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## Editor's note...

**W**elcome to the April edition of YOUR Gazette! Our favourite edition, we have to admit.....!!

This month we have hit a record-breaking 76 pages, so we're rather proud of ourselves - and of you, our community, for keeping the Gazette growing! As promised when the Gazette came back into local hands, we have published a short update on the business on page 15.

April brings us better weather (we hope) and the start of the tourist season. Lots to look forward to over the coming months!

In this edition, we bring you breaking news of a new council scheme which will enable our streetlights to remain on overnight - you have no idea how many Freedom of Information requests writing this article required! See page 23 for the full details.

This month, with the sun sneaking into our houses once again and highlighting the dust and marks on the wall, we also bring you the very best of local trades and retail outlets who are there to help you get your home in order. We have an 11 page feature with everyone you could possibly need to help you - from building a new extension to decorating, plumbing and beautiful blinds and curtains. Have a browse and let a local sort your home out for the summer season!

We also have information on the Swanage Seafront Stabilisation scheme, information from the Swanage Coastal Change Forum and many other local groups and organisations writing for your pleasure.

Have a great month, enjoy the slowly warming weather, and take care of yourselves! Enjoy!

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#### First High Water, Peveril Ledge, Swanage

1	00.30	12.54	
2	01.22	13.52	
3	02.27	15.06	
4	03.54	16.46	
5	05.35	18.04	Neap
6	06.55	19.14	
7	07.56	20.08	
8	08.42	20.25	
9	09.21	21.32	
10	09.55	22.09	NM
11	10.29	22.45	
12	11.03	23.20	Spring
13	11.37	23.52	
14	- -	12.09	
15	00.20	12.39	
16	00.45	13.08	
17	01.18	13.50	
18	02.15	15.09	
19	03.53	16.28	
20	05.07	17.35	Neap
21	06.09	18.32	
22	07.01	19.20	
23	07.45	20.02	
24	08.25	20.43	
25	09.04	21.24	FM
26	09.44	22.05	
27	10.26	22.47	Spring
28	11.10	23.33	
29	11.57	- -	
30	00.22	12.49	

ST=Spring Tide NM=New Moon FM=Full Moon

#### Swanage Town Council Meetings - Apr 2013

Council	Mon 8th	7pm
Finance & Performance Management	Thur 25th	9.30am
Policy & Planning	Mon 29th	7pm

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Council	Tues 16th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 22nd	7.30pm
Amenities	Wed 24th	7pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 29th	7pm

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Council	Tues 9th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 17th	7pm
Planning Board	Thur 25th	9.15am

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It's page 3!!! The Folly Mixtures entertain for Rockahula at Swanage British Legion in March. Picture by Tom - One Thousand Words photography.

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**MAY 2013 deadline - 12 noon 10th April**

## Come On STC - Get A Grip!

Dear Gazette,

### Swanage Roads

Full marks, a round of applause and if I could, a gong, to the person who brought to the attention of DCC the lamentable state of the main roads in Swanage. ("Your Pictures this Month" issue 157).

In all the discussion around this hero and his actions, two things seem to have been missed.

First, the state of all the roads leading into Swanage: Shore Road, High Street, Kings Road, Victoria Avenue, to say nothing about Station Road and most of the side roads: will cause motorists to stop visiting our town spending their money and keeping this town alive. These roads are nothing short of a disgrace. How we have not accrued 100s of claims for compensation as a result of suspension damage I will never know. Maybe those who suffered thought that if we were so poor that we could not maintain our roads, what was the point of making a claim we could not pay. (What was the size of the council leader's salary again David?)

Second it strikes me as bizarre that DCC should contemplate taking to court a person who, without any lasting damage to road, or inconvenience to anyone, has pointed out the Council's abject failings to maintain the roads in a proper state of repair, when the money that a prosecution would cost, could have been spent rectifying the problem they have highlighted.

Even when potholes are "fixed" (and I use the term advisedly) all it seems to be is a squirt of "tar" and then a sprinkle of stones, not rolled in, which wash away again as soon as there is any significant rain (not that we have had much of that recently!!!!). I realise that money is short even in this council, but shoddy repairs which have to be repeated several times a year; if the one at the end of my road is anything to judge the system by, can only be false economy. Kings Road, Station Road, Shore Road and the top end of the High Street are totally worn out and need to be resurfaced properly and quickly.

Incidentally, it is interesting to note that the only piece of road properly fixed, and very quickly I might add, is the hole that appears outside the town hall!! Not that I am in any way accusing any one of our highly professional councillors of any kind of NIMBY actions, heaven forbid.

Come on Swanage Town Council, get a grip on the situation and bring some pressure to bear on DCC. This state of affairs is making our lovely town look a shoddy and unkempt backwater. What a welcome to those tourists we so desperately need. It doesn't happen in other counties; I have recently been on a motoring tour in Devon and nowhere did I find roads like this, not even on B roads.

Yours, bumping along the Queen's Highway, John Ringrose, Swanage, by email.

*Ed's note: Thanks for writing John - along the same lines, Poole Motorbike Club recently complained very bitterly online about the roads in Swanage - publishing a picture and commenting on how disgracefully dangerous the roads are.*

## Gimmie Road Repairs

Dear Editor,

I have been following the Swanage Facebook discussions about potholes and the 'Fix Me' graffiti artist for a while, but I must admit that I haven't paid too much attention to the state of the roads myself.

It's winter, these things happen when the weather's alternately wet and cold. However, yesterday, something occurred that brought home to me how urgently resurfacing is needed.

I was driving along Valley Road, happily singing along to Abba's Greatest Hits, when I hit a hole in the road, and my CD skipped... this happened a total of nine times between Swanage and Corfe. I think you'll agree that this is totally unacceptable! Damage to tyres is bad enough, and I greatly



## LULWORTH RANGE WALKS & TYNEHAM VILLAGE OPENING TIMES

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sympathise with the people to whom that has happened, but interrupting my karaoke queen performance is beyond the pale.

In the space of two minutes, I changed from being a Super Trouper singing sensation, to feeling like I was Under Attack - it was very traumatic for me, and even more so for any passers-by who were unfortunate enough to hear my flat(ter than usual) notes, I am sure. Mamma Mia, Dorset County Council - Gimme, Gimme, Gimme some nice smooth roads.

I promise I'll Thank You for the Music, if you do.

Your sincerely, Becky Stares, Kings Road, Swanage.

## Beware Bandit Ambush



Hi Nico,

These are photos of the rather wicked pothole between Woodyhyde and Afflington on the A351. This is the culprit in the vicious attack on my mother's car wheel recently. It seems that DCC has sent this bandit to lay in wait and ambush unsuspecting motorists in an attempt to make us all a little bit poorer due to repair costs (£78 in my mother's case) and loss of use expenses.

It surely won't be long before this modern highwayman claims a motorcyclist's scalp. DCC couldn't be doing a better job at destroying the local economy if they made it official policy. Swanage will soon be cut off just as effectively as when the Corfe river flooded with this rate of road deterioration.

The claim for recompense is ongoing, but maybe we should all stop paying council tax until we get this criminal apprehended or filled in.

I'm trying to keep my sense of humour in all this, but it's not really a laughing matter.

Yours sincerely, Duncan Reddell, Swanage.



*Posted online by a motorbiker who had the 'misfortune' to visit Purbeck recently, and copied to us by David Furnage. Thanks Dave!*

"Went to Swanage on the (motor)bike today and couldn't help but notice the state of the roads. I spent more time swerving and avoiding potholes than I did enjoying the ride. Even when I got to my destination, I virtually had to park in a ditch as half the road has been washed away! It's unacceptable."





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## Good Allotment Neighbours!

Dear Sir,

### Good Allotment Neighbours!

For the last dozen or so years since my retirement I have had the pleasure of growing my own vegetables, flowers and soft fruit on a half allotment that I rent at Bestwall, Wareham. Not only have I had the benefit of my own fresh produce for most of the year, but I have benefited from the fresh air, exercise and good companionship of my fellow allotmenters; which has been very good for my physical and mental health.

Unfortunately, becoming an octogenarian, I find that the heavy work is now getting too much for my stamina so I now have to contract out the hard digging. It was fine when my son and visiting family - now too scattered - helped me out. I have had to try to find younger and fitter people to do some of the heavy work for me, for which I was able to make a token payment, leaving me to be able to enjoy planting, nurturing, weeding, watering and best of all harvesting.

This year I had not been so lucky, as the young man I engaged did not seem quite up to the job and left things unfinished for reasons of ill health. I decided that as soon as the better weather arrived, I would resume myself, in small doses, whilst waiting for the warmer climate. Naturally as an Englishman, I exercised my privilege of grumbling to my neighbours!

Imagine my surprise when, on a recent Saturday morning, I felt I should look in on my allotment to check its condition. On arrival, I found that about six of my neighbouring allotment holders were all digging away and weeding my plot so as to put it in 'tip-top' condition for the planting season. I thanked them profusely.

It is not often that such good neighbourliness and generosity is found these days and I feel it should be publicised and celebrated in this somewhat bleak era. I hope you will agree with me.

Yours truly, Tony Wainwright, by email.

## Awfully Offally Innards?

Dear Nico,

In view of the recent controversy about meat, here's a poem about vegetarianism entitled

*'Meat is Shergar'*

It's often hard to be a vegetarian

Others seem to think you're some crazy food barbarian

'Not Meat' they say, 'OK, just as you wish

Then maybe you would like a piece of fish

Does chicken count? Perhaps some nice spring lamb?

Won't you just have a little slice of ham?

You still say no, so what's your eating habit?

Are you trying to be a ruddy rabbit?

They seem to think we're more bizarre than cannibals.

I try to explain, we just don't eat dead animals.

If it's swum or crawled or walked or flown you see

We don't believe in eating it for tea!

Most people would not kill a sheep themselves

But they still buy bits in plastic from supermarket shelves!

And as for 'Animal Lovers' so called, with their cats and dogs and gerbils

How can they treat other animals in a manner more suited to Goebbels?

And how can they eat the dubious meat served up in their mass produced dinners.

With hardly a care that what's mostly in there is

Awfully, offally innards.... from a horse, of course!!

Martin H. Swanage

## Melodies For Memories - Help!

Dear Purbeck Gazette,

You recently published information on our new 'Melodies for Memories' service (Age UK Dorchester/Bournemouth), which recently started in Swanage and Wareham. We are looking for volunteers who could help out at these sessions.

The sessions run twice a month and are each two hours long. The Swanage session is on every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 10.30-12.30 and the Wareham session is every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1.30-3.30.

If anyone is interested in helping out during these times, they can contact me on 07747 533252 (I'm the project manager for the service).

Many thanks for your help!

Kind regards, Yvonne Cable, by email

## E.U. Who Needs Who?

Dear Editor,

As the Eurofanatics start to tell us that the myth of how wonderful the European Union is for England, the statistics show that the E.U. is dependent on England, as in fact we are the largest export market in the world for the Eurozone countries. We take 215 billion Euros of their exports annually, more than they export to USA and more than the 150 billion to China.

In addition to this, the trade is massively profit making to them whilst it is loss making to us because we import so much from them, so when we leave the EU it would be suicidal to prevent free trade. Think about it!

Mike Hobson, by email.

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## 16 Reasons To Say NO

Dear Readers,

We wish you to know that we **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the proposal put forward by Navitus Bay Development Ltd, Units 3 & 4 Athena Court, Warwick, CV34 6RT, a consortium of Eneco Wind UK Ltd and EDF Energy, for an off-shore windfarm near Swanage, Dorset. Our objections are no less now than before the recent modifications to the original plans. In our view, and the view of all local residents of South Dorset with whom we have spoken, this whole project is badly conceived and, should it go ahead, will irrevocably damage the beautiful coastline of South Dorset and in particular the Jurassic Coast - our very special and unique World Heritage Site.

It is absolutely mindless even to consider such vandalism - and all for the doubtful "benefit" of a relatively small generation of power. Our major concerns for the proposal of the Navitus off-shore wind turbine farm include:

- High visual impact of ugly turbines
- Close proximity to England's only natural World Heritage Site
- We may lose World Heritage Site status (no one has yet given reassurances)
- Dreadfully detrimental effect on tourism for the Swanage area and local businesses
- Overlooked by two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty plus a National Park
- Towers affecting migratory bird flight
- Towers affecting sensitive marine life
- Towers affecting boating, shipping and radar round the Isle of Wight
- Night-time intrusion and light pollution of red warning lights
- Noise pollution from over 200 sets of rotors
- Site is closer than other off-shore sites in all of the rest of Europe
- Of hardly any financial benefit to the UK as it is a Dutch and French consortium
- Wind power is only 35% efficient - e.g. none at all on anti-cyclonic days
- Life of turbines is only 20-25 years - what happens then?
- Infrastructure required (land and marine cabling, sub-stations, etc) will affect existing terrain over route
- Closer than government recommendations for coasts of high sensitivity such as ours

In conclusion:

We urge you to consider the views of the majority of local people of South Dorset, and implore you not to go ahead with this ill-founded and mindless scheme and withdraw your proposal immediately.

John & Janice Hale, Ridge, Wareham. By email.

## Wind And Chaos Theory

Dear Nico,

### Idle Thoughts

A favourite subject of conversation is the weather, in particular the atrocious weather we seem to be having over the last few years. Weather patterns are subject to chaos theory, small changes in pressure or temperature can lead to large widespread effects.

The tongue-in-cheek illustration of this is the flapping of a butterfly's wings in South America developing later into a gale in England. Well, here we are waving thousands of wind turbine blades about every day. Could they cause climate change as well as being used to prevent it?!

I have found now that indeed there is some evidence\* that wind farms can produce local weather changes such as a rise in temperature of up to 0.7

degree C and rapid air pressure changes caused by the rotating turbine blades. The rise in temperature and induced air currents could, over time, dry out the ground and affect crops grown close to land based wind farms.

At the moment the effect is relatively small and local, but I wonder if the information on temperature and pressure changes should be fed into local weather and climate models? I hope there is some such research, particularly as the area covered by wind farms, while small at the moment, is increasing over the world.

\*<http://gizmodo.com/5906258/wind-farms-linked-to-local-climate-change>

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/04/120430152045.htm>

Regards, Derek Stevens, Swanage. By email.

## Facts - Check The Records

Dear Sir,

For some reason I am always surprised at the vitriol poured out by people like Sue Godfrey of Suffolk, despite the fact her electricity has probably come from Sizewell power station, which has produced sufficient electricity to keep the whole of Suffolk happy for the last 18 years and is likely to continue doing so for the next 22 years.

All this with minimal visual impact, no pollution, except for slightly warmed coastal sea water which has enhanced the fishing, no rumbling of coal trains, no dependence on gas supplies or wind or any other environmental conditions.

Sue Godfrey and so many others like her have been distracted and seduced by distorted promises and fears. Nuclear is more dangerous than anything else on earth despite there being little or no real evidence to support this. Wind power is clean, cheap, safe and reliable despite all the records showing the opposite.

The facts are a matter of public record. Off shore wind power is very expensive (nearly three times nuclear generating costs) unreliable, short lived, (the turbines have a life of less than 20 years) and a hazard to airborne wildlife. Nuclear is cheap, safe, non polluting, long lived (more than 40 years), and no hazard to the environment.

So why should we tolerate a forest of wind turbines off our coast line when cheaper and more reliable non polluting methods of electricity production already exist?

John Simpson, via email

## Write Or Email NOW!

Dear Gazette,

Part of a conversation regarding the proposed Navitus Bay Windfarm (overheard whilst in a queue at the supermarket checkout)

".....and I think it's terrible, why are they so close?, but I never write, I'm not good at writing, not like those really good ones in the papers, did you read them? "

Yes, there have been some 'good ones' in the papers, well researched and written, enabling us to be much better informed than we were a few months ago.

Whether it is a four sentence cry from the heart written in ten minutes or a four page scientific essay that takes hours of research, I like to think every letter or email of objection sent to the right place at the right time is counted.

So if you object to the Navitus Bay Windfarm, I urge you to write or email and be counted before April 5th. It needn't take long.

Email links can be found on [info@challengenavitus.org.uk](mailto:info@challengenavitus.org.uk). This website is also invaluable for information, addresses and sobering visuals, (the representation of the view from Durlston if this wind farm is built is shocking).

The cry of Nimbyism does not apply to this development. It is the



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hackneyed response of the lazy. Our coast and wildlife is not 'my back yard' or our back yard but the world's back yard and should not become the victim of greedy developers and a government without the courage to have a realistic energy policy.

Lynda Price, by email

## Contesting Sue's Comments

Hi Nico,

### NUCLEAR WASTE IS NOT 'DUMPED'

I must object strongly to the emotive word 'dump' used by Sue Godfrey in relation to nuclear waste (Gazette March 2013). 'Dump' gives the impression of throwing the waste into a hole and putting earth on top. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The waste, converted into a glass-like impervious form, is put into sealed steel containers and these are placed in a large area several hundred feet underground for storage (1). The nuclear waste repository has vehicular access for loading and inspection. The geology of the site is chosen such that ground water can not be contaminated in the very unlikely event of leakage and that the site is free from seismic activity. Since most of the repository is underground there will be little effect on scenery and the surrounding area will of course be continually monitored - radioactivity is very simple to detect and measure; much simpler than some chemical wastes.

A very much larger quantity of industrial waste (about a million times more!) is produced which can contain very toxic chemicals like lead, cadmium, asbestos etc, which unlike nuclear waste, do not decay at all and therefore last forever. Such substances can be as or more damaging than radioactivity.

I do feel that long lived radioactivity like plutonium should be removed from the waste before storage as this would reduce the storage time to a few hundred years rather than the tens of thousand of years if it is not removed. Plutonium can be mixed with uranium to make more fuel for reactors and should not be thrown away (such fuels can not be used for weapons).

I must also contest Sue's comments on the continent using wind power more efficiently or more effectively than we do. Firstly our wind turbines are just as efficient as those on the continent as they are manufactured by the same firms. However the continent has more of them. Whether or not they are producing adequate power is very debatable and many countries are questioning their use (2).

Denmark, for example, the 'home' of wind power has a nominal 60% of requirements as wind power, but because of wind variation produces only about 20%. Since this is often produced when not wanted, some 15 % has to be sold cheaply, mostly to Norway to be stored as hydroelectric power.

This is often sold back at much higher price (borne by the people) to Denmark. Overall wind power reduces the country's carbon dioxide production by only about 5% after allowing for that produced by its gas powered spinning reserve (3,4).

The people of Denmark are now objecting to more turbines, particularly on land. Germany too, after cancelling their nuclear programme, are meeting great difficulties in starting their move to wind (5).

- (1) Google 'nuclear waste repositories' for information on structure etc
  - (2) <http://www.aweo.org/problemwithwind.html>
  - (3) <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/denmark/7996606/An-ill-wind-blows-for-Denmarks-green-energy-revolution.html>
  - (4) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgUsun3hIT0>
  - (5) <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-01-16/merkel-s-offshore-wind-power-dream-for-germany-stalls.html>
- Derek Stevens, Langton Matravers, by email

## Worth Weight In Diamonds

Dear Editor,

With reference to Swanage Hospital. As a long term 'Friend' and now an ex-patient, I wish to record my deepest thanks to all. Everyone from the consultant down was so caring, efficient, so thoughtful for my welfare. This made my stay after the operation, which caused me pain afterwards, a pleasant and very positive experience.

Thinking in related history to my own business, Indian potentates were given tributes by their subjects; they were weighed against precious metals. The worth of those at 'our' hospital should also, in my opinion, be weighed. They were, and are worth their weight in diamonds! In the way of our political masters/servants?

The retention of Swanage Hospital should be an absolute must. It's not broken so why fix it? Money, of course, is scarce and 'value for money' is a worthwhile consideration - but when it comes to the final criteria, I think we may all be lost. When I started my business nearly forty eight years ago, a wise friend said 'When all sentiment and compassion goes from business it would be a bad day for all concerned'.

I'm sure, for my own part at least, 'our' hospital will survive the storm extra strong through adversity. A tribute to all and its thoughtful founders.

Yours Brian Barker, Swanage.

## Cliff Owners Responsible

Dear Ed,

### Re: your footnote, letters (March Edition)

However true that may be, as wrong as it surely is allowed to be, these people who privately 'own' the cliffs should therefore be responsible for the condition of 'their' cliff, and should not be endangering 'Joe Public'.

If such people can afford such, then to correct matters they must do, and be made to by Purbeck or Swanage councils.

After all, if my garden wall fell down, endangering the pathway, I would be told to clear it, and clear it now!

Great magazine by the way.

Colin Merritt. Swanage.

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## Tonnes Of Amusement

Hi Nico,

Oh dear! American spellchecker on the Tank Museum advert (March 2013)?! Isle of White?? Tonnes of Fun??!

Letters section - Northern Esplanade? Very grand for the concrete walkway out to Shep's Hollow. Lovely sand and peaceful environment? When we used to swim up there from school in the 60s all that was there was pebbles!!

We could really do with caravans and beach huts out that end to make it look like Weymouth and Exmouth!! How about some amusement arcades? It is a big fall though, the biggest one I can remember.

Still a good read, regards, Peter Wakefield.

## Welcome To A Tea Dance

Dear Gazette readers,

### Who would like to come to a Tea Dance?

Swanage Town Twinning Assoc. will be holding one on Saturday April 13th at The Catholic Hall, Rempstone Road from 2pm till 4:30pm. We will be dancing to music by Andrew Cannon and serving delicious homemade cakes plus tea or coffee, all this for the princely sum of £4. We look forward to seeing you and having a great afternoon.

Now an update of our activities in the past month, our "Open Evening" on the 13th March was very well supported. We invited members from many Clubs and Groups in the town with the aim of promoting the Association and attracting new members. This was a very successful evening in which our Chairman Mike Stollery showed slides of our Twin Town, Rudesheim am Rhein in Germany which nestles on the banks of The Rhine amid beautiful vineyards. Later, members spoke of their experiences visiting friends in Rudesheim and the close friendships formed over the years. During the evening refreshments were served.

The Association raises its funds for visiting members and expenses from various fund raising events through the year, all this was explained by Janice another committee member.

We are always looking to increase our membership, especially among the younger generation to keep the link with Germany growing.

For more information please contact Mike e-mail [mikestollery@btopenworld.com](mailto:mikestollery@btopenworld.com) or 421492 or Jan on 422309.

## Methodists Thank Friends

Dear Editor and Readers,

The Minister, leaders and members of Swanage Methodist Church thank all those friends who attended their performance of the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the church on the 9th February.

From its opening moments, the cast and crew greatly appreciated the encouragement and involvement of the audience, whom we hope enjoyed our evening of traditional fun.

Thanks to the support received at this and previous fund raising events for our hall roof repairs, we now have enough money to pay a surveyor for the preparatory work involved.

Our next fund raising event towards the estimated cost of repairs, in excess of £100,000 will be on Saturday 6th April, when 'Cantabile' an award winning youth choir from Nuneaton, Warwickshire, will be giving a concert featuring a wide range of music and performers.

Many thanks,

Swanage Methodist Church, Hall roof repair fund committee.

## SHAME On Litter Louts



Dear Gazette,

All the road side verges are a disgrace. Shame on the litter louts!

We picked up five bags of rubbish on a recent Sunday. It took about an hour. It was just from the rail bridge at Corfe Castle, to the Bushey turning on the Studland road. There is no vegetation to hide it.

Councils - what are you doing?

Cannot young offenders be organised by community services to pick the rubbish up?!

We are O.A.P.s !

Yours sincerely, Ben and Philippa Ryder, by email

## National Award For Rural Litter Heroes

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and the Marsh Christian Trust are welcoming nominations from individuals, groups, organisations or companies that have taken action against litter in the countryside. Nominations for the 'Marsh Award for a Beautiful and Litter-free Countryside' are now open and will close on 16th April 2013. The winner(s) will be invited to receive their award, along with a prize of £500, from CPRE President Sir Andrew Motion in June.

Samantha Harding, CPRE 'Stop the Drop' Campaign Manager, says: 'We know there are thousands of generous-spirited people across England's countryside who are getting on with the task of clearing up litter in their local areas. We think they deserve to be celebrated and this award is a fantastic opportunity for their work to be recognised.' People can be nominated for their role in all kinds of activities. Examples could include working with a local school to educate students about litter; motivating a staff group to get out into their local area; or working with friends and neighbours in the community to keep their local area litter-free.

Any activities that result in a reduction of countryside litter will be considered positively.

The entries for this award will be shortlisted by Samantha Harding, manager of CPRE's anti-litter campaign 'Stop the Drop', and George Monck, Chief Executive of Cleanup UK.

CPRE and Cleanup UK jointly run the national anti-litter website LitterAction - [www.litteraction.org.uk](http://www.litteraction.org.uk) Nominations should be made by completing the following online form: <http://bit.ly/Ai5vqG>

## Will YOU Sponsor Charlie?



Dear Nico,

I know I said last year was going to be my last London Marathon, but as you know, I fell and hurt my knee, but still ran and was very disappointed with the time it took me to finish. I am getting past my sell by date for running marathons and this year will definitely be my last.

Can anyone who would like to sponsor me make their cheques payable to SONUS (charity for the hard of hearing and blind) and drop it into the Purbeck Gazette office. I will be giving it my best shot. Thanks for all your help in the past.

Yours in sport, Charlie (The Londonderry Hare)



**E.U. Public Meeting - The Truth and Real Facts****at the Mowlem Community Room, Swanage  
on April 17th at 7pm****GUEST SPEAKERS:****Prof. Tim Congdon, solicitor Jeremy Nieboer,  
preceded by a call to arms for UKIP at 6pm****Local issues depend on National policies****Vote for UKIP****Swanage Medical Practice**

Dear Gazette readers,

**Open letter re Swanage Medical Practice changes**

Readers who are registered for medical services with Swanage Medical Practice may be interested to know that we have recently received the results of a patient survey. Most of the feedback has been very useful to us.

As a result we have discussed with the Patient Participation Group changing from the current system of booking appointments after a doctor has assessed the problem presented. Instead we propose offering a menu of options including ; telephone consultation, appointments on another day and a new sit and wait service for problems perceived as urgent on the same day. In order for this new system to work, we have to keep capacity in our system for each day.

In order to offer a same day service we need to work in partnership with our patients. Some acute illnesses such as a viral infection of the nose and throat or a cough without breathlessness are best treated at home. These illnesses are common, infectious and the effects can last several weeks. They do not respond to antibiotic therapy. There is no need to consult a doctor or nurse. There is advice on our website. Pharmacists can advise on these and other minor complaints. NHS 111 can be phoned for advice and if necessary, a telephone consultation rather than an attendance is preferable.

The survey revealed a number of misconceptions regarding the services we provide. All employees and others working within the practice are bound by confidentiality rules which are exceptionally strict. Telephone triage does lead to faster appointments with your usual doctor, but proved debilitating on the GPs due to the huge demand we experience. We have experimented with using a Nurse Practitioner but the trial was not a success largely due to the complexity of the cases GPs now manage.

We are currently advertising for a new partner but have had the poorest response we have ever experienced. Young, recently trained GPs are not joining practices like ours as they do not want to be committed to a job where the rise in workload is inexorable. Fortunately we have one applicant who is looking to join us and we will be interviewing soon. We sometimes struggle to engage locum doctors, there are easier practices to reach and work in.

The GPs who are all partners in the practice are under a great deal of pressure and many have reduced their commitment to protect their own health. Despite this they will often be in the surgery catching up on all the other work that is necessary for the efficient function of the practice.

We estimate that we spend over three hours each day doing this work, most of which is essential for the prompt care of our patients.

We strive to provide an efficient service of high quality, but we rely on our patients using the service responsibly.

We want to prevent avoidable illness and keep people healthier for longer. This can only be achieved if everyone takes advantage of the offers for vaccination, screening, and routine testing of blood pressure and urine when requested.

We need to work as efficiently as possible to cope with the rising demands and need the public to play their part. We will be publishing our plans once they are refined. Please value your GPs' and nurses' time, after all we are all going to need it one day!

Dr David Haines, Partner in Swanage Medical Practice

**PEOPLE! SWANAGE BEACH IS OPEN.****All you are being asked to do is to utilise your COMMON  
SENSE when walking the North Beach area.****Beaches are created when cliffs fall - this is nature.****Please be aware for your safety, but the beach remains  
OPEN!**

**T**hanks to our readers, 11 year old Bethany MacDonald's extreme haircut for charity has raised an additional £75 - sent in by readers of the Purbeck Gazette to support Bethany's amazing sacrifice. Bethany had her waist-length hair cut short, and donated the hair to the Little Princess Trust, which creates wigs for children who have lost their hair through Cancer. Thank you lovely readers!

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## Charity Car Day

Dear Gazette readers,

### SWANAGE CHARITY DAY & CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY

**Sunday, 28th April, 2013, 11am - 4pm.**

Does your Charity want to raise money? Do you want to bring along your Classic Car to display? Do you want a good day out and munch a beef-burger and chips whilst you do it - or say an ice-cream or two?

Would your Charity like a stall to raise money? Call in and book a space with my Agents, Wilcox & Cook, Commercial Lane (near the Gazette office), Swanage.

I have kept the prices at rock bottom; Charity Stalls (£5), Craft Stalls (£10), General Public Stalls/Trade Stands (£15). Double stalls are available if you need additional room.

If you would like to show a classic or veteran car (£5 per car), if you're local, please do pop in and book through Wilcox & Cook. If you're out of town, please write to Jenny Lazenbury, Home-Nest, 127 Victoria Avenue, Swanage. BH19 1BB and send a cheque for £5 to the J. Lazenbury Charity A/C (or pay on the day, £7 at the gate).

All monies are donated to local charities and the gate money (only £1 including raffle ticket for marvellous prizes) towards the Air Ambulance and Help the Heroes, for this year.

Please come and support us - and have a fantastic day too!

Jenny Lazenbury, 01929 288092, Organiser

## Robin Returns



Dear Readers,

My first memory of a journey to Bournemouth via Sandbanks was when I visited Bournemouth from Swanage Youth Hostel. We caught an apple green Hants and Dorset Bristol L number 7 bus with a cutaway rear to clear the ferry ramp to Bournemouth bus station and then a yellow trolley bus to Boscombe.

A few years later I was on a three year college course at Bournemouth College of Technology and I made frequent visits to Swanage either by bus or by bike. In those days the toll booth was near Studland and the bus went from Bournemouth bus station to the bottom of Seymour Road in Swanage. Often a man with a deaf and blind label used to get on the bus at Ulwell and get off at Swanage unaided.

As the years progressed I travelled by car. It was a much more attractive approach to Swanage than going round Poole. There were views of Studland Bay, Poole Harbour, the ferry to Cherbourg and Branksome Chine. The green single deck buses were replaced by Wilts and Dorset red open top double deck buses and now by the semi-open breezer buses. I often use the service to visit Bournemouth, Brownsea Island or with the Swanage Walking Group I have got off at Robert Louis Stephenson Avenue and then walked back via Branksome Chine and the sea front.

Over the past 38 years the ferry has been very reliable and people have used the route for journeys to Bournemouth and Southampton airports, coach connections to London or for train connections. The ferry can be delayed by shipping movements or by adverse weather, so it is important to allow adequate margin. I would suggest catching an earlier no 50 bus, although this would result in a wait of over an hour at Bournemouth if the bus and ferry are running to time.

Robin Brasher, Swanage

## Payday Loan Pariahs

Dear Editor,

According to the Consumer Counselling Service, problem debts are on the increase with the under 30s in particular using payday loans. Of course, the best answer is to budget. Try to keep a close eye on your spending so that your outgoings do not exceed your income. Payday loans are a hideous product of our "buy now, pay later" culture and very often conceal the need for urgent financial advice.

An internet search shows one of the top Payday loan sharks (I make no apologies for calling them sharks) charges 1,737% APR with the minimum

loan being £100 and the maximum £750. For borrowing £100 for one to thirty days the repayment is £129. If you are one day late, all manner of nasty additional charges are invoked with added interest. I would like to see tougher legislation introduced such as many states in the USA have been compelled to use because of the problems associated with Payday loans. They have in many states regulated the interest they can charge while some states have simply banned Payday loans altogether.

If you have to borrow money, use an alternative such as borrowing from a relative, use a cash advance on your credit card, ask your creditor for more time to pay a bill, receive an advance from your employer or simply apply for a traditional small loan.

But if you are constantly getting into debt or need good advice on managing debts, I strongly advise a visit to your local Citizen Advice Bureau which is completely free of charge, you can obtain details from your council or phone Purbeck CAB on 01929 551257 for an appointment.

I remain Editor, yours faithfully. Mike Fry, Upton. Conservative PCC for Lytchett.

## Bring On The S.H.I.T.S.

Dear Nico,

With regard to the Crime Commissioner and others' views on the lack of police presence here in Swanage, especially evenings and the early hours. The Commissioner does not realise that there is a lot of untapped help here. A group could be formed to help the police with information and assistance when required and reduce the problems we have in town.

The group formed could be similar to the Wareham group except Swanage would have no sex or racial discrimination. A member would have to be in possession of a bus pass, no uniform, just a stick and hobnail boots. There could be a monthly meeting (after pension day, perhaps at the stone quay?), followed by refreshment (liquid) testing at various locations.

I can see a couple of the group's first objectives to be group traffic calming in Station Road and Institute Road. If this proves to be successful it could be rolled on to other locations.

At present people are trying to do this alone, not to be recommended. Another objective could be marking doggy pavement fudge in a similar way to the recent pothole markings.

The group would possibly need some professional direction, perhaps from Tilly Whim with his vast local knowledge, or possibly young David what's his name from your office.

The group would need to have a name to protect the innocent, something like Swanage, Herston, Independent Town Society. Very simple and easy for a logo on the T Shirts.

How about it Swanage? 'Bring it on like' or 'like bring it on'!

Regards, Harry Moore, Swanage.

## 75+ Still Driving Safely

Dear Editor,

With regards to Graham Horne's letter stating he would happily support a mandatory cessation of the right to drive at 75, I passed my test in the mid sixties, and have driven lorries, including articulated vehicles. I have driven vans and taxis the biggest part of my life, and I calculate I have driven up to one and a half million miles.

I am not a creeper, I drive at the road speed limit, whether it be thirty or seventy, and just as a matter of interest I will be seventy five in May.

Tom Holmes, Swanage.

## The First To Cast The Stone

Dear Editor,

### **The first to cast the stone.**

Understandably there is much condemnation being directed towards Cardinal O'Brien in recent days.

His admission of breaking his vows of celibacy while taking a leading role in castigating gay culture has brought responses from disbelief to outrage, both within and outside his church. It is a source of great sorrow rather than an opportunity to score points.

Rather what should be enough to stop further discussion in its tracks, is to quote the conscience prompter "Let him who is without sin be the first to cast the stone".

Andrew Salmon. Wareham.



# SWANAGE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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In addition to your local Town, District and County Councillors, representatives from local organisations, including those which have received donations from the De Moulham Trust, have been invited to make short presentations to the meeting.

An update will be provided on the Swanage Local Plan and the Town Council's proposals for the Seafront Stabilisation Scheme will also be on display.

**7pm Community Room, Mowlem Theatre, Swanage**

Agenda items may be submitted no later than 4pm on Friday 22 March 2013 in person at the Town Hall, by telephone 01929 423636 or by email: [admin@swanage.gov.uk](mailto:admin@swanage.gov.uk)

**Please come along and have your say**

## Chug's Companion's Secret Past



Dear Nico,

A classic episode of Hancock's Half Hour features Tony Hancock planning a reunion party for his old army mates Ginger Johnson, Chalky White and Smudger Smith.

The three were a racy lot in their youth, but that was fifteen years ago and when they duly arrive on Hancock's doorstep, he's disappointed to find they're not quite as 'racy' as he remembered. One is even a vicar.

Reunions, whether connected to school, university or previous workplaces can often turn up a few surprises, and this was the case for me recently when I was contacted out of the blue, and after a full 40 years, by a former boyfriend. The last time we had set eyes on one another was in 1972. Now I live happily in Whitstable, while my former beau is settled in Swanage. We decided to meet up.

Our 'reunion' took place and while it was not a disappointing affair, like Hancock's, it was surprising because I discovered that the long haired, hippy, art school student with whom I had co-habited in a Notting Hill bedsit worthy of The Young Ones, is now none other than the long term companion (partner?) of the upstanding Purbeck personality known as the Chug!

My former lover writes in this very issue that 'Chug is very proper in his own little way, and were he to know the truth about the extent and occasional impropriety of my past liaisons, he might well be a little shocked'. Perhaps so. But shouldn't Chug be told? Or at least be led to the piece in your current edition 'Chug's New Toy'? That should offer up a few clues, as will the photo I submit (above) showing his 'companion' at a time when he was so fond of a particular Biba T-shirt dress of mine that he couldn't stop himself wearing it (left).

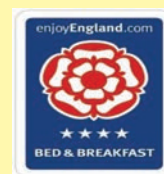
Ah, those were the days, as the old song goes, but I'm betting Chug himself is not past a bit of canine cross dressing. Racy eh?

Julie Wassmer, Whitstable, via email

*It should be obvious to most, but just in case....*

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## Dogs - One Of Life's Joys

Dear Gazette readers (in particular Martin H),

Having a dog goes way, way beyond worrying about its toilet habits, just the same as dealing with a small child.

I am not intending to be patronising or in any way trying to belittle your views, but I do feel sorry for you because you have missed one of the joys of life.

My dogs give me unconditional love, they make me laugh. I have met many people through having them.

Fellow dog walkers and on a train trip with them to the south of France, I learnt that dogs break the ice in more languages than one.

Please open your eyes and give dogs a chance - you never know, it might change your life.

Erica B, Wareham. By email.



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## The Waste Land

*David Hollister writes...*

When I was a child, we lived in a small tumbly-down bungalow in the middle of an acre of overgrown and wild woodland. You can imagine the fun we had, making tree houses, playing Cowboys and Indians, (can I say that?) and generally enjoying the woods like children used to do before trees became a Health & Safety risk. Every one was climbed. Every one was loved. But gradually they began to diminish.

Firstly, when the County Council widened the A351, we lost a good few oaks and lots of hazel thicket. When I came back home aged about 28 after living and working in London for a few years, lots more had gone – along with the tumbly-down bungalow – which had finally succumbed to subsidence and tumbled-down! Part of the land had to be sold to finance the new bungalow. Only a few of the original trees are left. But I remember them all as if it was only yesterday and still grieve at their passing.

Seems that despite the environmentalists and even the Tree Preservation officials, we're losing trees in Purbeck at an alarming rate. Now I know that some of those bordering the A351 were 'out of hand' and needed attention late last year, and that they have to flail-mow the hedges in a disgracefully disrespectful manner almost every year because no-one now seems to have the time, ability or inclination to lay a hedge properly, but these thickets and hedgerows were home to wildlife who regrettably have no say in the matter.

Then of course the trees which bordered the Middle School. To those living opposite, their removal clearly opened up the beautiful views. To those ex-pupils who have suggested that the trees provided shelter for 'peeping toms', surely that's a figment of young imagination...? And of course, they had to go to make way for the fantastic new school which is being built. I think I'm the only person I know to whom leylandii are trees rather than the "thugs of the garden"... What a shame that they were not looked after properly and pruned regularly after planting back in the 60's, so that by now we'd have a thick green hedgerow instead of painted plywood palings. And how about the sad remains of the trees on the A351 just past St.Michaels; when they were butchered, a good few years ago now, the tree surgeons took me to task for criticising their work. But just look at them now, stark and bare spikes, proof that I was right.

However, I digress – as usual. Isn't it great to see the new Swanage School under way! My sincere thanks and many congratulations to Paul Angel and his team for bringing this about. We have been the largest town, not just on the South Coast but in the whole of the UK, without its own school for far too long. And the exciting and innovative design of the building – look at it on Facebook – actually incorporates not only playing fields but – TREES!

We at the Gazette have always offered our full support to Steve Darrington with the Blues Festival events. Yet an appeal we made for Swanage business people to contribute either a little time or a little money towards this fantastic event fell on deaf ears. Steve needs support, a bit of money, and above all someone to help him with the organisation. And – as Swanage Traders have recently been reminded – we need the Blues weekends to swell the town's coffers.

It was sad that poor Steve was so unwell over his blues weekend that he only got to see one band playing! But from all of us here at the Gazette, and from all the Swanage traders with an ounce of common sense, a great big

Thank You for what you do for us.

Great News. Angus Campbell, the leader of the Dorset County Council, is to stand down. I have never had a good word to say for this man throughout his period of office so why should I start now. Goodbye Angus.

Over coming weeks Swanage Town Council will be presenting proposals for the stabilisation and enhancement of the Recreation Ground frontage between the public toilets and Victoria Avenue. The works, which are necessary to stabilise the land slippage in this area, will include soil nailing and the building of a properly constructed retaining wall.

The need for construction work in this area also provides an opportunity for the Council to invest in a second tier of beach huts and a permanent kiosk on the corner of Shore Road and Victoria Avenue. The income generated will help fund the facilities that the Town Council provides to support the town's tourist economy, such as the Information Centre and public conveniences.

The principal message from respondents to a three-month public consultation on the future of the seafront in the summer of 2010 was that its appearance and atmosphere should be retained. This is reflected in the design work, which incorporates a break in the second tier and a restriction in the height of the huts, so as to preserve the green appearance of the Recreation Ground from the beach.

In view of the urgency with which these works have to take place, by the time you read this column, the public meetings will be in the past. But plans and drawings are also available on the Town Council's website [www.swanage.gov.uk](http://www.swanage.gov.uk) and are on display both in the Pathway reception next door to the Town Hall and at the Tourist Information Centre. Your comments on the proposals are most welcome and can be either e-mailed to the Town Council at [admin@swanage.gov.uk](mailto:admin@swanage.gov.uk) or sent in writing to the Town Hall. You may also see them on our own website. Let us remain confident that the works, when started, will provide a winter's work for our own LOCAL PURBECK TRADESMEN.

I understand that an area of land adjacent to open country off Victoria Avenue has now been granted planning permission for several houses including some obligatory 'affordables'. But the large plot of land, between that one and the brilliant recycling centre, earmarked for the new Industrial Estate, still hasn't got a single Industrial Unit on it. And is unlikely to have, either. But there could be a large number of AFFORDABLE HOMES on it, if the Councils would make it available at little or no cost to local builders provided that the homes were sold – by the builders – at an affordable price to be set by the Councils. Say, for example, materials + labour costs + overheads plus 20%. Enough of an incentive for the builder, a bunch of cheap but different homes, and lots of jobs for local firms and tradesmen.

So come on, local Councillors, let's hear your comments on this brilliant idea (I have lots of them, you know!) and your pathetic excuses for not turning this Industrial Wasteland into homes for our kids. We will try to publish them in full.

And Finally. We have been told for so long that planning applications can only be judged on 'planning criteria' only. So what's this I hear about ability to pay the new 'affordable homes' levy being one of the main criteria by which multiple planning applications are considered? Surely this can't be true... watch this space.....

Happy Easter to both my readers!



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## Swanage Middle School Fundraising



Pupils and staff at Swanage Middle School took part in their last ever whole school challenge recently and the first for newly named local charity Autism Wessex, formerly known as The Wessex Autistic Society. The event was a combination of a cross country race on adjacent farm land and then into the school grounds to complete an assault course. After days of heavy rain across Purbeck, the ground was a mud bath, but this didn't stop the hardy students as they set off in their fancy dress outfits.

Many people with autism need ongoing support, every day of the week, every week of the year. Autism Wessex continues to grow to meet demand and will be opening a new residential home for four young adults in Hampshire in September this year. The charity's new website can be found at [www.autismwessex.org.uk](http://www.autismwessex.org.uk).

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**WHAT'S ON AT  
THE LEGION?  
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## Swanage Regatta & Carnival

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## The Red Arrows Return!

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**Top tip!!**

**The Procession will start earlier this year at 2pm!**

## WANTED!

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# CHUG SAYS...



*Don't let yourself forget what it's like to be sixteen...*

## Chug's New Toy

I was reminiscing the other night in the bar of my local pub with my old chum Bill about ladies past and present in our lives, and it occurred to me there is a whole slice of my life about which the Chug knows very little. While he was being studious and donnish at Oxford, I was gadding about London, growing my hair long, going to Art College and generally misbehaving myself in every conceivable way. Chug is very proper in his own little way, and were he to know the truth about the extent and occasional impropriety of my past liaisons, he might well be a little shocked.

But the truth is I can often remember more about the vehicles I have owned than the companion I was with at the time. This was brought home to me fairly recently when Bill and I arranged a reunion with a lady we had both known in London some forty years ago who had gone on to become a successful novelist and scriptwriter. Encouraged by a pint or two of beer, I was reminiscing about a trip to Keele University to visit a friend when the black Austin A35 saloon I owned at the time suffered a 'big end' failure on the M5 causing us to limp into Stoke. I happened to notice an advert for a car auction the very next day, so I gently coaxed the Austin in and sold it for a fiver, then purchased a blue & white Hillman Minx complete with bench seat and column shift - very American for its day - and six month's tax. All for the grand sum of seven pounds and fifty pence. I was delighted; especially when I got a ton out of it on the way back London. I did, however, discover the rear suspension leaves were appearing through rusty holes in the rear footwells, but I jacked it up and wedged in a piece of four-by-two, then abandoned it in a lay-by when the tax ran out six months later.

At the end of this story I muttered something to the effect that I was with someone at the time but couldn't remember exactly who, at which point the literary lady awarded me one of those indecipherable looks by which you know instinctively that you have screwed up. "It was me," she said quietly...

I wouldn't want Chug to think too poorly of me but I have always been a little irresponsible with vehicles, to the extent of rolling and reshaping my poor Mother's Fiat 600 on two occasions in as many weeks when she, perhaps foolishly, left me the keys while on a visit abroad. Six months after passing my test at the tender age of seventeen I found myself in Paris en-route to Switzerland in a split-windscreen Morris Minor complete with side valve engine and useless heater. It was winter and I had been persuaded to drive a friend home and spend a couple of weeks with his family. Crossing a bit of the Alps in the dark we were wearing sleeping bags to keep warm and my head was wrapped in scarves so I could see out of the window around the frozen windscreen. The Swiss frontier appeared suddenly around a corner and I applied the brakes which, as they always did in those days, pulled to one side. The Morris slid sideways on the snowy surface and gently spun through a one-eighth, to roll backwards neatly into the customs bay, not quite touching the striped pole. I smiled weakly up at the frontier guard who nodded sagely and uttered one word: "English!"

I'm sure that Mr Hollister, by way of being our resident petrol-head, would appreciate these matters and might have one or two stories of his own to tell - which we would eagerly await. Although I see his fame has now spread far and wide to the extent of there being t-shirts with his name emblazoned thereon. Indeed, I do seem to recall him wearing one at the Harman's Cross Fete; possibly to save repetitive introductions or, perish the thought, lest he forget. Our latest vehicular acquisition might have been reviewed by David were he doing this back in 1970: it features a total lack of power assisted steering or brakes, a lack of synchromesh on first gear. No visors or electric windows and a pull-out choke. The heater controls are simply on or off, and the sound of the exhaust plus frequent impromptu adrenaline rushes provide the in-car entertainment. The brakes, though, are as unsophisticated as the rest of package so should you see a little blue MG approaching please give Chug and me a wide berth.

*The Chug and his co-driver.*

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More information about Mosaic can be found at [www.mosaicfamilysupport.org.uk](http://www.mosaicfamilysupport.org.uk).





## Swanage Post Office/Hallmark

will be undergoing a modernisation in April.

This will mean that the Post Office will be closed from Lunchtime on Friday 12th April and will reopen at 9 A.M. on Friday 19th April.

The shop will remain open as normal and Mick and Tracey of Swanage Post Office wish to take this opportunity to apologise to their customers for any inconvenience during the refurbishment period.

**We look forward to welcoming you to the revamped store!**

## An Update On US - The Purbeck Gazette Three Years On...

**W**ell, it's been three years as of 1st April since the Purbeck Gazette came back into local hands. We're not only still here, we're now at 76 pages, having only been 32 three years ago.

This is down to two things; local advertisers supporting us, and staff being willing to work long hours, for below-industry standard wages, because they believe in the ethos we agreed to when we achieved ownership - the ethos of community first, profit second.

We've tried really hard to maintain a balance between supporting community groups and charities by allowing them to publish their own editorial, and making the paper really work for our advertisers too.

Newspaper Society research shows that over 90% of us respond to local advertising, and we get good feedback from our advertisers (many of whom have supported the Gazette for many years), so it works all round.

We promised to remain open about how the business was going, and we continue to chalk-up our monthly break-even target, along with actual sales made, on the board in our office each month so anyone can see them if interested. We continue to use any extra revenue to purchase additional pages, which is why we've grown so fast and are able to afford to print pages of editorial.

We are achieving acclaim from further and further afield for being a 'true' community magazine which puts local people and local businesses before turning a quick profit. National industry magazine, The Press Gazette, published a double page spread in 2012 on the Purbeck Gazette and how we put community before profit whilst still managing to cover costs. Thus we are running a real, sustainable, community magazine - something which is very rare these days, with most 'local' papers sadly now owned (and bankrolled), by huge corporations.

In order to keep printing, some changes have had to be made - we faced a 20% hike in our print bill, and it now costs around £10,000 a month to publish and distribute the paper. Our only revenue comes from advertising - there are no subsidies, grants or loans, just the support of our advertisers. We are a small, local business, like many of them. Therefore, despite being over twice the size as pre-2010, we are now running with only two members of staff as opposed to four. Everything is completed in-house. We are turning greyer by the day.....!!

So, that's the update - and here we still are, bigger and better than ever. The only thing left to say is that without YOU, there would be no Purbeck Gazette.

You read our pages and respond to our advertisers, helping them stay afloat and enabling them to afford to advertise with us. All those community groups, charities, fundraisers and event organisers would not be able to communicate with you without our advertisers providing the revenue for us to publish each month, and to do that, they need YOU to respond to their adverts and shop locally.....

As we said, it's working...!

So, THANK YOU to our readers, our advertisers, our writers and all the letter writers out there. YOU are our community, and we are immensely proud of you. It truly is YOUR Gazette, by locals, for locals. We will continue to fight to raise the required revenue to publish as many pages as we can each month, and all we ask is that you continue to shop locally and take time out to sit down and have a read each month!

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WPM Residential Lettings has built up a good reputation with both owners and tenants, some of whom have been clients for many years.

Ann and Lucy, together with Michelle and Gail, are the team at WPM Residential Lettings who will look after your property, if you need to let or want to rent, don't hesitate to contact the office, we will be able to discuss your requirements with you.



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**Picture shows: The WPM team. L-R - Michelle, Ann, Lucy and Gail.**



## Swanage Seafront Stabilisation Scheme



**O**n Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd of March, Swanage Town Council revealed its proposals to stabilise and enhance the Recreation Ground frontage between the public toilets and Victoria Avenue.

The works, which are necessary to stabilise the land slippage in this area, will include soil nailing and the building of a properly constructed retaining wall.

The need for construction work in this area also provides an opportunity for the Council to invest in a second tier of beach huts and a permanent kiosk on the corner of Shore Road and Victoria Avenue.

The income generated will help fund the facilities that the Town Council provides to support the town's tourist economy, such as the Information

Centre and public conveniences. Morgan Carey architects have drawn up outline plans for the scheme and Managing Director, Mark Carey, was available to discuss the proposals with local residents at two specially-arranged drop-in sessions.

These took place at the Town Hall between 5pm and 8pm on Friday 22 March and between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 23rd March.

If you missed these sessions, the Council is still keen to hear your views.

There is a further opportunity to see the plans at the annual town meeting at the Mowlem Theatre Community

Room from 7pm on Monday 25th March.

Councillors and Town Council officers will also be available to answer your questions.

If you are unable to attend any of these events, the plans and drawings will be available from Friday 22nd March on the Town Council's website [www.swanage.gov.uk](http://www.swanage.gov.uk) and will also be on display both in the Pathway reception next door to the Town Hall and at the Tourist Information Centre.

**Your comments on the proposals will be most welcome and can be either e-mailed to the Town Council at [admin@swanage.gov.uk](mailto:admin@swanage.gov.uk) or sent in writing to the Town Hall.**



# NCI Open Day

## 29 Mar - 1 Apr



### NCI lookout opens its doors

The St Alban's Head station of the National Coastwatch Institution, on the coast path south of Worth Matravers, will be welcoming members of the public to its Open Days over the Easter weekend. The lookout will be open from 10am to 5pm on each of the four days, 29th March to 1st April.

Visitors will be able to find out about the work of the volunteers who help to keep the sea and coast path safe for all users, and to inspect the equipment used. Hot drinks and home-made cakes and biscuits will be on offer. Everything is free, although donations will be welcomed.

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# My War-time Memories.

## By Brian Guy



**At last we are going back into Europe  
We have a score to settle.**

**N**ow armed with what we called our Mickey Mouse money. French invasion money (still got one at home). Now things began to move very fast indeed. A fleet of trucks arrived at our closely guarded camp, and transported all of us down to Newhaven port, where we boarded the Assault ship, HMS Princess Astrid.

This was a pre-war cross channel packet that had been taken over by the Navy, and turned into an assault ship, carrying eight small assault

craft on her davits (is that the right word sailors?). Inside the harbour the sea was calm, but as soon as we left the harbour entrance it was another story. Inside the harbour, I have a clear memory of the hundreds of self heating soup cans that had been thrown overboard, they literally covered the water.

Down the coast we sailed, to where there was a gigantic circle of ships, all going round and round to the east of the Isle of Wight. They called it Piccadilly Circus, then peeling off in their designated serials straight down the mine-cleared lanes, across the channel to Normandy, guarded by warships.

Here I must make it plain that I did not take part in all of the operations and assaults that I describe here. But for clarity, it is essential to paint a picture of the general scene; what the Company did. Without that description, the actions of our Companies, indeed the whole picture of what went on, would become rather disjointed without references of battles, here and there amongst the narrative.

Shall we see England again? Many young men would not. I was happy enough in this weather, being used to boats and the sea of home, but oh dear! Many of those aboard wanted to die from sea-sickness. When someone called, "tea up", I hurried down below, and when I returned I found a soldier kneeling in front of my kit being sea-sick all over it. I thought at the time "This is a fine way to free Festung Europa." Fortress Europe.

In this narrative, I shall try to relate only those things that made a deep impression on the minds of a nineteen year old Swanage man and his friends, caught up in the greatest military invasion the world has seen. I shall try not to write about the planning of the invasion, or repeat what has been described time and time again. I shall concentrate entirely on memories and events that stuck in the mind of a very ordinary young man. Just one of many thousands of ordinary men and women, who went off to fight for their country, in my case, a Sapper who was fortunate to serve with 246 Field Co R.E. In Monty's Ironsides. That valiant band of brothers. A tiny, insignificant little cog, in a very big war machine.

The memoirs serve to describe war and its horrors and in all its phases. For many of us Veterans, there are names that are virtually engraved on our soul, Queen red. Queen white. Hermanville. Benouville. Blainville. Leбіsey. La Londe. Caen. Goodwood. Colombelles. Troarn. The River Orne and Canal Pegasus. So many names that will never be forgotten by those who fought in Normandy. Bloody Normandy.

Let's break off from this for a moment!

Talking to Swanage and district folk, there no doubt, exists a yearning for the "Good old days". The time when we never locked our doors, or our windows. The Rent man, insurance, and the milkman, all entered the house to find their money on the kitchen table, signed their books and departed.

We never locked our doors. Ever! When the time came to lock up at night, many folks did not know where the house keys were. But on reflection, I don't want to go back to clearing out the grate and building a fire on a bitter cold winter's morning. Nor do I want to watch the TV on a scruffy black and white set, that at times tended to "roll over". I also much prefer modern cookers, rather than the little cottage kitchen

grange, heated by a small fire. I also like super markets and the foods that are available now (not horse meat!), that certainly were not in those far off days. How ever did my mother bring us up and feed us? From that little cottage fireplace, and tiny oven with hob? A mystery...But. She did just that. Do you recall when the roast always produced Dripping? What happened to Dripping?

**Back to the subject in hand: The Invasion Warning to Occupied Europe. At Last. At Last**

Prior to our landings there had to be adequate warning to the people of occupied France, Belgium and Holland of the coming invasion. There had been messages passed over the radio in code to resistance groups for some considerable time during the years of occupation. Messages that made little sense except to those who knew the code. "Uncle Amos lost his teacups", "The river runs high today" and "Francoise is thirty one". In preparation for the coming invasion the early warning message was to be a verse from a French poet, Verlaine.

The first warning to be broadcast was to inform the population of Europe that the invasion was to take place shortly. The second broadcast to inform the people the invasion was to take place imminently. There has seldom been a broadcast with such momentous import, signalling the death of thousands of men and the destruction of the Norman Countryside. The first warning in French was as follows: That made hairs stand up on their necks. "Les sanglots longs des violons de Automne". Translated as: "The long sobs of the violins of Autumn". The second warning telling Europe that the invasion was to take place now was: "Blessant mon couer d'un langouer monotone". Translated as: "Bless my heart with monotonous langour".

Somehow these words seem to reflect the magnitude of the events that were to follow. The invasion by a mighty fleet, valiant deeds, many that went unrecognized, and the freeing of the enslaved peoples of occupied Europe. For us elderly veterans who took part, it was a great endeavour. What ever happens to us, we shall always be aware that we had a part in the shaping of history, we took part in those mighty battles, battles, where men died for what was right! Eventually, resulting in the freeing of the enslaved people of the continent from the evil disease of the Nazi yoke. Seldom in our long history could there have been a better cause than this. I am very proud to have taken part in this great crusade.

**Normandy. Lay this idea to rest!**

For many years it was claimed by the USA (Yanks!) that we had it easy on Sword Beach. Not true, the following from one of the assault ships log, lays this misinformation to rest. What follows, is Stan Hough's record taken from the log of one of the ships that carried the Assault craft.

*"Princess Astrid. Bless her! She hit a mine in the channel after the war and sunk! The Princess lost 4 out of her 8 Assault landing craft. ....Princess Charlotte lost 7 out of 8.... MV Victoria lost 5 out of 6. ...Prince Henry lost 5 out of 8.... Finally Prince David lost all 8."*

On reflection, the loss of 29 Assault craft out of a total of 38 with only 9 saved, hardly bears out the idea of an "easy landing". But, such is the power of propaganda that these myths are assumed to be true, and become fixed as part of the Legend of D Day.

The Company landed on "Sword", Queen red and Queen white sectors, as part of leading Eighth Brigade, with the three Assault teams armed with Beehives 36lb explosive charges, designed to blow up concrete enemy strong points, and with flame throwers available to burn those out, if we could not blow them up. For these three highly trained teams, their role was crucial in opening up the beach exits. Clearing the mines to create safe passages from the beach....(due to the wind and rising tide, the beach area was shrinking all the while).

Nothing, or anyone, was to be allowed to stand in the way, nor did they. All the tasks were completed successfully. The next task was to open up a route forward to the little town of Hermanville. This was accomplished, and this allowed other units to pass through and advance.

**To be continued. 69 years ago... Normandy, blood soaked Normandy. The stench of death.**

To Mrs Columb (writer of 'Happy memories from 1935', letters pages, March edition). We lived in Steer Road about that time. No 42? Two doors up were the two girls from another family.

I hesitate to name them, for I do not know what happened to them?

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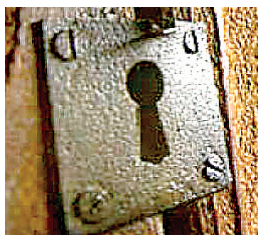
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# Through The Keyhole - Swanage Town Council

*Our Gazette correspondent details the goings on in recent council meetings.....*



## Swanage Council meetings .February/ March 2013

Regular attendees at Council meetings are used to the fact that occasionally, when the most interesting part of the agenda is reached they, the public and press alike, are politely asked by the Council leader to vacate the Chamber. This is not because your local Council has been suddenly filled with the secretive spirit of Joe Stalin or the

Star Chamber but that, under standing orders 67 and 68, matters which are confidential (generally decisions yet to be taken on matters legal or financial) demand that proceedings are held in camera.

The comfort for the public is that we will know the decision by the next meeting. This month the matter which demanded our exclusion had to do with financial decisions to be made on the Seafront and Downs Stabilisation Scheme. This engineering scheme promises to be the costliest single item with which the Council has to deal in recent memory. Its aim, as I've previously indicated, is to halt the slow but inexorable movement of the high ground between the Amusement Arcade and Victoria Ave, (known as the Recreation Ground) downhill in the direction of Shore Road and the beach. The initial (and provisional) costings of the project were well under £1m but, as anyone who has observed the rise in engineering costs on public projects generally (remember the Olympics??) may be unsurprised by the rumours that the costs have gone north. By how much we will learn very soon.

The Council has a nest egg as the result of the enforced sale of the Caravan Park (currently like anyone else's nest egg attracting a poor rate of interest) and is well aware that that with the prospect of a decade of austerity in front of it as Councils are squeezed year on year by the current government, it will need every penny it can save, but the warning signs about land slippage are all too clear further north along the Swanage sea front. They know that this problem, however costly, will not go away.

There were no objections to a planning application for 35 dwellings on land at Prospect Farm, Cllr Suttle making the point that, given the desperate need for more housing for Swanage's working population an application under which 50% of the dwellings had to be 'affordable,' was

to be welcomed. However the chances of such 'affordable' dwellings being within the reach of Swanage's generally low waged population – given that 'affordable' has been defined by the Government as 90% of market value, local workers should not perhaps be holding their breath. Another planning application led to animated discussion – it was for a DETACHED Annexe in a rear garden. The not unreasonable question was then put – 'how can an annexe be detached??' Was the application not, in reality, one for a separate building which could at some future point be sold? Not wishing to pass an application which could see a rash of further 'annexes' in the gardens of that street, the Council objected and the matter was passed to PDC for final consideration.. Those many who were appalled by the almost overnight destruction of the line of mature trees which provided until this month a partial avenue into Swanage on the site of the Middle school were reassured by the Mayor, Cllr Trite, that a greater number of trees (and this time native trees) are an integral part of the redesign of the site.

Names attached to buildings, parks, theatres, streets and statues, provide a gateway to understanding the history of a town. Objections by the Council and many others to the proposed removal of the name of James Day from the Care Home he bequeathed to the elderly frail of the town were graciously accepted by the new owners, Agincare, and a part of the history of Swanage was saved. No such luck for Forres Field, the last site, as far as I'm aware, associated with the number of small schools which were a feature of the town during the first sixty years of the last century and at which, along with many others, Brian Johnston, Tony Hancock and Micheal Foot received their early education. The name of Forres Field will shortly be no more – and with the enthusiastic support of STC.

The organisation formerly known as the national Playing Fields Association and now as Fields in Trust had approached Councils throughout England asking them to commemorate the Jubilee by renaming a sports field as the Queen Elizabeth the Second Field. This organisation which has done precious little to halt the wholesale selling off of the nation's sportsfields to developers over recent years now announces that more than 1500 fields are shortly to be renamed.

Did anyone at this organisation spend a moment wondering how many local, historical and dedicatory names might be lost in this grandiose and self-serving process?

## Out Of The Blue



Wareham Town Safer neighbourhood Team are pleased to bring you this month's addition of "Out of the Blue". Firstly I would like to introduce the new team that is now in place. Myself, Pc Ian Everton (pictured, right), PcsO Rebecca Butler and PcsO Dave Brown.

Our new team offers an excellent array of experience and dedication to our community. We are

committed in tackling issues regarding the general conduct, nuisance and anti-social behaviour of people living and visiting this town and to increase public confidence.

I can not stress enough that it is vital you call us at the time of any anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity. If you call us at the time we have a greater opportunity in identifying and catching individuals who try to tarnish the extremely safe and enjoyable town we live in. Please call us on our 101 number or 999 for emergencies.

We have recently conducted search warrants at two addresses in Wareham following complaints of ASB and drug use. Two individuals have been formally dealt with by Dorset Police thanks to the assistance of the community in reporting unwanted activity to us.

More good news, we recently had a report from one of our shop keepers that a male had stolen a rare and extremely valuable vase. This was one of only twenty made worldwide. We were again fortunate in having a close and helpful community that assisted in the information that led our investigation to the person responsible. After an excellent team effort, we retrieved this vase and returned it to its relieved owner.

Whilst we live in one of the safest counties, having very low crime

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rates, I would like to ask that you continue to be vigilant and think about your own security measures. Lock your garages and sheds; remove all valuables from your vehicles, even when on a driveway or public car park. We have had a slight increase in theft from motor vehicles, which could be reduced by taking these small precautions.

Do you have teenage kids? Do you know where and what they are doing on an evening? For the majority this is a simple and easy answer. Unfortunately for some it is not. Some young people are often seen to be out in the early hours and at times vulnerable to risks they are not aware of.

Finally for further information, advice or information you wish to pass to us, please call us on 101 or stop us in the street where we will be happy to chat!. Alternatively email the team [warehamtownsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:warehamtownsnt@dorset.pnn.police.uk).





# SWANAGE CARE NEWS

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## THE JAMES DAY CARE CENTRE GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



With the backing of a fully compliant Care Quality Commission inspection on Gainsborough Care Home and new residents being admitted, the James Day Care Centre is really taking off as a community hub. Quite a few community groups are already using its facilities, including the Swanage Over 60s

Club, which held its first meeting in the centre in March.

Casey Townsend, who is leading Agincare's efforts to build the community spirit, said *"It is lovely to see so many people interested in using the centre as a focus for their groups. I am hoping to welcome the Dorset Writers' Network to help with memory games and workshops"*. Casey will be busy over the next few months working with the Dorset Voluntary Bureau to provide transport for residents, bringing in petting dogs and giving talks to the Swanage Stroke Club.

Early work on Phase 2 of the Gainsborough Care Home is now underway and will allow the home to provide further residential and nursing care beds later in the year. An early facility we aim to provide is a hairdressing salon and we welcome interest from suitably qualified hairdressers who may wish to provide a service in the home.

Agincare has also been invited to take part in an NHS project, that is involving local communities in the redesign of health services and the design of new ones in the Purbeck area. We are excited to be able to further contribute to the future of the community.

We know there are a lot of people in Swanage passionate about care and we would welcome any ideas you might have on how else the James Day Care Centre can develop.

Please contact Debbie O'Keefe or Casey Townsend on 01929 422500 or visit our website [www.agincare-homes.com](http://www.agincare-homes.com).



## GAINSBOROUGH CARE HOME

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The James Day Care Centre has been re-developed and equipped to the highest standards and we are working with the local community to make this a very special place to live. Gainsborough Care Home is a high quality residential care home for older people, including specialist dementia care. A community hub with day care, lunch club and community engagement facilities.

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## Purbeck's Outstanding Volunteers



**Purbeck's outstanding volunteers have been thanked at a special reception held by Purbeck District Council.**

The volunteers, who do exceptional work for their local Purbeck communities, received recognition from the Chairman of Purbeck District Council who hosted the ceremony. Guests heard about the dedication, endless energy and enthusiasm that the volunteers bring to the local towns and villages. Chair of the Council, Councillor Eric Osmond MBE, thanked the volunteers for their commitment and presented each with a scroll as a mark of their achievement.

Eleven parishes and towns across the district nominated volunteers who were congratulated in front of more than 50 people. Councillor Osmond concluded: "The District Council hopes that other local parishes will feel inspired in future years to recognise those special people who benefit our communities."

**The Volunteers: Peter Talbot – Affpuddle and Turners Puddle** - Peter has been Chairman of the Briantspuddle Village Hall Committee since the mid 2000s, skilfully bringing purpose and direction. With his project management background, Peter has brought to completion an annexe and facilities update of the listed thatched village hall. He also produced a fundraising business plan, which saw the project awarded a myriad of grants and reaching a funding target of £300,000.

**Peter Collins – Arne** - The work that Peter carries out enables folk in need of support to gain help to make life easier. His practical suggestions have also helped the design of the Hayricks Play Area and as Chair of the residents' association he has been involved in fundraising, arranging events and entertainment, whilst keeping a neighbourly eye on local residents. Volunteers are hard to come by but Peter willingly puts in the hours to help local groups and the church.

**Mrs Alison Debenham - Bere Regis** - In 1996, Alison took on the voluntary role of editor of the thriving Bere Regis and Affpuddle Parish Magazine. Over the last 17 years, she has worked to grow it, in terms of quality, size, breadth of readership and advertising revenue. The magazine pays for itself and makes a small profit for the church. In November 2012, it was awarded ninth out of 890 in the National Parish Magazine Awards. Its success is entirely due to the commitment of Alison.

**Pete and Sue Burden – East Stoke** - Pete and Sue play a major role in the village's activities. As flood wardens, they help with information about flooding in East Stoke and in Purbeck. They are also great fundraisers and were heavily involved in East Stoke's Save the Church Campaign. They are always proactive helping wherever possible and keeping a community spirit.

**Mr Peter Ashton – Lytchett Matravers** - Peter devotes a great deal of time to Lytchett Matravers and is the dedicated secretary of Lytchett Matravers Sports Club. He, almost single-handedly, runs the entire project which includes football training facilities for around 200 youngsters, a multi-use games area and cricket and tennis facilities. He has also spent five years raising funds to install a new underground drainage system, a £100,000 project.

**Mr Richard Tazewell – Lytchett Minster and Upton** - In a quiet and modest way, Richard has contributed hugely to the community of Lytchett Minster and Upton. In the role of chairman, he brought

his professional skills as a landscape architect to the Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Plan Steering Group (PULM). An exemplary Town Plan was developed and £350,000 Big Lottery funding achieved. Richard is also a committed member of the St Dunstan's community and a trustee of the Poole-Wau Partnership which is focused on South Sudan.

**Eddie Rainford – Swanage** - For many years, Eddie has been the voluntary football coach for the young people of Swanage. He is totally dedicated to helping local youngsters, always ready to go the extra mile for any talented enough to reach their full potential. Eddie always instils good manners, self-discipline and morality in his charges. He also helps with fundraising for the Heroes' Haven and a Swanage Care home.

**Mrs Diane Joyce – Wareham St Martin** - Although Mrs Joyce is a parish councillor, she volunteers to do very much more for her community both in Sandford and at Holton Heath. She undertook, single-handedly, to landscape the verges along the A351. She also drives her elderly neighbours to the church and shops and will care for them when they are ill. She also keeps a look-out for drug use on the heath, fly tipping and vandalism.

**Mr Bryan Jones – Wareham** - Described as very generous, honest, thoughtful and modest, Bryan has had a positive impact on the community. On a weekly basis, he supports the work of the Sunshine Club. He also serves coffee in the parish hall kitchen for the Saturday coffee mornings and the church fete. Not owning a car, Mr Jones always takes a black sack with him to collect litter on his way to activities.

**Mrs Vivienne King – West Lulworth** - Vivienne's hard work and lobbying ensures that nothing detrimental to the village slips through the net. She has been a parish councillor since 2002 and has served as a school governor. She also chaired the committee that produced the Parish Plan and started the Lulworth Historical Society, which she chairs today.

**Friends of Wool Library – Wool** - Faced with the prospect of losing a library in Wool, Friends of Wool Library was formed in 2011. The group worked hard to bring the community library to fruition, led tenaciously by David Smith and Volunteer Co-ordinator, Christine Reber. After 20 months of dedicated fund-raising, negotiations, developing legal agreements and training of 35 volunteers, the community library opened on 15 January 2013.



# DCC Finds Alternative Solution To Turning Our Street Lights Off



*Breaking News from our Science Correspondent*

Dorset County Council enjoys the dubious distinction of being among the first county councils in the UK to embark on the money saving exercise of switching off streetlights after midnight. The money saved will be in the region of £150,000 which, to put this in its correct perspective, equates roughly with the annual salary of one executive who we could probably do very well without anyway. Blandford, Sherborne, Shaftesbury and Gillingham have already succumbed and the move has provoked mixed reactions, with those in favour citing the improved view of the sky at night. Swanage is due to follow suit in April of this year and shopkeepers will doubtless be stocking up on torches and batteries in keen anticipation of a sales boom.

However, they should perhaps not count their chickens as plans are afoot for an alternative and very green solution.

It began in a public park in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 2011 and then migrated to a park in Arizona. It has since spread to Canada and Australia, both being countries where green solutions are enthusiastically embraced at government level. At each location the technology has leapfrogged radically to the point where Methane Energy Sourcing (MES) has become a viable proposition at public level.

Local engineer Simon Cameron, who has a BSc in renewable energy from Exeter University and has spent the last four years working on projects at the Centre for Alternative Technology at Machynlleth in mid-Wales, has pioneered research into MES in the UK and has submitted a schematic plan to DCC who are taking it so seriously that a site in Swanage has already been earmarked for a methane unit.

The technology is deceptively simple and is based on the collection of dog faeces, a resource in which, as Simon's research has proved, the Isle of Purbeck is rich due to the extent of the footpath network. The faeces are collected into a methane generator where anaerobic digestion breaks down the waste and the gas is given off. Methane is a perfectly natural product and forms the greater part of the gas we already use to power our boilers and cookers. The methane is then fed into a standard internal combustion electrical generator converted to run on gas, in the same way that some motor vehicle engines are now able to run on propane.

The electricity generated is fed into the main streetlight circuit and programmed to kick in when the lights are extinguished at midnight. A huge bonus from this process is that the waste product from the process is a very useful fertiliser which can then be bagged and sold.

The figures are based on collections from the ubiquitous red bins which amount to several tons per day and are currently collected by council

operatives and driven to a landfill site near Wool. Both DCC and PDC recognise this as a costly and wasteful exercise, and a green solution would be welcomed by both camps. The only problem with this seemingly perfect solution is that the 'doggy bags' collected from the red bins cannot be emptied into the methane generator for the simple reason that once sealed inside a plastic bag the faeces begin to ferment, especially in the summer, and this hinders the anaerobic process.

It is therefore proposed that the red bins be phased out in public areas which attract dog walkers, and owners will be encouraged to let their animals defecate where they please. The excrement will be collected by council operatives with bags and shovels at mid-morning, mid-afternoon, and at dusk. These areas will initially comprise: Days Park, The Downs, Durlston Country Park, Sandpit Field, the area around Herston Station and the network of minor footpaths to the south of the Caravan Park.

The MES plant itself will be situated adjacent to the Skate Park in the King George's car park area. This site has been chosen because of its proximity to a small electrical substation serving the streetlight circuitry for the town and it will be a comparatively simple matter to attach a solenoid diverter to interrupt and override the circuit. This site will also allow easy access for the vehicles transporting the raw material, and the proximity to a children's play area is intended to encourage their interest in eco-friendly schemes.

Simon, who is a member of Greenpeace and is very enthusiastic about the Navitus windfarm proposal, has hopes of Purbeck becoming something of a showpiece for renewable energy and is keen for satellite methane plants to be set up near the Day's Park play area to serve North Swanage, and near the play area at Harmans Cross.

A larger plant is also planned for the Worgret Road Recreation Ground in Wareham, which will take in the Common where many dogs are exercised. He says "The future of our planet is in the hands of our children and you can't solve all the problems sitting at a computer, they have to learn to get those hands dirty sometimes."

Picture, top, shows realistic, to-scale, computer-generated image of the proposed MES Station in location at King George's, Swanage.





# Swanage Coastal Change Forum



## SWANAGE COASTAL CHANGE FORUM

### Erosion and flooding.

The dynamic nature of the coast is an integral part of its character. The natural action of waves, tides and weather on the land is what gives rise to cliffs and beaches, sea stacks and arches - it is what makes our part of Dorset so very special and is the reason many of us want to live here. The local economy is also largely driven by these coastal qualities and our beaches and cliffs bring visitors in their droves. Our coast has evolved naturally over time and most of it continues to do so (if cliffs didn't collapse there would be no beaches), but when houses, shops or roads are threatened, our thoughts turn to protection and how we can best fight the natural forces which threaten our investment.

The coast is also where streams and rivers meet the sea with all the attendant problems of flooding, particularly when a stream in spate meets a high spring tide.

This winter has seen exceptionally heavy rainfall, which has resulted in flooding and a number of significant landslides to the north end of Swanage bay. In the future, we will be faced with new challenges as the long term trend seems to be moving towards increasingly heavy rainfall, more frequent strong winds, higher tides and storm surges.

### The Swanage Coastal Change Forum (SCCF)

SCCF is an independent assembly of local organisations which aims to increase understanding of the impacts of coastal change and to disseminate information to the wider community. It is recognised and supported by the County, District and Town Councils, the Environment Agency, Natural England and the Jurassic Coast Team, and is affiliated to the Dorset Coast Forum. The forum works by generating ideas, coordinating discussion and encouraging the understanding of the coastal change impacts felt by its members. It has no agenda to take on statutory functions, but it is

hoped that it can help the statutory agencies in the coordination of policy and management.

At its first two meetings, expert speakers helped members understand the background to cliff erosion and flooding and explained how they are currently being managed. At the next meeting attention will be focussed on future plans for North Swanage and Durlston Bay.

### Who is responsible for managing the risk from coastal change?

Purbeck District Council is the Coast Protection Authority covering Swanage. This means they have powers to carry out works to protect against coastal erosion, but they are not obliged to do so. In order for coastal defences to secure government funding they must be in line with policies set out in Shoreline Management Plans [<http://www.twobays.net/smp2.htm>] and the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy on how to manage investment in coastal defences over the next 100 years in Poole, Wareham and Swanage [<http://tinyurl.com/a6de6wa>].

### What about flooding?

The Environment Agency (EA) publishes flood risk maps that show the natural flood plain in Swanage that could be affected by flooding from the Swan Brook, Ulwell Stream and the sea. The maps also show the area which is defended from flooding [[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)].

The EA use the flood risk maps and weather forecasts to predict when flooding is likely to happen in Swanage. Information about water levels in the Swan Brook is gathered at gauges that measure water level in the river and in reservoirs above the town, so that flood warnings can be issued, or that gates that hold back the river can be adjusted to allow more or less water to flow.

All the different organisations involved in managing flooding in Swanage have a duty to cooperate and the EA, PDC, DCC and WW are all represented on the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

The Swanage Coastal Change Forum is currently involved in producing fact sheets on coastal change and flooding which will be distributed to Swanage households in the near future. The forum welcomes new members, so if you think your organisation would benefit from membership, please ask your Chairman or Secretary to email [swanagecoastalchange@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:swanagecoastalchange@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

**Malcolm Turnbull, Chairman, Swanage Coastal Change Forum**



not before having decimated the local marine bird population.

At the well attended AGM, held at the Swanage Sailing Club, the Station Manager, John Masters forwarded his resignation as the Peveril Point Station Manager. He had held this post for five years, having previously been a watchkeeper for ten years. John and his wife Jean have been stalwart members of the NCI in Swanage since its inception, Jean, as a fund raiser and John having held several offices in the organization.

They will both retain contact with the NCI. The new manager, Mr Ian Weston, served in the RAF for many years and we are all looking forward to his leadership at Peveril Point.

The job of NCI Station Manager demands many skills, some technical, some nautical together with a sound knowledge of human resources. All this is for no personal reward other than the satisfaction of a responsible job well done.

There were no emergencies recorded during February, but the lookout is manned daily until 6.00pm keeping watch along the cliffs, out to sea and along the shoreline. **Peter J Stevens**

## National Coastwatch

At the beginning of February, the watchkeepers were largely engaged in visually searching for birds that were contaminated by the pollutant that affected the Dorset coast. Many birds, mostly guillemots, were seen in a distressed condition either in the sea or on the ledges.

The NCI watchkeepers were powerless to take personal action but reported all of these incidents to the RSPCA who took appropriate action when able to do so. The source and nature of the pollutant were unknown but fortunately by the end of the month it had dispersed, but



# Cordite Display At Wareham Museum



## Wareham Town Museum - New Cordite Factory Exhibit for the New Season

Wareham Town Museum comes out of winter hibernation and opens its doors to welcome visitors once more on Good Friday, 29th March, and remains open until the end of October.

During the closed winter break there has been much activity in the Museum including the development of exciting new displays.

One new exhibit tells the story of the Royal Naval Cordite Factory which was active during and between the two world wars at Holton Heath, north of Wareham. The display shows artefacts and photographs taken of this nationally important establishment which at the time was Top Secret with not even the families of the workers there able to divulge their duties.

A new feature length DVD called Cordite! - The Story of the Royal Naval Cordite Factory, which was made with the help of local people who knew it and worked there, is introduced by Dr Bob Dukes (who designed the exhibition area) and John England who worked there.

The DVD is previewed on the display and will be available to purchase from the Museum shop.

Wareham Town Museum has a comprehensive website at [www.wtm.org.uk](http://www.wtm.org.uk) where all details may be found, including a special new page explaining the history of the Royal Naval Cordite Factory.

Museum volunteers are always welcome so if you would like to help (for no more than a couple of hours a week) please drop in or see contact details on the website above.

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We will also be running our popular Wessex Belle Sunday Luncheon service on selected dates in 2013. What better way to enjoy your Sunday luncheon than on a luxury train travelling through the beautiful Purbeck countryside?

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### Purbeck Railway Circle.

On Friday 12th April Nick Lera will present a video show entitled "The Age of Steam at Home and Abroad" (or "From the Inner Circle to the Arctic Circle"). The programme will include :-

(i) A celebration of the world's pioneer Underground Line from Paddington to Farringdon.



(ii) A visit to Sweden's Gavle Rail Museum which springs back to life as a record number of static exhibits take to the rails again, including centenarian rod drive electrics and an 1856 Beyer Peacock steam locomotive.

(iii) A classic footplate ride in Finland on a 'US style' ten wheeler



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on its festive return to the main line.

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. ALL WELCOME.

For more information please phone 01929 554765 (General Secretary).

Photo (left) by Andrew P.M. Wright.



# Inspired By Christian Around Britain?

## Then take-up your own Help For Heroes Challenge!



Christian Nock (39 - happy birthday!) is 2000 miles into a 7000 mile hike around the UK coastline (anti-clockwise), raising money for H4H and sleeping rough every night to raise awareness of homelessness. Christian passed through Purbeck in late February, and is currently walking the south east coast. Follow Christian's epic adventure online by searching 'Christian Around Britain' on Facebook and 'click to follow'. Photo of Christian on the South West Coast path, by Zoe Wathen.



### Jurassic Coast Challenge - Sunday 11th August

In March, we featured the amazing journey of charity fundraiser and ex-Serviceman Christian Nock as he travelled through Purbeck on his 'Christian Around Britain' challenge. If this has inspired you to 'do your bit' then why not sign up to Help for Heroes' Jurassic Coast Challenge? Join this 22 miles hike along the hilly Dorset coastline in aid of our wounded, injured and sick heroes. This one day challenge follows a beautiful route through England's first Natural World Heritage Site - the Jurassic Coast!

Starting at Durlston Head, you will trek along the Jurassic coast, passing old quarries and remains of huts along the way. The route will involve a number of challenging hills, but there are plenty of rewards along the way. Take in secluded bays, abundant flora and fauna and the breath-taking views of the near perfectly circular Lulworth Cove. Trekkers will then head into Lulworth and across the finish line for a well-deserved celebration.

By taking part in this challenge, you will be joining so many others in making a difference to those who have suffered life changing injuries as a result of their service.

Visit [www.helpforheroes.org.uk/Get-Involved](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/Get-Involved) to find out more and sign up!

Help for Heroes offers comprehensive support to those who have suffered life-changing injuries and illnesses whilst serving our country. This is provided through grants to individuals, other Service charities, capital build projects and four Recovery Centres across the UK which will offer support for life. The money raised by the hugely generous public has been used to support our wounded, but there is still so much more to do. Soldiers, sailors and airmen who are injured today will still need our support tomorrow and in the days that follow, for the rest of their lives. They are still battling and we won't let them battle alone. If trekking isn't for you there are plenty of other ways you can get involved. Sign up for a Help for Heroes challenge, or register your own event through their website [www.helpforheroes.org.uk](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk)

### Colossal Cake Sale - 20th April - 5th May 2013

Last year, 700 cake baking enthusiasts nationwide donned their aprons, grabbed their wooden spoons and baked up a storm to support our wounded heroes. From 20th April - 5th May, join in the fun and help make

this year the biggest Colossal Cake Sale yet! Help for Heroes Patron Lorraine Kelly and celebrity chef James Tanner launched the event by baking cakes with some of the residents at Tedworth House, Help for Heroes' Recovery Centre in Tidworth. Lorraine said; "I'm going to give it a go. If I can do it, anybody can do it. I am the worst cook and baker in the world, but it's a fun and simple way to raise money for an incredible cause."



### Bear-B-Q - 13th - 28th July 2013

Thinking of holding a BBQ this summer? Then why not turn it in to a Bear-B-Q? Gather your friends together and pop a burger on the barbecue to raise money for our wounded heroes. From 13th - 28th July you can show your support. Hold a Bear-B-Q as a summer get together with work colleagues, as a social event at a pub or social club, a local fun day or to celebrate the end of term at school.



Register online at [www.helpforheroes.org.uk/bear-b-q](http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/bear-b-q) and keep you up to date with a monthly email which includes hints, tips and recipes.

## A Celebration of Art By The Sea

Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival has grown substantially over the last 11 years. The 2013 Festival from Saturday 25th May to Sunday 9th June celebrates artists in their studios, at Durlston and at our main exhibition area at Rollington Barn. It brings international as well as local musicians, dancers and speakers together in our local community. And of course we have a Fringe, focused on Swanage.

The sheer joy of PAW is that so many different artists and art forms are involved: students involved through Purbeck Young Artists, and artists of all ages, those just embarking on their artistic careers as well as established professionals, all exhibiting together in a celebration of local talent. It is a great starting block for artists who want to get more exposure for their work and there is a wide variety of art forms on display: something for everyone and some that people may not have encountered before.

In addition to offering breadth and depth, our artists are delighted to explain and demonstrate their art in their studios so people can learn more about their work and what inspires them.

PAW helps aspiring artists in other ways including through mentoring and a bursary scheme which provides financial help for those who want to make the next step - whatever their art form. By the time the festival starts we will have run workshops in 12 local schools giving young people

direct guidance from professional artists. There will be a dance workshop by the wonderful Transitions Dance Company the day after they perform for us at the end of their UK and continental European tour. Aspiring singers who have sung with the junior Sixteen will visit, as will the members of the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet thereby bringing international excellence to everyone and at prices that are way below what would be charged elsewhere. Thanks to sponsorship, just about all our concerts can be heard by young people for just £2. Pennie Denton and Ilay Cooper will give illustrated talks and the owners of Encombe and Smedmore will open their grounds for events.

So we hope we are following in the footsteps of William Morris when he wrote: "I do not want art for the few, any more than education for the few or freedom for the few". We want art in all its rich diversity to be available to all and to inspire everyone. So do look now on our website which gives information on the Festival. You can book our events on-line. [www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk](http://www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk)

**COMMUNITY SING ZIMBE!** The final event in this year's PAW Festival will involve singers from across the community singing a work based on African music called Zimbe! Many of our primary schools are taking part and there is still time for older singers to join in. For further information on the April and May rehearsals please contact Jay Buckle on 425865.



# What's On At Corfe Castle?

**T**his Spring at Corfe Castle there will be lots of brilliant experiences to enjoy.

An Easter Egg Trail supported by Cadbury takes place over the Easter bank holiday weekend, from Friday 29 March until Monday 1 April. There will also be egg & spoon races on Easter Monday, so take along your favourite spoon and join in.

If you have always wanted to have a go at archery then visit the castle during the school holidays or weekends in April. The Grand Muster with a medieval encampment, demonstrations, displays and have-a-go archery takes place between Tuesday 2 - Sunday 14 April. Medieval Archery Academy have-a-go sessions then run on Saturday 20, Sunday 21, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April.



Coming up in May there will be a series of Saxon & Viking events including the popular battle re-enactments. The Siege of Wareham with re-enactments and battles plus an extensive Saxon village will be held from Saturday 4 until Monday 6 May. Saxon & Viking Academy interactive days follow this on Saturday 11, Sunday 12, Saturday 18, Sunday 19, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May.

Every weekend in June the iconic landmark will host Medieval Falconry birds of prey displays during the day at weekends, with Horseback Falconry & Medieval Jousting on Saturday evenings.

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# Westover - Supporting The Community



**W**estover Nissan and Toyota - based on Wallisdown Road in Bournemouth and part of the Westover Group - were so impressed when they found out about our Purbeck Good Neighbours' initiative that, as well as supporting the monthly column financially, they've found a way to help the scheme's volunteers. The dealerships are offering specific motoring offers for the scheme's helpers, saving them money on essential car repairs.

"After 30 years living here, I'm almost qualified as a Purbeck local myself and I'm well aware of the issues that can face people living in a rural community. We were really pleased to be able to find a way to help this brilliant scheme," says Mike Boyd, a Westover Group Director.

"I've enjoyed living in Purbeck for a long time now, tempted back many years ago by the memories of summer holidays spent crabbing at Peveril Point back in the 60's and 70's! It's a great part of the country and the only place I'd choose to live - but it is unique ideas like Good Neighbours that keeps the community alive and well. I was so impressed by the idea and by the kindness of those involved that we felt we'd very much like to be able to contribute."

Westover Nissan and Toyota operate a number of initiatives for customers travelling from Purbeck - with "keep it local" service, tyre, Smart Repair, MOT and sales offers. For example, the showrooms both offer a 'Sandwich or Shop Club' which allows customers to enjoy a complimentary snack, or to pop to the local retail park with a voucher to spend, while they wait for work on their car to be completed.

These voucher incentives can also be donated to a charity of the customer's choosing - Mike reports that the RNLI is a popular choice and for one often to be found, by his own admission, 'messing-up' on boats he finds this quite reassuring!

The Westover Group is a privately-owned company which now employs nearly 550 local people - a number of whom live in or around Purbeck. Westover is currently celebrating its 90th anniversary, having opened its first branch back in 1923 on Westover Road in Bournemouth.

**For more information please call Westover Nissan (0800 091 4880) or Westover Toyota (0800 091 4878), pop into the dealerships or go to the website at [www.westovergroup.co.uk](http://www.westovergroup.co.uk).**

**Pictures show Westover GD, Mike Boyd, as a child enjoying Swanage!**

**The Westover-supported Purbeck Good Neighbours can be found on page 30.**



## Swanage Lions Club



**Ken Alexander Cup.**

**L**inda Welsh (pictured above, with David Dean) was presented with the Ken Alexander Cup by Swanage Lions President David Dean at the Club's recent meeting. The cup is awarded annually by the Lions to a member of the local community who voluntarily has done a great deal for the town.

Linda has worked tirelessly for years in many roles, but we all know her most recently with her association with the Carnival and Regatta, Heroes' Haven and the Jubilee Street Party.



**Cheque Presentation.** A cheque for £1125.00 was presented by Lion President David Dean to Margaret Hannibal of Mosaic (above) from half of the proceeds made by the Christmas Charity Mail. Mosaic is a charity run by volunteers who offer one to one counselling to bereaved children throughout Dorset.

Twice a year groups of young people gather at Leeson House for a get together weekend as a culmination to the help they have received. They enjoy lots of organised activities and finish with an assembly bringing together their memories, before taking part in a mass balloon release, each balloon being sent off in the name of their lost loved ones.



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#### News Update – the story so far:

**A**fter our start up in November, we thought you'd like to know about the varied type of tasks we have completed so far. Our records show that we have helped over twenty people aged 50+ in the Purbeck area to date. The largest type of job has been taking all sorts of rubbish to local refuse centres. However, we did refuse to remove a very large and heavy garden seat which was attached to the ground!

Some of the other ways we have helped are; reorganising a wardrobe and taking unwanted clothes to a charity shop, helping someone organise their paperwork and filing, and a job that needed a couple of Good Neighbours; moving some bedroom furniture.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the volunteers who have thrown themselves into the project with such willingness.

If you would like to be one of a great gang of Purbeck Good Neighbours do email us on [purbeckgoodneighbours@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:purbeckgoodneighbours@yahoo.co.uk) or call the Helpline - 01929 424363.

*We would like to thank the Westover Group for sponsoring our space in the Purbeck Gazette, thus ensuring that our helpline number and a short update is printed every month, guaranteed. Thank you so much for your support!*

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## Rotary's Global Swimathon



**T**he Rotary Club of Wareham raised over £1000 for Julia's House and End Polio Now by organising a Swimathon at Purbeck Sports Centre on 23rd February. The event was part of a Global Rotary Swimathon organised across the world with 266 Rotary clubs in 43 countries and 6 continents taking part. Overall Rotary's Swimathon 2013 has raised over £70,000 for End Polio Now.

With the help of Rotary they are "that close" to eradicating Polio from the world.

#### Rotary's Daffodil Party

The club organised their annual daffodil party for 50 elderly locals with plenty of sandwiches and cakes, plus a magician and singer to entertain.

The Rotary club of Wareham is organising their second bike ride in aid of Cancer Research UK on 1st September starting from Bovington Tank Museum.

Victoria Pendleton (Olympic cyclist, see picture below) supports the Rotary Dorset Bike Ride in aid of Cancer Research UK, and has supported the event by signing a Cancer Research UK T-Shirt. This very unique T-Shirt will go into a prize draw for every rider that raises more than £75 in sponsorship.

In addition, Cyclexperience of Wareham has donated a £400 bike and £150 in vouchers, which will also be used in prize draws for those that raise sponsorship.

The bike event is open to everybody and suitable for all the family including the hardened cyclists with 60, 50, 30, 20 and 10 mile routes, with an optional off road section for mountain bikes. Entry is already open and riders have started to raise sponsorship.

To enter or to help with marshalling see our web site [www.warehamrotary.co.uk](http://www.warehamrotary.co.uk)

**The Rotary club of Wareham is open to new members and friends who may wish to help with some of our events.**





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## Swanage Area Senior Forum

### THE SWANAGE SCHOOL - NEW HEAD REVEALS ALL

On 17th April we have great pleasure in welcoming Tristram Hobson, the Headteacher of The Swanage School, to our meeting. Since the decision to change the education structure in Purbeck from 3 Tier to 2 Tier a few years ago, there was a real possibility that there would be no secondary level education available in Swanage.

A determined group of individuals launched a plan three years ago, with the aim of retaining that option for parents and children. There have been many twists and turns along the way, but we can now see the start of construction on the current Middle School site of what will be The Swanage School, which the developers hope to have open for business sometime in 2014.

The current Middle School will close at the end of the summer term 2013. Whatever your views on the original DCC decision or the campaign to establish the new school, come along and hear what Tristram has to say about The Swanage School, interim arrangements pending building completion and his aspirations.

What facilities will be available for use not only by pupils, but the local population? What plans are there for involvement of all parts of the Swanage community? How does Tristram envisage the generations working together?

Bring your questions! All are very welcome!

## Wareham-Hensbach Society



The Wareham-Hensbach Society's AGM brought the year's events to a conclusion and set more challenges for the Society. Highlights of the last year included the visit of our friends from Hensbach during one of the few sunny weekends.

About 300 people attended the procession when our friends from Hensbach presented us with a new seat by the river. About 75 people attended our dinner and dance at the Dorset Golf and Country Club where we enjoyed a lovely meal and were able to dance at a disco where the music did not drown conversations.

Myrna Gomes-Maria (pictured, standing) left the committee after 15 years

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and 10 people stood for 8 committee posts. The immediate challenge facing us is to organise the transport for the visit to Hensbach from 22nd to 27th August.

This covers the bank holiday and so some flights are already fully booked and others are getting expensive. There is a lot of interest in learning more about Germany and Hensbach in particular.

Robin Brasher, Publicity Officer of the Wareham-Hensbach Society



## YOUR Pictures This Month

Send your pictures (as they come straight off the camera with no alterations) attached to an email to: [ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk](mailto:ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk)



*Burst Water main, Swanage, Sat Mar 6th. By Malcolm Green*



*Watson, by Ross Prior*



*Sheep with lambs at Kimmeridge, by Robin Boulwood*



*Piglets!! By Guzal Smith*



*Leylandii come down at the new Swanage School site. By Robin Boulwood*



*Arne Trees, by Craig Smith*



# OUR HOUSE!



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Homes come in all shapes and sizes, and are decorated to a wide range of individual styles, dependent on the tastes of those dwelling within. They also require a certain amount of TLC - guttering needs clearing annually, walls need painting, kitchens and bathrooms need updating and so on.

Homes require regular maintenance, and as those first tendrils of summer

sun come meandering into our lounges and kitchens, we get the urge to not only dust (!), but to improve, update and reorganise our homes.

Over the following pages we have invited local tradespeople and businesses to connect with you, our readers, and share with you their tips, professional services and more!

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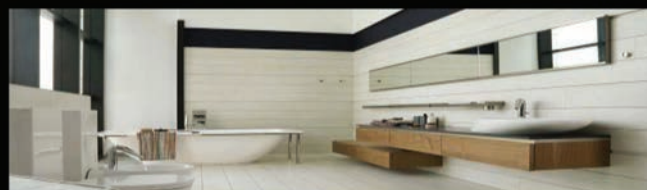
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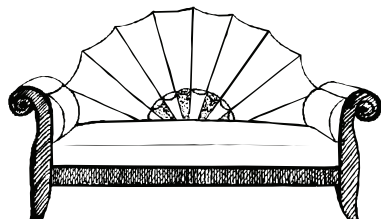
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Well thought-out, quality home improvements can boost the value of a property, but botched work and bad judgement can do more harm than good. Painting and decorating was ranked an equal second (alongside a new kitchen) as an improvement most likely to add value.

Kitchens suffer serious wear and tear during their lifetime, and a new one can add real wow factor to a property. Valuers in a mortgage lender's survey placed a modern fitted kitchen second (after a loft conversion) in their list of value added home improvements. Bathrooms can quickly look shabby and dated – but you don't need to feel you have to stick to the tried and tested combination of toilet, bath and shower. En-suite shower rooms and wet rooms are increasingly popular.

On a grander scale maybe it is time to have a bash at an extension to your property? Make sure your plans are in line with the style of your property (especially in period homes) and that the extension will add functional living space. Even without dramatic structural changes, a lick of paint and a change of soft furnishings can have a really positive impact on your living space. However, it is wise to plan ahead if you are thinking of selling your home in the near future – will prospective buyers go for a bright orange paint job?! Happy improving!

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In order to assess whether either of the above are suitable for your investment requirements, I would suggest that you seek professional advice from your stockbroker or financial advisor. Tax reliefs are those currently applying and the levels and bases of taxation can, of course, change.

With the end of tax year rapidly approaching, I show below a few things that it is probably worth considering now:

Look at your Capital Gains Tax situation and whether it is worth making use of the CGT exemption. Consider making an ISA subscription(s) for the 2012/13 tax year (and think about 2013/14 too for after 6th April)

Get your tax paperwork up-to-date now to make it a less daunting task after 5th April.

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Purbeck Citizens Advice Bureau can be contacted on 01929 551257, bureau@purbeckcab.cabnet.org.uk

# Trading Standards

**I**n spring 2012, Dorset County Council's Trading Standards' service received a call from the police about a gentleman in his 70s who was having some work done on his roof. The gentleman, known as Mr Y, had received a knock on his door from a man who was offering to fit some plastic edging to his roof.

Mr Y agreed to this work being done. Not long after the work started, the roofer came back to the door and said the wood on the roof was rotten, he could fix it, but the price would now be £4,500. Fortunately for Mr Y, a neighbour was concerned and called the police, who arrived and arrested the roofer. It turned out that he was wanted for crimes elsewhere. Trading Standards' subsequently employed a surveyor to look at the roof and he confirmed that the wood wasn't rotten and did not need replacing. Mr Y had a lucky escape thanks to his neighbour and was £4,500 better off.

Anyone who buys goods or services from a trader while they are visiting their home, where the cost is more than £35, has seven days to cancel the agreement, and the trader must give cancellation rights in writing, together with a cancellation form that can be used to cancel the agreement. A trader commits a criminal offence if they fail to give this cancellation notice and can be prosecuted, just like the roofer was in this case. Trading Standards strongly advises people not to deal with traders who call uninvited to their door and offer to do work.

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# Be Careful What You Wish For!!!

by David Hollister

**B**e careful of what you wish for, the old saying goes. Well, no-one round here seems to like Camper Vans. Especially those that are parked on Swanage sea-front either enjoying the view and contributing to the coffers of Swanage's businesses – if you listen to one school of thought – or a dangerous road hazard emptying their chemical toilets down the storm drains – if you listen to another.

Personally I don't have a problem with any camper vans unless they're driving at 30mph on the open road with a tailback of angry drivers behind them, including me.

However, enough residents of Swanage put their heads over the parapet to persuade Dorset County Council to impose anti-camper van restrictions on the sea front. And this came with the imposition of pay-and-display meters on what was previously a one-hour-free-to-enjoy-the-winter-scenery piece of road. These will apparently be installed once they have had the solar-power converters fitted to them because – surprise surprise – there's no electric power along the sea front. Whether the current yukky weather will be sufficient to stop them working or whether it will take a black bag over the top to do so isn't clear. Ooops.

Please note that I was NOT suggesting that the wags of Swanage put bags over them; that would be a criminal offence. Probably. Just like painting 'fix me' on the roads is a criminal offence (if you listen to Dorset County Council).

However, along with the pay-and-display meters on the seafront, the County Council has decided to put parking meters in the main shopping area, Station Road, where at present you can park free for up to an hour whilst you pop into the local shops, or for longer if the wardens aren't about. This will clearly do no good whatsoever to the local shopkeepers, who are already suffering the slings and arrows of the recession.

It will also forbid commercial vehicles; quite how deliveries are to be made or electricians, plumbers etc, will park to service the shops is not at present clear.

You can bet that the Blandford Flies (Dorset Parking Services) will be ever-present on the streets of Swanage with their little cameras, digital notebooks, and bad attitudes. One minute over, sir? Tough. Disabled badge the wrong way up, sir? Tough. Delivering sir? Oh No You're Not!

I am given to understand that our local Town Council lobbied vociferously against these charges. So did our local District and County Councillors. But as usual, Dorset County Council took no heed of local opinion whatsoever; in their desperate and unseemly scramble for ever more money to pay their disgusting executive salaries and burgeoning pension schemes, they have found yet another way of raising money. Only concession that I have unearthed so far is a possible 50p for 30-minutes rate; otherwise the parking charges will mirror those imposed by Swanage Town Council.

As you read this diatribe, join with me for one moment, raise your glasses or teacups, and drink to the damnation of Dorset County Council, Dorset Parking Services, and all those in 'authority' who refuse to listen to local representations.

There. That's better.

Congratulations to Swanage Town Council for writing and interpreting what is allegedly the second most complicated parking tariff in the UK. Congratulations because the new tariffs, recently printed in Another Publication, are not all increasing. Some are actually reducing.

I do hope that I have misunderstood the bit about the 'Residents Car

Park' being charged all year round; at present the 'free winter concession' is a real boon to shoppers and traders alike. My thanks to STC for this particular piece of Common Sense. Strange, however, how the charges in Wareham always seem to be lower.....

Have you ever lost or broken a car key with a 'transponder' in it? Then you'll know how ridiculously expensive they are to replace. But not any more. You don't need to panic; the lovely chaps at Access Key & Lock, 827 - 829 Wimborne Rd, Moordown, Bournemouth, 01202 526090 - they only charged us £38 recently to cut and programme a new transponder key - around £150 from the manufacturer!

The recent anti-sexist legislation applied to Motor Insurance seems to have worked really well. For the insurers. Ladies' premiums have rocketed. Men's premiums have not come down. I'm dreading July when the premiums for all three cars come up for renewal. Bad planning? No, I was just ever so stupid about three years ago and bought an Admiral 'Multi-Car' policy – which was supposed to save me money but the renewal of which at the end of the first year was eye-watering. So I went to LV, dialled 0845 640 5266, got three separate and very acceptable policies, but they still all come up in the same week! Grrrrrr!

I put reverse parking sensors on the MX5. Best £185 I ever spent. Wish I'd put them on the Corsa, too. So far, I could have paid for them four times over with the damage I've done reversing into things...other people... etc. Ooops... suggest you don't park behind me.

Did you know that if a thief walks in through your unlocked back door whilst you're at home watching TV, or in the bath, or even in the garden, and he steals your car keys and then your car, you're probably not covered by insurance? This is 2013. Lock your doors. Even when you're in.

Got a really interesting list of vehicles available to road test for Westover in 2013. Including the Toyota Rav 4, the new Yaris Hybrid and the new Auris, the Renault Clio, Range Rover, and the lovable little Fiat Panda 4 x 4. And a Dacia Duster, a car about which I know very little so it's going to be a learning curve... I'm hoping to test one of these every other month in 2013 so watch this space!

Hope they have reverse parking sensors.....



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The notion behind the scheme is to make sure that the driver's attention is properly focused on the road in front, and that vehicles are travelling at low speeds as drivers desperately try to spot car-endangering potholes before hitting them.

The scheme has already been underway for several months, although it was not previously advertised as such - leaving many motorists to believe that Dorset County Council is in fact simply shoddy when it comes to repairing damaged roads. Not so - as part of a carefully planned and organised 'traffic calming' scheme, the deeply scarred and pitted roads of Purbeck are in fact carefully managed to ensure we drive at low speeds.

DCC representative, Mr Beenie MacDoogle, stated "It's a wonderful concept - minimum repairs to road surfaces ensure a steady supply of dangerous potholes, thus forcing traffic to travel at slower speeds. In the future it is hoped that the roads fall into such 'organised' disrepair that other road users, such as cyclists, are forced off and we can look ahead to having the lowest rates of road traffic accidents in the county. It's all good."

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# Food

## Your Bacon Won't Save You

by Martin Pook

It's amazing how food items are sometimes bad for you and then they're not; eggs for example, now good for you. And then someone does some research and is able to tell you that something is bad for you when you knew that all along. You knew that because it is something you enjoy. The latest research says that processed meat, bacon, sausages and those sort of things, will shorten your life. This is because of the chemicals that are used. It goes on to say that many of these processed foods are eaten by people who have poor diets anyway, whether because they are poor or because they don't know any better; they are likely to be smokers too. The research used statistical methods to allow for these factors. Now who was it said there are lies, damned lies and statistics?

Let's have a look at what goes into these things. Bacon is cured using sodium nitrite (E250) and sodium nitrate (E251) which has partially supplanted saltpetre. All three give bacon, salami and corned beef the characteristic pink colour. Common salt, sodium chloride is also used. Sodium nitrite is hygroscopic (as is common salt) that is, it attracts water which it takes out of the meat, and it is also good at preventing the growth of clostridium botulinum probably the most poisonous substance known. Sodium nitrate is a preservative.

Both have major health concerns being associated with cancers throughout the digestive tract and with Alzheimers and Parkinsons diseases. Sodium, which is why you shouldn't eat too much salt is bad for your heart, gives high blood pressure and may have links to auto-immune conditions including multiple sclerosis and psoriasis.

Saltpetre, or potassium nitrate is much more fun. Mixed with sodium nitrite and salt it is known as Prague powder (which contains pink dye too). It can be used in the making of gunpowder – it is in fact the major constituent of guano which was shipped from Chile to make explosives and fertiliser before the invention of the Haber-Bosch process for making ammonia (which is basically fixing atmospheric nitrogen into a usable form, but you don't want a chemistry lesson). As kids we used to buy an ounce from the chemists and dissolve it in water, then paint a trail onto paper to form a treasure map. The other kids would have to guess where the treasure was and then you touched a smouldering stick to the start, and the trail would gradually smoulder until it reached the end where you said the treasure was. Another old childhood pastime, like playing with tin plate toys, which is not considered suitable for modern children who seem less able to cope with the dangers of living than children years ago.

### Nor will anything else help

Now, the non-european in the fuel store is that word 'processed', because it isn't just processed meat, but any processed food that causes problems. Your good old British banger should contain no more than a little salt as seasoning, and if you buy yours from a farmers' market that's probably all it will have, but a supermarket one will contain other preservatives similar to those listed for bacon. And occasionally some meat.

You may naively think that your daily bread is not dissimilar to that which you have, on rare occasions I know, made yourself. Flour, water, yeast

and a little salt, the same as a craft baker would use. Go and read the label on a readymade sandwich and it will tell you what ingredients are in the bread. It reads like a Gothic horror story. And that's the same bread that you find on the supermarket shelf; eighteen to twenty ingredients most of which you don't need inside your body. It doesn't stop there, almost anything you see, ready meals, cakes, pies, you name it, will have preservatives in it.

So after you've had a bacon sarnie for breakfast, sausage and chips for lunch - please don't have the bright green mushy peas – and a ready meal for supper, have a couple of glasses of wine, why should your liver miss out?

### Is it green or is it not?

Like King Canute and the tide, the Greens who sit on their thrones declaiming the onslaught of genetically modified crops will shortly, if they haven't already, be overwhelmed by the unstoppable tide of this produce arriving on our shores by ship, aeroplane and lorry. It seems that whilst the original idea of GM was for use in rich countries, developing ones have become the largest users. Their farmers are not hampered by public opinion, which in developing countries can see the advantages of, for instance, crops which are more drought tolerant, or in the case of rice, flood tolerant.

Every year the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (I'll call it 'The Mouthful'), publishes estimates for the number of hectares used for GM crops. And it now shows that developing countries are growing more hectares of GM than rich ones. Of the 17 million farmers around the world who use them, 15 million are in developing countries, although the share is split 48/52%.

Most Greens are implacably opposed to GM crops which they regard as environmentally damaging, but The Mouthful have tried to calculate the effects of GM crops on the environment. They suggest that in 2011, 473m kg of pesticides were saved, because of crops with pest resistance, 109m hectares of new land were saved from use because of higher yielding varieties, and 23 billion kg of greenhouse gases were saved by the reduction in tillage. Fewer field operations are required so there is a saving in fuel and the reduction in tillage means that more residue remains in the ground.

### Finally

After mentioning that our copy of 'The Cookery Year' was disintegrating, we were delighted when a lady brought a copy into the Gazette office for us. Many thanks. Now, I'd like a Ferrari, but I'll settle for a Bond Minicar if anyone has one in their garage...

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## Purbeck Products

By Community Reporter, Hester Viney

**Kath Best**

Revisiting Purbeck Products stalwart Kath Best after eighteen months, I asked her how the time has been for her and her flock of 150 ewes. 'It's been a terrible year really, we never got a summer and then it's just been almost constant rain' she says, still smiling. 'The lambs that were born early, some of them didn't know what dry weather was like until now, so they've struggled'.

Kath and husband Mike farm at Church Knowle. Mike works full time for BP and Kath is a Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) part-time for a vet. This doesn't make them 'hobby farmers', it's just a sign of the times. 'We're home from work and then it's action stations 'til late' says Kath. 'It's the only way you could do it, there's just no profit in it otherwise'. The only full-time farmers around these days are those with enormous acreages, while everybody else runs a sideline campsite, or has part-time employment to make ends meet.

It takes ingenuity and passion to make farming work. On that front, Kath isn't lacking. She's introduced Hebridean lambs to the flock and will be offering mutton at the market and to various local shops. The mutton will be Hebridean. 'They're much more mature when they're killed and the meat from them is very lean and a little bit more gamey' says Kath. Her prices, despite fluctuating quantities of New Zealand lamb on the market, stay relatively stable, 'because people need to know what they should expect to pay when they come to me'.

Easter is of course a traditional time to eat lamb. Specifically Poll Dorsets, I learned are the breed that lamb in the winter and was historically used to provide wealthy Londoners at Easter. 'That's why it was expensive at Easter, because it was a novelty only coming from this one breed', she tells me. It's a breed Kath keeps, so market-goers won't be disappointed. She says footfall has been on the up in Commercial Road, with some loyal shoppers there every available Saturday. 'We're very well supported by local people' she says, noting too that it's an important time to be face to face with the public. 'There's definitely no horse meat in our burgers!' she chuckles, 'but people have a right to ask questions about welfare or fertilizers or being organic, so we need to get out as farmers and talk to people'.

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# Natural Matters

## Purbeck Marine Reserve

### Support For Dorset Wildlife Seafood Campaign



**D**orset fishermen and wholesalers are getting behind a campaign to help keep our seas healthy and productive, benefiting the marine environment and local industry. Dorset's largest family-run seafood wholesaler has launched an innovative labelling scheme to support Dorset Wildlife Trust's campaign for Great Dorset Seafood (GDS).

Samways Fish Merchants Limited, based in Bridport, have pledged to label all seafood supplied by fishers working a Dorset Port and approved by the campaign, demonstrating provenance and traceability to their customers. The hope is that other local fish merchants will 'jump on board' and join the scheme too.

Dorset Wildlife Trust's Great Dorset Seafood campaign, established in 2011, seeks to restore the health and productivity of our sea through choices, sourcing and information.

Peter Tinsley, Living Seas Manager at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "This partnership shows we are standing up for local inshore fishermen and for local marine wildlife by putting our seal of approval to seafood that



is fresh and locally caught, using more selective capture methods. These fishing practices are sensitive to the environment and provide high quality seafood, so it's good for you and it's good for Dorset and its wildlife."

This spring also sees the annual revision of the Great Dorset Seafood Fish Guide and comprehensive online consumer and retailer guide on a variety of seafood species and fishing methods in Dorset. Seafood that gets the green light includes mackerel and black seabream caught using rod and line; crabs and lobster caught using pots; diver-picked scallops; and herring and sole caught using static nets.

Further details on the Great Dorset Seafood campaign [greatdorsetseafood.org.uk](http://greatdorsetseafood.org.uk)

Help save our seas and have your say on marine conservation zones at [wildlifetrusts.org](http://wildlifetrusts.org).

**Dorset Wildlife Trust, Fine Foundation Marine Centre, Purbeck Marine Wildlife Reserve, Kimmeridge Bay, Wareham, BH20 5PF. 01929 481044 [kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk)**

## Dorset Wildlife Trust Condemns Badger Cull



**D**orset Wildlife Trust (DWT) condemns a potential badger cull in the county, announced by Environment Secretary, Owen Paterson MP, as a reserve pilot cull area in case of problems with either of

the proposed cull areas in Gloucestershire and Somerset.

DWT is keen to find an effective, long-term solution to the problem of Bovine TB (bTB), but urges the Government to put more effort into an effective vaccine instead of a cull.

Simon Cripps, Chief Executive of Dorset Wildlife Trust (pictured, opposite), said: "We have a great deal of sympathy for farmers who lose stock as a result of bTB and are acutely aware of the problems this disease causes in Dorset. However a badger cull is not the answer and is likely to make the problem worse by spreading the disease onto farms previously unaffected."

Dorset Wildlife Trust believes bTB should be tackled on multiple fronts, including vaccines for badgers and cattle and use of all possible biosecurity measures to prevent transmission between cattle.

The proposed cull area for Dorset is kept a secret. DWT will not allow badger culling on its nature reserves and is currently planning to vaccinate badgers, using an injectable vaccine as trialled by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.



Dorset Wildlife Trust calls on the Government to develop the bTB vaccine for cattle and ensure its acceptance by the European Union.

**For more information about plans to vaccinate badgers in Dorset, visit [dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/vaccination](http://dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/vaccination).**





### New images reveal true scale of Navitus Bay windfarm

**N**ew videos revealing how the revised Navitus Bay windfarm would look from key locations along the Dorset coast have been produced by Challenge Navitus.

For the first time, there are videos of the proposed windfarm from the Isle of Wight, and others covering Durlston, Swanage and Hengistbury Head.

The move by the group campaigning against the current proposal of what today would be the biggest windfarm in the world, comes a few days before the latest round of public consultation begins on this controversial development.

It follows the recent publication by Navitus Bay Development Limited (NBDL) of changes to the scheme, described by Challenge Navitus as 'minor'. "The changes did little to reduce the visual impact of this scheme," said Dr Andrew Langley, a scientist in mathematical modelling, who computed the latest visualisations and is a founder of Challenge Navitus.

"For example, in producing our new videos, we had to remove only 16 turbines from the array of 171 we showed previously."

To complement its videos, Challenge Navitus has also published new reference static images based on the latest university research, which provide a more accurate perception of how big the windfarm would appear from the coast.

"Early on we realised that NBDL's panoramas of the windfarm did not give a realistic impression to many people, even though their format followed the industry's current 'best practice'," said Dr Langley.

"This was confirmed in research published by the University of Stirling last summer (see footnote), which proved that the scale of images normally used by wind farm developers is too small to give most people an acceptable perception of the scene."

Partly as a result, the 'best practice' guidance used to produce photomontages of developments is now under review. "Because the changes are so important, we have incorporated the university's research immediately into our new images," said Dr Langley. "The key difference is that the scale

of the images is around 60% bigger than the current guidance would give, and this has a dramatic effect on the perception of scale.

"We recommend that the public compare all the latest Challenge Navitus visualisations, available on [www.challengenavitus.org.uk](http://www.challengenavitus.org.uk), with those shown by NBDL at its exhibitions, and the real-life views. We are confident that the new method we have adopted for still images will give people a more accurate idea of the scale of the windfarm so they can assess the impact for themselves," said Dr Langley.

"It is vital that anyone worried about the impact of Navitus Bay on this beautiful area should put their concerns as clearly as possible in writing to the developer, their elected councillors and MP. Your views will count – but only if you write."

Names and addresses can be found on the Challenge Navitus website.



## Navitus Bay Welcomes Your Views BY April 5th

**C**ommenting on Navitus Bay's recent public exhibitions, which form part of its third phase of consultation, Project Director, Mike Unsworth, said: "We were extremely pleased with the turnout from the local community, with nearly 2,000 members of the public taking the time to attend our exhibitions.

"The verbal and written feedback received indicated that the vast majority of people came away from the events better informed about our proposals which is important for us as a company committed to open and transparent engagement.

"One of the main issues raised at previous exhibitions was potential visual impact. To address this, we provided a greater level of information which included an interactive 3D model, detailed photomontages and a visuals booklet to help show what the proposed wind park could look like from different locations.

"We have placed all the information that was on display on our website

and in public libraries and would encourage as many people as possible to view the latest plans and leave us comments. All feedback received will be reviewed and analysed and we will look to address any issues raised in our next phase of consultation in the autumn."

Exhibitions were held at eight accessible locations over the course of two weeks in February, giving members of the community the best possible opportunity to attend. Members of the public can still take part in the consultation, which runs until April 5th, by completing a feedback form online or picking up hard copies of consultation materials from a nearby public library. Details can be found here.

**Anyone with enquires relating to the public consultation or Navitus Bay's proposals can get in touch with the team on its dedicated community information line (9am – 5:30pm Monday – Friday) 0800 008 6763 or email [info@navitusbay.com](mailto:info@navitusbay.com).**



# NAVITUS BAY

## WIND PARK PROPOSAL



### UPDATED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (SOCC) (Published under Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008)

Navitus Bay Development Limited (Navitus Bay) (formerly Eneco Round 3 Development Limited) has placed an updated Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) for inspection (free of charge) in the locations listed below. This is for the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park and its associated infrastructure, located to the west of the Isle of Wight and south of Bournemouth (the Project). Onshore connection works are required to connect the wind park to the national electricity transmission network, north from the offshore development area towards a landfall between Barton on Sea and Milford on Sea. Onshore cables will then be laid underground to a substation close to the existing National Grid substation at Mannington. The SOCC explains how we will consult on the Project with the local community, residents, businesses, organisations and visitors to the area. It has been updated to reflect revisions to the Project, to update the timetable for consultation, and to comply with altered legal requirements.

As the Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), Navitus Bay will apply to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. We are required to consult with local communities before we submit our application to PINS. We are also required to produce a Consultation Report detailing how we have taken into consideration the public's views and how the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 have been complied with.

**LOCATIONS WHERE THE UPDATED SOCC WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION. PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS WILL BE SENT THE UPDATED SOCC FOR INSPECTION.**

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**Charminster Library** Strouden Avenue, BH8 9HT  
**Ensburys Park Library** 31 Columbia Road, BH10 4DZ  
**Kinson Hub Library** Wimborne Road, BH11 9AW  
**Southbourne Library** Seabourne Road, BH5 2HY  
**Springbourne Library** Holdenhurst Road, BH8 8BX  
**Tuckton Library** Wick Lane, BH6 4LF  
**Westbourne Library** Alum Chine Road, BH4 8DX  
**West Howe Library** Cunningham Crescent, BH11 8DU  
**Winton Library** Wimborne Road, BH9 2EN  
**Bournemouth Borough Council Offices** Town Hall, St Stephens Road, BH2 6DY  
**Bournemouth Seafront Information Centre** Undercliff Drive, BH2 5AA  
**Bournemouth Tourist Information Centre** Westover Road, BH1 2BU

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**Christchurch Library** Drutt Buildings, 29 High Street, BH23 1AW  
**Highcliffe Library** Gordon Road, BH23 5HN  
**Christchurch Borough Council offices** Bridge Street, BH23 1AZ  
**Christchurch Information Centre** 49 High Street, BH23 1AS  
**Steamer Point Visitor Centre** Penny Way, Friars Cliff, BH23 4JQ

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**Corfe Mullen Library** 54 Wareham Road, BH21 3LE  
**Ferndown Library** Pennys Walk, BH22 9TH  
**West Moors Library** Station Road, West Moors, BH22 0JD

#### **Wimbourne Library**

Crown Mead, Eastbrook Row, BH21 1ED

**Verwood Library** 1 Manor Road, BH31 6DS

**Council Offices** Furzehill, Wimborne, BH21 4HN

#### **Moors Valley Country Park**

Horton Road, Ringwood, BH24 2ET

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**The Castle** Winchester, SO23 8UJ

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**Lymington Library** North Close, SO41 9BW

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**New Forest District Council offices** Appletree Court, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA

#### **New Forest District Council offices**

Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road SO41 9ZG

#### **New Forest National Park Authority Council offices**

Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, SO41 9ZG

**Lymington Visitor Centre** St Barbe Museum, New Street, SO41 9BH

#### **Lyndhurst and New Forest Visitor Centre**

New Forest Museum & Visitor Centre, Main Car Park, Lyndhurst, SO43 7NY

**Lymington Community Centre** New Street, SO41 9BQ

#### **ISLE OF WIGHT**

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**Brighstone Library** New Road, PO30 4BP

**Cowes Library** 12-14 Beckford Road, PO31 7SG

**East Cowes Library** 11 York Avenue, PO32 6QY

**Freshwater Library** 41 School Green Road, PO40 9AP

**Lord Louis Library** Orchard Street, Newport, PO30 1LL

**Ryde Library** 101 George Street, PO33 2JE

**Sandown Library** 119 High Street, PO36 8AF

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#### **Isle of Wight County Council offices**

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#### **Isle of Wight Planning Services**

Planning Policy Section Seaclose Offices, Fairlee Road, Newport PO30 1QS

#### **Visitor Information Point**

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#### **THE BOROUGH OF POOLE**

**Branksome Library** 212 Ashley Road, BH14 9BY

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**Canford Cliffs Library** 6 Western Road, BH13 7BN

**Creekmoor Library** 34 Northmead Drive, BH17 7XZ

#### **Hamworthy Community Library**

Blandford Road, BH15 4BG

**Oakdale Library** Wimborne Road, BH15 3EF

**Parkstone Library** 1 Britannia Road, BH14 8AZ

**Poole Central Library** Dolphin Centre, BH15 1QE

#### **Rossmore Community Library**

Herbert Avenue, BH12 4HR

**Upton Library** Blandford Road North, BH16 5PW

**The Borough of Poole offices** Civic Centre, BH15 2RU

**Poole Tourist Information Centre**

Enefco House, Poole Quay, BH15 1HJ

#### **Poole Quay Centre**

21 The Quay, Town Centre, BH15 1HJ

#### **Sandbanks Beach and Office**

Beach Office, Banks Road, BH13 7QQ

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Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour, BH13 7EE

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20 New Quay Road, Hamworthy, BH15 4AF

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**Wareham Library** South Street, BH20 4LR

**Wool Library** Collier's Lane, Wool, BH20 6DL

**Lytchett Matravers Library** High Street, BH16 6BG

**Upton Library** Blandford Road North, Poole, BH16 5PW

**Purbeck District Council offices** Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PP

**Durlston Country Park** Information Centre,

Lighthouse Road, Swanage, BH19 2JL

**Lulworth Heritage Centre** Lulworth Cove,

Cove House, Main Road, West Lulworth, BH20 5RQ

#### **Dorset Wildlife Trust Fine Foundation**

**Marine Centre** Kimmeridge, Wareham, BH20 5PE

#### **Swanage Museum and Heritage Centre**

The Square, Town Centre, BH19 2NT

#### **Studland Visitor Centre**

Purbeck Estate Office, BH19 3AX

#### **Swanage Tourist Information Centre**

The White House, Shore Road, BH19 1LB

#### **Fine Foundation Marine Centre**

Kimmeridge, Wareham, BH20 5PE

**Purbeck and Information Heritage Centre** Holy

Trinity Church, South Street, Wareham, BH20 4LU

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**Weymouth** Great George Street, Weymouth, DT4 8NN

**Wyke Regis** Portland Road, Weymouth, DT4 9BE

**Weymouth and Portland Borough Council offices**

North Quay, Weymouth, DT4 8TA

**Portland Bill Visitor Centre** Portland Bill, DT5 2JT

**Portland Museum** 217 Wakeham, Portland, DT5 1HS

#### **Weymouth Tourist Information Centre**

The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Weymouth, DT4 8ED

**Chesil Beach Centre** Portland Beach Road,

Portland, DT4 9XE

**RSPB Visitor Centre** Radipole Lake Nature Centre,

Swannery Car Park, Weymouth, DT4 7TZ

A large print version is available, please phone **0800 008 6763** or visit [www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk](http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk)

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and so Navitus Bay will prepare an Environmental Statement to accompany the application to PINS. Existing Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) with an addendum providing an update on the previously proposed parameters will be made available for people to inspect at the locations listed above, as well as at [www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk](http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk). Further PEI will be made available when Navitus Bay commences its consultation round with statutory consultees and advertises its intention to submit its application to PINS.

#### **HOW TO GET IN TOUCH OR OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION**

You can use one of the following methods to contact us or if you have any comments on Navitus Bay's proposal:

Website: [www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk](http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk)

Email: [info@navitusbay.com](mailto:info@navitusbay.com)

Tel: **0800 008 6763**

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You can register to receive email updates and take part in consultation on our website. We will inform you of events by email once you have registered.

The SOCC, Environmental Scoping Report, Preliminary Environmental Information documents and consultation materials can be found at [www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk](http://www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk).



# DURLSTON

## COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



**F**rom the 5th April until the 9th May, the Fine Foundation Gallery will host a brand new exhibition, 'Durlston Past', charting the history of the Durlston Park Estate and Castle through the twentieth century through the recollections and photographs of visitors.

From top secret radar research during the Second World War, to the controversy surrounding the development of the estate in the 1930's (to include a miniature golf course near the Lighthouse!) to menagerie at Tilly Whim in the 1940's, Durlston has seen an amazing variety of changes.

Thank you so much to everyone who has shared their photos and stories. Do come up and have a look or even better, add your own photos or memories to the exhibition, which is open every day between 11am and 4pm.

### Great Dorset Beach Clean

On Sunday 21st April, thousands of volunteers, all over Dorset, will be joining in to help keep their local beach litter free. If you can help, we will be meeting at 1pm on the 21st, outside the 'Bull and Boat'/'Ocean Bay' at the north end of the beach.

### Easter Events for Families

There's lots going on for kids and families at Durlston this month. Every day, throughout the Easter holidays you can borrow an 'Explorers Rucksack' full of games and activities, or go on an Easter Egg Hunt, go on a wildlife walk with Park

Dog Widget on the 4th April, or become a 'Wildlife Detective' on the 11th. For more details, visit [www.durlston.co.uk](http://www.durlston.co.uk)

### 'Who Has Seen the Wind?'

On Sunday 14th April at 2.30pm, come along to the Learning Centre for an illustrated presentation by meteorologists Sylvia and Howard Oliver on how winds and storms work, and how they affect wildlife. Includes readings, live experiments and art. There is no need to book and the cost is just £3 for the afternoon.

### Wildlife

After a winter at sea, Guillemots are now back on the cliffs, renewing their bonds as they prepare to breed and forming straggling lines on the sea below.

The meadows are starting to come back to life, with Cowslips filling them with colour, with Early Spider, Early Purple and Green-winged Orchids also in bloom.

Migrant birds, like Wheatears and Yellow Wagtails, may be seen feeding on the ground while scrub may conceal a Redstart or a singing Nightingale. Overhead the glorious song of the Skylark contrasts with the simple piping of the Meadow Pipit. Both are ground-nesting and particularly at risk from disturbance, so please keep to the waymarked paths.

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# My New Rescue Dog

**(To clarify - the dog has been rescued. It's not a dog that spends its time pulling people out of recent bomb sites or administering brandy to survivors on snowy peaks.)**

**By John Garner**



I have a new dog. I got him from the very, very nice people at a dog rescue charity in Poole. Look them up on [Dawgdogs.net](http://Dawgdogs.net). They do amazing work rehoming dogs and I am delighted to have rehomed a dog from them...and for me.

My dog is apparently a Springer/ Pointer cross breed, so if you see me out and about with a dog that leaps about a lot and then points at things, he's not being rude it's just what he does. This breed doesn't have an official name, but my daughter thinks he should be called a Pinger. It's a name that fits him well.

He pings around like a good 'un on walks and then slumps into many a long, heavy sighing and dozing slumber for hours afterwards, occasionally lifting a lazy eyebrow to make sure he hasn't missed something else to point at. Lots of energy

and curiosity. He seems to have had a certain amount of training and he has a very appealing nature and wants to please, but I am beginning more 'intensive' training as I write.

Now there are a million books and websites on training dogs and I'm sure they all offer varying degrees of valid advice. We're starting simply. The holy trinity of dog training to me being that the dog comes back when you call him, that it doesn't savage other dogs or their owners and that it doesn't poo on your feet. There's probably other things that people want from their dog, but basic obedience and clean shoes will just about cover it, so to speak, for me at present.

So far he's responded really well. He comes straight back on recall and he's also sitting on demand. Walking training next as I don't think he's had much input in that respect judging by the Husky impersonation he drops into when he's attached to a lead. Work in progress.

The Pinger will need regular walks and as a regular walker I will continue to explore my favourite trails, as well as some others hopefully. There is one other thing I'd like him to do actually and that's to just be a him. That is, he is a male dog. You see I am surrounded by hers, that is females, and he's part of the fight-back. Humans and animals. I just hope he knows what he's getting himself into.

He's already brown, which is a great help and a camouflage given that we seem to be permanently surrounded by mud all year round at present and he will be that colour anyway in short time, given the surroundings. He also seems very happy around other animals, of which there are many in the vicinity and as yet he doesn't seem to want to try to eat them at his earliest convenience. Another bonus.

The mixture of pointer and springer means he's rarely still on walks and gets very excited when he sees birds, of which there are millions

everywhere round here, so he's often very excited on walks. Hopefully the worst that will happen is that he'll continue to stare and point at them, which at worst can only be deemed as quite rude by them, and he won't bring back any unwanted presents in the form of feathered booty.

With a new dog comes the thorny problem and ritual humiliation which goes with buying the correct dog food. Oh the guilt you're submitted to if you turn up at the till with 10kg of anything that doesn't cost at least 40 quid. You're given the courtesy I'd imagine is afforded to a whaler who stumbles into a Greenpeace convention, as unlikely a scenario as that may be. You can just imagine the sales personnel bad mouthing you during their breaks. It usually goes something like this. 'You do know that that particular brand only has a very small percentage of meat in it don't you? The rest is just packing. I'm not sure that's enough protein for your dog'. (Subtext: 'You cruel, heartless, savage you. You have no right to own a dog. You are feeding it the equivalent of an out of date horse burger. By rights I should have you arrested!') I've often wondered, if that particular brand is so awful, how they can bear to sell it, but I never seem to remember to say that whilst I'm staring at my toes and mumbling that I'd better buy the expensive one then. Shamed into the poor house I'll be. And where will my dog be then?

Come to think of it, my dog would probably be very happy eating out of date horse burgers so not the best analogy ever I don't suppose. Judging by the way he devoured the supermarket meatballs that were left to defrost by the sink, I'd imagine he's not too picky over the derivation of the meat products in his stolen grub. He is most definitely a thief, of that there can be no debate, although I doubt he'll see it as such. If it's edible he'll give it a go, by fair means or foul. Something to keep an eye on in the future for sure.

Like all young dogs he takes great pleasure in relieving everyone of a shoe or two. Always the one you need the most. Always when it's wet and he will always leave it at the very far reaches of the garden, licked and chewed to oblivion. Next door there is a butchery which has gained his attention. Like a polar bear sniffing out a seal, he will point his nose in the direction of next door's farm and explore the air. It must be an incredibly tantalising scent. Like putting an alcoholic rehabilitation centre next to a brewery. I'm sure it's just a matter of time before I catch him dragging something large and boney over the land in-between with that sheepish look on his face. No pun intended. Whether it's a butchery cast off or he fleeces them with those big, mournful, appealing eyes, is yet to be determined. Pun intended.

My dog will also need to be castrated. I'm terribly sorry old chap, but the vet and the charity say it's for the best. I hope he doesn't hate me for it. I'm blaming them. Everything else is down to me.

He's asleep at my feet as I write this, having a dream at the moment. Legs and body are twitching away and he's sniffing and snorting. I'm not sure whether he's chasing birds, playing with the other dogs or working on a fridge opening strategy. Whatever he's doing, the Pinger has made his presence known. Mostly in a good way.



# Swanage Garden Society



**T**his Society is a group of friendly people whose interest is centred on, but not confined to, the garden. They have a planned programme of events for the year which include meetings each month on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Herston Hall, Jubilee Road, Swanage.

Here talks, usually illustrated, are given by speakers who can add to our appreciation of subjects with their special knowledge.

The Society, which is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, puts on two or sometimes three shows a year, when people are invited to proudly exhibit any of their achievements in growing flowers and vegetables, cooking items, producing handiwork, making floral art displays or taking photographs.

The Society is a member of the Dorset Federation of Horticultural Societies, who supply to over 70 clubs and societies, and lists of

show judges, speakers and general information.

Outings to notable locations which members have decided they would like to visit are arranged by the committee. The year is rounded off with a Christmas Buffet, arranged by the committee, for a small fee per person.

You are invited to join the Society, nothing to pay except the £5 it takes to join, each monthly Wednesday meeting is free, so come along and sample what we have to offer!

Everyone is very welcome.

## Forthcoming events

**20th March Neil Lovesey History of the Cottage Garden (at Herston Hall) 7.30pm**

**13th April SPRING SHOW (at Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Swanage) 2.30pm**

**17th April Chris Hill Growing & Showing Sweet Peas (at Herston Hall) 7.30pm**

**15th May Quiz (at Herston Hall) 7.30pm**

**18th May Plant Fayre (at Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage) 10.00am**

**19th June Plant Swap & Social Evening (at Herston Hall) 7.30pm.**

**Contacts:** Chairman: Mr. D. Tarrant Tel: 01929 425087

Membership Secretary: Mrs. B. Rose Tel: 01929 425355

Picture (left) shows members on the Society's outing to Stourhead 2011



## Trainees And Gardens Wanted!

### Women's Farm and Garden Association

**T**he WFGA (a charity established in 1899) is looking for potential trainees and gardens for its 'Women Returners to Amenity Gardening' Scheme, known as WRAGS.

The scheme is aimed at potential trainees (both men and women), who want to work in horticulture. The scheme lasts for 12 months, 2 days a week, and enables trainees to gain hands on practical gardening skills with the experience of working in a carefully sourced, working garden, under the guidance of a head gardener or experienced garden owner. The potential trainee and garden owner both pay a fee, and the garden owner pays the trainee a training allowance for a commitment of 15 hours weekly.

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**To learn more about the scheme, please contact the WFGA on 01285 658339, e mail [admin@wfga.org.uk](mailto:admin@wfga.org.uk) or visit the website [www.wfga.org.uk](http://www.wfga.org.uk)**

## Upton In Bloom

**U**pton in Bloom welcomed members of the community to an evening of celebration to recognise its remarkable 2012 success:

2 Gold awards, 3 Silver Gilt, 1 Bronze, and a special commendation award for the town's groundsman, Brian Cooper.

Following a presentation highlighting its work through the town, 'Pride in your Patch Certificates' were presented by the chair, June Richards, to residents who had been nominated for their attractive gardens.

Recipients of 'In Bloom Certificates of Excellence', for their support for the group or outstanding achievements, included 1st Upton Brownies and

Rainbows, Keep Upton Tidy Group, Tappers Funeral Service, Yarrells School, South Lytchett Manor Camping and Caravan Park (rapidly becoming one of the South's premier sites), and Green Watch from Poole Fire Station, for lifting into place some very heavy container towers.

The evening concluded with light refreshments, and a discussion of plans for 2013, which includes an avenue of trees, thanks to a generous donation from Lord Rockley and a grant from the Lytchett Minster Turbary Allotment Trust.

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# Gazette Gardening - with Simon Goldsack

*“Oh, to be in England now that April is there”*

**R**obert Browning certainly knew what he was talking about when he penned those words from abroad. April is probably the most colourful month of the year. It is the month when the majority of trees, orchards and shrubs are in flower and the grass and verges are turning a richer green.

Add to this the smell of freshly cut grass, some warmer sunshine, the buzz of bees collecting pollen and birds busy nesting and it is no wonder that the Mole flung down his paintbrush, cried “Hang spring cleaning” and then dug his way to the surface to enjoy it all.

April is also the busiest time of year in the gardener’s calendar what with mowing, seed sowing, slug control, weeding, potting on, planting, mulching, pruning, staking, protecting plants from late frosts, and somewhere in amongst all this we have the inconvenience of earning a living!

April is a dangerous month for frost. A bright, sunny, warm day is often followed by a sharp frost. Our native plants are used to this and are largely unaffected, but of course in our gardens we like to enjoy plants from right round the world.

For instance Japanese Maples are quite happy to withstand winter temperatures of minus 25 degrees Centigrade when they are dormant. However, as they come into leaf in April a sharp frost of minus 2 would be enough to burn their ferny foliage. So if a frost is forecast it is vital to protect susceptible plants.

### April Tasks

**Lawns** – If you don’t enjoy daisies in your lawn apply a weed feed and moss killer.

**Borders** – April is the time to reorganise herbaceous borders. Lift, divide and replant overcrowded perennials for better flowering and increased drought tolerance.



**Staking** - many tall herbaceous plants can topple over later in the season if they are not staked now. The best way to do this is with well branched brush wood such as birch or hazel twigs inserted into the soil amongst and around the plant (pictured, right). As the plant continues to grow the twigs get hidden.

**Plant up summer pots, tubs and hanging baskets** if you have somewhere frost free and sheltered to grow them on until end of May when fear of frost will be over.

*Pictures: left Apple blossom, top, Wisteria, right, supporting plants with brush wood*





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# Arts & Entertainment

## The Folly Mixtures Hit Purbeck!



*The Folly Mixtures perform at the Royal British Legion in Swanage, courtesy of the Rockahula Club. Pictures by Tom of One Thousand Words Photography, below pictures L&R, Dave Taylor*



**T**he Folly Mixtures Burlesque troupe (nominated Best Burlesque Act 2012) made the journey down to Swanage on February 23rd, to perform for the Rockahula Club at the British Legion.

The working partnership between the Rockahula Club, the 50/50 Club and the Royal British Legion continues to enable top-quality acts to travel to Swanage to put on a show for the local population. The additional revenue brought in to the Legion is a fantastic way to support the organisation locally, and ensure its continued survival.

Joining an impressive list of past visitors to the Legion, such as the Dub Pistols, Supernova, Geno Washington, Severed Limb and more, the Folly Mixtures were delighted to find themselves performing in front of such a welcoming audience, who in turn were delighted to be able to access quality professional performances right on their doorstep here in Purbeck.

The Folly Mixtures put on a great show, with super-talented guest M.C. Laurie Hagen (pictured right, mid & bottom) hosting the evening's performance. Special guest, magician and comedian Mat Ricardo, joined the troupe, pulling his own unique form of entertainment out of the hat midway through the evening.

A huge well done to the organisers - and a big thank you to the Folly Mixtures - we have a feeling any future shows will sell-out sharpish!



## Raising The Roof at Swanage Methodist Church

**T**he next fund raising event towards the cost of repairs to its hall roof (Estimated at £100,000) will be on **Saturday 6th April 7.30pm** in Swanage Methodist Church.

Cantabile, an award-winning youth choir from Nuneaton, Warwickshire, will be giving a concert featuring a wide variety of music and performers, including a special arrangement of 'The Sound of Music', folk songs, ballads, and religious music (including the theme from the Vicar of Dibley).

The vibrant choir, formed nine years ago features approximately thirty girls and boys in an age range of 9 to 21 years. Its high standard has resulted in

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The choir have recently been selected to represent England at the International Musical Eisteddfod at Llangollen in July 2013.

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The Tree will be made up of 80 ceramic leaves all produced at fun workshops in our local schools. 40 students from our local schools and 40 members of the older (50+) generation residing in the Wareham & Stoborough area will take part at these fun workshops, which promise to be a fun time to learn, make friends and enjoy refreshments!

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# Swanage Medical Practice



## CHANGES TO OUR PATIENT CLINICAL RECORDS SYSTEM

**On Wednesday 1st May we are having a new patient clinical records system installed at the surgery.**

**To assist us and help you:**

**R**epeat Prescriptions – anyone on repeat medication will need to request it by Monday 22nd April to cover them for the months of April/May. In some cases your GP may issue 2 months supply to help us during this transition period.

We will be offering a limited number of appointments for patients from at least Monday 6th May – Friday 17th May whilst your GP and staff get used to working with the new system.

We would remind patients that there are a number of other health resources they can access especially for minor ailments via the local pharmacies, NHS I-I-I, the Minor Injuries Unit at Swanage Hospital and on our website [www.swanagemedical.org.uk](http://www.swanagemedical.org.uk).

Our current system is approximately 20 years old and works with technology that is now outdated. The new system, known as System One, which is completely different in its operation, will bring lots of benefits for both patients and staff, however, training for this may take some time.

We would therefore ask you for your consideration and patience during the time of transition.

The practice has chosen System One as its preferred supplier to coincide with its implementation across community services and hospitals and is being adopted by all the practices in the Purbeck locality in the near future.

We do hope that you will assist us during this time and thank you very much for your cooperation.

## CHANGES TO OUR APPOINTMENT SYSTEM, FOLLOWING OUR RECENT SURVEY

A survey was recently carried out at Swanage Medical Practice and we received 161 replies. The results indicated that the patients who responded were generally unhappy with the telephone triage system and wanted the chance to see a GP face to face.

As a result, with effect from 22 March, in addition to prebooked telephone appointments, patients can be offered, for urgent same day problems, the opportunity to book either a telephone call or to attend a 'sit & wait' surgery to see a GP.

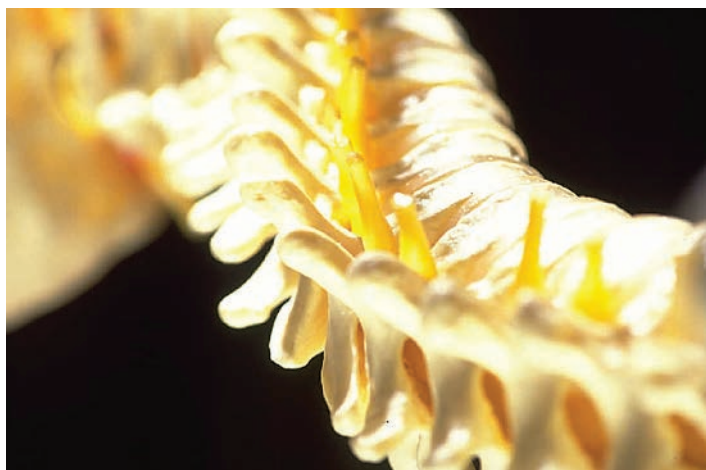
Those patients happy to sit & wait should attend between 9:00am and 10:30am and 3:00pm and 4:30pm. Those happy to book a telephone call will be contacted by phone, and where appropriate, booked in to see a GP at a specified time.

With the introduction of our new operating system in May 2013 there will also be the opportunity for patients to book routine appointments with their own GPs, but these will be limited.

We hope that these changes will offer patients a varied choice of appointments to suit their needs.

**Thank you to all our patients who took part in the survey and to the Friends Of The Practice Group for their help with this project.**

## Understanding Osteoporosis



**O**steoporosis, a condition that causes bones to become weak and liable to break, affects around three million people in the UK.

While osteoporosis can affect men, children and younger women, it is most common in post-menopausal women. As a normal part of aging, the growth and repair of bones slows down, leading to an increased risk of fractures.

Osteoporosis develops slowly, so there may not be any symptoms until a fall causes a fracture. More than 250,000 fractures in the UK every year are thought to be related to osteoporosis.

People at risk of osteoporosis can take steps to prevent the condition developing, and keeping bones healthy. These steps include: healthy eating, regular exercise, lifestyle changes - such as giving up smoking

A series of free Understanding Health talks, gives valuable insight to topics that may otherwise be difficult to understand. The popular talks are held at the Village Hotel, opposite the Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

Places for talks can be booked by calling 01202 704271 or emailing [events@rbch.nhs.uk](mailto:events@rbch.nhs.uk) with your name, how many places you would like to reserve and your telephone number.

The next talk is: Understanding Cancer - I am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September, presented by Consultant in Medical Oncology Tamas Hickish.



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## Matron's Round

### Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



#### *Hello again from Swanage and Wareham Hospitals*

**T**his month we are going to focus on the outpatient physiotherapy departments and I have asked Andy Mayo from Wareham Hospital to outline what they are able to offer;

"Here in Wareham Hospital Outpatient Physiotherapy department we are a busy little hub of activity – I am a full-time senior Chartered Physiotherapist and Ros Strickland is our part-time senior Chartered Physiotherapist.

"We are lucky to have Sam Tansley as our Administrative Clerk who helps behind the scenes logging patient details, filling our diaries and taking telephone calls.

"We receive around 100 new patient referrals a month – from GP's, consultants and other healthcare professionals. We are open 5 days a week – normally 8.30-5pm but our opening hours do vary and we also offer earlier and later appointments whenever we can to accommodate those who work or go to school.

"Our main goal is to improve our patients function; be it a painful back or a stiff knee, as well as rehabilitation following breaking a wrist, having a total hip replacement or a sprained ankle.

"This can be achieved in many different ways and often includes teaching exercise to be performed at home – these incorporate strengthening and improving posture, advice given by us can be vital in improving a condition ranging from diet to general fitness.

"We also use manual therapy – from stretches to muscles or mobilisations to joints to improve range of motion. Alternative techniques such as Laser, Acupuncture, Ultrasound and Pulse Shortwave are all used as an adjunct to assist in improving function be it to reduce pain and swelling or to help breakdown scar tissue and adhesions.

"Our outcome is normally to get our patients to a stage where they are self-reliant to put the emphasis on their own control of the problem and depending on the condition this may take a few weeks or months and sometimes longer to achieve."

Physiotherapy is also available at Swanage Hospital.

**Until next time, take care.**

**Matron Jane (pictured)**



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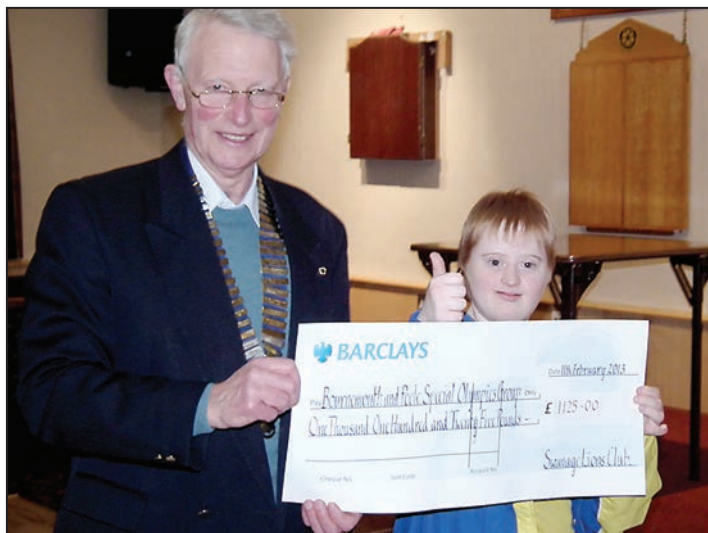
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# Sport

## Swanage Lions Support Special Olympics



**D**avid Dean, President of the Swanage Lions Club, presenting Bethan Harries of the Bournemouth and District Special Olympics team with a cheque for £1125.00 (above).

This was money raised by the Swanage Lions at the Christmas Charity Mail. The Special Olympics offer the opportunity for those with learning difficulties, from the age of eight upwards, to take part in training for and competing in a wide range of sports.

This can lead to some of our local youngsters going to Bath Spa University to participate in the National Championships.



## Calling Younger Bowlers!!

**W**e would like to encourage children and young people in full-time education or training to play Bowls. There will be FREE 'have a go' sessions at Beach Gardens on Fridays from April 19th onwards, from 5pm.

If, after these, you would like to join the junior club, a Bursary fund has been set up to pay for your bowls, shoes and subscriptions.

We are able to do this because of the generosity of James Smith Funeral

## 'Bowled Over'

**A**t the recent final of the RNLI Indoor Bowls Tournament, now in its fourth year, Mr Terry Buck, Chairman of the Swanage Indoor Bowls Club, presented the Trophy to the winning team of Paul & Carole Knapman and Peter Foster.

Following a closely fought final, Swanage Lifeboat Chairman Peter Foster thanked all the participants of the competition for helping to raise £560, which will go towards the latest appeal for the new Swanage Lifeboat House.

**Peter Foster, Co-Ordinating Chairman, Swanage Lifeboat Management Team.**



## Looking Forward To Spring With IOP Golf Club

**A**fter a very wet and then cold winter without much opportunity for golf, better weather is at last on the horizon and Vice-Captain Sue Pride and Ladies' Captain Angela John (pictured) are cleaning their clubs and getting ready to tee off for an action-filled season.

The first important occasion is the annual Coffee Morning on Monday 15th April.

Open to anyone, this is a fund-raising event in aid of the local Multiple Sclerosis Support Group and there will be stalls selling everything from books, to cakes, to clothes to collectables – all at bargain prices!

The ladies' section is a friendly group of all ages and abilities – if anyone has ever thought of hitting a little white ball in gorgeous surroundings why not contact Angela or Sue on 01929 450354 for a chat - a warm welcome will be guaranteed.

Directors, Miles & Son Estate Agents, Hayman's Bakery, Summer Smith Jewellery, The Village Inn, Real Wood Flooring Company, Swanage Regatta & Carnival and members of the Swanage Bowling Club.

Bowls is a sport for all ages. Most of the champions are now young bowlers, but if you are of an older age group, come and have a go too!

Our open days this year are Saturdays 27th April and 4th May at 10.30am. The Club is very 'social' and friendly!

**Call Jean Thomas on 01929 426795 for more information.**

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# Start Of A Busy Year For Swanage Sea Rowing Club



There is a sense of excitement in the Club as the new Boathouse construction draws closer. In a matter of weeks the preferred bid will be chosen from the tenders supplied, and the timetable for construction will begin in May.

The public may initially be surprised at the disruption at the site with construction vehicles, piles of earth from the hole that will be dug in the hill and the building materials - unfortunately this will take place across the summer, but the Club has to have the build phase completed by September to comply with our funding arrangements, and we must keep to our schedules. The sum raised of almost £300,000 is fantastic, but this essentially just funds the construction of the large concrete 'box' set into the hill, the landscaping to make it blend in, and the connection to Eldon Road.

The Club still needs to raise further funds to complete the interior to make it a practical and useable boathouse; if there were more space available it might have been possible to complete this project with a conventional building for a quarter of the cost.

A view of the plans can be downloaded from the website [www.ssrg.org.uk](http://www.ssrg.org.uk).

The Club is also preparing for the next season with events for both open and regatta events; even for those members who row in all weathers, it has been a long and cold winter, so we were pleased to take part in the inaugural row with Bridport Gig Rowing Club from West Bay to Lyme Regis on 16th February.

In bright sunshine and light winds, two SSRC crews rowed west with other gigs from as far away as Bristol and then two crews returned to West Bay, taking in some superb coastal scenery.

On the regatta front the opening race took place on the 3rd March with the Three Rivers Race up and down the Tavy - lasting almost an hour it is a tough endurance event with all the Swanage crews acquitting themselves well. We are also looking forward to the arrival of our new training gig in a few weeks to replace our share of the Arry Paye.

There will be a competition to name her after her arrival - details will be in Library in Swanage soon.

**Barnaby Quaddy**  
Swanage Sea Rowing Club

## Swanage Cricket Club

*"Stalbridge the visitors for Swan's inaugural Premier League Fixture"*



Make a note of the date Saturday the 4th of May - this is when Ian Booth's Saturday 1st XI make their Premier League bow. Also in May there are the opening fixtures for David Haines' Saturday 2ndXI in Division 5 South & East and Terry White's Sunday 2ndXI in Division 3 with both sides looking to build on last season's Championship successes.

As well as that, Ricky King takes over as Captain of the Sunday 1st XI in Division 1 (see below for the opening fixtures at Days Park in May).

During the season (May-September), there will be coaching sessions on Saturday mornings for the flourishing Youth Section - from the KWIK cricket sessions (Ages 6-11) right through to the Under 13s & Under 15s. All of these sessions are run by fully-qualified coaches. Senior practise sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday nights, commencing at 18:00, starting on the 9th of April.

At the recent AGM, the out-going Treasurer reported that the club is in a very sound financial position due to both generous donations and the support of our long-standing Sponsors - Gee Whites Restaurant, Humphries Kirk Solicitors, PJC Accountancy Services, PTN Systems and the Masala Restaurant. There is also a thriving Croquet Section at the club

with approximately 100 members.

Anyone interested in playing for/sponsoring the club, please visit our website:- [www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk](http://www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk)

**Fixtures at Days Park in May**

**Saturday the 4th:- 1stXI v STALBRIDGE (Premier Division)**

**Sunday the 5th:- 2ndXI v PARLEY (Division 3)**

**Saturday the 11th:- 2ndXI v WIMBORNE & COLEHILL 4thXI (Division 5 S&E)**

**Sunday the 12th:- 1stXI v WINTON (Division 1)**

**Saturday the 18th:- 2ndXI v BRANKSOME & PARKSTONE (Division 5 S&E)**

**Sunday the 19th:- 2ndXI v BLANDFORD (Division 3)**

**Saturday the 25th:- 1stXI v WEYMOUTH (Premier Division)**

**Sunday the 26th:- 1stXI v CRANBORNE (Division 1)**

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# Swanage Football Club

**A**s we approach the business end of the season for all our Senior sides, we have started to catch up on some of the matches that we lost due to the weather, but this has meant that our First team has been playing two games in a week and the prospect of three in seven days looms for April.

The First team have continued to climb away from the bottom of the Magna DPL, with

a string of impressive performances. This has been tempered however with the news that Joe Kittle and Aaron Corby will both be out injured for the rest of the season. Striker Kittle suffered a serious foot injury in the Swans 3-2 win over Weymouth Reserves at the Bob Lucas Stadium in late February. Joe had signed a dual registration agreement with Swans this season as he also plays for Christchurch in the Wessex League.

He had a fantastic opening half at Weymouth on the night he was injured, causing havoc amongst the Terra's back-line. In virtually the last challenge of the half, Joe was caught accidentally and innocuously by Weymouth defender Ben Doidge. After a lengthy spell of treatment, Joe hobbled off and was replaced at the break by Iain Cameron.

He left the ground, clearly in some discomfort but felt that the knock was nothing more than bruising. On the Friday after, Joe's foot swelled up to the point where he couldn't put any pressure on it and so went to hospital to have it checked out. After having the problem area x-rayed, it revealed four broken bones, one of which was over an inch out of place. He was operated on that night, having the foot plated and metal rods inserted to aid recovery.

A devastating blow to a likeable character who was a popular figure in the dressing room at Day's Park and at Hurn Bridge too. The second injury setback to hit Swans came in early March when Aaron Corby

suffered a possible season-ending calf injury. A muscle tear has been diagnosed with an 8 to 10 week recovery period which could see the midfielder's season come to a premature end.

Corby will always be etched in Swans folklore after scoring a superb hat-trick in the 2010 DPL Cup Final win over Westland Sports. He then decided to play two steps higher in the pyramid and signed for Hamworthy United. After two years at the County Ground, he then moved to Bournemouth Poppies, but Swans have retained his registration under the dual registration ruling. He has made four appearances for Swans this year scoring three goals. All at Day's Park wish Aaron, like Joe, a speedy recovery too.

The Second team's season has stuttered in recent weeks, but a string of home games for Lee James's side should see them finish in mid table in Dorset League One. The Third team have a huge month as a string of good results could see them overtake Pimperne Sports Society and claim the Dorset League Five Championship.

The Under 18's are still in the hunt for silverware in their League, but their Dorset County Cup hopes are over after a heartbreaking 2-1 extra-time Semi-Final defeat to Sherborne last month. An excellent achievement for the side, but they ultimately came up short.

The Club were also delighted to announce last month that Swans, in conjunction with Swanage Rotary and East Dorset CAMRA, are delighted to be able to host the Swanage Beer Festival 2013 in the Arthur Marsh Sports Hall.

The event will be taking place on Friday 24th May & Saturday 25th May from 11.00 until 23.00. There will be an exhibition of over 60 Beers and Ciders from the South-West of England. All proceeds from the event will go to charitable causes.

As well as a fantastic array of beers, there will be live music and food available throughout the two days. A shuttle bus service will also be in operation from Wareham Train Station. Further details of how and where to buy your tickets on-line and from selected retailers are available by clicking on the Beer Festival logo at the bottom of our official website – [www.swanagefc.co.uk](http://www.swanagefc.co.uk)

Keep up to date with all the happenings at Day's Park on facebook and twitter too!

**Gareth Davies – Press & Publicity Officer**

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## Local Gym Improves Health

**A** Purbeck resident has seen massive improvements to his health after joining a local gym. When his doctor diagnosed high blood pressure and prescribed tablets, ex-Olympic sailor Mark Dowland from Wareham decided it was time to take control of his fitness.

Mark, who is the Managing Director of a leisure marine wholesale company, said: "Having been fit in the past, I hated taking the blood pressure tablets and was determined to regain control of my health." Mark joined the gym at Purbeck Sports Centre, Wareham, where the team developed a programme which would help him lose weight and get back to fitness.

Mark has been attending the gym three times a week for ten months now and has lost a remarkable 35lbs. His blood pressure has returned to normal and he was advised by his doctor that he no longer needs to take the tablets.

Mark concluded: "Being fit and healthy is great. I have proved you don't have to let tablets control your health; I'm back in charge, I'm fit and having fun too!"

To see how Purbeck Sports Centre can help you, call 01929 500 000. Find out all about Purbeck Sports Centre at [www.dorsetforyou.com/purbecksportscentre](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/purbecksportscentre)

Picture - Mark Dowland



## Swanage Tennis Club

### Match Report.

**I**n a bitterly cold easterly wind at Winton, Swans Mix 1 team faced stiff opposition, for the second time this winter, playing a partnership involving a club coach in division three. Meg Mutter and Rob Hymns were up against the coach in their first rubber, and did well to win four games losing 2-6 2-6.

They had to wait in the cold for the second pairs to finish, and never got off the ground in their second rubber losing 1-6 1-6. Swans second pair, Mike Angel and Sue Tindale, played well, with much improved form, coming back from 2-5 down to beat Winton's second pair 6-0 7-5.

They were unable to make much impression, except for a few juice games, against the coach pairing, and lost 0-6 2-6.

A win for Winton by 3-1 rubbers.

### Swanage tennis club Open Day.

If you have thought of playing tennis, or returning to playing tennis, the club would love to meet you.

We cater for all abilities from beginners to team players, with coaching available.

Why not come and join us on Saturday 20th April at 2pm, when the club is hosting a free open afternoon of tennis at Beach Gardens. If you have no racket we can provide you with one, but please wear trainers.

Come and join us for a fun afternoon, with tea and cakes.

We would love to see you!



# 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 MAY is noon, 10th April

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.

## APRIL 2013

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>

- \* **Easter Egg Trail** at Corfe Castle It will be fun for the whole family as you take part in an egg-citing hunt for tokens around the castle to claim a chocolate prize. Supported by Cadbury.
- \* **Peppa Pig at Swanage Railway** Peppa will be making appearances at various intervals throughout the day! Ffi: [www.swanagerailway.co.uk](http://www.swanagerailway.co.uk) or 01929 425800.
- \* **Langton Matravers Museum** opens on April 1st. Interesting information on the local stone industry and examples of stonework This year the museum also includes a display by the Purbeck Radar Trust. Find us behind the church.
- 10:00 **MARINE - An Exhibition of Fine Art and Crafts** Lulworth Arts presents 'Marine'. An exhibition of Fine Art and Crafts Above Finley's, Lulworth Cove, Dorset, BH20 5RQ. 10.00am - 5.00pm daily. Free entry. [www.lulwortharts.org](http://www.lulwortharts.org) Email: [gillysphtography@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillysphtography@hotmail.co.uk)
- 10:00 **Easter Craft Fair at Burngate Stone Carving Centre** At Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Kingston Road, Langton Matravers, Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3BE. Art and local craft, have-a-go carving, cream teas, children's Easter Egg Hunt and much more!

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 10:00 **Art Exhibition from The Gallery@Finley's** At Finley's, Lulworth Cove. Drawings, Paintings, Photographs, Textiles, Jewellery and 3D mixed media for sale. This year's theme is 'Marine'. Ffi: 01929 400529
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- 10:00 **Cottes Antiques and Collectables & General Sale** At Cottes Market, East Street, Wareham. Viewing Saturday prior to sale 10am-12pm and Monday prior to sale 9.30am-5pm or on morning of sale at 9am. Catalogue online at [www.cottes.co.uk](http://www.cottes.co.uk) or call 01929 552826.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "League Competition No 5". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.
- 19:30 **Parish Council Meeting** At Harman's Cross Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Tolpuddle Village Green- SY792 945 for a 4.5 mile circular walk over Southover Heath. Ffi: 424218
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- 20:00 **Live Music at the Square & Compass** 'Shelanagig' live at the Square and Compass. Ffi: 01929 439229 or [www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk](http://www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk)
- Thu 4<sup>th</sup>
- 19:30 **Langton Arthouse Cinema presents: 'GINGER AND ROSA'** This movie takes a look at the lives of two teenage girls - inseparable friends Ginger and Rosa - growing up in 1960s London, and the pivotal event the comes to redefine their relationship as the Cuban Missile Crisis looms. 7.30pm, 4th April, tickets £5 on the door (opens at 7pm). We'll provide glasses for those brining drinks. [www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk](http://www.LangtonArthouseCinema.co.uk)

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- 18:30 **Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group** Furzebrook Village Hall, Furzebrook Road, Wareham, BH20 5AR Entrance £2, children 50p. For further information contact Terry Jenkins - 07960 691479
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: Members Theme Boards (prints - 'open'). Judged by members. Visitors welcome. Ffi Colin Brixton - 423841

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

- 09:00 **Care Jobs Recruitment Morning** We are holding an open morning at the Mowlem Theatre community room from 9-1 to showcase the available jobs we have in care and to book interviews for those interested. We will have a question and answer session and go through everything you would ever need

to know about working in care and highlight areas you may be suited to. We are a family owned 3\* rated care agency with a head office in Poole and offices all over the county including Wareham and we are looking to recruit quickly in the Swanage areas. Email: [louise@essentialnursing.co.uk](mailto:louise@essentialnursing.co.uk)

- 16:30 **The Chris Walker Singtet 'Swing that Music'** At St Mary's Parish Church, Swanage. Includes a proper afternoon tea and cakes - Tickets £10 from The Parish Office (421117) Mike Killingback (423837) Janet Davis (423486) or on the door. In aid of the Organ Fund.
- 19:30 **Cantabile Youth Choir in Concert** At Swanage Methodist Church. Tickets from members in advance or on the door: £7 per adult, £3 per child. Includes tea/coffee or a soft drink in the interval. Ffi: 01929 427979. In aid of the Church Hall roof repair fund and Cantabile Youth Choir expenses.
- 20:00 **Live Music at the Square & Compass** 'Gilmour Roberts' live at the Square and Compass. Ffi: 01929 439229 or [www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk](http://www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk)
- 20:00 **Theatre - 'The Boy at the Edge of the Room'** Forest Forge Theatre Company at the Dorchester Corn Exchange. £10 / £8. A boy called Tony struggles to fit in. He looks at the world differently and longs to retreat to a place where he can be 'nothing more than small and far off.' This play is a beautiful and moving examination of difference and acceptance and will be followed by a Q+A with the author and a representative of Autism Wessex. Part of the Spring Season of Drama sponsored by Battens Solicitors.

Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

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Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 **Weymouth Farmers Market** At Westham Bridge (next to the Marina) Ffi: 01258 881274.
- 14:00 **Durlston W.I.** Durlston W.I meet at The Mowlem Community Room, Swanage, for their Annual General Meeting.

Tue 9<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 **Family Animal Activity Day** At Margaret Green Animal Sanctuary, Church Knowle. Meet the bats. Birds of prey. Arts and Crafts. Resident Animals. Free entry.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "Landscapes" with Andy Farrer. Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

- 10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Acton C P SY987 786 for a 5.5 mile circular walk via Acton, Langton and Wilkswood. Ffi: 425165.
- 14:00 **Stoborough W.I. Meeting** Stoborough W.I. meeting at Stoborough Village Hall. Annual Meeting.
- 19:30 **Swanage Evening W.I.** at The Mowlem, Swanage Meeting at The Mowlem Institute, Swanage on the 2nd floor. Guest Speaker Carlotta Barrow 'My life in dance' Also Annual meeting for the 44th Birthday
- 19:30 **Studland WI Meeting** Studland WI Annual Meeting in Studland Village Hall, followed by coffee and cake. Competition: Spring Posy of Flowers.

Thu 11<sup>th</sup>

- 14:00 **Swanage Spiritualist Church** Meets at 2pm, Mowlem Community Room with Angie Page.

Fri 12<sup>th</sup>

- 14:00 **The Purbeck Society AGM**, A speaker from Education Swanage will address the meeting. Held at the Community Room, The Mowlem, Swanage.
- 19:00 **Carnival Queen & Princess Competition** At Swanage Bay View Holiday Park. £3 per entry. 7pm- Junior Princess - 9-11 years. Senior princess - 12-15 years. 9pm- Carnival Queen - Age 16 years upwards. Entry forms and full details available at: [www.swanagecarnival.com](http://www.swanagecarnival.com) and Swanage Tourist Information Centre.
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross VH for a video show "Age of Steam at Home and Abroad" by Nick Lera. Doors open 7pm. VISITORS WELCOME. No admission charge; donations welcome. Ffi 554765.
- 20:00 **Live Music at the Square & Compass** 'Was Focs' live at the Square and Compass. Ffi: 01929 439229 or [www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk](http://www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk)

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

- 09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers' Market** At Commercial Road, Swanage. Local produce, from local producers. [www.purbeckproducts.co.uk](http://www.purbeckproducts.co.uk)
- 09:30 **Freebay Table Top Sale.** Swanage Freebay Table Top Sale at the United Reformed Church, High St, Swanage. All Welcome Free Admission, Free Table.



- For Further Information contact Elizabeth 422406
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Kingswood Viewpoint SZ006 818 for a 4.25 mile circular walk via Kingswood Heath & Rempstone Farm to Brenscombe Hill. Return along Purbeck Way, Ailwood Down and Kingswood Down. Ffi: 426926.
- 10:00 **Isle of Purbeck Golf Club** annual Coffe Morning at the Golf Club, Corfe-Studland Rd, Purbeck. In aid of Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, stalls selling everything from books and cakes to clothes and collectables - all at bargain prices.
- 10:00 **NSPCC Spring Fair** At Wareham Town Hall. Stalls to include crafts, books, toys, raffle, bric-a-brac, cakes, jumble and tombola. Refreshments available. Offers of salable goods on 01929 553578 please.
- 10:00 **Studland History Group Coffee Morning** In the Village Hall. Display of local items of interest and launch of a new Local History book about Goathorn, 'A Forgotten Clayworking Community', by Joyce Meates. All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 439245.
- 14:30 **Tea Dance** at Swanage Catholic Hall At Swanage Catholic Hall, Rempstone road, Swanage. With Andrew Cannon, including tea and cake. Chairman Mike Stollery 01929 421492 Vice Chairman, Janet Enoch 01929 422309 Secretary, Bob Ratcliffe 01929 550156 Email: mail@swanage.gov.uk
- 19:30 **Swanage Quiz Night** At the Catholic Hall, Rempstone rd, Swanage. Doors open at 7pm. Entrance £7.50 with free buffet and pay bar. Contact Frances on 01929 422715 or book online at www.swanagelabour.org.uk
- 19:30 **Dances at Harman's Cross** Village Hall Dance at Harman's Cross V.H. Proceeds to be donated to the local Macmillan Nurses cancer relief. Admission £3 to include coffee/tea/biscuits and raffle.
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 **Cottees Antiques and Collectables & General Sale** At Cottees Market, East Street, Wareham. Viewing Saturday prior to sale 10am-12pm and Monday prior to sale 9.30am-5pm or on morning of sale at 9am. Catalogue online at www.cottees.co.uk or call 01929 552826.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "President's Evening with Ken Ayres". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>  
09:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Kingston Church SY955 795 for a 4.5 mile circular walk around Corfe Common. Ffi: 450164.
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets at the Village Hall. Speaker David Warhurst. 'World War 2 Defences on Brownsea Island, on the Arne Peninsula and at Studland'. All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 439245.
- 19:00 **Swanage Area Senior Forum** Public Meeting Meeting at Swanage Day Centre, High Street. 'The Swanage School', speaker: Headteacher, Tristram Hobson. All welcome, whatever your age.
- 19:00 **E.U. Public Meeting** The Truth and Real Facts at The Mowlem Community Room, Swanage. Guest Speakers: Prof. Tim Congdon, solicitor Jeremy Nieboer, preceeded by a call to arms for UKIP at 6pm.
- 19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meet at Wareham Middle School at 7.30pm. A talk by Dorset Archaeologist Julian Richards-Dialogues with the dead - science and the ancestors. Visitors welcome £2.
- Thu 18<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 **Wareham Area Seniors' Forum** At Wareham Town Hall. 'Spring into Summer'. Meet the professionals - Learn to balance better. Move more freely - Enjoy some tasters from Wiltshire foods. Ffi: Sue on 07825 264353. Age 50+ All welcome.
- 19:30 **Langton Matravers Preservation Society** Holds its AGM on Thursday April 18th at 7.30 pm in the village hall. All members are invited to attend.
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>  
19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: The Ken Moore Trophy (Outing images - 'open'). Judged by members. Visitors welcome. Ffi Colin Brixton - 423841
- 20:00 **Live Music at the Square & Compass** 'Daklha' live at the Square and Compass. Ffi: 01929 439229 or www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 **Langton Matravers Village Hall** Another meeting of local microscopists in the village hall Langton Matravers on Saturday April 20th from 10am to 3.30 pm showing examples of the world of the small. Everyone including children welcome. There is no charge. Any enquiries to 01929 422218
- 10:00 **Rainbows Tabletop sale and coffee morning** at The Mowlem Community Centre in Swanage. The Lots of stalls including books, toys, photography, cakes, jewellery, tombola and great coffee! Come and join us! Tables £5. Call Marjorie on 07717 682323 for more info
- 10:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Tollard Royal Church ST944 177 for a 9 mile circular walk via Win Green Hill and Berwick St John. Ffi: 422554.
- 13:00 **Live Music at the Square & Compass** 'Effra' live at the Square and Compass at lunchtime. Ffi: 01929 439229 or www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk
- Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>  
10:30 **Dorset Age Partnership** Meeting. Wareham Town Hall.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "Print & Projected Image of the Year". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup>  
09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Ulwell lay-by SZ020 810 for a 5.9 mile circular walk via Godlingson Heath, Windmill Knapp and New Barn to Ailwood.

- Return via Nine Barrow Down. Ffi: 489224.
- 19:30 **'Tales of a Huggable Vicar'** The Parish Hall, the Quay, Wareham. 7.30 pm. Discussion on Hugh Maddox's book 'Tales of a Huggable Vicar'. Ffi: Contact 554039.
- Thu 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 **Purbeck U3A Meeting Points** At Harmans Cross Village Hall. "Hardy's Wessex Locations" - a talk by Angela Bell, former member of the Management Council of the Thomas Hardy Society. The morning starts at 10.00 with an opportunity to find out more about U3A over tea/coffee and a U3A business session, to be followed by Angela's talk. All are welcome. FFI - Juliet, 475625 - www.meetingpoints.purbecku3a.org.uk.
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 **Swanage Bowling Club Open Day** Open day at Swanage Bowling Club, everyone very welcome! Come and see what the club has to offer!
- 19:30 **The Arts Club Choir and Orchestra** The Arts Club Choir and orchestra are singing Faure Requiem at St Mary's Church, Swanage at 7.30pm, raising funds in aid of Y-Axis, the Swanage Skateboard Park Project. Advance adult tickets for £9 from Corbens, choir members or Liz Roberts on 01929 481419, or £10 on the door. Children and students only £2. Ffi 01929 481419
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 **Specialist Plant Sale** At Lulworth Castle, Nr Wareham. 12+ specialist nurseries. Entry £2.50 in aid of Dorset Blind Assoc.
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup>  
19:30 Music at St. James Church, Kingston At the Hermitage Ensemble at St James Church, Kingston. Professional singers from St Petersburg sing Russian Orthodox Church music and Russian folk song. Free entry. Retiring collection to help preserve the church. Interval refreshments.
- Tue 30<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 **Cottees Antiques and Collectables & General Sale** At Cottees Market, East Street, Wareham. Viewing Saturday prior to sale 10am-12pm and Monday prior to sale 9.30am-5pm or on morning of sale at 9am. Catalogue online at www.cottees.co.uk or call 01929 552826.
- 13:30 **Blood Donor Sessions** Blood Donor Session at All Saint's Church, Ulwell Rd, Sw.
- 16:30 **Blood Donor Sessions** Blood Donor Session at All Saint's Church, Ulwell Rd, Sw.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "Gorilla in a Yellow Field" with Mark Mumford FRPs. Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### EVERY MONDAY

- 09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.
- 09.30 **Notelets Music Group for under 5s** at Parish Hall, Wm.
- 09.45 **Toddler Club** URC, Sw. Till 11.15
- 10.00 **Mowlem Indoor Market** at the Mowlem. Home grown/made produce - cakes, pies, veg plants etc. Quality clothing, jewellery, per products and lots more. Open until 16.00
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 425175
- 10.30 **Extend Exercise Class** to improve strength, balance & flexibility. At Furzebrook VH. Donations welcome. Ffi: 471490
- 13.30 **First Steps Group** for early walkers up to 2 years old at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 3pm Ffi: 552864
- 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 **Sw Youth Centre** Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Snr Club Session. 426312
- 19.00 **Wareham Choral Society** meet URC Meeting House, Chch St, Wm. Till 9. New singers always welcome. 554229/553460
- 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 Brian Beard 425988
- 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 **Sw Badminton Club** Adults at FC. Til 10.00. 423429
- 19.30 **Badminton & Table Tennis Club,** Adults, Swanage Methodist Church Hall. Small friendly club. All levels welcome. Til 10pm. 07917 473390
- 19.30 **Wm Folk Dance Club** Stoboro' VH. All welcome. 553519/422730
- 20.00 **BINGO** at R.B.L. Club, High St. Sw. All welcome.
- 20.00 **DARTS** at the RBL Club, Sw.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10.30
- 20.00 **Sw Conservative Club WHIST & DARTS.** Sw. All welcome
- 20.00 **Herston Hall Management C'ttee** Bingo
- EVERY TUESDAY
- 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 **First Steps Toddler's Group.** Swanage Methodist Church till 11.30am. Ffi: Tom Bullock on 421767, office hours.
- 10.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Associate Club Session. Till 11. 426312
- 10.00 **Short Tennis** at Sw FC All ages & abilities £1.50 Till noon. 425175
- 10.30 **Twins Group - for Mums with Twins** run by mums with twins at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 12 noon. Ante-natal mums expecting twins welcome. Ffi: 552864
- 13.00 **Baby and Toddler Group** at Harmans Cross VH.
- 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
- 17.00 **Sw Tennis Club Junior Session** till 6pm. 426312
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Girls' Night (Yr 8+) Till 10
- 18.00 **Yoga - gentle** at Swanage Arts Centre, Commercial Rd, Sw. £6 for 70 mins or £20 per month. Private lessons also available. Ffi call Johanna (certified Yoga teacher): 07892 680360
- 18.15 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Comm'ty Room. 423497
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 8.30pm
- 18.15 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 423497
- 19.00 **The Mayday Singers** rehearsal at The Old Malthouse, Langton. New members very welcome, contact Paul Baird 07802431012
- 19.00 **Purbeck Group Woodcarvers** Tabbits Hill, Harman's X. Till 9. 480686/450582
- 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: 424522
- 19.30 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at All Saints Ch, Ulwell, Sw. All singers welcome! 423350
- 20.00 **Sw Regatta & Carnival Assoc Bingo** Herston Leisure, Herston Yards Farm, Sw.
- 20.00 **DARTS** at the RBL Club, Sw.
- 20.00 **Sw Conservative Club Bingo, Pool & Snooker.**
- 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
- 11.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Swanage Library till 1pm. Find our about volunteering to support community groups & charities
- 12.30 **Young Parent's Group** at Wareham Children's Centre, Streche Road, Wm. Ffi: 552864. Till 2pm. Transport Available.
- 13.15 **EBC TOTS** meet Emmanuel Baptist Ch, Victoria Ave, Sw. Til 2.45. £1 per child.
- 14.00 **Herston Senior Citizens** meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 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 **Sw Youth Centre** Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.45 **Sw Hockey Club** Training Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 **Sw Town Band** rehearsals. Town Hall Council Chamber. Till 8.30. 426926
- 19.00 **Wm Bridge Club** at the Library, South St. 552257
- 19.00 **Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club** Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.15 **Life Drawing Workshop** at The Arts Club, Commercial Rd, Sw. Until 9.15pm. Contact 01929 425967
- 19.30 **Swanage Musical Theatre** meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 19.45 **Badminton Group** meet at the Purbeck Sports Centre until 9.15pm for games of mixed doubles. Ffi, please call Kate on 01929 421806 or email katespurling@btinternet.com
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10
- 20.00 **Sw Royal British Legion BINGO & POKER.** High St, Sw
- 20.15 **Dorset Buttons Morris Practice.** URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 **The Ship Inn Quiz Night** at The Ship Inn, Langton Matravers.
- 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
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jan on 01929 480471
- 09.30 **Pottery Classes** held in Wareham. Till 11.30am. For details contact Rachel 01929 480455 to book 15pw.
- 10.00 **PEEP for 2 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. A six week course in early childhood learning. Please call to book a place on 552864. Till 11.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club** Drop In Coffee Morning. Arts Centre, Commercial Rd, Sw. Til 12 noon. Come see find out what the Arts Club does.
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Associate Club Session. Till 11am. 426312
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits at Queensmead Hall,** Sw. Till 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find our about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.30 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Chinese Art Group**
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 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 **Sw Badminton & Table Tennis Club** Afternoon Club at Swanage Methodist's Church. Till 3. 423429.
- 13.30 **Toddler Group.** All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 14.00 **Purbeck Group Woodcarvers** Tabbitt's Hill, Harman's X. Till 4. 480686/450582
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s Meet** in the URC Hall, High Street, Sw. All Welcome.
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 9pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers,** United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training** at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Purbeck Gateway Club** meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: Lewisbell1@aol.com
- 19.15 **Wm Town Band** Brass & Woodwind players welcome. 551478/01202 242147
- 19.30 **Short Mat Bowls** in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682
- 19.30 **Sw Youth Centre** Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10
- 19.30 **Sw Conservative Club** Line Dancing
- 19.30 **IoP Arts Club Choir** meets till 9.30pm at Swanage First School (**NOT** Dec 14, 21, 28, Jan 4, Feb 22, Apr 5, 12) till May 10
- 20.00 **Swanage Conservative Club Shove Ha'penny.**
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 09.00 **Stay & Play** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 10.30am. Ffi 552864.
- 09.30 **Pottery Classes** held in Swanage. Till 11.30am. Call Rachel 01929 480455 to book. £15pw
- 09.30 **Noah's Ark** worship & playtime for under 5s & their mothers/carers during term time. St Mary's Church, Kings Rd, Sw. Everyone welcome - free.
- 10.00 **Sw Country Market** at Community Room, The Mowlem, Sw. Till 11.30 Free. New producers / growers always welcome.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 425175
- 11.00 **Toddler Time For Under 5s And Carers.** Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 14.00 **Pottery Classes** held in Corfe Castle. 2 - 5pm. Call Rachel 01929 480455 to book. £10pw
- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club.** Lower Salvation Army Hall, Kings Rd East, Sw. 426096 (shop hours)
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Senior Club Session. 426312
- 18.15 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 423497
- 19.00 **Swanage Scouts** meet during term time at the URC Church Hall, Sw. Open to boys & girls aged 10-14 years. Ffi: swanagescouts4th@hotmail.co.uk
- 19.30 **Air Training Corps** meet at ATC HQ, Court Rd, Sw. Till 9.30pm.
- 19.30 **Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club.** All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10pm.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Live Bands (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Late Session (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 09.00 **Sw CC** U11 - U15 Practice till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC** U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket till 10.30
- 10.00 **Men Behaving Dadly - Group for Dads/Grandads/Male Carers & their children** at both Wareham and Swanage Children's Centres till noon. Bacon sandwiches available! Call 552864 to find out what's happening where this week and to book a space.
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall .most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
- EVERY SUNDAY**
- \* **Gay Women's Walking Group** meet most Sundays for a walk around Swanage and beyond. We're a friendly, supportive group for gay or bisexual women. Ffi: 07964 659100 or email outandabout.purbeck@gmail.com
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.
- 13.00 **Sw Royal British Legion BINGO.** High St, Sw.
- 13.15 **Sw Conservative Club** Members Draw





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