear evidence that leaving will be better for us. After we leave we are told we will get advantageous trade deals with other countries, but these are not quantified. Experience has shown that trade deals take years to implement. Brexiters point to present successes since the referendum, forgetting that the pound dropped 14% the day after it, making our own goods cheaper and therefore our wealth 14% lower.

For me, the telling thing is the constant vilification of those of us who want to stay as 'remoaners'. When Brexiters have to resort to belittling us in that way it shows just how thin their arguments are for leaving. Remainers believe that the result of the referendum is questionable given the lies and deceit of those fronting the Brexit side.

But my main concern now comes from talking to the younger generation, many of whom are bitter in their opposition to Brexit. They are important because they will inherit the fallout of a decision swayed by my generation. They complain that Brexit will take away their European nationality.

One postgraduate student I spoke to described some leaders of the Brexit camp as gutless. If they had any fight, she said, they would want to stay in the EU rather than running away; and fight for giving MEPs more power, similar to that enjoyed by Westminster MPs.

As I see it, this split between the generations is not going to go away. It will simmer with Remainers and fair-minded Brexiters for years to come, especially as younger Remainers outlive the older generation who so swung the vote towards Brexit.

To avoid this and bring some harmony back to Britain, I support a public referendum based on the final deal we negotiate. To do that would require our Prime Minister to put the country and good governance before party, which takes great courage. Sir Robert Peel, a Tory premier, did that in the face of strong opposition over the Corn Laws.

Can Theresa May show the same spirit?

Regards, B J Haworth, by email.

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Publicly-Granted Concession

Dear Editor,

In May's Purbeck Gazette, David Hollister criticises our councils for representing local views and objecting to the large proposed Studland Ferry Toll increases. Extraordinarily he says: "and what the devil it has to do with the Councils is totally beyond me." "It is a private business. Not yours not mine."

The Studland Ferry is a publicly granted concession given by Act of Parliament to the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company on condition that the ferry is operated well and fares are "reasonable". The Act gave the final approval to the Secretary of State for Transport to decide what is "reasonable" so this is very much a "public" issue. The impact of tolls affects all of us.

If tolls are too high - and £12 return for a car is too high, visitors will be deterred, and this will hurt local businesses and employment. Other visitors will choose the 'long way round' via Sandford and Corfe Castle adding to the traffic congestion. Doubling fares for walkers and cyclists is not encouraging healthy "green" transport.

For regular Purbeck commuters we are talking of big increases. The cost of the ten-ticket booklet - the weekly season ticket-rises by £21 a week by 2022, a huge increase for those on low pay with jobs in Bournemouth. Similarly, Purbeck businesses will find it harder to recruit from that area.

So, are the increases necessary? No. The ferry is very profitable. The company concedes that the current profit, which is one third of turnover, is very high compared with other similar operations. In simple terms £1.40 of each single journey is net profit. The owners have, since 1994 when the ferry was last replaced, taken large profits out of the business rather than put money into reserves for a future replacement. If the owners took less in dividends in future years, there would be plenty of money for a replacement.

The proposals should be withdrawn, and new tolls should be proposed which encourage off peak usage and put any increases on peak traffic. Getting more usage of the ferry at quieter times will certainly help the owners replacement fund. Getting ferry queuing information and fare buying on an app, tags and season tickets will speed up journeys and save costs.

Yours faithfully, Steve Clarke, Vice Chair, Corfe Castle Parish Council.

No Confidence In Outcome

Dear Readers,

Ridge Moors Action Group – The Moors Flooding Proposal (aka The Moors at Arne Project)

There are many aspects of the plan to flood The Moors that do not appear to make a great deal of sense when examined in some detail.

The increased potential for the silting of the River Frome and Wareham Channel has been touched on before (Gazette – February 2018). However, following additional research by RMAG, some further important issues have been uncovered.

The project team state that they will be carrying out modelling in order to assess the impact the proposed project will have on the River Frome. However, previous modelling in Poole Harbour by the same team of consultants has proved to be inaccurate. When Poole Harbour was dredged in 2008 to accommodate larger vessels, the tidal flow past the lagoon at Brownsea Island increased, causing erosion around the lagoon which was not anticipated at the modelling stage. Furthermore, following the scouring effect that occurred due to these increased tidal flows, suspended sediment (silt) was dropped in parts of the harbour causing silting in places that had not been predicted by computer modelling.

RMAG has no confidence in the successful outcome of this project and

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these findings serve to prove our point. There are just too many complex factors for computer modelling to address, resulting in a high risk of failure if the project goes ahead.

The EA Workshop 2 document states that there will be up to three breaches made in the existing sea walls. These could be 70m wide and there are concerns at times of Spring Tides, when we estimate that there will be 16,131,074 gallons (average figure) per hour flowing on to The Moors, that scouring will occur as the water floods in and out. The suspended sediment will be deposited in the River Frome and the already shallow Wareham Channel in Poole Harbour and will impact navigation as depths of water decrease. This will have a detrimental effect on recreational river users, Redclyffe Yacht Club, the pleasure boats from Poole which take tourists to Wareham Quay and on salmon fishing. Salmon do not like dirty water, especially water which contains suspended sediment and this is likely to further reduce their numbers in the River Frome.

Additionally, RMAG has examined documentation used to provide source information to justify this project and this confirms our concerns when looked at in some detail. The 'Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and Wareham Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy 2014 (3.2.7)' states 'Wareham Banks and Ridge - failure of embankments would lead to permanent tidal inundation of c 370 ha of freshwater grazing marsh (largely designated SPA and RAMSAR) and potential legal proceedings against the Environment Agency'.

In addition, it states 'The navigation of the tidal River Frome to Wareham is likely to be impacted with reduced draught as a natural unconstrained river may gradually establish a wider shallower profile.'

Should the project proceed and artificial breaches are made in the existing embankments there are major concerns that the River Frome will alter as described in the Strategy Document.

Perhaps it is now time for the project team to realize that their proposals do not make logical sense, and that their own documentation highlights the fact that significant problems will arise should this ill thought out scheme proceed. The weight of evidence to justify their plans does not appear to be on their side.

Yours sincerely, Peter Sibthorp, Chair, Ridge Moors Action Group. Email: RidgeMoorsActionGroup@hotmail.com

Continual Crossing Concerns

Dear Nico,

Re: The crossing at Wareham railway station: Summary of Open letter

I attended a cabinet meeting of the DCC to discuss the crossing at Wareham on the morning of the 4th April 2018. The meeting was run very efficiently and with rigid formality, effectively silencing our local county councillor and blocking all discussion of the many points made.

The following observations struck me after going through the available literature and presentations:

It is very clear that Network Rail is not concerned about the local community and is determined to close the crossing in the interests of efficiency and profit, thereby going against the recommendations of the Office of Road and Rail.

The interests of the local community is the task of the Dorset County Council and is something they don't appear to be doing well. The DCC should find the legal paper work demonstrating the legal removal of the public right of way or declare the public right of way still exists. It must press for a fully automated road crossing if for no other reason than to provide an alternative route to the flyover.

The cost of the ramps will be between £1.5 - 2.0 million according to the DCC estimate. The cost of fully automating the crossing will be £1.5 - 2.5 million according to NR. NR have offered to partially fund the ramps. Has the DCC offered to partially fund the automation of the crossing as an alternative solution?

To quote Stewart Firth in the NR media centre on the 22nd March 2018 "Pedestrian level crossings are a Victorian throwback and have no place on a modern railway." making it clear that the drive to close the crossing has nothing to do with safety, or the welfare of the local community but everything to do with NR's pursuit of efficiency and profit!

So, let's put in a fully automated highway crossing instead of imperilling old and disabled people's health with overly steep very long ramps.

Regards, J A Simpson

Guide Dogs' Tea Party

Dear Readers,

A huge 'Guide Dogs' thank you.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to those of you who have popped coins into our two large Guide Dog collecting boxes, located in the Co-op in Swanage and The Village Inn caravan park at Ulwell.

A grand total of £1500 has been raised over the past few years and we are extremely grateful. Another massive thank you to Emmanuel Baptist Church who held a Guide Dogs Tea Party recently and raised £201 - special thanks to Marjorie Edwards who arranged the cake sale and 'name the dog competition'.

Over the next few weeks I will be placing collection boxes in local shops and pubs who have very kindly offered to help support Guide Dogs. We already have thirty-seven guide dog partnerships in Dorset and seven local people are currently waiting for a guide dog, so if you have a spare penny, pop it in, as every penny counts.

If you would like to host a Guide Dogs fundraising event, please do contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

Jayne 01929 425336 / Email: jayneguidedogs@gmail.com

Scots Pines Loss?

Dear Readers,

Whilst Scots pines may be relatively recent introductions to these parts, they have always epitomised for me the distinctive nature of southern beach resorts.

Each time we make our way from the ferry into Poole and Bournemouth yet another conversion from house to flats has involved the removal of a few more of these trees.

One can only hope that should any loss of our Swanage examples become truly necessary, we will be compensated with fresh plantings.

David Drury, Swanage.

Save Our Beautiful Trees

Dear Gazette,

My late husband was a tree warden. Almost the last thing he did, in February 2006, was to write a letter to the local paper regarding the felling of what he called a 'specimen tree' in Beach Gardens in Swanage, near the pavement in De Moulham Road.

Other specimen trees by the tennis courts are now threatened - part of our Swanage heritage.

The remains of three trees there, already cut down, are starting to decompose, but the standing trees are apparently now threatened.

"It is hoped that some more trees will be planted in their place." my husband, Gordon, wrote, or words to that effect.

I do hope that this letter will save these beautiful trees.

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Auxiliary Units Recognised

Dear Gazette,

D-Day is nearly upon us once again and we celebrate with pride the work of our Armed Forces during this period of time. I would like to bring to mind the men of the British Resistance Organisation, perhaps better known as 'Churchill's Secret Army'.

These Auxiliary Units were trained to a very high standard in unarmed combat, explosives and sabotage. They were a very special breed, who kept their secret for at least thirty years and after that, many were reluctant to talk of their exploits.

When the word came that the German Infantry had come ashore on our land, the Auxiliary Units were ready to go-to-ground and let 'Jerry' pass over them. They would then come up behind the enemy lines and start their work; knowing that their lives would not last much longer than forty-eight hours. This is why I say they were special.

Their work was to destroy supply lines, railways, roads or anything that would hold back, or slow down, the enemy advance. This would have given our land forces time to re-group. Fortunately, they never had to put their hours of hard training to the test. Had they done so, they would have been on a suicide mission. Our Royal Air Force got the better of the opposing forces and the tide of war turned.

I would like to mention that the Isle of Purbeck had three auxiliary patrols, each patrol selected by an intelligence officer. The Langton Matravers unit was selected by Captain Peter Weaver, with their operational base in the Wilderness at Harmans Cross. Creech Barrow's unit was selected by Captain Victor Goss, and their operational base was behind Squirrel Cottage, Holme Lane. There was also a Unit at Stoborough.

Langton Unit: Sgt. F.P.White, Cpl. O.S.Coleman, Pte. D.Norman, Pte. N.H.Burt, Pte, H.V. Lander.

Creech Barrow: Sgt. F.J.Simpson, Cpl. D.F.Green, Pte. M. Hatchard, Pte. W.E.Stockley, Pte. L.O.Green, Pte. E.Kitkatt, Pte. J. Hatchard.

Stoborough unit: Sgt. W.J.Randall, Pte. E.W.Randall, Pte. A.D.Baskett, Pte. B.Samways, Pte. S.G.Selby, Pte. P.Harris.

On 30th November 1944, Frank W.B. Douglas, Colonel Commander, Auxiliary Units, wrote the following letter:

"I realise what joining Auxiliary Units has meant to you..... you were invited to do a job which would require more skill and coolness, more hard work and greater danger, than was demanded of any other voluntary organisation. In the event of 'action stations' being ordered, you knew full well the kind of life you were in for.

"But that was in order; you were picked men, and others, including myself, knew that you would continue to fight whatever the conditions with, or if necessary, without orders. In view of the fact that your lives depended on secrecy, no public recognition will be possible.

"But those in the most responsible positions at G.H.Q. Home Forces know what was done, and what would have been done, if you had been called upon. They know it well. It will not be forgotten."

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Yours sincerely, Ken Williams, by hand.

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Suffering Shared

Dear Gazette,

In response to Nico's heartfelt article 'Stripped Bare' in the February edition, this left me thinking on what I can do to communicate with others who are suffering issues in their own life, which can be physical or mental, holding them back from enjoying life.

Each of us has suffering to endure; we must understand we are not alone in our struggles, however isolated we may feel at times.

Therefore, if anyone would like to meet-up to have a friendly chat over a coffee/tea in one of the Swanage town cafes, please do contact me on 01929 427989 and leave a contact number.

Regards, Lorna Greenwood

Please Help Henry!

Dear Readers,

Re: Henry Searle, May 2018 Gazette

With reference to your article in the May edition, why can't anybody help this poor young man and his family? They've tried everything to help Henry.

Surely there is someone with money who can help him? If I had the money, I would give it gladly. Please help his family who are exhausted and are out of funds. Please, please help them! God bless.

Marie Neilson, Swanage, by post

Lettuce Has feelings Too...

Dear Readers,

Before all the militant vegans start to disparage us meat eaters for our choice, they should read Cleve Backster's book 'Primal perception', about the awareness of plants. They will think twice about living off lettuce and beans. In fact, this book is a life changer.

C.Kay, by hand

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Supporting Mr Townsend

Dear Readers,

We should be very grateful if you would please print this letter in support of Mr. Nelson Townsend.

We too have used the Nat West Bank for many years and before that, the National Provincial Bank. We now have to bank in Poole – not an easy option for those without transport, or for the elderly.

We have been told that the Wareham branch is under-used but, despite the hard work of bank workers, there is almost always a queue of people waiting.

The Wareham branch is also used by the people of Swanage as their branch was closed some time ago.

There is no public transport from Wareham to Broadstone.

Yours faithfully, John and Lyn Plumpton, Wareham, by post.

Chum and Port....

Dear Gazette,

I notice that the Gazette is concerned about issues such as fracking, parking and dogs on the beach. I would like to raise another issue which I have been made aware of recently: anti-social behaviour.

Recently, I was walking my dog into town to the Off-Licence. As I approached the Blue Shelter on Swanage seafront, I heard raised voices and could see a group of youths. They were all drinking and smoking imported cigarettes.

One of them stopped me and had the audacity to ask for a light. When I told him that there was a shop across the road which sold lighters, he replied: "We are too young to buy lighters."

I paused. They then asked if I could buy them some tobacco. I agreed and said: "Give me £20 and I'll be back in five minutes."

I pocketed the cash, went to the shop, bought a tin of Chum and a bottle of port and took the back roads home. Cheers lads!

Frosty Jack, Highcliffe Rd, Swanage, by hand.

Bandstand Support Grows



Dear Readers,

Friends of Swanage Bandstand.

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and with the council pledge of £50,000, this gives us a total of £100,000.

Since then, our new total is £101,776.19. It was a warm and friendly meeting of people who all want to see our bandstand restored, which is very exciting. We now know that it won't be up for Christmas as we had hoped, but fully expect it to be back up by Easter next year, unless we have a setback. The town has been fantastic, the town council have also been great, but we still must stay focused, we still need more funds.

The specification for the work is still to be finalised, but then we go out for tender, and when estimates come in we can then apply for Heritage Lottery funding.

The town band are doing a concert for us at the Methodist Church in the High Street, on the 30th June. Please support it as the proceeds will come to us F.O.S.B.

Thank you all for your contributions and help, you have all been fantastic! Well done Swanage, I knew you could do it!

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TELLING IT LIKE IT IS...

The Good, The Bad And The Unacceptable

by David Hollister

As we are all now aware, plans to replace nine councils in Dorset with two unitary authorities were approved earlier this year by the then Local Government Minister Sajid Javid, who said that the scheme would be "likely to improve local government and service delivery in Dorset". After initially speaking against the change, Purbeck District Council changed their collective mind and decided that after all, it was a Good Idea.

Turkeys, perhaps, voting for Christmas. Purbeck District Council will be 'gobbled up' and only a very few of us spoke out against it. Christchurch Borough Council, however, has challenged the Government suggesting that it had acted beyond its powers, and has launched a bid to halt the changes. What is it that they know that we don't? Are we the turkeys or are they? Once again, I ask – where any pressures put on PDC by central government to make them u-turn and support their own demise?

Saving money is all very well. But there must surely be a limit when the results are bound to involve a reduction in proper democratic 'local government' and give more powers to fewer people and to a council which many of us already believe to be arrogant, incompetent and out of touch. Will our Council Taxes reduce? Will our 'services' improve? Let's revisit this in five years, shall we?

I was pleased to be able to spend an hour with Councillor Steve Poultney recently, looking over the significant improvements that Swanage Town Council has made to Swanage's public facilities. The filthy and wrecked toilets on the Main Beach car park have been totally rebuilt, redesigned, and are now a shining example of what public toilets should be, with proper facilities for disabled people, including showers. The wash-hand basins are 'magic' – in go the hands, down comes the soap, down comes the water, and then a whoosh of hot air to dry them off. The toilets at Mermond Place (recreation ground) have been similarly improved. The Beach Gardens toilets have been augmented with a state of the art disabled unit. Let us hope – beyond hope, let us pray – that these superb facilities don't become targets for the vandals and thieves that ruin so much not just here in Swanage, but all across the UK.

On the subject of Beach Gardens, where I'm ashamed to admit I haven't been for many years, the tennis courts are being upgraded with proper artificial grass, there's a free basketball court which is open to all; the scruffy 'chicken wire' netting has been replaced with proper sturdy steel mesh, all painted an appropriate shade of green. The bowling green is – as it always was – a credit both to the Council and the Bowling Club.

Whilst with Cllr Poultney, we strolled beneath the pine tress about which so much has been written. Please take heart, dear reader; they're not going to fell half as many as the original rumours suggested. A proper survey has been done and I am told that only two trees will be removed during autumn/winter; both are poor specimens, one leaning into the canopy of its neighbour, the other being a multi-stemmed specimen which is now leaning

over the path. The old stumps will be removed if possible and replaced with suitable saplings, and the trees will be inspected on a regular basis. This is nothing to do with pine needles falling on the path and forming a hazard; the Council does, however, have a duty of care to stop diseased trees and dead branches falling on people's heads.

All in all, the total cost of the renovations over the past twelve months has been around £300,000, all of which has come from reserves and none of which has been financed by rate increases. Rate increases are down to the County Council, as indeed is overall responsibility for refuse collection (Dorset Waste Partnership) and parking (Dorset Parking Services). So next time you see an unemptied bin or a pile of refuse in the street, don't blame your parish or town council! Go to www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/complaints/purbeck which is the right place to have your say.

Sad little story on Facebook this month which I have the writer's express permission to reproduce for you!

"Lovely place, but we won't be back after a shameful experience at the weekend. We took our 48-yr old VW camper out for a sunny Sunday run yesterday in Swanage. Found a parking spot on the Shore Road, paid £6.50 on the meter and looked forward to a spot of lunch and a relaxing spring afternoon. Within an hour a traffic warden insisted we leave, or he would issue a ticket. Our lovely little van, taxed and insured as a private car by the way, was unwelcome in Swanage because it had "furniture"!

Apparently, the council feel there's just too big a risk that we might be loitering with intent to camp overnight! Such petty-minded policies are what gets local Govt a bad name. I'll be asking for my £6.50 back too."

Here's where I point out that the Parking Officers are employed through Dorset Parking Services and NOT by the Town Council. And where I ask again whether these guys – who may be doing their job by the letter of the law – have an ounce of common sense in their bodies? We pay the Town Council to make Swanage more attractive to visitors, yet the County Council are paying these uniformed bullies to scare them away again. Time the County Council understood the principles behind running a 'holiday town'.

Finally, I am astonished to see that Dorset County Council has accepted my challenge (last month's Gazette) to hold a public meeting in Wareham to explain to the good citizens why it is that they continue to try to foist the appalling and unattractive pedestrian bridge ("skateboard ramp") on us. The meeting will be held at 10.00am on Thursday June 14th.

If you care about Wareham, about local democracy, or indeed about good old fashioned common sense, it is IMPERATIVE that you come; this is more important than a morning's work, this is the whole future of North Wareham that we're talking about. The venue? This information was not announced by DCC at the time of writing....

See you there - possibly!

Jurassic Sea Kayakers Donate £2,000 To Swanage Lifeboat Station

In October 2015 Swanage inshore lifeboat launched to a Mayday call to assist a group of kayakers who had called for assistance. The group of kayakers was quickly located on a rocky part of the shore in Durlston Bay and the volunteer crew were immediately directed to one of the kayakers who was experiencing some vision problems.

An initial assessment did not identify any obvious problems, but the vision problems persisted and it was decided to take the casualty by lifeboat back to the lifeboat station so that he could receive medical attention.

In response to the Mayday call, the Swanage HM Coastguard and a Coastguard helicopter had also been tasked to the incident. With a helicopter landing site close to the lifeboat station the casualty was able to be transferred from the lifeboat to the helicopter and flown to Poole hospital where it was discovered that the casualty, Steve, had suffered a stroke.

Unbeknown to Steve, an abnormality in his brain had caused the stroke, despite being otherwise fit and healthy. As the vision problems came about whilst he was at sea, he required the services of the RNLI to get help in an otherwise inaccessible location. The quick evacuation from this location and fast emergency care enabled Steve to be treated quickly and to return to his love of sea kayaking.

Following his diagnosis and subsequent recovery, Steve was told his chances of survival had been 20%, and that seeking help when his vision deteriorated probably saved his life. After this frightening experience, Steve wanted to raise awareness of the work of the RNLI and also of the importance of carrying the right equipment, as Steve and his group did on that day, which enabled them to radio for help.

Steve decided to raise some money for Swanage RNLI and as part of the fundraising decided to arrange a group of Jurassic Sea Kayakers to visit Swanage again for a training exercise with the Swanage lifeboats. After the exercise, the volunteer crew at Swanage were delighted to accept a cheque for £2000.

Lifeboat crew member Becky Mack, who attended Steve's rescue in 2015 said "It was both humbling and inspiring to meet Steve again this year,



thankfully in much better circumstances. I remember thinking at the time how well prepared the group of kayakers were, which in hindsight clearly contributed to saving Steve's life. We are so grateful for this donation and for Steve raising awareness of carrying the correct equipment at sea".

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Just at the point we were ready to charge him, he decided to leave the UK for America with no intention of returning. What he hadn't accounted for was the fact that the investigating officer had recently retired from the Metropolitan Police after a career of tracking down international money launderers.

The officer managed to not only track down the farmer to a hotel in Arizona and revoke his ESTA tourist visa, but also arranged an arrest warrant for when the farmer returned to the UK, which was duly served.

The farmer eventually pleaded guilty and was fined as well as being ordered to pay the prosecution costs. Furthermore, as his American ESTA visa was revoked, he will never be allowed to visit the USA again.

For advice on this, or to report something to Trading Standards, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

No Change In Purbeck District Council Holders For 2018/19

Councillor Bill Trite and Councillor Wendy Meaden have been re-elected to their respective positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Purbeck District Council.

At the Council's Annual Meeting on Tuesday 8 May, Councillor Gary Suttle was also re-elected as Leader of the Council, with Councillor Barry Quinn re-elected as Deputy Leader.

The Leader of the Council also proposed no changes to the Council's Portfolio Holders. So, for 2018/19 they remain as:

Resources and Efficiencies – Councillor Barry Quinn

Environment – Councillor Peter Webb (Deputy: Councillor Graham Brown)

Housing – Councillor Laura Miller (Deputy: Councillor Hilary Goodinge)

Communities and Involvement – Councillor Bill Pipe (Deputy: Councillor Tim Morris)

Economy and Infrastructure – Councillor Cherry Brooks (Deputy: Councillor Caroline Finch)

Councillor Suttle said: "With just over ten months until the new unitary council for rural Dorset is formed, it is important we have stability so we are making no changes to the Council's Portfolio Holders for 2018/19.

"This will enable us to continue to be an efficient and effective council as we head towards the formation of Dorset Council in April 2019."

Purbeck District Council has twenty-five councillors. The political composition of the Council for 2018/19 is:

Conservative Group - 20 members

Leader: Gary Suttle, Deputy Leader: Barry Quinn

Liberal Democrat Group - 4 members

Leader: David Budd, Deputy Leader: Fred Drane

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With the water lapping around their feet and rising they contacted the Coast Guard for help. When asked by the Coast Guard if they were wearing life jackets, they responded that they had them on board but were not wearing them. Possibly not the safest course of action if you are in a boat that is potentially sinking and that you may have to abandon at short notice.

Similarly, two paddle boarders rounded Peveril Point and paddled off towards Durlston Head. OK it was not a very windy day, but neither of them were wearing buoyancy aids.

All personal life saving pieces of kit are designed to bring the wearer to the surface in a face up position, even if unconscious. Without one the body will usually assume the face down position – not a good position to be unconscious in!

A dinghy was found on the rocks near the entrance to the bay one morning which prompted lots of people trying to find the owners as it was a tender for a larger craft. It was eventually ascertained that the owners had gone ashore on the previous evening to visit a local hostelry, leaving the dinghy on the beach.

Whether the dinghy floated off on a rising tide or third parties pushed it into the water, I don't know, but concern then ensued until the owner's whereabouts was ascertained as an empty boat could mean the owners could have fallen overboard or even, finding their transport missing and their confidence greatly inflated by the intake at the pub, thought that they could swim back to their boat in the bay. The incident had an innocent and happy outcome, but could well have been entirely different.

All of the above could have been much safer if a little common sense had been used. Unfortunately, there are no courses on common sense and everybody thinks that they have more than enough of it, but life tells us that this is a fallacy so please prepare well for your leisure time on or around the water and get home safe.

Many thanks to you and the catering crew for the excellent support over the holiday weekends, we couldn't do what we do without you! We hope to see you at future 'Tea and Cake' days.

Please stay safe on whichever side of the tide line your life or leisure takes you.

Contact the Swanage NCI at the Lookout on 01929 422596, at nci.org.uk, on VHF 65 or the address below. We look forward to hearing your comments and/or questions.

Bob Clark, swanagenci@btinternet.com

Oh, We Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside!



Charity reveals country's best beaches with announcement of Blue Flag and Seaside Awards for 2018.

This year, environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, is presenting 190 awards to England's very best beaches, including 65 international Blue Flags and 125 Seaside Awards (eight more than last year), with 42 beaches achieving both awards.

This includes awards to Swanage Town Council's 'Swanage Beach'.

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Swanage Town Council is proud to announce the news that the town's

beach has once again received the Blue Flag and Seaside Award for 2018.

The town's tourism and beach teams work extremely hard to deliver a great service and high-quality environment for visitors to the town, so they should be very proud of these awards.

This year the teams will yet again be ably assisted by RNLI Lifeguards, who will be providing lifeguarding services on Swanage Beach, and they are looking forward to working together to maintain the high standard of beach services, cleanliness and safety. We are also excited to announce that we have also recruited two Seafront Advisors to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of beach users.

Keep Britain Tidy's Chief Executive Allison Ogden-Newton said: "The success of the 148 beaches in reaching the very high standards demanded by both awards is testament to all those who have worked so hard to protect and improve our beaches – from beach managers and volunteers to local people and businesses.

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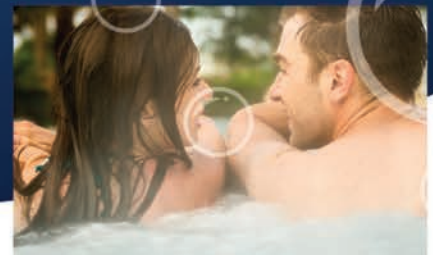
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The crowning of the Carnival court will be on Carnival Sunday on Sandpit field, before they take their places in the carnival procession around Swanage.

Swanage chairperson, Maria Foot said: "We had a fantastic turnout this year with over forty entrants. Carnival week is the highlight of their activities for the year when they will be a key part of the week and have a starring role in the procession.

"We have had lots of interest in our procession and we have already started receiving entries. We are encouraging people to start preparations for creating their float and costumes to help bring the town alive with our safari theme."

"Please don't forget to start collecting your coins to fill up the carnival buckets in support of our events so that we can raise lots of money for our chosen charities and good causes!"

Picture by Claire Richards Photography

Ringing Remembers Events



How many of us have heard the bells ringing out for a wedding, tolling for a funeral, sounding out a call to worship on a Sunday or celebrating a royal occasion (like the recent wedding of Harry and Meghan)? It is woven into the fabric of our society.

Yet, most people don't realise that whilst the British Isles has some 5,500 change ringing towers, the rest of the world put together has less than 150!

Bell Ringing is a British Tradition and the British Isles are home to a distinctive style of bell ringing called Change Ringing which produces a peal of bells, part of our national 'soundscape'.

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400 years? In order to find out more the Dorset County Association of Church Bell Ringers (dorsetcountymbellringers.webs.com) invites you to come and see a 'mini ring' (i.e. a miniature bell tower and small bells the size of bags of flour) on Sunday 24th June at Kingston Maurward Open Day anytime between 10am and 5pm.

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Commissioner Visits Domestic Abuse Victims In Dorset

The Victims' Commissioner, Baroness Newlove visited Dorset in May to meet with the victims of Domestic Abuse and hear first-hand their experiences. She was also keen to see how victim services are being delivered across the county.

She met with the Police & Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, the Chief Constable of Dorset Police, James Vaughan, and a number of domestic abuse practitioners to find out first hand what's happening at ground level. The Victims' Commissioner wants to use their experiences and knowledge to provide feedback to the government on the Domestic Abuse Bill Consultation which closes at the end of May.

Baroness Newlove said, "It's vital that the victim's voice is represented in the consultation and I intend to do just that. I have been visiting Police and Crime Commissioners and forces all over the country to find out about how they support victims of crime and with the consultation happening, my particular focus for my recent visits has been on the victims of domestic abuse.

"Too many victims are suffering in silence. We need to give them the confidence to come forward and report and then be sure that we are able to support them in re-building their lives".

PCC Martyn Underhill said, 'I would like to thank Baroness Newlove for coming to Dorset to find out more about what we are doing for victims of domestic abuse and I am proud and humbled by the work that's being done across the county to provide that support.'

"It's vital that we find new ways to focus attention on this issue and I think we have done just that with the 'Cut Your Strings' campaign, which raises awareness of controlling and coercive behaviour being a form of domestic abuse and I would encourage everyone to find out more about the campaign."

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Blast From The Past!

This month, A Decade Ago...

June 2008, edition number 101 - we published a grand total of forty pages (as opposed to our current average of seventy-six pages per month), and distributed 18,500 copies.

This is one of the 'missing' editions electronically, as some of the 2008/9 original files went walkabouts, so the images on this page are a little murky, having been scanned from an original paper copy....

Local milkman-come-photographer, Rob Knowles, made the front cover, with his stunning shot of Man O'War bay (right).

David Hollister reported on the suggested closure of Swanage's recycling centre (then at Panorama Road) by Dorset County Council, asking where were the usual protesters, waving their signs and shouting against the potential loss of yet another local service. Purbeck District Council were as concerned as David and all local residents were encouraged to write in to DCC, voicing their objections in the strongest possible terms.

Today, we are lucky enough to not only have retained our rubbish and recycling facilities, but are able to boast of the vastly improved new(ish!) site at Prospect, Victoria Avenue.

In June 2008 we ran an article on the U.S. 1st Division's time in Swanage during 1943-44, whilst training for Operation Overlord. We featured memories from some of our older locals, including Ken and Jim Hunt who had grown-up in Swanage.

Ken had previously reminisced in a publication called the Bridgehead Sentinel several years before about a G.I. called Tommy Carrol who had spent Christmas with his family in 1943. Ken and his family had always wondered what had become of Tommy after he went off to war - a story many locals living here during those years will identify with.



Tony Meates also recounted his memories of a soldier his family had befriended - Tex Carter (1943 - pictured). Tex had regularly visited Tony's family whilst stationed in Swanage and many years later, following the death of his mother, Tony had discovered photographs of Tex in the attic and had attempted to find out what had become of him, but as of 2008, had not managed to find out if Tex had survived and returned to America.

Our business pages welcomed the addition to Swanage town centre of the newly-completed 'Tilly Mead Courtyard', then hosting local businesses Chilled Red and Bloom Floristry (both still there) as well as Purbeck Sports and Chic Boutique, both sadly now gone.

We also celebrated the opening of Wareham's first stockbroking business, Edward Jones Stockbrokers. The office was officially opened by the then-Mayor of Wareham, Cllr Sue Elmes. Anthony Muraro of Edward Jones said: "I have been working with the community for some time now and am very pleased to be opening my new office in Wareham, where I will be offering services associated with both a stockbroker and financial advisor."

Swanage Sea Rowing Club had grown to boast of one hundred members by 2008 and were delighted with sponsorship provided by Tilly Whim and Ocean Blue (shops in Swanage) which enabled them to purchase forty Seasalt tops to sell to members at reduced cost. Numerous other local businesses also sponsored the club that year in a variety of ways, ensuring that the Sea Rowing Club was a true community-supported group in every way possible.

Durlston Country Park had recently submitted their application for Stage Two Heritage Lottery Funding and were increasing their efforts to close the match-funding gap and were hopeful of being able to eventually meet the required target. Head Ranger, Hamish Murray, had recently completed the London Marathon in a creditable time of three hours and thirty-one minutes.

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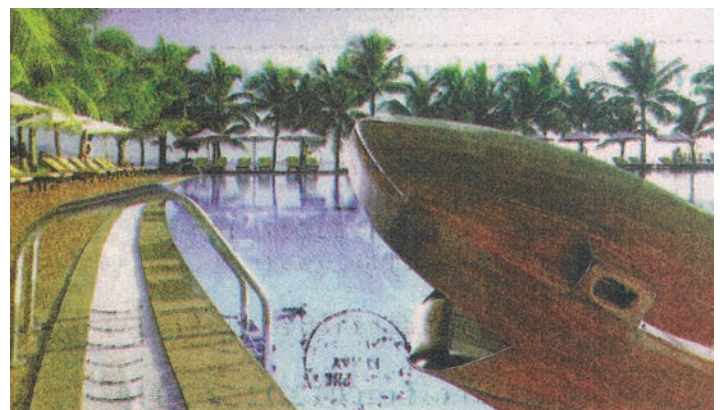
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That month we also reported on the whereabouts of the once-famous 'Dolphin Centre animals' from Poole, who were kind enough to send us a few postcards (the front of Whale's postcard is shown, below), having retired from the Dolphin Centre in Poole town centre some years previously.... Whale, Turtle and Hippo sent us four postcards from their 'world travels', before announcing their short-term return to the Dolphin Centre.

Many local readers will have remembered climbing on these wonderful wooden creatures whilst younger, waiting for their parents to finish the tedious shopping. Would the 'elf and safety brigade allow them to remain in the Centre today? One wonders! The editor is one local who fondly remembers clambering (and sliding) on the animals when young and has no broken bones to show for the experience!



Jock Retires After Forty Years Service



Retirement is a big milestone in anyone's life and Wire Fittings Designs in Swanage, Dorset, have recently said goodbye to one of their long-standing members of staff.

John Tait, known to many as Jock, has retired after forty years service to the company.

"It is rare these days for staff to complete forty years with the same employer, so we are very grateful to Jock, who has provided us with over forty years of devoted and loyal service. Jock has seen many changes within Wire Fittings, from the company's first premises, located in the town centre, to its current location at Victoria Avenue Industrial estate." said a spokesperson from Wire Fittings.

Jock contributed in many ways to the factory's production processes, adapting to manufacturing the ever-changing range of displays.

Jock, now 67, felt it was time for him to take things a little easier and enjoy his hobbies, one being metal detecting, which involves searching the surrounding areas, hills and beaches for hidden treasure.

All the staff at Wire Fittings wish him all the best in his pursuit for gold! They also extend their best wishes to Jock and his family, as he starts his long and much deserved vacation, he will be greatly missed by all his fellow colleagues.

Jock is pictured with the staff of Wire Fittings on his last day at work

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Explorers also provides support to the Development Trust in operating a new Youth Club for 11 to 13-year olds, replacing a service which was cut by Dorset County Council in 2017.

To contact Explorers to find out more ring: 07935 029218

or look them up at: www.explorerswraparoundchildcare.com

Following complete refurbishment, the Centre is now available to hire in the evenings and at weekends.

To find out more: Tel: 01929 426355 (Weekdays 9am to 5pm) or e-mail: swanagecentrelettings@gmail.com

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“Reductions in local authority funding means that progressively greater reliance will have to be placed on volunteers in the future - so let us never forget or overlook them.”

Thirteen parishes and towns across the District nominated Volunteers of the Year, all of whom were congratulated in front of more than fifty guests.

The volunteers of the year were:
Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle – Mr Campbell de Burgh

Arne – Mr Peter Booth

Bere Regis - Mr Philip Ventham

Dedicated volunteers from across the District of Purbeck have received thanks and recognition for their work at a ceremony in Wareham hosted by District Council Chairman, Bill Trite.

The volunteers from Purbeck’s towns and villages had their many and varied contributions to the wellbeing of their communities described and wholeheartedly appreciated at this tenth annual ceremony.

Councillor Trite and guests heard of the energy, enthusiasm and commitment displayed by volunteers in their work for the benefit of others.

After presenting each volunteer with a scroll to mark his or her achievement, Councillor Trite told them: “It’s a privilege to be able to thank you for what you do and, through you, to thank all those other local volunteers not here tonight for their time and work freely given.

“It is said that the ultimate test of character is how you treat those who

Church Knowle – Mr Christopher Boon

East Stoke – Mrs Maureen Quinn

Langton Matravers - Dr Chris Spilling

Lytchett Matravers – Mrs Julia Gracey

Lytchett Minster and Upton – Mr Martyn Chase

Studland – Mr Steve Smith

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Wareham St Martin – Sandford Heritage Community Group

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Wareham Town Council Update

Julie, our Gazette correspondent, details the goings on in recent council meetings.....



News from Wareham Town Council - April

The Dorset County ward divisions will be drawn up with regard to parish boundaries and the number of electors which will usually be 7,520 for two Councillors. Purbeck District Council (PDC) agreed to the changes to the Modification of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health

Act 2017 needed for reorganisation. The Programme Director for Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset is Keith Cheesman and a Cabinet for Dorset County will be installed on 6th June.

Despite submissions from John Simpson, Mayor Councillor Russell, County Councillor Ezzard, others and a letter from M. Tomlinson MP in favour of maintaining the level crossing, Dorset County Council Cabinet will re-submit a planning application for a ramped bridge. The Youth Centre needs £50,000 a year to maintain its services. Follow its activities on Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation Facebook page.

The Leader of PDC was to write to the Secretary of State and local MP's objecting to the proposed increases in the Sandbanks Ferry tolls. Councillors felt that with earlier fare increases the ferry company should have built up more of a reserve fund for a replacement ferry and paid less in dividends. Large fare increases could damage employment prospects and build congestion on the A351.

Wareham and District Development Trust had worked with Weymouth's Sealife Centre to bring a mobile rock pool complete with resident wildlife to the Tree of Life and Laughter Community Garden. On Sunday 2nd September, the Trust will be organising a cruise from Wareham Quay to help fund the Community Garden.

The Town Clerk had studied the implications of the Data Protection Regulation which became effective from 25th May. Like other organisations the Council has to have a lawful reason for holding and using data and needs the positive agreement of the person concerned. Also, the Town Clerk had drawn up an action plan which would lead the Council towards being dementia-friendly and part of the Dementia Friendly Purbeck Community.

The Wareham In Bloom committee is very grateful to all its sponsors. Andrews Plant Hire and Haulage sponsored work on 'Wareham' roundabout (junction of A351 and Bere Road) clearing shrubs to give the better sight lines appreciated by drivers, especially the emergency services.

The public is invited to attend the next meetings of the Town Council on Tuesday 26th June and Wednesday 8th August at 7pm in the Town Hall. Further information is available on 01929 553006 or at the website, www.wareham-tc.gov.uk.



The Wareham St Martin Solar Community Fund is now ready to distribute grants to those who meet the criteria and who meet the needs of Cold Harbour, Trigon, Sandford, Organford and Holton Heath residents.

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Swimming The Bay For 'Defend Dorset NHS'



Local man, Andrew Deacon, swam Swanage Bay for Defend Dorset NHS on 7th May 2018.

Andrew feels strongly about the decline in NHS services. Growing up in London with asthma, he had to access the emergency services occasionally with acute episodes, before the introduction of inhalers and current treatments. He would not wish to see a further journey time added if the A&E were downgraded at Poole Hospital and moved to Bournemouth.

The summer months, with the rise in hayfever and pollution, which can trigger asthma symptoms and the increase with so many visitors, could be a lethal combination for some.

So, with the kind donations of locals and visitors, Andrew raised £368 to contribute to the judicial hearing which will challenge some of Dorset CCG decisions. Your support, which will affect everyone long-term is very much appreciated.

Please visit www.crowdjustice.com funding website and search 'Defend Dorset NHS' to donate and look out for other events in the next few months.

Swanage Hospital Afternoon Tea



Saturday 16th June

2pm – 4pm

in the hospital grounds

(we regret there is no wheelchair access)

Return Of The Sword....

The iconic Wareham Saxon sword returns to Wareham this month! The sword was found deep in the bed of the River Frome during the construction of the new South Bridge in 1927.

There was no museum in Wareham at the time, so it was donated to the Dorset County Museum in Dorchester. The sword will be on loan to Wareham Museum this year and next year while the County Museum is redeveloped.

The sword was made in the late 900s, and the hilt and about half the blade survive. It is a very rare and special find. Traces of an inscription on the grip show that the sword was owned by a member of the royal family of Wessex; it is the only Saxon sword found in England with a royal owner's name on it!

Intriguingly, the intricate decoration on the hilt is in the style of the Vikings, the enemies of the Saxons.

Wareham was an important town in the Kingdom of Wessex in Saxon times. There was probably a royal palace here, and the "walls" were built at this time; they are the best-preserved Saxon town defences in England.

Find out more about the sword and Saxon Wareham in the museum and on our website, www.wtm.org.uk and visit our Facebook page.

To welcome back the sword, the museum is hosting a talk by David Hinton, Professor Emeritus of Archaeology at Southampton University: "The Wareham sword and the Vikings in Dorset." This will include recent discoveries, such as the site of a massacre of Vikings near Weymouth.



The talk will be on Tuesday 19 June, in the Town Hall, Wareham, at 7.30pm. Entrance is free.

Ben Buxton, Honorary curator

Caption to photo: the sword as it is today

Out Of The Blue



The summer is with us and all those outside jobs need doing before we can start to make the most of our gardens during the summer months, but please be vigilant, it is easy to succumb to door step traders promising to make your life a bit easier by doing the work for you.

Rogue Traders offer you a service, but overcharge for substandard, often unnecessary and incomplete work. Examples are: power washing driveways, cutting down trees and tending gardens; they also carry out general building work.

They can be very intimidating but remember:

- Never accept work from anyone who offers you it over the phone or at your door.
- Never go to the bank with a tradesman.

You Said/We Did - Purbeck North and South

You said: Theft from motor vehicles is an issue at secluded rural car parks. There have been a number of reports of cars being broken into and contents stolen across Purbeck. Items stolen have been tablet computers, mobile phones, handbags, satnavs and cash.

The public are reminded to not leave any valuable items in their car when they leave it unattended. A car boot is not a safe place to leave items as 'someone' may be watching and subsequently take the item. Please be on the lookout for our crime prevention road shows being held at various rural car parks across the area.

We did: Your local police team have been very busy conducting crime prevention engagement events across the area to make the public aware of the need to secure their vehicles and not to leave valuables inside. I am sure you will have seen the marked police vehicle around the area with the crime prevention message on to raise awareness.

Our team have been using this vehicle to patrol all our rural car parks every day to reassure the public, disrupt the criminals and ensure that our rural car parks are a safe place for visitors. We will continue to monitor these areas to ensure we maintain focus on reducing vehicle crime in Purbeck.

Remember: Here's how you can keep your vehicle safe:

- Remove everything from your vehicle – don't hide things in the boot, glove box or door wells



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- Take removable stereos, sat nav equipment and bags with you and wipe off any marks left on your windscreen
- Ensure all your windows and doors are secure before you walk away
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Purbeck Neighbourhood Policing Team

Apply To The Prince's Countryside Fund...

The Prince's Countryside Fund grants now available to support community led groups and projects in rural areas around the UK

Applications opened on April 30th for community groups and charities to apply for grant funding of up to £50,000 from The Prince's Countryside Fund, until June 14th 2018.

The Fund is committed to supporting projects which will reinvigorate and sustain community networks, by providing services and amenities.

Volunteering in Shropshire's community-run Beckbury Shop, which was supported by The Fund in 2017, "has been the best thing I've ever done – it's given me a new sense of get up and go" said local resident Inez. Having been housebound for several years following two operations, Inez now volunteers twice a week.

Claire Saunders, Director of the Fund said: "This is a critical time for people and businesses in our rural areas, and we are seeking applicants for our grant programme who can help to ensure that their rural communities can thrive now and in the future.

"We want to hear from innovative and creative community-led projects that are responding to local needs and would urge people to consider applying. Whether this is bringing new life to your village shop and pub, increasing access to rural employment and training, or bringing together farming communities, we would love to hear from you."

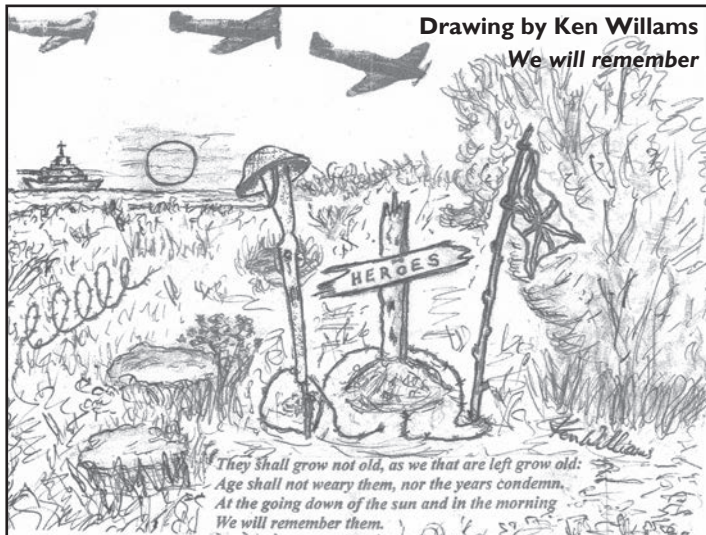
Funding is also available for projects that will improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses, for example by providing training or education schemes.

Jen Andrews from Newquay Community Orchard said: "Our grant from The Prince's Countryside Fund has enabled us to do so much - we have helped to foster an interest in rural skills to bridge the ever-widening gap in the understanding of the care, attention and sheer effort that our food producers put into creating our food. We also wanted to inspire careers in the rural sector and have been training disengaged young people in Practical Outdoors and Employability skills - we hope to see more young people getting into the rural sector, it has so much to offer!"

Organisations that directly support agriculture, such as The Farmer Network in Cumbria, are also eligible. The Farmer Network has run schemes to encourage young people to develop farming enterprises, through their Business Support For Young People programme, as well as providing ongoing assistance to farming families.

The Fund's grant giving helps to support a diverse range of projects, often delivered locally by grassroots organisations and community groups, and since the Fund was set up by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2010 it has distributed more than £9 million to communities across the UK. The Fund is particularly keen to receive applications from Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

Grant applications can be made up until June 14th 2018. Find out more and read the full eligibility and guidance document at www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grants or contact Helen Aldis on 020 7566 6659 or Helen.Aldis@bitc.org.uk



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Wilkswood Reggae 2018 makes another dubtastic appearance from July 20th to 22nd at Wilkswood Farm in Langton Matravers. With an expanded line-up and live acts across three stages, the weekend event is now firmly established on the summer festival scene.

This year's event has a stellar line-up with reggae legend Lee 'Scratch' Perry performing with pioneering producer Mad Professor on Sunday's main stage. Ragga deejay General Levy and dub prodigy Joe Ariwa are set to cause a seismic shockwave across Purbeck on Saturday night and two of reggae's best-loved artists will appear together when Earl Sixteen and Carroll Thompson headline with the Upper Cut Band. Other confirmed live acts include Mikey General, the rootsy, lo-fi Hempolics, ska-fuelled youngsters Chainska Brassika and Bournemouth's own Dubheart.

The soundsystem stage (named after Jah Spirit, pictured right) features Don Fe, Scientist Sound,

Gaz's Rockin' Blues and Direct Impact. A multitude of acoustic acts, deejays and poets will appear on the DJ Derek Stage, including writer Kei Miller and local acts Alex Hedley and Krista Green.

Wilkswood Reggae is produced by Dubwood Productions, a collaboration between members of Dubheart and Simon and Nicky Coppack from the Scott Arms in Kingston, near Corfe Castle. In fact Jamaican-born Nicky brings her Jerkshak Caribbean barbecue from the pub to the festival so expect some West Indian delights.

The main stages are undercover so the music plays whatever the weather and, with bars serving Dorset beer and cider and rum cocktails, plenty of street food stalls and a dedicated kids zone (with cinema, face-painting and nature treks), this family-friendly festival is a real must do. Weekend tickets (including camping) are very affordable and, to encourage the family atmosphere, offer reduced prices for children up to the age of 17 and under-threes are free!



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SWANAGE ICE CREAM FAMILY SCOOPS NATIONAL AWARD!

A husband and wife team, whose family have been making gelato for ninety years, have won a national award for their frozen yogurt. Ricky and Hannah Forte, who run Fortes Gelateria in Swanage, had their blackcurrant frozen yogurt judged the best in the UK at the National Ice Cream Competition.

The competition is organised by the Ice Cream Alliance - the trade association of the UK's £1bn ice cream industry - and the awards are regarded as the Oscars of the ice cream industry.

Ricky and Hannah are the third generation of the family business, which started in 1926 and has a parlour in Institute Road, Swanage. Hannah said the frozen yoghurt had proved extremely popular with their customers and would be on sale again during 2018.

"All of our gelato and sorbets are freshly handmade on the premises of our gelateria in Swanage," said Hannah. "We strive to create a truly unique and authentic artisan product by combining our exclusive family recipes and by using only the finest ingredients available."

Zelica Carr, Chief Executive Office of The Ice Cream Alliance, said: "The Forte family can be justifiably proud of their long history of making the finest ice creams and Ricky and Hannah are to be congratulated for maintaining such high standards."

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Waiting for God

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- Why did you decide to start making gelato?

"It's been 8 years since I opened the original shop in Brighton. Before that, I spent a lot of time in Italy and I ate a lot of ice cream! I'm a foodie and every time I came home I found it difficult if not impossible to find a proper gelato shop offering the wide range of flavours and quality like I had experienced. I grew up in a family of great cooks and had worked in kitchens so I knew I had the skills needed to learn how to produce gelato. I decided to take the plunge, went back to Italy to train, then bought my machines and opened up shop".

- How is gelato different to English ice cream?

"Gelato is the traditional Italian method and it differs mainly because of its higher milk content. Recipes in Italy vary regionally; Ours is southern in style and is based predominantly on milk. It also doesn't contain eggs, which means that it is lower in fat. Fat makes your ice cream freeze harder and needs to be balanced with sugar, which softens it. So, although you wouldn't think it at first, the lower fat in our recipe gives a more dense and creamy texture than a cream and egg based ice cream because we can add less sugar. Both sugar and fat encourage air into the recipe which is why our gelato has a very low air content – and that's the Italian secret! The lower fat content also means that less fat coats your tongue as you eat, so the flavours we create are more intense and spectacular!

- Boho Gelato is known for its flavours, what can we expect for Swanage?

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- Why did you choose Swanage for the new shop?

"We opened in Weymouth 3 years ago and since then I have grown very fond of Dorset (which is where my mother's side of my family are originally from).

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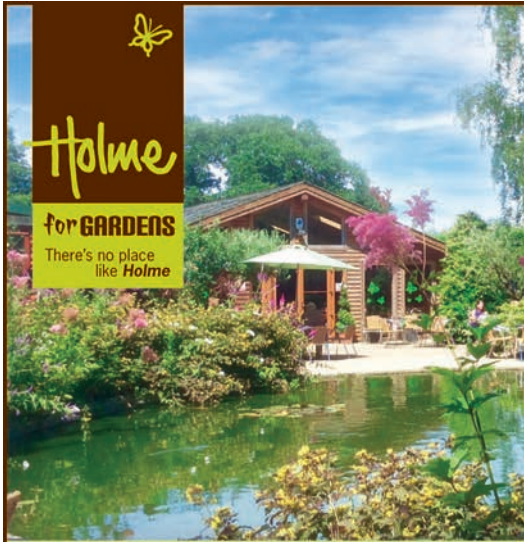
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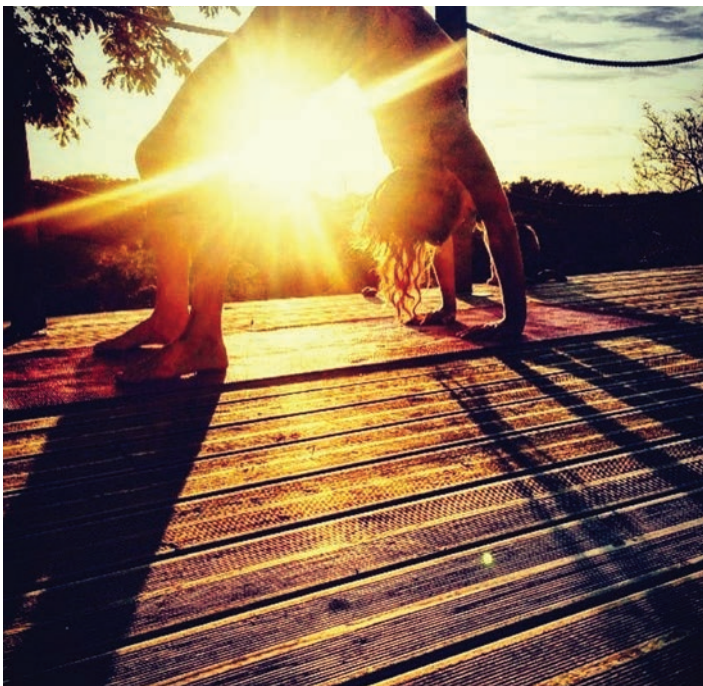
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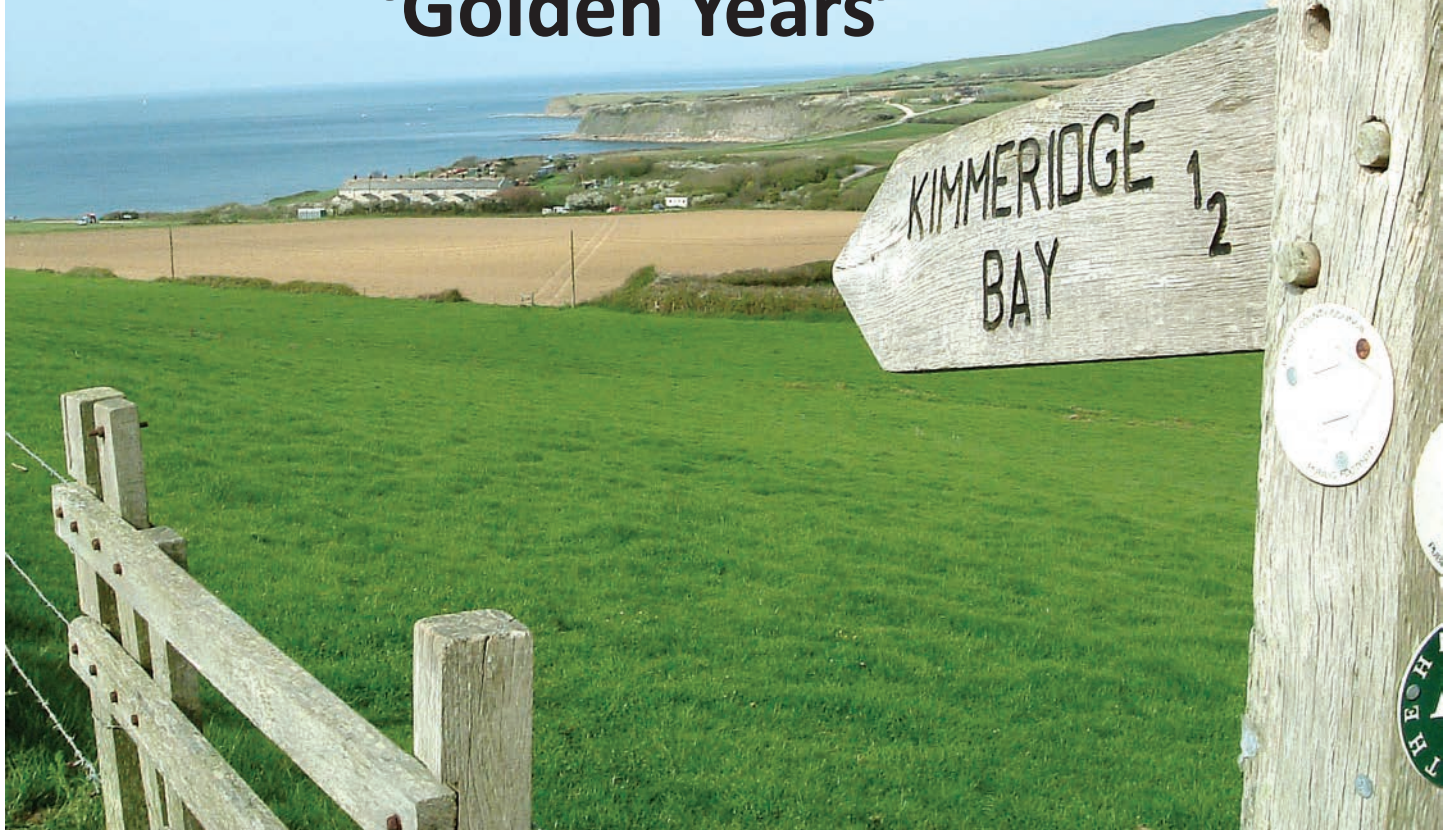
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Kimmeridge Celebrates Its 'Golden Years'



This year Kimmeridge celebrates its forty-year anniversary of the Marine Conversation Centre, its ten-year anniversary of Clavells Restaurant and the newly opened the Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine life.

Clavell's Restaurant, founded in 2008, celebrates its ten-year anniversary this month. Clavells Restaurant is nestled in the charming picture box village of Kimmeridge on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset, one mile inland from the World Jurassic Heritage Coast.

We are part of a family that have farmed in Purbeck since the 1950s and we are passionate about offering delicious locally sourced food, with delightful service at an attractive price. Clavell's ethos 'from field to fork' is reflected in the menu and we pride ourselves in serving delicious home-made food using only the finest locally sourced ingredients.

Clavells are very proud to support many of Dorset's wonderful food producers. Clavells seasonal menu can be enjoyed in our restaurant or 'alfresco' on fine afternoons and during the summer time. The day time menu is imaginative, relaxed and informal, offering an array of delicious homemade breakfasts, lunches and traditional afternoon teas as well as excellent wines and local beers. Clavell's is one of the 'Delights of rural Dorset-local seafood, meats and produce' *Trip Advisor*.

Opening hours - we are open all year! Monday to Sunday 10am-5pm for Breakfasts, Lunches and Afternoon Teas. Open for Dinner 1st April - 30th September - call to confirm time. Tel: 01929 480701 www.clavellsrestaurant.co.uk enquiries@clavellsrestaurant.co.uk

See page 47 for mouth-watering delights at Clavells this month!

This year, Dorset Wildlife Trust celebrates forty years of marine conservation at Kimmeridge. Back in 1978 our work began, to share the wonders of the underwater world with visitors and show them how special the marine life in this spectacular part of the coast is.

Our small 'hut' was finally replaced by a new purpose built Marine Centre in 2001 and this year our focus has widened to encompass the newly created network of Marine Protected Areas off our coast.

Visitors can experience first-hand the extraordinary diversity of wildlife on the seashore and in the warm, shallow water of the bay via our small aquarium, guided rockpool rambles and snorkel trail. A group of volunteer

marine wardens help visitors make the most of their trip, advising on best times for snorkelling, identifying sea creatures found in the rock pools and explaining the industrial history of Kimmeridge itself.

Our achievements over the last forty years include installing the first live underwater camera for public viewing; providing special bins to collect unwanted monofilament fishing line for recycling; promoting eco-friendly crabbing using net bags in place of hooks; establishing the Dorset Seal Project to record seal sightings in Dorset; establishing Seasearch in Dorset - a volunteer diver survey to record seabed habitats and species; and setting up the first 'Limpet Safe Haven' - a voluntary initiative to protect the ecology of the seashore.

In May, the newly refurbished Fine Foundation Wild Seas Centre re-opened to the public with a new name, fresh new look, new rock pool exhibit and the opportunity for a virtual exploration of Purbeck's seabed. We hope that visitors will continue to enjoy, experience and learn about the local marine life at Kimmeridge and beyond as we look forward to the next forty years in this glorious part of the country.

Come and visit the 'Jewel' in the crown of the Jurassic Coast, the Etches Collection Museum of Jurassic Marine Life, situated in the village of Kimmeridge, Dorset.

Housing the finest single collection of Kimmeridgian fossils, all found by just one man, Dr Steve Etches MBE - you will be mesmerized by sea monsters, prehistoric predators and the marine flora and fauna of 150-157 million years ago. Learn about their 'Stories from Deep Time' interpreted with state of the art CGI imagery of Jurassic marine life swimming above the amazing fossils in the gallery. Watch as Steve Etches cleans and conserves his latest finds in the museum lab and workshop - our collection of world class fossils includes many which are new to science and are of national importance.

The museum offers events and activities for all ages, including fossil hunting tours of Kimmeridge. Our unique 'Centre of Excellence' for learning and discovery will engage and fascinate visitors young and old!

We are open every day (other than Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day) from 10am - 5pm (last entries to museum are at 4.15pm).

For more information see: www.theetchescollection.org

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GDPR

The new General Data Protection Regulation comes into force on 25th May 2018 and supersedes the Data Protection Act 1998. It applies to organisations operating within the EU and also applies to organisations outside the EU that offer goods or services to individuals in the EU. However, it does not apply to certain activities such as processing covered by the Law Enforcement Directive, processing for national security purposes and processing carried out by individuals purely for personal/household activities.

The GDPR puts obligations on both 'controllers' and 'processors' of data. A controller determines the purposes and means of processing personal data and a processor is responsible for processing personal data on behalf of a controller. Both controllers and processors have a legal liability if they are responsible for a breach.

There are Six Principles behind GDPR which are as follows :

Lawfulness, fairness and transparency – consent is now required for organisations to hold information on individuals and the consent must be freely given, specific, informed and an unambiguous indication of the individual's wishes. An organisation must keep records so it can demonstrate that consent has been given by the relevant individual.

Purpose Limitation – there must be a specific, legitimate and explicit need for any information and it cannot be processed further in a way that is incompatible with the original intended use of the data.

Data Minimisation – data held should be relevant and limited to what is necessary.

Accuracy – personal data should be accurate and where necessary, kept up-to-date. Any inaccurate data should be corrected or deleted.

Retention – personal data should be kept in an identifiable format for no longer than is necessary.

Integrity and Confidentiality – personal data should be kept secure.

It applies to all personal data, which means it is applicable to any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified in particular by reference to an identifier. This therefore includes personal data such as name, identification number and physical and email addresses. Under GDPR, individuals have a number of rights including the right to be informed how data is processed (which will often be detailed in the organisation's Privacy Notice), right of access to their information and the right for it to be rectified or erased. There is also now a right to data portability which means that individuals can obtain and reuse their data, which could be useful in situations such as switching service providers.

The new regulations have far reaching consequences and apply not only to businesses, but to anyone who holds data on individuals. It, therefore, almost certainly applies to all clubs and societies and therefore you have no doubt been contacted by all sorts of organisations in the run up to the 25th May asking for your consent in relation to information that they hold on you.

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Company Car

The company car has continued to be an important benefit for many employees, despite increases in the taxable benefit rates in recent years.

However, April 2018 saw the introduction of further changes affecting employer-provided cars, which could have a significant impact on your business motoring costs.

Benefit-in-kind rates

Company cars are essentially taxed as a benefit-in-kind (BiK) by multiplying the list price of the car (including most accessories) by the 'appropriate percentage'. This is set by reference to the car's fuel type and level of CO2 emissions.

In 2017/18, a reduced BiK rate of 9% applied for vehicles emitting no more than 50 g/km of CO2, but from April 2018 these rates have **started to increase significantly**.

Cars with CO2 emissions of 0-50 g/km are now liable to a rate of 13%, with similar rises applying to cars with higher levels of emissions.

Diesel cars

April 2018 also saw an increase in the additional diesel car supplement, which has risen from 3% to 4%. The maximum cap of 37% still applies (unless the car is registered on or after 1 September 2017 and meets the Euro 6d emissions standard).

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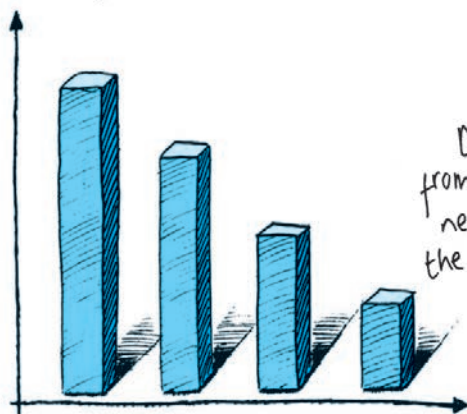
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Do I need a contract with my builder?



This is often a question that forms in the mind of a homeowner when considering an extension. In many cases the builder is a friend or someone already known to them. There is a reasonable level of trust between them, yet still the questions forms.

The answer is far simpler than you might imagine.

If there is an agreement that both parties understand and are committed to, a contract has already been formed. It is immaterial that there is nothing in writing. If anything goes wrong the homeowner is entitled to similar consumer protection to that which they would receive were they to purchase a toaster.

Really the question is not if you need a contract, because at some point one will be formed, but do I want a written contract. This is where it gets more complex.

A written contract provides reassurance about the cost, the duration, daily activities, materials used and a host of other things. Any builder unwilling to accept a written contract probably isn't worth contracting with and no, it's not rude to insist on one.

The contract can expressly set out when payments are to be made; the total cost of carrying out the specific works; how the builder has to address 'extras' so as to ensure you always know what your build has and is going to, cost; how long it is all going to take and what happens in the event that the timescale is not stuck to. It can also reference other documents like the architects plans or material specification sheets so that everybody knows what they're actually agreeing will be built.

Whilst a written contract can seem daunting and may involve some expense in drafting and agreeing, it will likely save time, energy and cost as a build progresses. There are always changes and compromises in building works, material selections alter, even the extent of the works can change.

But if you start from a position that is understood by all to be X and decide you want to change your destination from Y to Z its helpful to be able to agree at the beginning how those changes in direction will be dealt with, rather than trying to agree these things as you go along.

Most homeowners will spend months or even years planning their build and choosing how they want it to look. It can't hurt to spend a bit of time thinking about how you want to control what it costs or how long it will take to erect.

If you have any questions about this article or want to know more about construction disputes, please contact Iain Cole on 01935 846465 or email iain.cole@battens.co.uk



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94% Of South West Residents Aren't Investing In Business

**Despite 28% having considered starting a portfolio
Almost a fifth (18%) of the region say it's too complicated
Almost a third of the region (30%) say they wouldn't know where
to start**

New research by mobile investing app Dabbl has revealed a surprising lack of investment activity amongst South West residents – threatening the future of innovative British business.

A huge 94% of the region are failing to back businesses, citing the fact the process is too complicated (18%), and too risky (49%) as key reasons why. However, 2 out of 5 (41%) of those from the South West say that trouble getting on the property ladder does make them more likely to invest money in different ways, whilst over a quarter (27%) say they have considered investing in their favourite brands.

Two fifths of the region (39%), said they would be more likely to invest their money in a brand that cares about more than just their profits, e.g. a company with a moral cause.

The sectors the South West are most likely to invest in are:

Technology brand (e.g. Apple)

Food brand (e.g. Walkers)

Drinks brand (e.g. Coca-Cola)

Coffee brand (e.g. Illy)

Fashion brand (e.g. ASOS)

The South West also voted Ed Sheeran as the celebrity a brand would most benefit from being associated with! He received 35% of the vote.

Dabbl believe that investing in shares should be an option available to everyone, not just the financial elite. It doesn't have to involve large sums of money, and it can be a genuine and stable means of additional income. Dabbl Co-Founder and CEO, Mark Ackred says:

"The findings of this survey revealed the true extent of the lack of confidence, tools and know-how amongst young people in the UK when it comes to investing money. This is something that could have a real impact on the future of British businesses, who rely heavily on investment to grow and develop."

"The truth is, people with all ranges of income can begin building a portfolio – something that can hold them in good stead for the years to come. It doesn't have to be a complicated, confusing process – and we are calling upon all people in the UK who have considered dipping their toe in the world of investment to give it a go."

Dabbl believe that everyone deserves their fair share – they stand for the democratisation of share ownership. *The app is available to download now on the Appstore.*

Two Jailed For Elaborate Pension Scam

Two men have been jailed following an elaborate pensions scam in Dorset.

Anthony Locke, 33 and of Haslemere Avenue in Christchurch, was found guilty of 23 counts of fraud by false representation and three counts of money laundering. Ray King, 54 and of Ashley Road in Poole, was found guilty of 14 counts of fraud by false representation. This followed a six-week trial at Southwark Crown Court in London.

Locke was sentenced to five years in prison and King handed a three-year jail term today, Friday 20 April 2018.

A timetable was set out for Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings in relation to the recovery of funds from the defendants.

The scam is known as 'pension liberation' and the offences occurred between September 2013 and April 2014.

Locke and his employee King misled 16 victims into transferring their pension pot into an arrangement that they were told would allow them to access half their funds before the age of 55.

The victims were also promised that the other half of the money would be re-invested.

However, such an arrangement before the age of 55 would usually attract an income tax liability of 55 per cent of the entire amount.

The total pension pot was £971,530.80, with around 50 per cent of this returned to the victims and the other half supposedly being re-invested. Rather than re-investing the money, Locke used the money to fund a lavish lifestyle, spending the money on expensive cars, holidays and clothing. He spent over £230,000 buying two Audi cars, a Mercedes, Aston Martin, Porsche and a Lamborghini Gallardo.

Investigating Officer Paul Sullivan, of Dorset Police, said: "Locke was the

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architect of a callous and sophisticated fraud with King as his employee. Between September 2013 and April 2014 Locke obtained almost £1 million from various pension companies, which represented the 'pension pots' of the victims in this case.

"Locke then credited approximately half these funds to the victims who had joined his non-existent occupational pension scheme, telling them that the other half would be invested. However, there was no investment and by far the lion's share of these funds was retained by Locke who spent the money on expensive cars and general living expenses.

"Not only have the victims lost half their pensions but now may face financial penalties from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) who will want to recover the lost tax revenue.

"The sentences imposed today send out a clear message to fraudsters who perpetrate these types of offences."

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Drives Of A Lifetime!

by David Hollister



Not often do I get such different invitations as I did last month. The first was an invitation to attend the press launch of the new state-of-the-art Ferrari service centre at Meridien Modena, based in Lyndhurst. As the invitation also included long test-drives in various Ferraris, a viewing of the centre itself, a buffet lunch and even having my MX5 valeted while all this was happening, what was I going to do?!

Family-owned, Meridien Modena has invested £3.5 million in a new 14,000 sq ft, two-floor, state of the art Ferrari service centre based on the Hounslow Business Park near its showroom in Lyndhurst. There, the team can carry out repairs, complete restorations, technical refurbishments as well as routine scheduled service on Ferraris. By opening this facility, Meridien has created seven new jobs including two full-time apprentice technicians; over forty staff run the thirteen service bays, meaning that Ferrari owners no longer have to wait weeks to book their car in; the lead-in time is now less than a week!

The technology is breath-taking, whilst the workshop itself is reminiscent of a formula one pit area; integrated work stations delivering technicians with retractable oil, water, compressed air and power on demand to aid workshop efficiency. All this on a floor off which one could eat one's dinner!

Meridien Modena received the Ferrari Global Aftersales Dealer of the Year award at the annual Ferrari Dealer conference held in Italy earlier this year. Some achievement for a small family business founded in 1991 and still run by the family rather than a large conglomerate. They made us all welcome; a bunch of journalists who probably only dream of owning a Ferrari and could seldom hope to drive one. And they let me drive not one but three, never once asking for my accident and conviction record!

We drove in the beautiful sunshine from Lyndhurst, via Ringwood, up to Salisbury and then back to Lyndhurst via the Hounslow service centre. Probably about fifty miles! A million-pound procession of five amazing cars, turning heads as we passed by (*I was smiling, as you can see from the photo above!*). The performance of which we were only able to scratch the surface, bound as we were by speed limits and common sense. I did ask how long it would be before they noticed that I hadn't brought it back..... regrettably they all have 'trackers' fitted! The technology is awesome, the acceleration breathtaking, and most of all that amazing sound when you floor the throttle.

Meridien's current range of approved used Ferraris run from £360,000 down to a mere £99,995..... I can't choose, but the white 458 Spyder at £180,000 would make a useful addition to my Christmas list! Please.

This was a superb day out; a very big thank you to the team at Meridien for their kindness and courtesy. I would say: "I'll be back" but regrettably I know I won't as I'm flush out of rich aunts and don't do the lottery! But if you don't have a dream, how are you going to have a dream come true?

The second invitation was from James, who asked me to join him at Thruxton Circuit the previous day, for a 'track day' in his modified Cooper S. Suppose it could have been warmer. Much warmer. In fact, toe-curlingly cold. But at least it didn't rain! We arrived, did the drivers' briefing, and took it out together; first James driving with me as passenger, then me driving with James as passenger - quietly and politely reminding me of the bits of technique I have mislaid since last I drove on a race track. Then James took it alone to see what it would really do. After lunch, the weather warmed up and we each had a solo five-lap blast around the track. I'd been hesitant, apprehensive, and the cold didn't help but after my first solo lap it all came back, like riding a bike, but less dangerous!

The exhaust noise, the screaming tyres, the constant checking the mirrors in case I got in the way of a 'proper' driver, and most of all the satisfaction of keeping the Mini firmly "on the island" and knowing that had I been more familiar with the car, I could have gone a lot quicker, wow! What a brilliant day! I don't have a competitive bone in my body but who knows? A couple more track days in the Mini and I might just get close to James's times!

This was a superb day out; a very big thank you to James for his kindness and for bearing with me. I would say: "I'll be back" and - damned right - I will! If you don't have a dream, etc!

OK, now to some more serious stuff. There are new MoT changes that came into force on May 20th, which introduced new testable items. Any diesel car that has had its Diesel Particulate Filter removed or tampered with will instantly fail the test, while aftermarket high definition headlamp bulbs are also outlawed. Note well to some of our local lads!

The current system of 'advisories' is replaced with minor, major and dangerous faults. Minor faults work the same as the current advisory system and won't constitute a fail. A car with dangerous faults can't be driven away from the test until the repairs have been carried out.

Classic cars over forty years old are exempt from testing. Learners are now allowed on motorways, though motorway driving won't form part of the test as there are some regions of the country where this is impossible. All instructors are "encouraged" to give drivers some motorway training. Great if you live in Purbeck!

Finally, further justification of my stay-away-from-motorways policy. New ANPR-based cameras will be introduced on major motorways to monitor 'misuse of the hard shoulder'. If a driver uses the hard shoulder on a 'managed motorway' when it isn't open or drives in a lane with a red 'X' above it, the cameras will automatically trigger a penalty, which includes a £100 fine and three points on your driving licence.

Keep an eye on those gantry signs to avoid an unpleasant surprise... and pray to God you don't break down. Again, I say - out loud - Smart Motorways are impractical, dangerous, and another example of this pathetic penny-pinching Government being too tight to do things properly.

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The number of personal injury motor insurance claims has fallen to the lowest level in almost a decade, Government figures published recently reveal.

"This discredits the principles behind the Civil Liability Bill, due to be debated by peers tomorrow, which the Government claims will reduce premiums by slashing injury compensation paid to people with whiplash injuries. It also targets payments made to people with the most devastating life-long disabilities," said Brett Dixon, president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) national, not-for-profit campaign group for injured people.

"Injury claims are not behind rising premiums. The mischief clearly lies elsewhere," he said.

The number of motor injury claims for the past ten years are as follows:

2008/09	625,072
2009/10	674,997
2010/11	790,999

2011/12	828,489
2012/13	818,334
2013/14	772,843
2014/15	761,878
2015/16	770,791
2016/17	780,324
2017/18	650,019

"Motor claims are not rocketing. Insurance industry evidence also shows very clearly that the cost to insurance companies of motor injury claims has been falling for a long time, by 21% since 2013 to be precise." said Mr Dixon.

"This Bill will not achieve its aims to lower premium costs for motorists. The insurance industry will get away with using injured people as scapegoats.

"Any concept of fairness or compassion or help for genuinely injured people will be sacrificed for the empty promise of cheaper car insurance."

Meridian Modena Invests £3.5 Million

Family-owned motoring business, Meriden Modena, has invested £3.5 million in a new 14,000 sq ft, two floor, state-of-the-art Ferrari service centre, based near its showroom in Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Located on the Hounslow Business Park, the Ferrari service centre provides an additional servicing facility enabling the Meriden Modena team to complete restorations, pioneering technical refurbishments, as well as routine scheduled servicing on Ferrari vehicles.

Creating seven new jobs including two full-time apprentice technicians from September, Meriden Modena will have in excess of 40 staff running the centre to ensure exceptional service is delivered to its nationwide customer base.

With thirteen service bays, scheduled service times will be dramatically

reduced from a peak of six weeks to between three and five days. Two service bays will be dedicated to working on classic Ferrari's which are more than twenty years old as Meriden Modena has officially been recognised by the Italian brand as one of only nine authorised Classiche workshops in the UK. The centre also includes a lounge for clients to relax and view the workshop through floor to ceiling glass.

Meriden Modena received the Ferrari Global Aftersales Dealer of the Year Award at the annual Ferrari Dealer Conference, held earlier this year at the Fiorano Circuit in Italy. The judges explained that the Lyndhurst-based dealership had won the award in recognition of 'hitting and exceeding various targets and for customer satisfaction throughout the year across the service and parts departments.'

For more information, visit www.meriden.co.uk/

From The Kitchen Garden...



Rice Pudding with Gooseberry and Rhubarb Compote

By Regula
Wright,
Godlingston
Manor Kitchen
Garden

Oh boy, where do I start? June is such a busy month in the Kitchen Garden it's quite tricky to know what to write about first, especially this year after such a long winter, spring didn't happen until May and then everything happened at once! The hawthorn blossom was magnificent and the heady scent truly awesome, but lasted for a brief moment only.

I'm late with most things! First, I couldn't get on the soil as it was wet and cold and then within a short window of time it solidified with an impenetrable crust. However, I finally ploughed and harrowed, and I've been planting out seedlings like a maniac.

I'm still pricking out leeks and cabbages and I've still to plant out runner beans and other climbing beans, sunflowers and my winter squashes and pumpkins. Oh, what a relief to see my crops in the ground and ready to grow. Very satisfying indeed....

Perennial plants like Rhubarb, Gooseberries and Blackcurrants take the pressure off a bit as they're established enough, go with the flow of the season and produce reliably tasty and healthy crops- as long as the berries are protected from the birds.

The polytunnels are planted up with this year's tomatoes, aubergines, some French bush beans and tender herbs like basil and summer savoury.

During the last two seasons I've also been planting bee friendly windbreak strips of catmint, comfrey, verbena bonariensis and other beautiful annual flowers. I can't wait to see them in full flow!

In these beautiful but intense weeks I hanker after comfort food that is quick and easy to prepare. So, as I'm spooning in lovely, simple rice pudding, I thought I'd share this with you. You can adjust it to your taste or make it vegan by using coconut or almond milk.

This dish can be made even more impressive and showy by adding orange flower water or rosewater to the fruit compote or by folding in whipped cream to the cooled rice pudding.

Rice Pudding with Gooseberry and Rhubarb Compote

(Serves 4 and can be eaten hot or cold)

Ingredients:

100g Pudding rice
1 pint milk

100 g sugar

Any flavouring you like: cinnamon, vanilla

Method:

Place the rice and milk into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for a good ½ hour or until the rice is cooked, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the sugar and flavouring.

500g gooseberries and rhubarb washed and diced

100g sugar

Any flavouring you like.

Wash the fruit, put into a saucepan with the sugar and flavouring. Slowly bring to the boil, and then turn the heat down to a gentle simmer.

Cover with a lid and cook for 7-10 minutes.

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Natural Matters

La Travers La Chaine

by John Garner

One of the best things about living where we do is the access to other places. Whilst I know it doesn't sound great to suggest that one of the best things about a place is that it's easy to leave for somewhere nice, I'm a massive fan of Dorset, so it's more about going somewhere else that's also nice.

The south coast offers lots of opportunities to beetle off to France, should one wish to do so. Beetling off to France is something I do as often as I can. The ferry to Cherbourg from Poole is but a four-hour voyage, after which you arrive in a completely foreign land. Different language, different food, different culture... just different in lots of ways. Imagine. Well, it turns out you don't have to imagine it. So, recently I parked my imagination and jumped on the ferry with my bike.

France is a country with a fine tradition for welcoming people on two wheels. It holds the largest mobile sporting event in the world each July and is rightly proud of its cycling pedigree. The trickle-down effect of Tour de France fever is that cyclists are universally respected in France whether they're battling up the Alps or Pyrenees or loaded-up with panniers and touring the diverse countryside just across the sea.

I've done both and always found other road users to be extremely courteous. Unfortunately, this is not always the case in the UK. I've ridden in three of the five mountain ranges in France. The Alps, the Pyrenees and the Jura. All amazing. I've cycled across France on a single speed bicycle whilst someone took my bags to the next town. I can only recollect one example of someone in a motorised vehicle getting cross with me for riding a bike. And I suspect it was completely justified.

This recent trip was a self-sufficient ride. Well, apart from the four hotels we booked in advance. We packed enough for a five-day trip. At Cherbourg we picked up the Tour de Manche route with the goal being to cycle the 250 miles to St Malo over three and half cycling days, on predominantly green ways. These are either very quiet roads or tracks with limited use by cars. It's probably about 80% the latter.

It's amazing how carefully you pack when you know you're going to be carrying all the weight with you. On the first afternoon we needed to get from Cherbourg to Carentan. About fifty miles with the hills around Cherbourg being the first indication of the rolling nature of the terrain in Normandy and Brittany.

Cycling through a two-hour thunderstorm might not be everyone's idea of a holiday, but it was to be the last time we experienced the rain on the ride so it was bearable. Made all the more bearable by the reception of

the owner of the Chambre d'hote in Carenton, who couldn't have been more helpful and barely batted an eyelid when two creatures from the black lagoon arrived on her doorstep. Clothes were hosed and washed and dried and the next morning we were on our way again.

Just to be clear. You can't always expect such a reaction. People are people after all. On the third day we stopped in a village Tabac for a coffee one afternoon and were studiously ignored for ten minutes. When we finally attracted the attention of the waitress she stared for a few seconds before snarling 'Quoi?' I made it a point to be as polite as was humanly possible to her and the comedy prop of a chubby local nursing a glass of red at the bar. A quick couple of coffees and, sniggering like school children, we were on our way again. To be fair, she did wish us a pleasant journey, but it felt like something she should say rather than something she actually felt.

We wound along various rivers and converted rail tracks stopping for coffee and lunch. The countryside, whilst familiar to those who live in Dorset, has a wilder quality. There are fewer conurbations en route. It was also apparent that many of the old railway stations are now homes and I want to live in one! Other than that, it was large areas with barely any sign of people except for the odd farmer or small village. A time to think and just enjoy the peace and quiet. And dream of living in an old railway station.

We startled a few hares, saw a red squirrel, some deer and lots of birds of prey. A couple of buzzards seemed to be following us at one point. Clearly, they weren't as convinced as us that we'd make it.

We headed south, then east, sometimes north and eventually west over the next few days. The Tour de Manche is not a direct route by any means. Eventually, the misty apparition of St Michael's Mount appeared through the haze on day four and we were almost there.

A short ride along the coast roads to St Malo and the ferry back to Portsmouth and the journey was complete. This was the petit Tour de Manche. The full version involves Roscoff and Plymouth, should you wish to do that. I would advise you do, if the smaller version is anything to go by. I reckon I'll go back to do the rest at some point soon.

It costs about £40 each way with the bike. Quoi? I know. Bloody good value. If you contact me before you go, I'll let you know the name of a charming little café I know. Bon voyage et dans un petit tabac de Normandie... bon courage.

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A Dorset National Park would provide an economic stimulus for all of Dorset. It will promote a thriving and successful rural Dorset where sustainable growth is linked to caring for our greatest economic asset - our environment.

A report by Bournemouth University analysed data from the South Downs pre and post National Park designation and concluded that a National Park could result in a substantial economic stimulus for Dorset, including for our largest business sector, tourism. The South Downs National Park has helped spread the tourism season, led to visitors staying longer and spending more and has better managed tourism pressures – including through capturing some £9 million for sustainable transport initiatives.



Farmers and landowners would benefit. Those in the South Downs National Park secured twice as much agri-environment funding as might have been expected, while marketing and branding add value for all producers. Some National Parks are now piloting farm support and rural investment funding in partnership with their local NFU to the benefit of their farming communities. Dorset must not miss out on these opportunities.

The Dorset National Park would be a close partner of the new Dorset Council, bringing additional resources to benefit communities and support rural services.

Recent analysis shows that the communities and businesses of England's National Parks prospered during 2012-16 capitalising on their high quality natural environment and heritage to achieve strong growth. So:

- Business turnover in National Parks grew by 25% in those 4 years, from £10.4bn to £13bn.
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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack



The Flower Power of Perennials

June arrives signalling the start of summer and gone are the spring flowering bulbs, gone are the rich colours and scents from the spring flowering shrubs and gone is the hawthorn blossom which turned the hedgerows white throughout May. Now, the fields, hedgerows and verges are a rich palette of greens and whole countryside is at its most verdant.

It is now that the gardener looks to his perennial (or Cottage Garden) flowers to provide masses of bright, eye-catching interest. Most herbaceous perennials live for many years, growing each season from the ground producing leaves, flowers and seed before finally dying back down to the earth to see out the winter months.

Some, like hellebores, flower early in the year, others such as peonies and lupins flower in late spring but the majority are at their best in summer. So, if you need more colour in your garden, and you don't want to keep planting the whole area with annual bedding plants, take a trip to the garden centre and see what's in flower and what you fancy.

There are hundreds to choose from but here are a few very reliable performers that are well worth considering.



Anemone – Wind Flower (top) I love these plants for their reliability and for the fact that they have strong stems that need little or no support. They come in a range of dusky pinks and whites and flower from July to late September.

Campanula – (left). These Bell Flowers are more often than not blue in colour but come in an array of flower sizes, shades and heights from groundcover to 6ft tall.



Hemerocallis – Day Lily (top) As the common name suggests, the individual flowers are short lived, but they are borne successively and in such profusion that they provide months of interest. Originally, they were shades of yellow and orange but with extensive breeding there are now good reds, pink and pure white forms.

Penstemon (below, left) - These beauties are members of the foxglove family and have the familiar tubular flowers, but their growth habit is much bushier and the flowers are much more plentiful.

Phlox - (below right) A tall upright clump forming plant reaching waist or even chest height. A wide range of colours except yellow. Many varieties are scented.

These are just a very small selection of the plants that Holme will have in stock through June and on through summer. So, come along and choose a pretty perennial to brighten up your garden!



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Introduced Wall Lizards may be seen basking upon walls below the castle, although it might even get too hot for them! Clear sunny days with calm seas can make it easier to spot the dorsal fin of Bottlenose Dolphins.

Overhead Swifts, Martins and Swallows feed on the rich crop of flying insects by day, whilst Pipistrelles, Noctules and other bats hawk for moths by night!

We have two 'Meet a Moth' sessions this month where you can share in the delight of opening of the previous night's moth trap. Our realistically entitled "Maybe Meet a Mammal!" gives the opportunity to see if any specimens have been caught in our live traps. Another highlight is joining one of our Friday evening Seabird boat trips to possibly see a Puffin or two, along with Kittiwakes, Swifts and our own colony of Guillemots and Razorbills.

We have several guided walks celebrating Durlston's wildlife this month. 'Life on the Edge: Seabirds of Durlston',

'Midsummer Meadows' or the popular 'Purbeck Footprints' wildlife photography walk, will all give you a chance to enjoy our summer wildlife. One of our regular 'Durlston Prambles', aimed at carers with little folk whom may get in or out of their prams or push chairs as we go at a leisurely pace takes place at 10.30am on the 7th June.

After being inspired our Dorset Arts Weeks 'Coast Paths' Exhibition or perhaps Poole Printmakers 'Natural Space' Exhibition you might like to have a go at Glass Engraving, a Drawing & Pen Workshop or join artist Noel Holmes to create work in response to the colours of the landscape! A Wild Art & Play Day encourages you to utilise nature for art and fun!

Why not come along for the return of the Rude Mechanical Theatre Company, with an outdoor performance of 'Oberons Cure' - a prequel to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream!' The show starts at 7.30 on Saturday 23rd June. Bring picnics and drinks - tickets are on sale now.

From 27th May the Durlston Explorer Seasonal Bus service returns and will be Purbeck Breezer Route 5.

Do visit our website or read our events leaflet for further details!

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Jurassic Coast Shares Contribution Award



The Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site shared the plaudits recently at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards ceremony in Torquay, along with Dorset and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and all other protected landscapes in the South West.

Collectively, they were given the Outstanding Contribution to Tourism Award, recognising the value of our stunning and diverse landscapes in attracting people to visit and love the region.

The Jurassic Coast Trust, responsible from July 2017 for looking after the England's Natural World Heritage Site, was just one of a number of representatives from the many different National Parks, AONBs and UNESCO designated Sites in the South West present at the ceremony.

Sam Rose, the Chief Exec of the Trust said: "This award is fantastic



recognition for the role our nature and landscapes play in helping to keep the South West a beautiful place with a thriving tourism economy. "

"The huge value of nature is often overlooked as these landscapes are 'free to enter', yet they are so often the reasons why people choose to visit, live and work here, so are major drivers in the economy. As relative newcomers, the Jurassic Coast Trust are privileged to share in the award and to be seen as part of such an incredible group of natural spaces".

The award was presented by Alistair Handyside, Chair of the South West Tourism Alliance, small business owner and long-time supporter of the Jurassic Coast Trust and East Devon AONB.

Alistair emphasised the hidden but very real costs behind looking after these stunning landscapes, and the reliance on both expertise and volunteers from all walks of life to keep the in great condition for us all and for future generations.

Arts & Entertainment

Get Ready For Wool Carnival!



Wool carnival was started many years ago as 'Wool Awakes' to raise funds to build the D'urberville hall.

The carnival committee started up with a garden party which led to a fete and then the first carnival called 'Wake up Wool'. All the money raised in the early years was used for refurbishments to the hall.

The committee then decided to change the name to Wool carnival a few years ago. It has grown over the years, with a parade around the village with floats, cars, walkers and majorettes. We have lots of stalls on the field, including a BBQ, donuts, bar, cream teas and an ice cream van.

We also have arena displays from 12 noon, including school maypole,

majorettes, dancers, wellie throwing and more. This year we have 'Hardy and the Monuments' performing in the evening, not forgetting the bar and BBQ.

The theme for this year's carnival is: Anything goes, but it must have the colour blue incorporated! Volunteers and donations would be gratefully received.

This year we are raising money for: Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, the Youth Cancer Trust and the d'urberville hall.

We hope to see you there!

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FRIDAY – Steam Train Dance at 2pm with Dave Brennan's Jubilee Jazz Band (£17.50). Alan Barnes Octet, Tony Jacobs' Tuxedo Jazz Orchestra with guest Catherine Sykes, Bateman Brothers Jazz Band - 'Tribute to Louis Armstrong and his All-Stars', Tony Kofi's 'Portrait of Cannonball'. Jam session 11pm 'til 1am in the Conservative Club. **MOWLEM THEATRE** – The Ronnie Scott's All Stars present 'The Ronnie Scott's Story' + Claire Martin OBE & Nigel Price. £25 or £5 for festival ticket holders.

SATURDAY – 'Echoes Of Ellington' 18 piece jazz orchestra feat. Claire Martin OBE, Scott Hamilton and Champion Fulton, Ian Bateman and Simon Spillett with the Craig Milverton Trio 'Coppin' The Bop' - A tribute to J.J. Johnson and Frank Rosolino, Phronesis, Brass Volcanoes, Clark Tracey Quintet, Simon Spillett Quartet, Pete Oxley/Nic Meier Quartet. 'Learn to Lindy Hop' with Kai Hoffman and her Kombo, Greg Abate, Martin Litton's Red Hot Peppers, The Magnificent 7, The Dixie Strollers, John Maddocks, Byron Wallen's 'Four Corners, Gary Willcox Quartet, Georgia Mancio's 'Salud! Tom Jobim', Johnny Hepbir Trio, Dart Valley Stompers, John Hallam/Amy Roberts Quintet, Graham Smith's Allsorts Quintet feat. John Hallam and Alan Barnes, Alison Rayner Quintet ARQ, Mark Crooks/Colin Oxley Quartet, Terry Quinney's 'The Sound Of BlueNote'. Jam session 11pm 'til 1am in the Conservative Club.

SUNDAY – Pete Long's 'Benny Goodman at Carnegie Hall' show, Keith Nichols' Blue Devils, Jazz Jamaica, Fletch's Brew, Jazz At The Philharmonic, Andrew McCormack/Jason Yarde Duo, 'Spats' Langham, Vitality Five, Sara Dowling Quartet. Paulus Shafer trio, Old Hat Jazz Band, Julian Phillips, Dave Moorwood's 'Rascals of Rhythm Jazz Band', Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra, Dave Brennan's Jubilee Jazz Band, Anthony Kerr Quartet, Sarah Bolter, Julian Siegel Quartet.



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Wareham Carnival!



Get building your floats and bringing your scarecrows to life as Wareham carnival is just around the corner! The theme this year is '*parasols and brollies*' as we just didn't know what the weather will be doing! We're not afraid of rain here in Wareham though, as this year we have an extra marquee, thanks to sponsors such as Purbeck Ice Cream, Cribbs Tyres, Pine Martin Care Home, Morgan Carey, The Duke of Wellington, The Monday Club and many many more - thank you once again to our marvellous sponsors!

This new marquee will house a Punch and Judy show, a live mini-creature show and some lovely livestock. Love music? Then join us on Friday night! Saturday is the flower produce day and Sunday is the main event, with our fabulous procession leading up to the Recreation ground, where you'll find a wide range of stalls and offerings of delicious food and drink, as well as the usual arena activities.

Check out our webpage for more info and entry forms! The more the merrier....! Ian Davey, this year's Carnival Chairman, (often spotted during the procession with the Muddlecome Men, usually sporting a nice frock - pictured, above) is intent on making it a fantastic carnival this year, where family and friends come together, enjoy the festivities (whatever the weather) and have a good laugh!



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This July, Ranger Productions will be celebrating 50 years of shows at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, with their production 'City of Dreams' Over the years, the school has delighted audiences with full scale ballets and performances showcasing all aspects of dance and musical theatre.

This anniversary production is the brainchild of Caroline McCrory, daughter of June Ranger. Act 1 is an original ballet set in 1930s Ireland and New York and tells the story of three young brothers searching for a better life, but who become embroiled in the unsavoury world of The Mob with unexpected consequences. Act 2 stays in New York with numbers from the musicals 'Matilda', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', 'The Greatest Showman' and more - promising something for everyone!

With a cast of over eighty pupils, past and present, and state-of-art visual effects tickets are set to sell quickly!

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Purbeck Valley Folk Festival 2018



The four-day Purbeck Valley Folk Festival (16-19 August) is one of the biggest events in Purbeck's annual calendar and hundreds are set to flock to the lush, rolling hills of Purbeck Valley Farm for the popular festival.

Whether you're camping or visiting over the weekend, families are spoilt for choice with all manner of colourful, quirky festival fun. Over 70 folk, roots and world music acts will all be celebrated.

There will be something for all ages with a line-up that includes Richard Thompson, Beth Orton, King Cresote, Trad.Attack!, and this year's BBC Folk Award winner, Siobhan Miller, and nominees Elephant Sessions, O'Hooley & Tidow, Sam Kelly and The Lost Boys and many more.

But there's so much more than great music to discover at the Purbeck Valley Folk festival. Festival-goers can get involved in lots of unexpected activities including kids workshops, poetry, storytelling, music and craft workshops, singing/tune sessions, a space-hopper obstacle course and the ever-popular beard competition.

Festival organiser Catherine Burke says: "Purbeck Valley Folk Festival is great for families and this year we have more kids stuff than ever. The site has enough room and grassy areas for them to run around - we even have room for the now famous space-hopper obstacle course!"

Another unexpected new addition this year is the Handwritten Letter Appreciation Society. Come and write a letter (or exclusive Purbeck Valley Folk Festival postcard) to whomever you wish, decorate the envelope, post in the Festival Postbox (delivered onsite), or use a stamp to send to someone near or far via Royal Mail. There will be quills to play with, mini-workshops to help with the basics, stationery galore, pencil crayons to be arty, bunting to sign (and more) in an all-round letter writing bonanza.

As well as some fantastic music, there will be lots of delicious food on offer. Foodies can tuck into chilli, Thai dishes, paella, pizza, crepes, posh burgers and Cuban sandwiches, gourmet grilled cheese toasties and roast haunch of venison. Vegetarians will also be well catered for.

Real ale and cider fans will be in heaven with a great selection of locally produced drinks to choose from. The best local breweries will be bringing you some of their finest tipples to keep festival-goers refreshed from draft beers to scrumpies and fruity ciders. With so much to enjoy it's worth snapping up tickets soon for the festival's annual summer outing. Also, keep your eyes peeled for further acts to be unveiled over the coming months.

Tier 2 tickets are now available with camping from £116 (youth £66, children age 4-11 £36). For more details, please visit purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk



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Matron's Round - Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

End PJ Paralysis

England's top nurse has launched a drive to end 'pyjama paralysis' on Wednesday (8th March). Professor Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer for England, launched the largest ever national campaign to get patients up, dressed in their own clothes and moving to boost their recovery at her 2018 Chief Nursing Officer summit.

The campaign aims to get older people back home to their loved ones living much happier and fuller lives. She is urging all those who care for older people, nationwide, to encourage them to get up and active, especially if they are in hospital.

Dorset Healthcare has signed up to this campaign and anyone visiting someone in hospital cannot fail to notice leaflets and displays highlighting this; our two hospitals in Purbeck are both taking part in this and asking friends and family to ensure inpatients have their clothes brought in to the wards.

The campaign will run until 26 June 2018 to finish in time for the NHS 70th anniversary celebrations on 5 July.

A note for your diary is that Wareham Hospital Friends will celebrate the NHS 70th anniversary with a Summer Fete on Saturday 14th July

2018 and Swanage Hospital will hold their annual Summer fete on Saturday 16th June 2018. We do hope you are able to join us at these events.

We are also supporting 'The Purbeck Mile', a Purbeck GP-lead initiative that encourages people to walk a mile to improve their health and wellbeing.

It's also supported by the Purbeck Health and Wellbeing board this is being launched by Wool Surgery on 30th April, within the Hospitals we have leaflets and maps for a one and two-mile walk which are readily available giving routes that begin and end at each hospital.

So, the theme for Purbeck this month is to get active, all we have to do now is hope for the weather to improve!

Until next time, take care,

Matron Donna



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Help Us Understand...

Dorset HealthCare has joined forces with The Patients Association to carry out a study aimed at giving a better understanding of how it feels to be a patient using mental health services.

It's hoped the project will provide a detailed insight into the perspectives and experiences of people who have recently received treatment and help us consolidate and improve what we do and how we deliver it.

An independent researcher is looking to carry out in-depth interviews with former patients – and your feedback will be anonymised, so you can be open and honest with your views.

Julia Yeates is Patient Experience Co-ordinator for the Trust. She said: "This is really important research for us to ensure we continue providing the very highest standards of care when it comes to mental health.

"Integrated care, from in-patient to community mental health, is a key focus for us, and previous feedback has highlighted that some service users can feel the transfer of care is not seamless. Information directly from patients about their journey will give us a clear understanding of how effective our care is and better assess how we deliver it."

Dorset HealthCare is the principal provider of mental health services in Dorset, with more than 970 direct admissions, and 225,000 appointments last year. In order to gather a clearer picture as possible, we need as many former patients to come forward as possible.

To be eligible to take part, you must have been a mental health inpatient within the last six months on the Chine Ward at St. Ann's Hospital in Poole, the Linden Unit at Westhaven Hospital in Weymouth or Waterston Ward at Forston Clinic near Dorchester.

You may also have received treatment from Weymouth and Portland, Bournemouth West and Wimborne community mental health or crisis teams during the same period.

Once the feedback has been collated, we will use it to develop an improvement plan.

If you would like to take part, please contact the Patient Experience Team at Dorset HealthCare via email at dhc.patient.experience@nhs.net or call 01202 277027/277029.



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Hello From Swanage Medical Practice

A special message from Dr Robert Baker.....

By the time you read this I will have retired after nearly twenty-eight years as a GP Partner at Swanage Medical Practice. I arrived here in 1990, having spent eight years previously as a Junior Hospital Doctor and then GP Registrar. Over my time in Swanage there has been progress and many changes.

Three of the biggest organisational changes have been Computerisation, Out of Hours Care and Continuity of Care.

When I arrived here in 1990, medication prescriptions were already computerised (which they are still not at our Community Hospital where I also work!) but notes were written on the 5 by 7-inch cards known as Lloyd-George Medical records which lasted from 1911 to the early 2000s. It was interesting then to be able to see handwritten entries from the 1940s in some cases, with illnesses sometimes little different from today. But the volume of the records has increased so fast, with the multiple investigations, consultations and procedures which our patients undergo, that computerisation has made the process of searching and interpreting data much easier than it would otherwise now be.

Secondly, as GPs in Swanage we did all our own on-call work, covering the Practice population at all hours of day and night until 2004. The work was less intense but involved a lot of home visiting as there were no staffed out-of-hours centres. The phones were answered on nights and weekends either by us or our spouses, for whom much credit is due.

Thirdly there has been a change to more of a team approach to Healthcare, rather than a concentration on GP consultations. Our highly trained nurses and reception staff can deal with many of the problems which would traditionally need a doctor. There has been a loss of continuity of individual GP care, as in the 1990s most doctors worked full-time, and we would see our "own" list of patients, often as "extras" at the end of a booked surgery.

Employment and family changes have meant that this was no longer a sustainable model for General Practice, and we now have more working part-time with a welcome correction of the gender balance. When I started all the partners were male, we now have a majority of female

doctors here. We still retain personal lists, which generally ensures that one doctor will be a long-term point of contact and coordinator of your care.

GP consultations are more complex and challenging than they were in the past. Despite the ageing of the population, and the increase in what can now be done, we still have only 10 minutes for booked appointments and 5 minutes for booked phone calls. It would be progress if these average durations could increase in the future, but this is a question of resources and politics. I am confident however that our skilled and enthusiastic healthcare team will continue to give our patients the best care. In particular I would like to thank our reception staff, who perform a difficult job so well.

I count myself fortunate to have also been a GP Trainer and GP Appraiser, and for the last three years the principal Ward Doctor at Swanage Hospital. It has been a great privilege to work here, and I would like to thank our staff and our patients for their skill, good humour, patience – and in my case for tolerance of my foibles. Thank you so much!

Medically Urgent S&W.....due to unprecedented demand, we are making some changes to our sit and wait surgery. For more information please pick up a sit and wait newsletter at the surgery or visit our newsletter page on our website: <http://www.swanagemedical.org.uk>

New Service! Got a minor ailment or minor illness? - Don't Sit & Wait, book an appointment with a Nurse at Swanage Hospital MIU! Appointments are available Monday – Friday 4pm – 7.30pm and some Saturdays 9-2pm. The nurses can treat patients with a wide range of problems including minor injuries and minor illness such as ear infection, upper respiratory tract infections, colds, flu, asthma, urinary tract infections, wound infections, skin infections, wound care and dressings. Appointments can be booked by telephoning the Surgery.

New Service! Routine GP appointments available at Poole Hospital... routine GP appointments are available at Poole General Hospital and can be booked by telephoning the surgery. These are ideal for patients who work in or around the Poole area or if you would like to be seen sooner than our next routine appointment at the surgery.

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The Cancer Appeal...



The Cancer Appeal is a major fundraising campaign run by Dorset County Hospital Charity. It is part of a £9million project between Poole Hospital and Dorset County Hospital, bringing radiotherapy to Dorchester for the first time.

The Cancer Appeal is funding a new Cancer and Haematology Outpatients Department which is being built on top of the Radiotherapy Unit. So far the Appeal has raised nearly £1.6million - 90% of its target of £1.75million.

The money has come from grants and from hundreds of donations from individuals, community groups and local businesses. Staff and patients of Dorset County Hospital have also fundraised and donated generously.

The new Outpatient Department will house seven state-of-the-art consultation rooms. There will also be dedicated spaces for private discussions with patients and for counselling, support services and alternative therapies – these will be designed as 'warm environments' where patients feel safe and secure.

The new Radiotherapy facilities being funded by Poole Hospital at the Dorchester site will provide patients who live in North, West and South Dorset with unprecedented access to radiotherapy treatment much closer to where they live. Currently many hundreds of patients every year have to travel long distances from their homes to receive radiotherapy at Poole Hospital. Sometimes this travel, together with the stress, cost and inconvenience it brings, takes its toll both on the patient and their family and friends.

Patients can be forced to make the difficult decision to refuse radiotherapy treatment altogether because it is simply too difficult to get there. For example, a patient travelling from Lyme Regis currently faces a round trip of over 100 miles to receive treatment in Poole.

The new radiotherapy unit in Dorchester will mean their journey is halved. For people who may be feeling very unwell, vulnerable and even scared, this is a huge improvement.

The Cancer Appeal still needs help to reach its target. Anyone who would like to support the appeal by making a donation or organising a fundraising event can contact the Charity Team on 01305 253215, email charity@dchft.nhs.uk or by visiting the appeal JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/dorsetcountyhospital/cancerappeal>

NHS70 70km Challenge

As part of the 70th birthday celebrations of the NHS, Dorset County Hospital Charity is launching their summer fundraising initiative: the 70km Challenge. To take part, participants will need to walk, run, cycle or swim a total of 70km in July this year, while raising money for the Cancer Appeal or their chosen ward at Dorset County Hospital. To find out more email charity@dchft.nhs.uk



What is the Cancer Appeal?

We're raising £1.7 million to improve services for all Cancer patients at Dorset County Hospital. We currently stand at £1.4 million, so please continue to help us reach our target.

We want to build a NEW Cancer and Haematology Outpatients Department on top of the Radiotherapy Unit. We will also fund major improvements in the hospital's existing Chemotherapy suite.

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Sport

Culvin & The South West Coast Path Run!



Culvin Milmer (pictured above, yellow top) is the Visitor Services Manager for Swanage Town Council and is currently running the South West Coast Path, raising money for the South West Coast Path Association.

Culvin writes: In May 2017 I turned 40. During the last ten years or so I have run many running races and triathlons and in the last few years have developed an interest in ultra-distance running. But I began to feel that I had done most of the different events and distances I wanted to do and had a desire for something different.

I decided that I would have a mid-life crisis and run the entire 632 miles South West Coast Path in less than three months. The South West Coast Path runs from Minehead in Somerset to Shell Bay in Studland. Amazingly, and I'm not quite sure how or why, but my wife agreed, although my friends thought I was mad.

So, after a year of planning I began my run on 3rd April 2018 starting at Minehead. It took me 10 days of running (with just two days off in between) to cover 270 miles to Lamorna Cove, just outside Penzance in Cornwall. This added up to 52,000ft / 16,000m of ascent and an average mileage of twenty-seven path miles a day. I say path miles because actually I ran a total of 290 miles during this time due to going the wrong way and getting to the start and finish each day.

On 27th April I completed a further three days of running, totalling 105 miles or 35 miles a day from Larmorna Cove to Mevagissy, still in Cornwall, covering the Lizard, one of my favourite places.

As I write this I am about to start on my third bout from Mevagissy to Salcombe in Devon (and hopefully a bit further). I then have a break due to a family holiday and other commitments but then in June will complete the final stage over about eight days from Salcombe to Studland.

To say this has been hard is an understatement. People ask if I get lonely and the truth is that I don't because I am so focused on each step forward. For those of you who have run a marathon, each day is now like running the last five miles of the marathon where you have little energy and struggle with the psychological demons that keep telling you to stop. But I keep going because the path is beautiful and I feel empowered. I love the South West, we really do live in a fantastic area, and I love the focus that this requires. Life is simple when I am running because the only need is to keep going and there is something beautiful and natural about such simplicity.

Also, I am not alone because, as the manager for the Swanage Information Centre, I am taking the opportunity to visit all the Tourist Information Centres along the way and its always so nice to get such lovely welcomes from my South Western colleagues.

Originally, I didn't want to do this event for a charity, I didn't wish to complicate something that I am doing genuinely for me. Also, to be honest, I wasn't sure if I would get around, there were many doubters who thought my lack of training and motivation would be the better of me. Now that I have passed the half way mark, and despite being really tired, I know I will finish within the targets that I set myself. And the South West Coast Path is forty this year, so I will be raising money to support the work



of this great organisation which helps fund path repairs and encourages people of all groups and abilities to get out there and experience the best coastline in the UK. If you wish to support me in this endeavour, please go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/culvin-milmer

I am also undertaking a daily diary on the Swanage Information Centre Facebook page, so please follow me if you are on Facebook.

One of the ambitions I have had is to promote Swanage and its place at the end of this great path, which is regularly voted as one of the best long-distance paths in the world. But really, I hope to inspire people just to get out and enjoy the Coast Path and to raise the profile of Swanage along the way.



Swanage Football Club

It's been a very busy month at Day's Park and the season is finally coming to an end, both senior teams have two games left, all at home. The first team have been looking to finish in the top five to enable us to get promoted to the Wessex League. At this stage it's looking like we will probably end up in 7th. The 6 point deduction is looking like it will be the difference.

This has been a good season and 1st team manager, Tim Brown, with the help from his coaching staff, Brian Churchill and Tony Parrott, can be proud of what they've achieved. There is some frustration though as the league this season was one we could probably have gone very close to winning. When we were issued with the original twelve point deduction it took the momentum out of the team. Up until that point we were flying high and although it was reduced to 6, the damage had been done.

The Reserve side have had an encouraging season. The average age at most of our games has been at around the 20 mark. We have had a number of players stepping up from our U18s which is very pleasing for the future of our Club. Jossie and Andy Dunster have done a great job in running the team and encouraging all the boys.

The Dorset Football Awards were staged last month at the County Ground in Hamworthy. These awards are for people who have excelled in football. We nominated two members from our Club; Andy Dunster and Eddie Rainford. Andy was nominated in "The outstanding contribution to community football" Eddie was nominated for "Volunteer of the year".

Although both Andy and Eddie didn't win their respective awards we would like to acknowledge their hard work. Andy, as you're probably aware, runs the U15 girls on a Saturday morning. Then in the afternoon he assists Jossie to run the Reserves. Then on a Sunday, he has the U18s. So, we are most grateful to Andy for all he has done this season and that's not to mention the work he has put in off the pitch.

Eddie is 82 (in case he hasn't told you!) ;) Eddie runs our mini kickers on a Saturday morning. He has been involved in the training of youngsters across our local schools for a number of years. Another of the jobs he has taken on is the cleaning of the changing rooms after a Match day. You can imagine the mess.

I quite often get a call on the Monday morning: "John can you ask the players not to wash their boots in the sink please?!" On a Match day Eddie looks after the officials, welcoming them to Day's Park and escorting them on and off the pitch. So, whoever has won the award in front of our two nominations must of done some remarkable work this season. Congratulations to them.

We have had a very busy month because of all the postponements in the early part of the year when we had all the wet weather. We have had three games a week at home for a few weeks. This is hard on everyone associated within the Club. The players having to keep injury free and fit ; the managers in trying to field a fit team ; the committee in hosting the games. At each 1st team game we need at least seven committee members to attend, doing jobs from looking after the officials, turnstile operative, tea hut, etc.

With a small committee this is a strain on everyone, we are always looking for new members, if you have time to spare and would like to join a friendly team contact the Club through social media or just turn up on a Match day. You will be made very welcome. The senior teams presentation night will be on 1st June.

Our youth section have now finished all of their games and have their presentation day scheduled for June 9th. One of the highlights of the season was the U15s Girls contesting the Dorset Plate Final with Verwood U15s Girls at the Blandford School.

Manager Andy Dunster was delighted with the superb team performance and the determination to retain The Dorset Plate.

Come on you Swans! *John Peacock.*

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Swanage Cricket Club

Both Swanage's Senior sides - the 1st team in the Premier Division and the 2nd team in Division 4, have started their respective 2018 League Campaigns.

As well as the adult sides - all of the flourishing youth teams from the age of six to fifteen have already started playing matches.

Their training times at the Days Park ground are as follows:-

TUESDAY EVENINGS

KWIK Cricket (Under 6s) from 16:00 - 16:45

Under 10s from 17:00 - 18:00

Under 12s from 18:30 - 19:30

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Under 7s from 16:30 - 17:20

Under 8s/9s from 17:30 - 18:30

Under 13s from 17:30 - 18:30

Under 11s from 18:30 - 19:30

There is also training available for the Under 15s from 17:30 - 18:30 on Friday evenings.

As well as that, there is a Women's & Girls' Softball Session from 18:30 - 19:30 on Thursday evenings. Finally, the Adult Training Session is from 18:30 on a Tuesday evening.

For anyone interested in joining any of the above teams/sessions, please contact Tim Ives by email at: timswanagecricket@gmail.com

For all the latest news/results, please visit our website:- www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk

Swanage Bowls Club

With the season beginning in earnest in May, our "Have a Go" sessions proved very popular, with over twenty people attending on the first of these days. If you didn't get the opportunity to join us at one of these events, we would love to welcome you on Friday evenings at 5pm, where you will be able to take advantage of three free coaching sessions to help you decide whether bowling is for you.

It is always a good idea to start with the best news and we are delighted that the Swanage Mixed Saturday Triples Team, newly promoted to Section 1 of the League, have made an encouraging start to the season. Following winning one rink and losing one rink away to Ferdown 'A' in the first game of the season, the Swanage team subsequently won both rinks away to Broadstone Wessex taking maximum points and moving Swanage up to second position in the league. Well done all players!

Swanage Lady Bowlers played their first match of the season in lovely warm sunshine at the beginning of May. Good spirits were shared by all teams and after a fair battle Dorchester B went on to win on all rinks. Ladies Captain, Linda Wallis in her first ever season as Captain welcomed the lady members all in their new full kit.

Swanage men started the season on the wrong end of a game at Poole Park in the Bournemouth and District League where they were beaten 62-96 on a heavy green which was not at all to their liking. Mike Keats, Roy Scott, John Brown and skip Gordon Wallis provided the only winning rink (25-14).

The other rinks, whilst doing well in the first half, found the tea break stopped their momentum! The lead shot of the match was a stunner by Swanage bowler Adam Ayres, at 15 the youngest player on the green and playing his first match for the club, who was asked to bring the mat right up and put the jack on the edge. Not only did Adam do just that but with his first wood he trailed the jack into the ditch with his touching wood alongside.

Please take a look at our Facebook page; Swanage bowls Club or visit our website www.swanagebowlingclub.org.uk. You can also contact our Club Secretary, Barrie Tatman on 01929 421162 or our President Brian Beeston for more information on 01929 289084.

JULY EDITION DEADLINE

NOON, 8th JUNE

Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for JULY is noon, 8th JUNE

KEY: * = Start time not known or n/a; Ffi = for further information; Sw = Swanage; Wm = Wareham; VH = Village Hall, Telephone code 01929 unless otherwise stated.

JUNE 2018

- Fri 1st
19:10 'On Chesil Beach' 12A Film at The Rex Cinema, Wareham. Screening and Q&A session with director Dominic Cooke.
- 19:30 Echoes of Venice with Cornetts & Sackbuts At St. James's Kingston. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks
- 20:00 Small Glories Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Sat 2nd
10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet at the church in Winfrith for 7 mile circular walk via Coombe Keynes, Burngate Wood and Belhuish Farm. Ffi 01929 424462.
- 18:30 Monteverde, The Other Vespers - Fagiolini At Lady St Mary, Wareham. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks
- 20:00 African Ngwasuma Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Tue 5th
* Rotary Club of Wareham At the Springfield Hotel, Wareham, will welcome speakers Richard Brind & Barrie Campbell who will be talking about their recent visit to the Gairiswora Water Project in Nepal. Visitors are welcome. For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk.
- 19:30 An English Journey - The Duruflé Trio At St Mary's, Swanage. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks.
- Wed 6th
10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet at East Chaldon car park for 6.5 mile circular walk via Holworth and SW Coast Path, returning via Chideock Farm. Ffi 01929 422554.
- Thu 7th
19:10 Isadora with Vanessa Redgrave At The Rex, Wareham. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks.
- Fri 8th
20:00 Jinski Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Sat 9th
* Swanage Fish Festival Set to be bigger and better! Exotic range of seafood, stalls, demonstrations and live entertainment.
- 10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet and park on road near Hampreston School for a 5 mile circular walk via Longham lakes, River Stour, Holmwood and Staplehill. Ffi 01929 550399.
- 10:30 Hand made Art and Crafts By the Makers at St Edwards Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Free Entry. Hot drinks and Cake available. Facebook "Art and Crafts Fairs at St Edwards Hall, Swanage." Ffi karen@karenboniface.plus.com or patsypeanut@gmail.com "
- 14:30 Swanage Town Band At The Bandstand, Swanage (Methodist Church if wet).
- 18:30 The Unknown Traveller - Fieri Consort At Lady St Mary, Wareham. Part of Purbeck Art Weeks.
- Sun 10th
* Swanage Fish Festival Set to be bigger and better! Exotic range of seafood, stalls, demonstrations and live entertainment.
- 19:10 'Who is Earl Okin?' Film at The Rex Cinema, Wareham. Screening and Q&A session with Earl Okin and director.
- Tue 12th
19:30 Purbeck Stamp and Postcard Club Meets at Queens Mead Community Centre, Swanage. New & experienced collectors welcome. Ffi: 01929 450439.
- Wed 13th
10:15 Swanage Walking Group Meet at the main car park at Upton Country Park for a 5 mile circular walk around Upton Heath taking in woodland and heath. Ffi 01929 422795.
- Thu 14th
10:30 Hand made Art and Crafts By the Makers at St Edwards Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Free Entry. Hot drinks and Cake available. Facebook "Art and Crafts Fairs at St Edwards Hall, Swanage." Ffi karen@karenboniface.plus.com or patsypeanut@gmail.com "
- 19:30 Oberon's Cure - The Rude Mechanical Theatre Presents. At The Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Picnics from 6pm. Tickets £16 + concessions from venues and online. Ffi: www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk
- 19:30 'Murdered to Death' At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage.
- Fri 15th
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- 20:00 Don Kipper Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Sat 16th
* Steak & Lobster Night At Clavells Restaurant, Kimmeridge. £29.95 per head, booking essential mon 01929 480701.
- * Sounds of Summer Musical Express At Swanage Railway.
- 10:00 Engraving Skills At Burngate Stonecarving Centre, Langton Matravers.
- 10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet at Durnford Drove CP in Langton Matravers for a 6.4 circular walk via Spyway barn to Dancing Ledge and then east on coast path to Durlston Castle. Ffi 01929 421039.
- 11:00 Wool Carnival Procession begins at 11am through village, finishes on main Playing Field in front of D'Urberville Hall. Arena events, stalls, Beer tent, lots of other attractions - Fancy Dress comp. Welly Wanging! Hog Roast, Ice cream, Bingo - too much to mention. Come along and enjoy the fun. Ffi: amandasuepyne@hotmail.co.uk
- 14:00 Swanage Hospital Afternoon Tea In the Hospital Grounds.
- 18:45 Driftwood Band At Swanage Railway. Bring your own pic nic aboard the 'Sounds of Summer Musical Express' train. Tickets £15, Children £7, Family £38.
- 19:30 'Murdered to Death' At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage.
- 20:00 Truckstop Honeymoon - Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
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- Tue 19th
* Rotary Club of Wareham At the Springfield Hotel, Wareham, will welcome speaker David James from the Lewis Manning Hospice. Visitors are welcome. For more information please contact Ann on 553727 or see our website www.warehamrotary.co.uk.
- 19:30 Wareham Museum Presents: "The Wareham Sword and the Vikings in Dorset", a talk by Professor David Hinton, Wareham Town Hall, entrance free. Ffi: www.wtm.org.uk
- Wed 20th
10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet at Sheep Pen car park Kingston for 6 mile circular walk via Swyre Head, then the coastal path to Kimmeridge. Back via Smedmore Hill. Ffi 01202 439903.
- 18:45 Swanage Town Band At The Bandstand, Swanage (Methodist Church if wet).
- Sat 23rd
10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet and park at Scotland Farm for a 4.5 mile circular walk through flower meadows and along the Hartland Trail. Ffi 07598 310881.
- 10:00 Stone Carving At Burngate Stonecarving Centre, Langton Matravers. Booking Essential.
- 10:30 Swanage Quakers - Tea & Coffee Morning At The Rectory Classroom, Church Hill, Swanage. 'What does the NHS Mean to me?'. Raising money for the Defend Dorset NHS Judicial Review.
- 13:00 Puddletown Village Open Gardens Weekend Approximately 13 village gardens open for viewing, fun quiz for children in each garden. Tombola, sales of plants, home-made preserves, cakes and refreshments in the Village Hall, tours of St. Mary's historic Church Tower (for an extra charge of £2.00) from 1pm to 5pm. (Please wear sturdy footwear). Tower tours are not suitable for children under 8 years old. Free parking in Puddletown Doctor's Surgery Car Park (DT2 8FY). Entry tickets and garden maps on the day from the Village Hall. Entry to gardens £5.00, children under 12 free. All proceeds towards St. Mary's Church fabric fund. Email: ann.williams@humbugpr.com
- 19:30 Oberon's Cure The Rude Mechanical Theatre Presents. At Durlston Country Park. Picnics from 6pm. Tickets £16 + concessions from venues and online. Ffi: www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk
- 20:00 Amelia White Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Sun 24th
* Summer Open Day & Food Fair At Kingston Maurwood. Free admission. Ffi: kmc.ac.uk/openday/
- 10:00 'Mini Ring' At Kingston Maurwood. Dorset County Assoc. of Church Bell Ringers invites you to come and see the miniature bell tower and small bells.
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- Mon 25th
19:30 Sandford Heritage Community Group "The Rodgetts and Filleuls of Sandford

- House, 1863-1947", a talk by Sheila Watters, Sandford Labour Hall, Keyworth Drive, Sandford BH20 7BD. Entrance £2
- Wed 27th
10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Wimborne St Giles Village Hall and Post Office car park for all day 9 mile countryside walk. Stop for lunch break at The Drovers Inn in Gussage All Saints. Ffi 01929 480224.
- Thu 28th
10:30 **Probus 2 of Purbeck** Meet at the Pines Hotel, Swanage. Talk by Dr Phil Judkins - Code Breaking.
- Fri 29th
19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harmans Cross Village Hall for "Past, Present and Future of the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway". Presentation by Peter Bennett. Refreshments and railway raffle. Doors open 7pm. Ffi:01929 421 913. Everyone is welcome.
- 20:00 **Jenny Wren & Her Borrowed Wigs** Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Sat 30th
* **Summer Fair** At Holme Nurseries, Wareham. Donkey rides, bouncy castle, produce stalls, cream teas and music all day.
* **A Purbeck Odyssey** 2018 Sponsered walks in aid of Leukaemia Busters. Walks ranging from 2.5 miles to 26 miles. All starting from Harman's Cross Village Hall. Ffi: www.leukaemiabusters.org.uk/purbeckodyssey or 023 8077 5590.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in Osmington for a circular walk via Sutton Pointz and White Horse Hill. Ffi 01929 450164.
- 19:30 **Swanage Town Band** At The Methodist Church, fundraising concert for the Bandstand.
- 19:30 **Blue Note Quintet** with Dave O'Higgins At Harmans' Cross Village Hall. Tickets £11, licenced bar. Ffi: www.harmancrosshall.co.uk
- 20:00 **Taylor Smith & The Roaming Jasmine** Live acts at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers.
- Sun 1st JULY**
15:00 **Annual Swanage Civic Service** At St Mary's Parish church, Swanage. All welcome.
- Sat 7th
10:00 **Engraving Skills** At Burgate Stonecarving Centre, Langton Matravers.
- Fri 13th
* **Swanage Jazz Festival** Ffi: swanagejazzfestival.co.uk
- Sat 14th
* **Swanage Jazz Festival** Ffi: swanagejazzfestival.co.uk
10:00 **Stone Carving** At Burgate Stonecarving Centre, Langton Matravers. Booking Essential.
- Sun 15th
* **Swanage Jazz Festival** Ffi: swanagejazzfestival.co.uk
10:00 **Church Knowle Food Fayre** At Bucknowle Farm, Church Knowle. Admission £3, under 16's free. Free parking.
- Fri 20th
* **Wareham Carnival** Live music and bar on Friday 20th July at Wareham Rec. Saturday is flower and produce day, Sunday is procession day! Ffi: warehamcarnival.com
* **Wilkswood Reggae Festival** At Wilkswood Farm, Langton Matravers. Ffi: dubwood.co.uk
- 11:00 **RNLI College Summer Fete** Join us for the annual RNLI college Summer Fete entertainment includes Lifeboat Demos, Circus School, Face Painting, Street Food, Cream Teas, Traditional Games FREE entry and FREE parking. Email: private_events@rnli.org.uk
- Sat 21st
* **Wareham Carnival** Live music and bar on Friday 20th July at Wareham Rec. Saturday is flower and produce day, Sunday is procession day! Ffi: warehamcarnival.com
* **Wilkswood Reggae Festival** At Wilkswood Farm, Langton Matravers. Ffi: dubwood.co.uk
- Sun 22nd
* **Wareham Carnival** Live music and bar on Friday 20th July at Wareham Rec. Saturday is flower and produce day, Sunday is procession day! Ffi: warehamcarnival.com
* **Wilkswood Reggae Festival** At Wilkswood Farm, Langton Matravers. Ffi: dubwood.co.uk
- Wed 25th
19:30 **'City of Dreams'** Ranger School Of Dance presents, at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £14, Concessions & children £12. Matinee performance Saturday 2pm.
- Thu 26th
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- Fri 27th
19:30 **'City of Dreams'** Ranger School Of Dance presents, at the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets£14, Concessions & children £12. Matinee performance Saturday 2pm.
- Sat 28th
* **Swanage Carnival Week** - let the fun and games begin!

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WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY MONDAY

- 09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.
09.30 **Under 2.5 years old group.** Till 11am. at Parish Hall, Wm.
09.45 **Toddler Club** URC, Sw. Till 11.15
10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
10.30 **Flowers with Liz** at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 13.00 **Play and Learn** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 2.45pm
13.00 **Under 1s and Tums** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 3pm
14.00 **Pins and Needles** at Harmans Cross VH.
14.00 **Swanage Disabled Club** meet until 4pm. Meeting place alternates between Catholic Hall & Queensmead Hall, Sw. Transport available. Call Mrs Daphne Saville on 01929 425241 ffi.
16.45 **Soccer Skills** Sw FC First Sch chldn £1 Till 5.45. 425175
18.00 **Lesbian and Gay Friendship Group** meets every Monday evening for social events and shared interests, such as meals, walking and outings. Ffi: contact Karen via email: outinpurbeck@gmail.com
18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 8.30pm.
19.00 **Wareham Choral Society** meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/553460
19.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm
19.00 **Whist.** Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733
19.00 **Purbeck Chess Club.** Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call Steve Peirson on 01929 552504.
19.30 **Purbeck Quire** rehearse at Wm Methodist Church. New/visiting singers (no audition necessary). String & wind players also welcome. Ffi: 423505 or 480737.
19.30 **Wareham Art Club Workshop** at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.
19.30 **Wm Folk Dance Club** Stoboro' VH. All welcome. 552763/551029
19.30 **Swanage Badminton Club** at the Swanage School, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 07966 136641.
19.30 **Swanage Air Cadets** meet at Air Training Corps HQ, Court Road, Sw. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
20.00 **DARTS** at the RBL Club, Sw.
20.00 **Herston Hall Management C'ttee** Bingo

EVERY TUESDAY

- 09.00 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylvia@swanagemethodist.org.uk
09.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 10am
09.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Painting and sketching. At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Till 1pm. Outdoors in summer. Ffi: Gina on 421689.
09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Chapel Lane, Swanage. Till 11.30am.
09.30 **Kiddies Corner Mother & Toddler Group** (term time only) No fee - donations welcome. Purbeck Gateway Church. 551415
09.30 **Wareham Art Club Workshop** at Wareham Parish Hall. Ffi: 553718.
10.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11.30am.
10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
10.00 **Sandford Toddlers** at Sandford Community Hall, till 11.30am.
10.00 **Short Tennis** at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 425175
10.00 **A Place Of Welcome** at 21 Commercial Road, Sw. Friendly drop-in for everyone, providing a free cup of tea or coffee, a listening ear, conversation and basic information. Everyone welcome, whatever the circumstances.
10.30 **Swanage Walking for Health Group** starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafont. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 481000
10.30 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 11.45am. Ffi: Sylvia Garrett 425420, office hours, or sylvia@swanagemethodist.org.uk
10.30 **Wareham Walkers.** Convivial health walks for mainly older people, of up to two hours in and around Wareham, ending with coffee at a local tea room or pub. Ffi: www.wareham-walkers.org.uk or call 552933.
12.00 **Nature Tots (0-4yrs)** at Bovington Memorial Hall Garden. Until 2pm
14.00 **Swanage Walking for Health Group.** Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 481000.

- 14.00 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Art Group** Till 5
- 14.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls.** Furzebrook VH. Roll-up session, all standards welcome. Ffi 401799
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Girls' Night (Yr 8+)** Till 10
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 8.30pm
- 18.30 **Sw Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room.** 421840
- 19.00 **Wareham Air Cadets meet** at Air Training Corps HQ, St Martin's Lane, Wm. Cadets age 12+. Ffi: email: oc.2185@aircadets.mod.
- 19.30 **Swanage Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at Swanage Day Centre, High Street, Swanage. If you want help to stop drinking, you are welcome. Or call 01202 296000 for more details.
- 19.30 **Sw & Langton Folk Dance Club** Langton VH. Ffi: 421913
- 19.00 **Belvedere Singers rehearsal** at St Mark's CE VA Primary School, High St, Sw. Parking on-site. Till 9pm. All singers welcome! 423350.
- 20.00 **Sw Regatta & Carnival Assoc Bingo** Herston Leisure, Herston Yards Farm, Sw.
- 20.00 **Carey Hall, Wm Bingo**
EVERY WEDNESDAY
- 09.00 **St Mark's Toddlers Group,** St Mark's Church, Swanage. Herston, Sw Till 11am
- 09.45 **Corfe Wool Workshop** Corfe VH, East St. Members £1.50; non-members £2.50. Till 12.00. 427067
- 10.00 **Short tennis for adults** at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till noon.
- 10.00 **Breast Feeding Group** at Wareham's Children Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Offering peer support and breastfeeding counsellor advice. Till 12 noon. Ffi: 552864
- 10.30 **Play and Learn at Kids of Wool (BH20 6DY)** until 12 noon.
- 13.00 **Studland Toddler Group** at Studland Village Hall until 2.30pm.
- 14.00 **Herston Senior Citizens** meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 14.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 14.30 **Local Historian takes you on a town walk** around Swanage, lasting 1 1/2 hours. No need to book, just turn up in the Swanage Museum in the Square, voluntary contributions welcome.
- 15.00 **Extend Exercise Class,** now at Morton Village Hall. To improve strength, balance and flexibility. All welcome. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490.
- 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s Training** til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s Training** til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.00 **Table Tennis** at Harmans Cross Village Hall. All ages & abilities welcome. £2.50 per session. Ffi: 424591
- 18.45 **Sw Hockey Club Training** Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552046
- 19.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club Roll-up evening** Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.00 **Swanage Town Band** meet for our weekly practice in the Council Chamber, Swanage Town Hall. New musicians warmly welcomed. Please call David Cook (musical Director) for further information on: 01929 422909.
- 19.15 **Purbeck Runners** meet at the Crows Nest, Sw. 4/5 mile run.
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+)** Till 10
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice.** URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **Wm Swimming Club Adults.** All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+)** Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts.** URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 08.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Cardio Tennis taster. Till 9.30am.
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jane on 01929 427078
- 09.30 **Play and Learn** at Chapel Lane, Swanage, till 11am.
- 09.30 **Well Baby Clinic** at Streche Road, Wareham, until 12 noon.
- 09.30 **Swanage Tennis Club** at Beach Gardens, Sw. Free Matchplay taster session for prospective new members. First 3 sessions are free. Until 11am.
- 09.30 **Sensory Play** for under ones, at Bovington Centre until 10.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.00 **Wareham Croquet Club** meet at the Recreation Ground until 5pm. New members and visitors welcome. Call Tony on 01929 550190 or Lesley on 01929 553927 or email warehamgolfcroquetclub@hotmail.com
- 10.15 **Chess** at the Cafe Tratt, Lower High Street, Swanage (from 8th February 2018). Call in for a friendly game of chess and a chat. All welcome.
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 10.30 **Woodworking** with Bernard and Terry at the Purbeck Workshop in Wool. The Workshop provides craft activities free of charge to those touched by cancer - friends and family are welcome too. Unit 6, Woolbridge Business Centre, East Burton Rd, Wool. BH20 6HG. www.purbeckworkshop.org 07757 776907. Email: richris95@gmail.com
- 11.00 **Sensory Play** for 1-4yrs old at Bovington Centre, until 12 noon.
- 13.30 **Under 1 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.30 **Toddler Group.** All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 14.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the Rectory Classroom, Swanage, Sw. All Welcome.
- 16.00 **Studland Chair-based Exercise** in the Village Hall, Studland. Ffi: Julie on 01929 558139 or email: jbrad@uwclub.net
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers,** United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.00 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club.** Weekly evening Art Group. Aimed at beginners, at the Youth Hostel classroom, Cluny Crescent, Swanage, till 9pm.
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club Practice** till 9pm
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- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
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- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club.** Royal British Legion, Sw. 426096.
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