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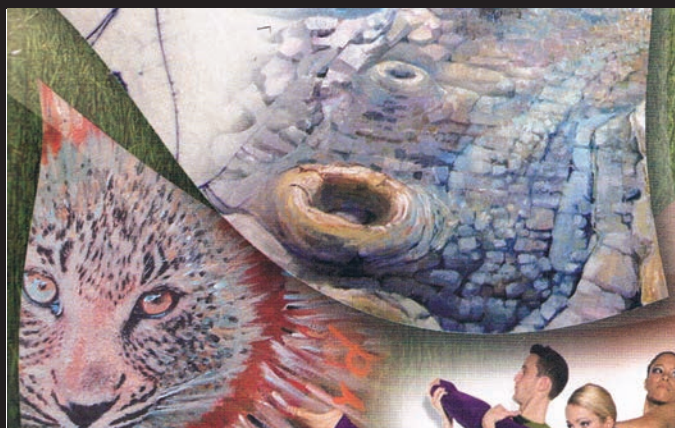
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We are absolutely delighted to be working with Purbeck Art Weeks this year, enabling us to provide every reader with a fantastic four page pull-out with details of the festival and the map of participating artists and galleries.

We also have a special feature detailing some of our local galleries and artists who offer work for sale throughout the year - make May your arty month and get out there and see what Purbeck has to offer!

We also welcome on-board the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group and the Purbeck locality team, who will be communicating directly with our readers with an update each month. See page 23 for their first column. They join our local police force, our hospitals, Swanage Medical Practice, the Swanage School and others, who choose to communicate with you directly through the Purbeck Gazette.

As usual, we have 72 pages crammed with information, local news, events and more - Purbeck continues to be a vibrant community even in these harsh economic times. As always, please, please do continue to shop locally and to utilise local services - it is down to each and every one of us to ensure the continuation of our community by supporting each other. On that note, thanks to our advertisers - you pay to publish the Gazette each month, without you, we wouldn't be here.

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9	09.30	21.46	
10	10.05	22.23	NM
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19	04.13	16.40	
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23	07.44	20.14	
24	08.39	21.00	
25	09.25	22.47	FM
26	10.12	22.35	
27	11.00	23.24	Spring
28	11.50	- -	
29	00.16	12.42	
30	01.12	13.37	
31	02.11	14.34	

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

Swanage Town Council Meetings - May 2013

Council	Mon 13th	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 20th	7pm
Transport	Wed 22nd	2.15pm

Please check the Town Council's website www.swanage.gov.uk or call the Town Hall on 01929 423636 for the latest information.

Wareham Town Council Meetings - May 2013

Planning & Transport	Mon 13th	7pm
Council	Tues 21st	7pm
Amenities	Wed 29th	7pm

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - May 2013

Council (annual)	Tue 14th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 22nd	7pm
Overview & Scrutiny	Tue 28th	9.15am
Planning Board	Wed 29th	9.15am

Meetings are subject to change. To double check, see: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/meetings/purbeck> and see 'dates of council and other meetings'

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JUNE 2013 deadline - 12 noon 10th MAY

Applause For MES Plant

Dear Editor,

How blessed are we in Swanage! Once again, our Dorset County Council has demonstrated its innovative flair! The ASTTOSLO plan is brilliant (DCC find alternative solution to turning our street lights off, April 2013)!

Not only will it keep our street lights blazing, but it will give local children the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of modern technology and machinery.

What's more - they can use the site as an adventure playground. The opportunities for a hands-on experience and climbing on and jumping off are endless.

Wonderful - proud to live in Dorset.

Chris Medicott, Swanage. By hand.

Methane For All!

Dear Editor,

The Swanage Methane Plant

Yet another twelve months go by and you are still publishing dodgy information from a certain Simon Cameron B.Sc., whom I seem to recall I totally discredited about a year ago. It all boils down to truth, half-truths and on this occasion, quarter-truths. Let me put the record straight for you and all your readers.

First, I should give you my credentials. I was a senior scientist for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, but lately have been relegated to the home office. Therefore I feel no guilt in revealing the real facts about the Swanage Methane Plant.

It dogs me to have to tell you that the Methane Plant is real, is a go-ahead and a foregone conclusion. What has not been said is that King George's Field still has grazing rights, and, unbeknown to most, a large canopy, very similar to the one at Harrow House School, is to be erected over the entire field, and local farmers will be invited to graze all their cattle overnight or even during the day.

It's a well known fact that cattle are the biggest suppliers of methane in the world due to their flatulence, and this, along with our canine friends, will make the whole proposition viable, the methane being collected in the canopy and fed to the processor.

I also have it on good authority that the Council will provide dog training courses, probably compulsory, to enable dogs to defecate directly into the processor, very similar to motor homes with their arrangements. I don't have first-hand knowledge of this but perhaps your admirable Mr. Hollister could enlighten us, especially on defecating motor homes etc.

Now, S. Cameron, BSE, sorry, B.Sc. has mentioned that the end product will be used to maintain street lighting for Swanage: quarter-truth and slightly wrong. You may have noticed the trench being dug all along Victoria Avenue. Here is the big revelation. A pipe is being laid and yes it is gas, but it is to be the new supply from the methane processor to the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Farm.

The idea, and in my opinion a very good one, is that on quiet days when the wind is not blowing, the methane processor will provide enough energy to turn the blades on the wind farm generators and thereby still supply enough energy to the National Grid.

As for the street lighting in the area, with several hundred head of cattle in King George's tent, a good input from dogs and motor homes, I can see no problem.

Yours very sincerely, Dr. Ralf I. Pool, F.A.R.T.S. (Fellow of the Autocratic Recycling Technicians Society)

A.k.a. Nick Collis Bird, Manwell Drive, Swanage



LULWORTH RANGE WALKS & TYNEHAM VILLAGE OPENING TIMES

The Lulworth Range Walks and Tyneham Village are open to the public every weekend with the exception of: **15, 16 June 2013.**

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Support LOCAL Affordable Housing Plans NOW!

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your excellent article on affordable housing in the recent publication of the Gazette.

My company, Devon and Dorset Properties Ltd, have submitted a planning application for Prospect Farm on Victoria Avenue in Swanage, which includes seventeen affordable homes.

For over twenty years I have been involved with the provision of homes for local young people, who in my view, should have the right to buy their home at an affordable price. In 1994 in the village of Broadmayne, we designed and built 18 houses, 4 for renting and the remaining 14 for purchase at 70% of market value by local first time buyers.

At that time the sale price was £35,000. There was a restriction that if they were sold in the future they could only sell to other local people at 70% of the current local market value. These restrictions are tied up in legal agreements.

As the years have gone by these properties are now valued at around £180,000, with the value to the owners after the 70% restriction being £126,000, leaving them with over £90,000 towards their larger property if they need to move up.

This then helps other first time buyers. The scheme as designed was copied and used by us in Puddletown and Piddlehinton, providing a total of forty homes and has proved to be very effective. Until recently, very little has been done to help the local affordable issue, although there is now a similar scheme being carried out in Tolpuddle.

Our Swanage research shows that as salaries vary and some personal situations are different, we need to provide a mixture of accommodation within the development and this we have sought to satisfy with 1 and 2 bedroom flats and 2 and 3 bedroom houses. These would be offered to local people at 70% of market value on the flats and 60% on the 2 and 3 bed houses, making them affordable.

The Planning Authority do not take any particular issue with the principle of the development of this land, but say we have to wait three years until the 'Swanage local Plan' has been finalised. Therefore it would be at least four years before the new homes could be ready.

It is NOW that new affordable homes are needed and not always tomorrow, tomorrow. There is also the downturn in construction to be considered, both with the advantage of keen prices and the availability of local labour. It is always our policy to engage as many local staff as is possible. When we built the Foyer in Park Road (homes for young people), we had five young trainees on-site for the build, and it was all locals who ended up living there.

If we were to receive planning permission for our application, we would set up a local venue for proposed purchasers to come and meet us, as well as mortgage advisors, solicitors and other organisations who can help the first time purchasers get started on acquiring their new homes.

We have here an opportunity to provide a genuine new initiative for Swanage, with half of our proposed new homes allocated for affordable homes, I would hope that we will get the support that I believe we should.

May I hope that through your Gazette, local people may understand exactly what we are seeking to achieve and I am hoping that the Gazette will give us the opportunity of explaining what our ambitions are.

Raymond McIntyre, Chairman, Devon and Dorset Properties Ltd, 38 Sandbanks Road, Poole, Dorset. BH14 8BX. Tel 01202 737887.

Ed's note: We STRONGLY suggest that any locals who would be interested in living in Raymond's development write to Purbeck District Council NOW, supporting his planning application. Also demand to know, in writing, why the ever-changing 'Swanage Plan' needs completing before locals are housed, affordably.....

This is exactly the type of proven scheme we need in Purbeck right now, TODAY. It's worked elsewhere, so get writing!



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Walking Festival Rescheduled

Dear Gazette readers,

After a great deal of consideration, the Walking Festival Committee has decided that, for practical reasons, we have to change the date of the festival this year. There are a number of reasons. A brand new website has been developed but this has been badly delayed and we have therefore been unable to take bookings for walks or put the PR drive into motion.

There are a couple of other considerations; the state of the paths, many of which are incredibly wet and slippery, being a main one. Whilst paths are not closed and are useable, it's not considered sensible to have big groups of guided walkers using the paths until they dry out significantly.

We also clash with the very well-established Isle of Wight Festival, who have changed their dates and, whilst this might not directly affect us, when debating moving the dates, we have taken that into consideration.

So, the new dates are 21st – 27th September, the website will be up very soon and the PR campaign will kick in as soon as the website is up. I hope you understand our thinking and agree that this will enable us to move forward with a successful Walking Festival 2013.

Yours sincerely, Lyn Fegan, by email.

Lions Thank Local Businesses

Dear Editor,

Once again the Swanage Lions have organised a Giant Easter Egg Raffle to raise much needed funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. As Easter was so early this year and the weather has been so cold, we needed even greater help from the local pubs - who came up trumps. We would especially like to say a big thank you to the Crow's Nest, the White Swan and the Village Inn at Ulwell who all managed to raffle several eggs in less than two weeks! We also gained support from the Isle of Purbeck Golf Club, Bay View Caravan Park and the camp site at Herston for the first time.

Over the Easter weekend the weather improved slightly, so members of the Swanage Lions were able to man a stall at the Post Office, the Co-op and the Swanage Railway Station. The final total raised is over £700, which will be presented to the Air Ambulance as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Vicki Church (I/C Easter Egg Raffle for Swanage Lions) by email.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS....

We receive a number of anonymous letters each month, many of which are interesting and worthy of printing... HOWEVER, if you have something to say, then your name and address needs to accompany it or it WILL NOT be published. Sometimes names are 'withheld' for a good reason, and we retain the details of the contributor in the office for legal purposes. NO NAME AND ADDRESS, NO PUBLICATION!

Weldmare - Garden Tea Party

Dear Nico,

The Fundraising Committee for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust is holding its annual 'Garden Tea Party' at Coombe House and Garden, Ferry Road, Studland on Sunday 12th May from 2pm until 5pm.

A variety of stalls will include gifts and books, home produce and cakes, plants, tombola and raffle.

Come and join us in a lovely, secluded garden to enjoy a cream tea and homemade cakes. 50p entrance, children free.

Last year we were wonderfully supported and everyone felt they had had a very relaxed afternoon! Hope to see you there!

Paddy Rideal (Weldmar Hospicecare Fundraising Committee)

Mystery Donor Sought

Dear Editor,

On the afternoon of Saturday 23rd March I went to the church to prepare it for the service the next morning.

On the stone bench in the porch there was a package in a rolled-up carrier bag, held together with elastic bands, and with a label 'For the Greek Orthodox Church'. On taking it inside and unwrapping the package, I found that it contained a collection of small plaster models of Orthodox priests.

There were a dozen 1-2 inches in height, and one about 7 inches high. One of the smaller models depicted a priest sitting side-saddle on a donkey. The largest was marked 'Corfu' on its base. These generated great interest among those attending church on Sunday.

There was no indication as to who might have left the package, but I wondered if some brief mention in your paper, expressing our gratitude for such an unusual gift, might be seen by the donor or donors?

Many thanks, Fr David Harris (Parish Priest)

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Potholes - Have YOU Suffered?

Dear Readers,

Re. Pothole - Washpond Lane - Swanage - January 2013

I write with regards to a severe pothole, approx 15cm deep across its 1m length, to the west side of single-track carriage-way, just north of the entrance to Yurt Village Camping, BH19 3DJ.

I wish to hear from any road users who have reported or who have had an incident with this pothole.

I sustained damage to steering; two wheels and two tyres were destroyed when I ran across this pothole on Sunday 13th January 2013.

You can contact me: Paul Chesterman of 12 Red House Lane, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. BS9 3RY. Tel: 0117 9686520 or 07807 807720 or email chstrmn@btinternet.com

Kind regards, Paul Chesterman, Bristol.

Potholes And PFI - Problems

Dear Gazette Readers,

To all readers who are concerned about the state of our roads, please read on: to the best of my knowledge, the reason our roads are not being repaired is that the government has instructed our councils to leave the roads to get so bad that they will need major repair, which then councils will say they cannot afford to do.

The government will then instruct them to have the work carried out using PFI funding. For those of you who do not know what PFI is, read on and take note!

PFI or Private Funding Initiative is funding projects with private money. The catch is they are 25 to 40 year repayment contracts with goodness only knows what interest rates! This is part of why the financial debt in this country is getting worse not better. We are being saddled with these huge long term debts for hospitals, fire and rescue centres, schools, street lighting and MOD contracts, to name a few, using PFI. Councils are being squeezed to pay so many PFI bills; the money coming from us, the taxpayers.

PFI will end up bankrupting our councils and then what? We now have councils closing toilets, charging the earth for parking and we are now expected to pay again for the road repairs using PFI - and we have already paid for them to be repaired! All this to line the pockets of the rich PFI shareholders.

In November 2010, the UK government released spending figures that the current total spending obligation for PFI contracts in the UK was £267 billion! How much now - three years later?

Get rid of PFI now or we are doomed to debt forever!

Simon Jeanes, Wareham

Potholes - DCC Says 'No Claim'

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about the potholes. I recently had to take out the windscreen on my car at a cost of £100 when I hit a pothole on Corfe Hill when going to work.

I put in a claim for it, but as the hole was repaired within 28 days, they now say I cannot claim. All they did was fill it with s**t, and two weeks later they had to redo it - and I lost out. I am now on a motorbike, and it has got so bad that from St Michael's in Harman's Cross to Corfe, all I am doing is zig zagging, trying to miss the bloody holes.

I hope the cops do not see me as I may be pulled for my riding skills. This

28 day rule of repair is just to get out of paying out to the poor motorist. I think this is why people are not claiming as the potholes are fixed, but to a poor standard, just so they don't have to pay out.

Many thanks DCC.

From Shane, a very upset driver/biker, by email.

Speed Kills On Rural Roads

Dear Editor,

Car occupants are 3.5 times as likely to be killed on a rural road than on an urban road. Yet a majority of rural roads have derestricted speed limits and as a single carriageway, legal speed limits of up to 60mph often result in inexperienced motorists doing precisely that speed without due consideration of the conditions.

That situation needs to be changed because most of our rural roads are narrow carriageways with blind corners and no street lighting. They often have no pavements or cycle paths, have pot holes, livestock, horse riders and debris such as fallen branches.

All these hazards mean that a driver going too fast won't see a hazard until the last minute and won't be able to react in time to prevent a crash.

Statistically, road users of any type are more than 2.5 times as likely to be killed on a rural road than on an urban road. The priority should be to reclaim those roads as pleasant places for people who live in communities connected by them. Speeds under 40mph are appropriate, whereas the derestricted limit of 60mph tends to be too fast for safety.

Each rural road should be evaluated for a safe speed because the speed limit would be a good indicator for the nature and risks posed by that road to motorists and non-motorised road users. Speed limits would then be evidence led, self explaining and seek to reinforce to drivers an assessment of what is a safe speed to travel.

Remember that, at 60mph, a driver's stopping distance is 73 metres - or three tennis courts.

I remain Editor, yours faithfully, Mike Fry, Lytchett.

OAP Will Not Give Up

Dear Editor,

As regular as clockwork, along comes some young person (Mr Graham Horne in Gazette 158) to suggest we O.A.P.s be made to give up driving at a certain age.

Well here is one fellow who will not. You may ask why. The reason is that I am a better driver today than in 1961 when I first passed my driving test, and that has come about by taking the following tests:-

- Driver improvement scheme in 1999 at the age of 70
- Passing Institute of Advanced Motoring Test in 2001
- Passing Institute of Advanced Motoring Test Re assessment Test in 2006
- A similar re-assessment in 2011

No one pushed me in to doing these tests. I owe it to myself and family and of course, other road users, that I am a safe driver. I just like driving and I am part of my car. I love what I do in my spare time being a volunteer taking elderly or disabled to hospital, doctor's surgeries, dentists etc. and their safety is paramount.

Mr Horne, you may give up your licence at any time, me, I would be like a duck out of water.

I would add that anyone can get an assessment about their driving by contacting Dorset Road Safety at County Hall, Dorchester. The test is a road test of ninety minutes duration and costs £25.

Yours, H V Cann, Wareham.

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End Of Road For Carnival Race

Dear readers,

End of the Road for the Swanage Carnival Road Race

It is with great sadness that we announce the end of the Swanage Carnival Road Race in its current form. Following health and safety concerns from Dorset Highways Agency and Police regarding the route, we have had to review the event. Despite a new proposed route being agreed, this was subsequently rejected by residents as it would compromise farm 'access' and was therefore not viable.

Part of Swanage's charm is that we are out on a limb, situated on an idyllic stretch of coastline. Unfortunately this means that closing the roads is an impossibility and therefore the route must be run with the traffic. Alternative choices for longer routes run from Swanage, that do not require roads to be crossed by the runners, are limited.

We must therefore end the long-established tradition of the Swanage Road Race, considered to be the longest running county road race in the country, after more than 105 years of known existence, and go back to the drawing board.

Therefore there will be no race in 2013, but we hope to be back in some shape or form in 2014! Thank you to all who have supported our race in the past, we hope you will join us for the new event when it is launched.

Becky Mack, Vice Chairperson – Swanage Regatta & Carnival

Christian? Not In My View

Dear Editor,

In the otherwise generally excellent March edition of the Purbeck Gazette, you published an advertisement headed 'Happy Easter', expressing views purporting to reflect a Christian perspective.

There are many - almost all, I would say - within the Christian community who would strongly disagree with much of the argument of this advertisement and wish to disassociate themselves from it. It is regrettable, if not entirely surprising, that the person or organisation responsible for it is not identified.

Yours sincerely, Canon John Wood, Team Rector of Swanage & Studland, Rural Dean of Purbeck, by email.

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The gentleman who booked the above-mentioned advert simply wished to spread the importance of the Easter message in his own words. Religion, eh?! Peace on earth and goodwill to all men, and all that.....surely??!

Lion's Offer Beach Bungalow

Dear Gazette readers,

Free usage of Lion's Beach Bungalow during June and July 2013

I am delighted to inform you that following a fifth year of hiring the beach bungalow and with more groups enjoying the facility, Swanage Lions have great pleasure in inviting local groups to use the bungalow once more. This year the bungalow will be available for groups for four weeks from Saturday 15th June until Friday 12th July inclusive.

The bungalow can be used free of charge by any local groups, charities, voluntary and service organisations. Also, if any of you know of any families or individuals who would benefit from this amenity, please ask them to contact us or do so yourselves.

As last year, Swanage Lions have hired Bungalow Number 2 and each day will be divided into the usual three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, the times as follows:-

Morning: 09.30 - 13.00 hrs, Afternoon: 13.30 - 17.00 hrs, Evening: 17.30 - 20.30 hrs.

We hope that the local community will once again join in and enjoy this facility, as well as the various activities on the seafront, plus the beach of course!

If you would like to take advantage of the bungalow, please contact Deirdre Mersey on 01929 424130 or via our beach hut email address, which is lionsbeachhut@hotmail.co.uk. If I'm not available, you can also contact Jane Reading on 01929 424478.

Yours sincerely, Deirdre Mersey, on behalf of Swanage Lions.

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Coaches - Information Sought

Dear Nico,

Through your informative magazine, may I please make an request for information? I am currently compiling a book about the history of 'South Dorset Coaches' of Corfe Castle and Swanage and also 'Dean & Son' the Swanage Coaches.

I would be very grateful if any readers have photos of any of the coaches, stories or any information which can be shared for possible inclusion in the book.

Remember, you may have that vital piece of information I require! Please don't leave it to someone else! Any items included in the book will be credited and any photos returned.

You can contact me either by email: amead8433@sky.com or by post: 'Purbeck', 12 The Linkway, Barnet, Herts, EN5 2BX.

May I also congratulate my friend Charlie (The Londonderry Hare) on the amount of money he has raised for his charity SONUS for his participation in the London Marathon. Well done, Charlie!

Thank you in advance, kind regards, Andrew Mead

twice and remember that in the countryside one should 'take nothing but photographs and leave nothing but footsteps'.

With best wishes, Bridget Mayes (Mrs), Langton Matravers, by email.

Dead Rat At Bus Stop

Dear Nico,

Strolling through my neighbourhood today, I was not best pleased by the streets of Herston; roadside rubbish, overflowing bins and a dead rat at the bus stop. I understand that local councils are under pressure from government policy to cut back on non essential services, but the High Street through Herston is a main thoroughfare to Swanage – first impressions etc?

Bank holidays exacerbate the problem. Cans and fast food wrappers are chucked out of car windows with gay abandon into the hedgerows. Education and awareness of the environment would be key, with the exception of poor old Mr Rat who, like me, is definitely not going to get his bus pass.

MJK Hamilton Swanage By Hand

Thank You Nightingales

Dear Editor,

I would like to say thank you to all of the 'Nightingales' for the superb care they gave to my father.

He died recently and the kindness and professionalism afforded to him in the weeks prior to his death was such a help to both him, and to us as his family,

We couldn't have asked for more.

Once again – thank you for everything.

Mary Dunn (nee Holmes) Swanage.

Navitus - 20 Years On!

Dear Readers,

Having been an active objector to the windfarm at Master's Pit and seeing the refusal by the local planners overturned on appeal by a faceless body of officials from outside of our area, I expect the same to happen with the Navitus Bay proposal.

In view of this, I hope the Planning Inspectorate will insist on a condition of acceptance being that an adequate sum of money is set aside to pay for removal of these monstrosities when they become obsolete.

I understand that the life span of these machines is about twenty years, so the prospect of them standing derelict and rotting in the sea, with the owners inexplicably finding they haven't the money to remove them, is too awful to imagine.

From Smudge, Lookout Park, Stoborough. By email.

Commercial Disaster For Coast

Dear Sirs,

Copy of letter as sent to Navitus

Ref: Offshore Wind Farm, 30th March 2013

I write to express my deepest concerns about the proposed development of the above – even after your recent consultation periods – which were not the least convincing.

The positioning of the wind turbines would be a disaster for this beautiful

Purbeck School Red Nose Team

Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank the Purbeck School for their amazing fundraising for Red Nose Day.

They spent many a hour selling red noses, sponsoring each other and teachers. They have almost raised £1000 and are still counting! They gave up their time after school and were planning events every lunchtime. They were a good team.

I hope they will help in future,

Many thanks, Jack Parsons, Bovington, by email.

Litter - Community Project



Dear Nico,

Well done to Mr and Mrs Ryder for removing litter at the roadsides of Corfe Castle.

Here in Langton, we feel similarly about litter. For the past year, with the support of The National Trust, Purbeck District Council, and with occasional advice from the children of St. George's School, village volunteers (most over 65 too) have taken part in litter picks along the roads

and footpaths of Langton Matravers twice a year – before the nesting season and after the leaf fall in the autumn, with a mid-summer tidy up.

Getting the whole community involved gets us walking around parts of the parish that some of us would miss, allows us to notice more of our surroundings and to meet other people in the village.

Importantly, it demonstrates to visitors that Purbeck residents care about litter and that we will do something about it ourselves until it stops. If people expect it to be cleared up by young offenders, then others will still continue to expect to throw their rubbish out of their cars.

The less litter visible, the less others drop on top of it. When visitors realise that they are littering real people's backyards, they might think

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heritage coastline, maritime activities and marine life and would ruin the views of residents and visitors alike – which in an area dependent on tourism, would be a commercial disaster.

May I therefore lodge my strongest objection to this development and trust that sanity and this critical situation will persuade you to find another less imposing and threatening site.

Yours faithfully, Alan Stephenson

Cc'd RSPB, Natural England, National Trust, MCA, Richard Drax and RYA and many more!

Navitus - 5 Reasons To Object

Dear Sir / Madam,

Copy of letter sent to Navitus.

I have read all your literature and attended all the meetings.

I strongly object to your plans in the area from Isle of Wight to Swanage windfarm.

The reasons are as follows:-

1. In an area of high shipping and boating activity.
2. It is an important bird migration route.
3. Close to England's only World Heritage site.
4. Other developments in Europe are not as close.
5. It is in an area of national asset, based on an economy of its natural beauty and the sea.

Yours sincerely, Michael Ford

Navitus - Please Consider Effects

Dear Sirs,

Copy of letter sent to Navitus

I wish to express my objection to the above proposal for the development of the Navitus Bay Offshore Wind Farm for around 218 turbines, of a maximum height of 200 meters, covering an area of 67.5 sq miles, sited some 14.6kms (9.1 miles) from Swanage.

Around Great Britain we have a lot of coastal areas of sea, not adjacent to such popular areas of natural beauty that are so important and valuable to local business and employment as this proposed siting.

Wind Farms are important, but need to be sited, taking into consideration the effects they will have on the local environment and essential trade, that will be affected by so many people who depend so much on visitors coming to Swanage.

Please give this matter your most serious consideration.

Yours faithfully, Reg Carden.

Elsie 'Bunnie' Weeks

The family of 'Bunnie' Weeks, who died in Kings Langley on 6 April 2013, aged 87, wish to express their thanks to those who gave friendship, care and support over the years, including the staff at Friars Mead, where she lived since moving from Swanage in 2010.

We would also like to thank all those those who have provided messages of support and, following the service on 18th April, for contributions in her memory in support of the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Fund.

Lovely W.I. - A Lifeline

Dear Nico,

I just want to let all the new residents of Swanage know what a friendly, welcoming town they have moved to. Two years ago I moved into Swanage with my husband and we soon settled into our new home. What next? I realised that I had to go out and meet people. My first outing was to the evening W.I..

An inspired choice, but a little daunting when you knew no one. As I crept in the room, I was soon introduced to other ladies and felt immediately amongst friends.

Over the weeks we had speakers on Global Warming, Hidden depths of the RNLI (ladies) and the hilarity of Christmases Past.

Book Clubs, Walks and Drama Groups are some of the activities I am now involved with. The W.I. was a life line to a new comer. I so enjoy it that I am now on the committee.

I sometimes find that it takes a little too long to go to the bank when you keep stopping to chat!! Every member has interests of their own, that you soon get involved in if you are interested.

If there is someone out there that would like to meet the friendliest people in Swanage, give me a ring on 01929 426401 and I'll collect you and take you into our meeting. Don't be put off by preconceptions, just come along and laugh and enjoy life, that's what we do!

Jenny Huntley, by email.

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Fairtrade Success!



Dear Nico and Joy,

Thank you for an excellent feature on Fairtrade in the March issue of the Gazette.

We had a great Fairtrade weekend at Durlston and our thanks go to the Rangers at Durlston Country Park, the Co-operative Group, Rainbows End, the teachers in local schools and to everyone who came to see the display in the Belvedere at Durlston and vote for the best sculpture from Fairtrade wrappers, created by local schoolchildren.

The winning sculpture was Colin the Crocodile (pictured left) by Swanage

Primary School, closely followed by the Big Foot by St Mary's (RC) Primary School.

A Fairtrade football was presented to Swanage Primary School recently. Sam Ward, one of the pupils, is pictured below, receiving the prize on behalf of the school (and of the ferocious predator!).



We are planning a Big Brew in May to raise funds for development charities and hope to display the sculptures there if you missed them at Durlston. Look out for posters nearer the time!

Best wishes, Anne Squires, Secretary to Swanage Fairtrade Network

Benefit Cap Targets Catholics?

Dear Gazette readers,

I understand there are about 140,000 families in this country with 10 or more children. How many of these families are good Catholics, i.e. they do not use any form of contraception?

I understand that both the Coalition and the Labour opposition agree that a cap on benefits of £26,000 should be introduced. If this is the case, is this an attack on the Catholic Church's present stance on birth control?

Incidentally, does anybody know the number of people even receiving as much as £26,000 in benefits, as opposed to those receiving less than £100?

Yours sincerely, Alan Marriott, Cauldron Crescent, Swanage.

Badger Cull - A Warning

Dear Nico,

Postponement by the government of last winter's badger cull offered only a temporary reprieve as the coalition is to resume the proposed cull in June. This will take place in the West Somerset, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire's Tewkesbury area, with the possibility of a third test cull site in Dorset.

Readers of the Gazette may be familiar with my previous letters. The Government wants to take drastic action to curb the spread of bovine tuberculosis (B.T.B) in cattle. Owen Patterson, Minister for the Environment, supported by the National Farmers Association, is in favour of the cull. When asked if a vaccination programme would be more effective in stopping B.T.B. from vectoring from badgers to cattle, he replied that it was not an option.

The Welsh Assembly and the Somerset Badger Trust are currently



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operating vaccination schemes. You can see these in use if you visit networkforanimals.com. What Mr Patterson is really saying is that in these economic times, a vaccination programme is too expensive, at a cost estimation of fourteen million pounds.

In an economically-based decision, the cheaper option of a cull involving 100,000 thousand badgers, approximately 70% of the current UK badger population, is deemed to be favourable as a long-term solution to the problem, despite scientific evidence to the contrary.

The cull would only reduce the incidence in cattle by some 16% and some science has shown that only one in seven badgers is carrying the disease. With vacuums in population, new animals move into culled areas and exacerbate infection. The badger is a protected species under the 1992 parliamentary act, however there is an exemption clause that states that killing is legal should the risk of B.T.B be considered high enough (in case you were wondering about that one).

This untested cull method will need to be executed at night, and one doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to know that shooting in darkness is, at the very least, unwise.

Point 22 DEFRA issue high velocity rifles, with a killing range of 150 yards, in areas popular with tourism, has prompted some local councils to express concern. Purbeck and Swanage Tourist Board please take note.

Brian May, guitarist with Queen, has spoken out on repeated occasions, saying that a cull of badgers is the wrong way to go, as have many others who favour a more long-term, humane policy of vaccination. 92% of the UK population do not support the government's proposed cull this summer.

Email the M.P. Owen Patterson. Ask your local supermarket where their milk is sourced.

Farmers have had this foisted upon them, whilst trying to make a living in a tough industry. Many of them do not support this short-term inhumane foray. Act to save the badger today, whilst there is still time.

Yours, Mike Hamilton. Swanage.

Rex Players - A Big Thank You!

Dear Gazette,

The Rex Players would like to extend a big thank you to everybody who supported the recent variety show 'The Sizzling Sixties' at the Rex Cinema in Wareham.

Through the generosity of the audiences, we were delighted to raise a total of £3510 for charity. We were able to donate a cheque for £2510 raised from the Gala night to the Green Island Holiday Trust and a further £1100 cheque to the Dorset Air Ambulance, from money raised from four night's raffles.

Thank you once again - See you next year! The Rex Players

Europe - No Room For Apathy

Dear Editor,

Pig in the Middle - doubtless still a popular game; one either gets stuck between left and right as the ball flies past. But if the interception is fortunate the 'Pig' breaks free with feelings of relief!

And so it is with this country of ours today.

Back in 1963, de Gaulle had stated that Britain was 'socially economically and politically invited to be a member of the European Community'.

Ted Heath had replied 'We would not turn our backs, we were part of Europe by geography, history, culture, tradition and civilisation'.

Our people need to decide which way to turn whilst there is still time. However, there is no room for indifference or apathy. The situation is serious.

Yours, D Bartley. Swanage.

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30 Mile Walk For Team!



Dear Gazette,

Myself and the team at Swanage Bay View held a charity walk from Swanage to Weymouth, totalling just under thirty miles, as we had to detour and get shuttle runs to Lulworth as the ranges were open and we didn't fancy dodging the tanks!

This was over two days on the 18th and 19th of March, staying at Durdle Door campsite over night. We endured a lot of mud, slipping and sliding through what I would call swamps, falling over with the domino effect through the human chain! Sliding down hills on bums and climbing up them on hands and feet. Great team work to pull each other through! Army rolls under barbed wire and dodging the cows as we crossed their path!

We left Swanage at 8.45am on Monday and touched-down at Weymouth clock tower at 2pm on Tuesday. We raised money for Childline, Cancer Research and NICU. Donations have not yet been closed, our main donation page is www.justgiving.com/Darwin-Holidays

The names of the participants are: Penny Ogden, Jen Davies, Adam Foskett, Peter Stevenson, Sam Ogden, Mark Kennedy, Rich Fisher, Billie Sayer, Lindsey Bamford, Anne Foulkes, Martyn Pilkington.

Kind Regards, Penny Ogden



Insulation Nightmare



Dear Gazette,

I just thought you might be interested in what we have to do in our kitchen to keep cold air out (see newspapers and towels in picture above). Our heating is on full blast and yet we cannot get the temp above 62 deg.

We have been on to the housing association many times over the years, with no positive comeback (double glazing was fitted, but VERY badly). This has gone on long enough, and as we don't know which way to turn to get this issue resolved, we are making it publicly known through the Purbeck Gazette. Many thanks, John.

LOCAL BUSINESS ACHIEVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Steve Wheller receiving the award on behalf of Carpets Select

Carpets Select, a local company employing skilled, local labour, has recently been awarded membership of the Guild of Master Craftsmen.

Membership was granted by the Guilds' Council of Management in recognition of both the company's commitment to working with skill and integrity and its agreement to abide by the Guild's publicly declared aims and objectives.

Carpets Select Director, Steve Wheller, says 'We are honoured to have received such high recognition from the Guild. We strive hard to deliver a personal, quality

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Of Plans, Parking & Double Standards

David Hollister writes...

The Annual Swanage Parish Assembly held at The Mowlem on 25th March turned out to be one of the best attended and informative Parish Assemblies ever. The Town Clerk and eight Councillors spoke to and listened to thirty members of the public on various subjects.

Anyone who's put in a Planning Application for property in certain parts of Swanage has been obliged to pay a 'contribution' to the Mowlem Estate without ever really understanding why. The funds so gathered are distributed to various local good causes; recently, the Swanage Sea Rowing Club, the new Swanage School, the Town Partnership and the Pier Trust to name but a few. "It was refreshing" said a local developer "to see where the money goes and to meet some of the recipients. Somehow it makes the contribution seem more acceptable".

The Mayor, Cllr. Bill Trite, spoke on around twenty local 'hot potato' subjects, in particular the new seafront stabilisation plans which appear to have been largely accepted and applauded by the townspeople. We have retained our 'blue flag' once again, a tribute to all concerned. David Bale made a detailed and informative speech on the subject of The Mowlem.

Local resident Eric Roberts made an interesting speech on the subject of the proposed 'pay and display' parking on Station Road, and the banning of camper vans, not only on the sea front (understandable), but also from the North Beach Car Park (disgraceful). He's shown me correspondence received from the Dorset Highways department suggesting that far from being detrimental to Station Road trade, the meters "will discourage long-term parking and stimulate a greater turnover of visitors seeking to park closer to the shops". Jury's out on that one, I wonder what the shopkeepers will say once it's been running for a few months.

It's not the parking meters that I object to. It's the way in which despite the DCC Roads & Rights of Way Committee being against the scheme, the 'Cabinet' decided to approve it anyway. Time this ill-informed Gang Of Seven was given its marching orders and that democracy was re-introduced back at County Hall.

Another letter from Dorset Highways pointed out that Shore Road will now be available for all year round parking "which can only enhance the experience of those visiting the area. Previously, during the summer, parking at this location was restricted". Read that as "we'll charge you summer and winter now". We had double yellow lines along the seafront from May to October each year on the grounds of 'road safety'. How come that now they can charge for parking, it has suddenly become safe to do so? Usual County Council double standards where principles are sacrificed for money.

With regards to 'enhancing the tourist experience', perhaps the best way to do that would be to stop employing their stormtroopers to stick £60 penalty notices on the tourists' windscreens. Whatever happened to common sense?

Camper vans are all part of the rich pattern we call the holiday trade. Each contains several visitors who have come here to enjoy the view, to patronise the shops, cafes and pubs, and to spend their money. They have to stay somewhere. So why not fence off part of one of the car parks, put in electric and sewerage hook-ups, charge a fiver a night and make them WELCOME instead of being hostile? And to legitimate sites who already

offer such facilities – write in and tell us what you can do for camper vans (particularly during the 'off season' months) and we'll print it.

Once again, Purbeck District Council displays an alarming penchant for double standards. Mr A had a large barn adjoining his rural property, which could be seen by no-one, and converted the top of it into a nice little flat for his daughter and son-in-law, who were struggling to find somewhere to live. Probably cost him £10,000 to do. The PDC Planners found out and sent the enforcement officer round with all sorts of threats; the flat is now empty and falling into disrepair; the children have moved out of the area.

Mrs B owns a large field in a rural area, which she uses as a holiday campsite under the 28-day rule. Over the last few years she's gradually been allowing 'permanent' residents to stay there with a mish-mash of old caravans, sheds, polythene sheeting, etc. As far as I'm aware there's one standpipe and no sanitary arrangements. On several occasions the local residents – to whom this 'hippy city' is in full view – have attempted to get the Planning Enforcement people to act to 'enforce' Planning Laws, but for a variety of reasons, they have so far been unwilling to do so. The word 'gutless' comes to mind – or are they unable to offer suitable alternative housing to those dwelling there?

So I challenge District Councillors and District Council Officials to tell us – in this magazine – why it is that Mr A had to close down the flat for his kids, whilst Mrs B is allowed to continue her 'traveller camp' apparently unchecked. If we are to be governed by Planning Regulations, there must be the same law for all of us and the Enforcement People should be fair and even-handed. Or admit that they're cowards.

Last month I challenged Councillors to give me good reason why the land earmarked for the failed 'industrial estate' in Swanage cannot be released for affordable homes. As expected, total silence.

My article stimulated a reply from a developer who has put in a planning application for a piece of land adjoining this estate, at Prospect Farm. Based on previous experience in other parts of Dorset, he is proposing to build 35 properties including 17 'affordable homes' which he is prepared to sell on to local people at up to 60% discount on market price, with future sales and transfers protected by covenant. The Planning Authority do not take particular issue with this, but say "we have to wait three years until the 'Swanage Local Plan' has been finalised". So it could be four years before these homes are ready. It's NOW that new affordable homes are needed, not tomorrow. This firm is prepared to use local labour, including trainees, on the site. They already have a track record of this in Swanage, where a block of 'affordable homes' was built by local contractors, including local trainees, and is now occupied by locals.

This developer – Devon & Dorset Properties Ltd – needs support, not procrastination. I challenge Purbeck District Council to get off their backsides and put this one through, or give me a good reason why they won't. Waiting for yet another 'local plan' to wend its sluggish way to completion is not sufficient reason. They were able to put through their own laudable seafront enhancement project with little or no notice because their recreation ground was crumbling and it was an emergency.

The lack of affordable homes in Purbeck is a similar emergency. Many would say it's more important. So let's see you act as quickly now.

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The Duke Of Quiz Teams...



A cheque for £800 was presented to 'Wareham in Need and Sickness Charity' on 26th March 2013.

Each Tuesday, groups of people get together in Wareham's Duke of Wellington public house and pay £1 each to take part in a music quiz. The winning team takes all the cash, but it has been the tradition (though not obligatory!) for regular music-quizzers to put their winnings in a pot for a local charity.

Marion Wood represented this year's chosen charity and kindly came to our presentation evening to accept the cheque on its behalf. Details of what the charity does and who it serves can be found on its web-site.

Well done to the Duke's quiz teams! What a fab effort!

Red Nose Day In Wareham

Sainsbury's Wareham announce final fundraising total of £2,572

The money has been collected and counted and Sainsbury's Wareham have announced that their fundraising for Red Nose Day, which took place on Friday 15th March 2013, raised £2,572.

Sainsbury's Wareham Store Manager Chris Strowger said: "Many of our colleagues were 'reddy' to go one step further this year to mark the 25th anniversary of Red Nose Day. It's been a great experience over the last few weeks and we wouldn't have raised this much if it wasn't for the generous donations from our Wareham customers".

Local residents across Purbeck got in the spirit by raising funds, including Sainsbury's customers, who made a huge contribution by donating money to fundraising events at the store as well as purchasing this year's range of merchandise including the Nose with Toes, sold in-store.

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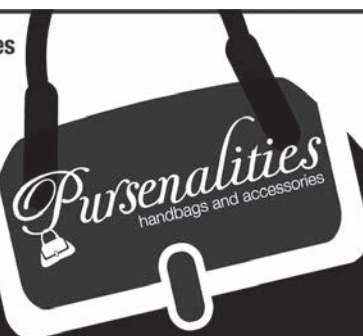
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CHUG SAYS...



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Chug To The Rescue

The Chug and I have always been rather fond of the RSPCA. Chug himself has an immaculate lineage with a pedigree as long as a foxhound's tail, but he has friends, both canine and feline, who have emerged from that particular orphanage and are eternally grateful for the lives they now lead.

Chug has not been my only canine friend and I have, in the past, been fortunate enough to have been able to offer companionship to others, of both varieties, from Ashley Heath and from Kingston Maurward. There can occasionally be problems, but they all pale into insignificance when you slip a re-homed dog from the lead for the first time and watch him running free and happy on the beach or in the park, then to pick you out from others and come back to you, grinning as they do.

All the people I have met who work for the RSPCA at grass roots level have been good, honest people who care deeply about the work they do in exchange for what is probably a pittance, and it saddens both Chug and I to see their reputation being destroyed by the new man at the top.

Gavin Grant, just this year appointed head of the RSPCA, appears to be a man on a mission to increase his political profile at any cost, even to the detriment of the organisation he represents. Grant, who previously gained some prominence by leading a militant campaign against The Body Shop, has clearly decided that emotive issues are the ones on which to build a reputation and to this end, embarked on a high profile prosecution of the Heythrop Hunt, which just happens to be in David Cameron's constituency of Witney in Oxfordshire.

Spurning the RSPCA's own very competent and experienced legal team, Grant hired eminent QC Jeremy Carter-Manning to head-up the team at around £300 per hour. The original fifty-two charges were whittled down to four and the two defendants, who pleaded guilty anyway, ended up with individual fines of £250 and £450 respectively for each offence. However, and here's the crunch, the RSPCA submitted a staggering total of costs incurred of £330,000.

The judge himself was shocked at this figure, which the RSPCA had tried to hide from public view, and commented that "The public may feel RSPCA funds could have been more usefully employed." He ordered the Hunt to pay only £19,000 of those costs. What is not so well known is the fact that through an anomaly in the legal system, the shortfall of around £310,000 comes not out of RSPCA donations, but out of the taxpayer's pocket. I'm not sure which is worse, but one thing Chug is sure of is that the only winners here are the lawyers, and the animals lose out.

Now Chug and I are aware that hunting is an emotive issue, we've heard the arguments for and against and we know many Gazette readers have strong feelings about it. But whether you are pro or anti is irrelevant here because everyone who has commented on this case - journalists, interviewers, the charities commission, even Lord Heseltine on the board of trustees - agrees that it was a tragic waste of money.

I could quote you figures, but the RSPCA humanely slaughters roughly fifty percent of the animals it rescues and a huge chunk of those, running into many thousands, are slaughtered because either they are deemed unlikely to be re-homed or simply because there is no room for them in centres. It is statistically the third most complained about charity in UK, after the Jehovahs and something called NFSH which deals with alternative healing. The figures for successful re-homings are falling, while the number of prosecutions is rising; the RSPCA is being moulded into a militant political wing to feed one man's ego, whereas all that you, me, the Chug, and Maureen at Kingston Maurward care about is that Rover and Tiddles get a new and loving home.

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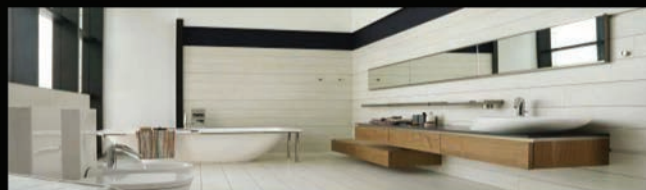
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Folk Festival Supports Musical Youngsters



Pictured are David Blakeley, chair of Swanage Folk Festival Committee, handing over a cheque for £600 to Fran Frith of the Purbeck Instrument Loan Scheme (PILS).

The scheme enables local children to borrow musical instruments to encourage them to learn to play them. Since the scheme started, well over five hundred children have benefited from the scheme. Well done and thank you to Swanage Folk Festival for their support!

Birthday Wishes!

The Swanage Detachment of the British Red Cross has just purchased three brand new wheelchairs to add to their extensive range of medical loan equipment. All these items are used to benefit local disabled people, anyone on holiday in the area and those who are recovering from surgery.

Mrs Phyllis Farrer celebrated her 90th birthday last September; sadly, Phyllis died just a few weeks after her birthday. Her son, Jim, presented the chairs, the purchase of which was made possible by the generous donations of Phyllis's friends and family.

Phyllis had been a member of the Red Cross for over 55 years. The photo shows Mrs Carol Figg receiving the chairs on behalf of the Swanage Detachment, with Jim Farrer.

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We Bid Farewell To 'Purbeck People' Editor

Father, dearest friend, songwriter, poet and gardener, Jack Hollingshead passed away at home early Tuesday morning, 19th March 2013.

Jack wrote 'I write songs therefore I am'.

Born in Fulham London and educated in Sloane School of Chelsea, Jack started writing songs at the age of twelve and had his first songwriting contract at fifteen! He taught himself twelve string guitar and keyboards and was his own recording engineer and producer.

He worked in the 'real world' as a builder, docker, factory worker, ice cream man, funfair attendant, fruit picker, song plugger, editor and artist. He was also a bum and a jailbird. A rough diamond from what he called 'the lower working class'. He had sung and played his songs in concert and on radio and television and had songwriting contracts with Auerbach publishers and later with the Beatles company, Apple.

Jack was a perfectionist, in all his artistic, creative and practical endeavours he would settle for nothing less. He was Editor of the 'Purbeck People', one of the first (if not the first) free newspapers with which, as Editor, he harnessed all the local talents to produce an

aesthetically wonderful, and topical publication for Purbeck. Jack first came to Swanage aged thirteen and fell in love with the landscape and seaside town life, cosmopolitan summers and sleepy winters. It felt like home.

Latterly he had all sorts of artistic projects; wax pictures and prints, imaginary flowers, paper mache puppets, amazing gardens. He also created a series of musical scenes 'Purbeck Themes', an ode to the local landscape including pieces inspired by Wilkswood, Arne, Studland and Dancing Ledge.

His partner, Trina, and son, Josh, hope to get this released in the summer, so please keep an eye out.

Jack also renovated the first commercial shops in Commercial Road in Swanage (ie where Chococo is situated) as well as old houses in Wales, Winchester and Purbeck. He taught himself all aspects of building and employed local tradesmen and friends.

Jack was one step ahead of the future, a clever, creative, supportive man.

He once said "When you forget it's ALL magic you're not really here". Rest in peace, Jack.



Coronation Anniversary Wareham's Big Lunch Party



Wareham Town Council has formed a small working party to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation in June 1953.

Plans are being made for a repeat of the highly successful Big Lunch Party which celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, this time on Sunday 2nd June from 1pm to 5.30 pm at Howards Lane car park, which will again be transformed into a giant 'village green' for the day with a red, white and blue theme.

A right royal occasion!

The national 'Big Lunch' was an idea generated by the Eden Project in 2009.

The aim was to get as many of the 61 million people in the UK as possible to have lunch with their neighbours once a year. The idea grew out of national research showing that people were increasingly feeling isolated from their neighbours and that communities were not developing as they did in the past.

Many of you who celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee last year will have had some memorable experiences of enjoying the day together with neighbours. Once again, the Town Council is encouraging residents to get involved and show some community spirit on the fifth occasion of the UK's Big Lunch.

The programme will include the Wareham Whalers shanty group, a DJ/MC with musical entertainment, a children's fancy dress competition, 'Through the Decades' fashion parade, musical chairs, a community singalong and line dancing, with free teas/coffees/cake by kind courtesy of Sainsbury's, Wareham.

The possibility of children's donkey rides (up to age eight years) is also being explored.

This is a free event with maximum numbers of tables/chairs provided by the Town Council, Parish Hall and Carey Hall.

It is 'first come, first served' however, and participants may wish to bring their own chairs and picnic blankets to be on the safe side.

Note: weather dependent/subject to cancellation at short notice since there is no possibility of an indoor facility.

Further details: Rod Curtis, Town Clerk, 01929 550771/553006

Swanage Post Office Reopens After Refurbishment



Mick and Tracey of Swanage Post Office during the renovations

The Hallmark store and Post Office in Swanage has now reopened following a major refurbishment. "We are delighted with the results" said store owners Mick and Tracey Searle, "the changes that have been made will secure the future of the Post Office, and will also give us a bigger shop, which is important as the shop has to support the Post Office financially."

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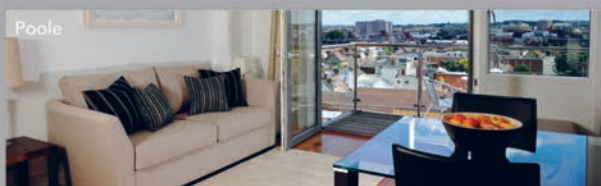
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My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



First.. Let me pay tribute to all the Swanage and Purbeck men that fought for freedom... Bless them! A great many have passed on, but are not forgotten....

War! Bloody War! It stinks!

One of my abiding memories is that of incredible noise. Heavy battleships were firing over our heads into the enemy areas, the noise, as the shells screamed overhead, plus the noise of our artillery and the 'crack' of incoming mortars, the chatter of machine gun fire, both incoming and outgoing, gave me a headache so bad that I was glad to move forward.

As we moved inland and captured enemy gun positions, we were surprised to find just how efficient the Germans were. They had oil paintings near their guns with a panoramic picture of the countryside, and with all the ranges laid out in detail.

This part of Normandy was a deadly mixture of corn fields and 'The Bocage', little fields with sunken lanes and high dense hedges. Undulating and twisting, dusty roads with trees and lots of cover. For the infantry, a nightmare, and for the enemy, a fortress easy to defend.

At times the fire was intense, without our hastily dug 'foxholes' we would not have lasted, and a terrible price was paid for each move forward. Every yard had to be fought for. It was now that we quickly learned to be veterans! There is nothing quite like the threat of death to instruct one in what is necessary to survive. Around us, always in the air, hung the smell of death, it was with us continually. The sweet, sickly smell of death; humans, and animals, bloated, with their legs stuck stiffly in the air; our soldiers did not always get buried.

The young men that never came home.

Here and there, under a hedge as the weeks went by, a tin hat and a forlorn bundle of khaki uniform, where gentle Mother Nature slowly and gently reclaimed her precious sons, and took them back into her earthly bosom from whence we came.....

Dead cattle were a continuing problem, the stench was overpowering and the sound of wounded cattle in pain was pitiful. I still have a picture in my memory of the pale orange-coloured faces of those recently killed; they quickly bloated and then turned black as corruption overtook them. I hated the sound of Spandau fire, it always reminded me of someone tearing a dry bit of canvas. The sound of the moaning Minnies or multiple mortars, was something else that I have not forgotten. It started off like the moaning of a banshee in the distance and then the sound grew as the missiles approached. Oh yes, I remember!

The concrete gun emplacements, the barbed wire, the expert use of enemy mortars; they always knew where we were. Having to live and sleep with the dead all around you, my most abiding memory is that of exhaustion. Sleep was at a premium.

It takes very little time to make a Veteran

I remember an event that was typical of Normandy. One night I arrived back to our area after being in contact with the enemy all day. So tired that I did not dig a hole, I just flopped down and fell asleep. Exhausted. When I awoke in the morning I found that I had slept with Germans buried all around me, so shallow that the toes of their boots stuck out of the ground. The telling thing about this is that I thought nothing of it at the time. No sooner had we dug our hole to get some rest, than we were dragged out again to go somewhere else.

Normandy was a murderous place, a murderous place! One other memory I recall was the superiority of the German weapons, while we were armed with the 'Sten', a gun that fired when you did not want it to, and would not, when you did! My Sten fired on its own when I put it on the ground and nearly shot my best pal, Harry Grey; it parted his hair! War? For me there was nothing glorious about it. But I do remember all those young men...

To break off for a minute....

Do you Swanage and Purbeck folks recall that terrible winter of 1947? At that time the coal yard was situated where the Co-op store is now. You could not buy a lump of coal for love or money, the stocks were completely empty. Not a single piece of coal anywhere. That winter went on and on. Tough times; for clothes rationing was still in force, and what you could buy was 'Skinny'. Not helped again by food rationing.

Do you recall, folks? Nothing in the shops to buy? And the only entertainment was the old Cinema. That prompts the question: did any of you fill your hot water bottles to take with you to the Cinema? We certainly did...

That was in the time when we worked a six day week. It was also the time when the returning service men had to fight another battle. This time to restore the country's economy. We were bankrupt. Totally bankrupt. Not helped by the loss of so many thrusting young men in the war. For they were not there to carry the country forward, and we needed them. Austerity and Sir Stafford Cripps. Not nice...but that generation did the job, though totally bankrupt, we never put the town's lights out!

Back to the war....Hillman - Not one shell or Bomb fell on it!

The Company had now fought our way ashore and opened up the route into Hermanville. The German position code named 'Morris' had been taken, and many enemy captured, The Company had also been given the task of getting to, and capturing the lock gates at Oustreham, in doing so they captured officers and men.

But now, before us, lay the huge enemy defensive position code named 'Hillman' (it's still there, or part of it is) and a very tricky problem it was going to be. Quite a large area (650 meters by 450 meters) with underground passages, and with the whole front covered with artillery and mortar fire, with machine gun fire criss-crossing everything, it could not be by-passed it was far too big, and far too dangerous, it had to be taken.

The problem being how to get in among this defensive position. My Company had been asked 'in the nicest possible way' to force a path into the heart of Hillman. Opening up a path through the barbed wire and mines. Lt Heal RE with Sappers, worked their way through the mines, laying on their stomachs, under very heavy fire, dealing with the mines by blowing them, as they opened up a track right into the heart of the position. In doing so, he earned himself the French C de G. (my hero). I have his citation.

Later, we spent the night at this position, only to find in the morning that a large crowd of Germans came up from the underground passages to give themselves up, with their officers. During the taking of 'Hillman' there had been some very unpleasant fighting down in the underground passages! Described as a "Grisly, bloody, and a chilling business!" Once we got the infantry through the sheep track, the battle was won.

Then the Company opened up a wider track to get the tanks in. The Sappers put high explosive charges down the ventilation shafts, causing absolute mayhem down below! A pound of gun cotton exploding in a confined area?!

To end this month's episode. Remember, folks? The wartime dried eggs made lovely omelettes didn't they? Specially with spam fritters!!

To be continued

In the future I shall relate a series of true stories about the battles in France, Belgium, and Holland. No historical sequences or dates. Just memories...

Hemsbach, and the closest airports with flights to Frankfurt are Bristol and Heathrow. By the time we thought about booking a flight most of the economy class tickets had been booked and we did not have enough seats to make travelling by coach viable. Lena Huskinson, our new secretary, worked very hard to arrange transport.

We needed 25 coach passengers and the figures rose from 19 to 24 and then to 30. We thought that to travel to Hemsbach in one journey was too long, so Lena planned to have an overnight stop in Liege on the way out and Brussels on the way back. Unfortunately the Liege stop clashed with the Belgian Grand Prix, so the overnight stop will be in Antwerp. Travelling by coach through the Channel Tunnel does have some advantages.

We will be able to put our luggage in the coach and we will not have to worry about charges for extra baggage. We will have an opportunity to get to know each other at the overnight stops and we will be able to use the coach for visits around Hemsbach when we get there.

Robin Brasher, Publicity Officer Wareham-Hemsbach Society.

Wareham - Hemsbach Society Update

American visitors to Europe are surprised at how few times English people visit Europe when the countries seem to them to be very similar and so close together. In the past it has been easy for people in Swanage and Wareham to visit their twin towns of Rudesheim and Hemsbach.

Flying from Southampton we could leave at 11:00 and be in the twin town by 19:00. Because the Wareham-Hemsbach Society was invited to Hemsbach during the August Bank Holiday and, because airlines have stopped flying to some European destinations, arranging transport has been difficult. Fly-be has pulled out of Frankfurt, which is the nearest airport to

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Through The Keyhole - Swanage Town Council

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



Swanage Town Council and Parish meetings. March/April 2013

An application for the building of 52 dwellings in the town, 50% at market value, 50% affordable (affordable having now been defined as 90% of market value and therefore to most people unaffordable) would, in spite of this, have received a sympathetic hearing from this Council. Not this time.

Cllr and former Mayor Mike Pratt, noted the irony of receiving an application from the inaptly named 'Welfare Dwellings Residential Care Ltd,' making clear his distaste for an application that had nothing to do with welfare or care, but a great deal to do with profit. The application was, after all, from the company which had, barely a year ago, pulled out of negotiations for a housing development from which it would make big profits but had, in recognition of this, included the donation of land for a new secondary school.

Readers will remember that at the eleventh hour the Company demanded a £2 million sweetener in addition. As it would have anticipated, that sank the deal without trace and cost the Council and Education Swanage a great deal of time, trouble and money. Cllr Poultny noted pointedly that not only was there no planning gain for the town in this new application but it left the badly crumbling Grammar School building on the proposed site entirely ignored. (Perhaps the Company sees a future 'magnanimous' offer to demolish the now unsafe building as a means by which it can eventually secure this application).

However the Company may be relying on PDC ignoring the Swanage objections, as it has on other matters recently. If PDC did pass the application all hope of a planning gain from this formerly DCC owned land would be lost. We will see.

On the North Beach landslip, Cllr Brown provided the Council with a clear and detailed précis of the meeting he was instrumental in bringing about between DCC, the Environment Agency, the Environment Association and the Town Council. The landslip is far from unique; similar falls having occurred at Lulworth and, with tragic consequences, down the coast at Looe, as well as all around the British coast.

After a fact-finding study of the area by all parties (they were surprised at its scale), DCC has committed to producing a comprehensive plan to

deal with future landslips. An expert is to be engaged to study the entire area between Ocean Bay and Shepp's Hollow and make an estimate of likely slide movement and possible risk to the public. (Cllr Brown was particularly concerned that - come summer - visiting children might try to find interesting hiding places in the tons of congealed mud - with possibly life threatening results.)

As to the incredibly complicated ownership of that stretch of beach (75 separate owners have so far been identified) owners will be invited to take their share of the costs associated with this slippage. In closing, Cllr Brown warned of the strong possibility of further falls this year at Durlston, Ballard Down and North Beach.

A too little known aspect of the Council's work is its role as Trustee of the De Moulham Trust. (Developers building on the De Moulham estate pay what is, in effect, a small informal local tax. The money does not go into Council coffers, nor into the pockets of Councillors (as the town's uncharitable assume) but to local good causes). Cllr Tritte reported that many recent recipients attended the annual Parish meeting to report on how the trust grants - some very considerable sums - were being used. Among these were the Swanage Sea Rowing Club (£50,000), Education Swanage (£50,000), Swanage Pier Trust (£25,000) and Swanage Cricket Club (£8-10,000). Many other beneficiaries received sums of £1,000 or more.

The meeting had opened with the presentation of a framed police citation to a local youngster Ryan Hullcoop for his bravery and coolness when faced with a life threatening incident on New Year's Eve 2012. Surrounded by his proud family, Ryan heard the Mayor, our MP, Richard Drax and former local police inspector, Tracey Baker, congratulate and thank Ryan on behalf of the community.

When a friend of his was brutally attacked by other youths near the Mowlem, Ryan not only tended and protected his badly injured friend but brought him to the recovery position which secured his friend's safety.

While waiting for the rescue services - very overstretched on that particular night - Ryan also helped another injured youngster who had had his arm broken, defusing the violence that had surrounded him.

The modest youngster was enthusiastically applauded by all present.

Well done Ryan.

News From Wareham Town Council

At time of going to press, the Council was due to meet on 16th April, after the Editor's deadline. Details will follow in the next edition, together with the Annual Council (MayorMaking) meeting on 8th May.

Highlights of the 5th March Council meeting:

Policing in Wareham - Sgt Jon Wasey of the Wareham North Safer Neighbourhood Team gave an update on current issues. In Wareham, crime in the category of Domestic Violence had fallen; this was ahead of the average for the Section and the Force. Where there had been a fall in the 'Personal' type of crime in the Anti Social Behaviour statistics, Wareham had the lowest number of repeat victims across the force. Current priorities for the Team were reductions in general criminal damage and vehicle crime.

Further work was being carried out in the areas of: Prison projects, Anti Social Behaviour, Young People projects, Shopwatch and ICE (a help scheme for the vulnerable). Councillors asked questions on the nuisance of graffiti, siting of Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras and Anti Social Behaviour Order contracts.

Wareham Minster? Council was required to decide formally upon their support for an application for Minster status by Lady St Mary Church, Wareham following a straw poll at the 15th January 2013 Town Council that had indicated support. Correspondence from the Church Verger was read to Council confirming submission of the application. Council finally resolved to formally support an application by Lady St Mary Church to the church authorities for the granting of Minster status.

Funding of Lengthsman Scheme - Councillors were disappointed to receive news from Dorset County Council regarding the curtailing of funding for the Lengthsman Scheme, which would mean a shortfall of £5,000 in the forthcoming financial year for a post that was proving to be an excellent addition to the Council's team.

The timing of the news was unfortunate given that the Council's budget

process for the financial year in question had recently been completed. It was decided that discussions would take place at Finance committee meetings to consider options for future funding.

Coronation Anniversary Event - the Mayor drew attention to a Working Party's update on progress, which had been tabled and gave news of a Big Lunch Party event on Sunday 2nd June at Howards Lane Car Park. Further details on page 16 of this month's edition.

Town Mayor-Elect and Deputy Town Mayor-Elect - Councillor M Russell was formally confirmed as the Town Mayor-Elect for the Civic Year 2013/14, while Councillor Mrs Turner was confirmed as Deputy Mayor-Elect.

District Council Community Governance Review - Council accepted a report from a working party which suggested a change to the parish boundary. Councillor Budd suggested a further change, which was also supported, for transmission to the District Council.

On other matters, Council strongly supported the addition of the Middle School Playing Fields to be placed on the District Council's Assets of Community Value List, supported the renewal of the town's Fairtrade Status, and agreed on two Members' Motions: (a) on the retention of the Portland based Search and Rescue Helicopter Service, to be sent to the Transport Secretary and (b) support for the provision of existing hospital services in Wareham in the re-organisation of local health services in Purbeck, for attention of Mrs Annette Brooke MP.

Former Mayor Mr David Baggs - It is with deep regret that Wareham Town Council notes the death of former Mayor Mr David Baggs on 10th April. Mr Baggs, a barrister and member of the Wareham Court Leet was a Town Councillor from 2003-2007. He was Mayor in 2005-06 and oversaw the granting of Fairtrade status to Wareham. Our condolences go to David's family.

Rod Curtis, Town Clerk

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THE JAMES DAY CARE CENTRE - FRIENDLY & WELCOMING

Since it opened in November 2012 the James Day Care Centre has continued to develop its links with the local community. The centre has already hosted a number of events and is fast gaining a reputation as a friendly, welcoming and helpful place.



Casey Townsend (pictured above), who was appointed earlier this year to develop community

links, is keen to keep the ball rolling. *"There is so much we can offer in terms of a wonderful venue for meetings and events but we also have a team of very knowledgeable people who can signpost important services"*.

In addition to the Gainsborough Care Home, the care centre now boasts the services of Agincare Home Cuisine and Agincare Domiciliary Care. Mark Baker, Operations Director for Home Cuisine, is keen to let people know more about its services, *"Many people living in their own home find it difficult to prepare and cook food. We offer a great range of high quality nutritionally balanced main and desert courses delivered straight to your door 365 days a year."* Over the next few weeks Mark will be organising tasting sessions around the locality to show how delicious community meals can become. Watch this space!



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The Swanage School Update



First Teaching Team Appointed at The Swanage School

The Swanage School has announced the appointment of its first team of teachers. The school opens in September 2013 in classrooms provided by Harrow House, Swanage's world-class language school, before moving into brand new specialist facilities being built in the grounds of Swanage Middle School.

Tristram Hobson was appointed as Headteacher in June 2012, joining the school from St Edmund's Girls' School in Salisbury where he was Deputy Headteacher. Jenny Maraspin, previously Head of Teaching and Learning at the Leaf Academy, Bournemouth, was appointed Deputy Head in December.

"We are in the rare and very fortunate position of being able to set up a school from scratch. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to establish a team with dynamism, vision and a truly collaborative approach, to work together to create something very special" Mr Hobson has told the new teaching team.

The new school buildings, on target for completion in early 2014, will provide a contemporary education environment that will also be a focal point for wider community arts, sport and learning.

The new teaching team start full-time in September, having been selected from over 300 applicants from across the UK and overseas. Each long-listed candidate taught an 'outstanding' lesson before being short-listed for interview, with observations taking place at Bournemouth's Leaf Academy.

On 11 May there will be an opportunity to meet the teachers. For details of the time and venue visit the website at www.theswanageschool.co.uk or call 01929 500599.

Schoolchildren's artwork brightens up Swanage School site

Pupils at Swanage Middle School in Dorset have been brightening up the



hoardings surrounding the site where Kier Construction's southern team is building a new two-storey Free School for the town.

Following a safety presentation to the schoolchildren, Kier Construction safety, health and environmental manager, Dave Farrell, launched a poster competition, providing the opportunity for the children to get involved with the building project while also giving the construction site a facelift.

The competition had a fantastic uptake with 174 pupils taking part, and the quality of the posters was so impressive that the Kier judges could only narrow it down to 21 winners, who all had their posters enlarged and mounted onto the site hoardings.

The brightly-coloured display was unveiled at a special ceremony where director of Kier Construction's southern operations, Martin Orr, presented all the participants with prizes for their achievements. He commented: "It gives me great pleasure to see so many youngsters of this community getting involved with such an important project for the town. The new school will be a valuable community asset which will benefit many generations for years to come."

The Swanage School will cater for 420 students aged 11 to 16, providing a community education facility that will improve life opportunities for all the students.

The new two-storey school building includes a sports hall and multi-use games area (MUGA) and is due for completion by Easter 2014, with the official opening scheduled for the start of the summer term.

Image: Swanage School hoardings. The Winning entries were enlarged and mounted onto the site hoardings.

Tank You Very Much!!



A replica I/16 Elephant Assault Gun (WWI) has recently been restored and auctioned, with the money raised donated to Heroes Haven in Swanage.

Steve Davies of Hamworthy was the original owner of the replica

tank, but due to poor health, Steve passed the tank on to Richard Amphlett, who is a member of the Tank Museum Volunteer Modellers. Steve and Richard agreed that, when finished, the tank would be auctioned in aid of Heroes Haven. The restoration took several months of hard work, involving the tank being stripped down, recoated in a new resin Zimmerite coating, and repainted to represent an Elephant of a Panzer regiment in Italy during 1944.

Brian Harries of Harries & Wilson in Swanage was enlisted to help sell the model online to a worldwide market, thus ensuring the best price. Antoine Lenormand of Courbevoie, France, was the lucky winner, and after expenses, a total of £436.68 was raised.

The cheque was presented to Lynne Connor and Steve Churchill of Heroes Haven by Richard Amphlett, on behalf of Steve Davies, whose health had seriously deteriorated by the time of the presentation. Our thoughts are with Steve's family at this difficult time, and we'd like to thank him publicly for donating his tank for restoration in aid of such a wonderful cause.

Picture above shows the completed tank. Picture below l-r: Lynne Connor, Richard Amphlett, Mark Farrer (of Harries & Wilson) and Steve Churchill.



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Purbeck locality update

The recent NHS Reforms mean that from April 2013 the **NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group** (CCG) is responsible for funding a number of local health services.

All GP Practices in Dorset are members of the CCG which is made up of 13 commissioning localities, Purbeck being the smallest of these. Dr Christian Verrinder (Wool Surgery) sits on the CCG Executive board as Purbeck Locality Chair, with Dr David Haines (Swanage Medical Centre) as Deputy Chair.

With this new regular column we hope to keep you up to date with our work, however more information on the CCG itself can be found online at www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk.

In Purbeck we have a longstanding locality group which has a committed and consistent membership consisting of a GP lead and the Practice Manager from each of the 6 practices in Purbeck attending regular meetings, held in the evenings to ensure clinical work is given the priority.

The locality group is led by Dr Christian Verrinder, and is supported by myself as Locality Manager.

The group has already had many successes including the commissioning of the successful locality cardiology service held at Swanage Hospital, the introduction of exercise referral schemes in both Wareham and Swanage and the development of the Purbeck Community Paramedic Scheme.

Another key project is Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for The Future 2013; this builds on the engagement carried out during the summer of 2012.

For further details visit www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk.

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 Locality Manager
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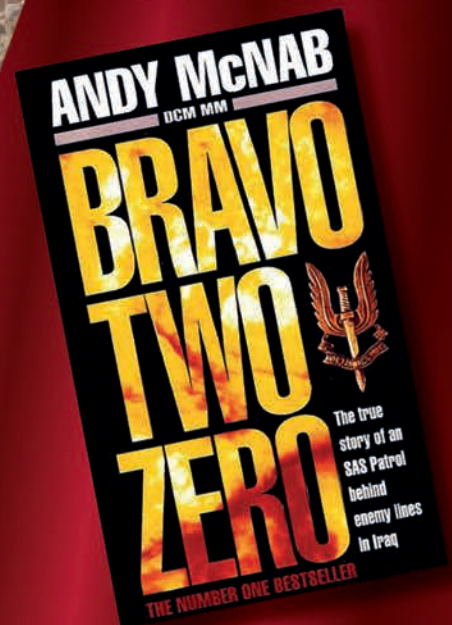
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Shooting Excellence

Since the nation avidly watched Peter Wilson, MBE, collect his gold medal at the 2012 Olympics, Clay Shooting has come back to the forefront as an up-and-coming sport. In Purbeck, we are privileged to boast one of the UK's leading Clay Shooting Schools, run by Wool man, Graham Brown (pictured, right), an internationally-recognised leader in the field.

Highly skilled in clay shooting from a young age, Graham would have gone on to shoot for England, but a lack of funding stopped him. Known as a skillful shooter, he was regularly approached by many for help and advice and eventually founded The Purbeck Shooting School in Worwret eighteen years ago. Starting with six hand traps, the School grew and at its peak, boasted over 170 automatic trap machines.

Nowadays, there are seven Great Britain team members in the area, and six England team members frequent the School. Membership has grown over the years, and the School is now a thriving centre of shooting excellence, allowing those living in Purbeck access to not only a renowned shooting school, but also to expert knowledge, training and support.

Graham himself is now one of three world-acclaimed experts in the field, and is one of the international experts called on to help design new clay courses around the world. Graham spends a proportion of his time in foreign climes, having recently been to the Middle East to assist in the arrangement of a new course at Sheik Sasbah Shooting Complex in Kuwait. His assistance has also been requested in France, Italy and Cyprus. In addition, Graham sits on the international board for the Development of Clay Shooting as a Sport.

Having said goodbye to his own dream of shooting for England as a young man, Graham now puts a great deal of effort into assisting others, building his belief of 'giving back' into the club ethos. Graham ensures that the School, which sits on the boundary of three parishes, has a regular and supportive input into the wider local community. The School offers scholarships, and runs various charity events throughout the year, as well as finding worthy recipients of donations locally. In recent times, Purbeck Shooting School has donated £1000 to local boy, Spencer

Owens (15), who suffers from Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T), £500 to East Stoke Village Hall, £600 to Wool Youth Club and £250 to a Nepal school project in Bere Regis.

As well as working closely within the community, the School has been chosen as the location for the inaugural South West Regional Conference for the Disabled Shooting Project, which aims to bring clay shooting into the arena as a sport for the 2016 Paralympic Games. The School, a previous winner of the coveted 'Shooting Ground of the Year' award, is anticipated to become a training base for aspiring Paralympians in the future. An amazing nationally-recognised achievement for the School, and a very proud moment for Purbeck.

If you've never shot before, or harbour an interest in having a go, Purbeck Shooting School offers expert lessons (1/2 and 1 hour) gun hire and ammunition. You are therefore able to have a go without the requirement of a gun license. Club membership, should you wish to continue, is only £75 per year - a little practice, and you may be up there on the leaderboard in the 2016 Olympics! There's nothing stopping you from having a go!

The School also holds competition shoots once a month, and regular charity events (4th May - pairs comp., 11th May - The Richard Stanley). It is visited regularly by a wide range of community groups, including the W.I., and offers parties for groups, as well as Stag and Hen shoots.

The School also offers a gun storage service, a gun shop (new and used), cartridges and air rifles for children. Graham is looking into the addition of a rifle range in the future, so watch this space! **The School can be found on Puddletown Road, Wareham, BH20 7NG. Telephone 01929 405101, email info@purbeckshootingsschool.com. Everyone is very welcome, so why not come along?**



PURBECK'S RAILWAY

The ever popular Wessex Belle Saturday night and Sunday Luncheon trains are running again. These are complemented this year by a new Midweek Luncheon service. The Wessex Belle is the Swanage Railway's premier dining train, offering high quality food and service while travelling through the beautiful Purbeck countryside.

The very popular diesel hauled Bistro trains begin service again on May 24th and new to 2013 are the diesel hauled 'Dorset Cream Tea Specials' which will run on certain Tuesday afternoons during the year.

Due to their every increasing popularity, Wessex Belle and 'Dorset Cream Tea Specials' must be pre-booked. It is also recommended that you pre-book for the Bistro service.

Bookings taken online at www.swanagerailway.co.uk or telephone 01929475207

Purbeck Railway Circle

On Friday 12th May, Colin Boocock will present a digital show entitled 'A History of DMUs'. During the show Colin will describe all types of diesel units that have operated on the national railways of Great Britain and Ireland. He will cover the earliest years of diesel units, starting with the first one back in 1928 and will bring it up to date with the new DMUs, recently delivered to Northern Ireland.

Colin Boocock has been a dedicated railway enthusiast since the early 1940s. Colin approached this show with a wealth of experience having a career spanning 55 years. It was his appointment in 1971 as Divisional Maintenance Engineer that sparked his technical interest in DMUs. This wealth of experience will bring life to the DMU story.

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7pm for 7:30pm. All welcome. For more information please phone 01929 554765 (General Secretary).



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What's On At Corfe Castle?

This May at Corfe Castle there will be a series of Saxon & Viking events, including the popular displays. 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 and Viking Academy interactive days follow this on Saturday 11, Sunday 12, Saturday 18, Sunday 19, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May.

Later in the month the castle hosts the annual Village May Fair on Monday 27 May. The event will include stalls, plants, raffle and bric-a-brac to raise money for village causes, plus a dog show by Margaret Green Animal Rescue.

Between Tuesday 28 and Friday 31 May there will be 'King John's Castle: Prison & Treasury'. The Feudals reveal why Corfe Castle is thought to have been one of King John's favourite castles. Find out about life in the castle, including its use as a prison and treasury, at this new living history event for 2013.



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

Coming up in July there will be Open Air Theatre and following their successful debuts last year, returning foodie events include the Food & Drink Festival (6-7 July) and the Medieval Banquet (20 July), so don't miss out.

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Other services include desktop and laptop repair, upgrades, speed-ups, wireless/internet setup, data backup and recovery, system health checks and tuition.

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Peter has many years' experience having previously worked for several large computer service providers. He is Microsoft Certified and continues to gain new skills as technology progresses.

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Swanage Celebrates A New Community Hub!

*Swanage announces the provision of indoor play for local children - organised by the community, for the community!
Do you know of a suitable property that can be utilised by the group?*



When mum of three, Jo Suttle, saw that Swanage lacked year-round indoor play facilities for young children, she traipsed over to Dorchester to do something about it.

With nothing more than a good idea, she needed help to get started. At Dorset Community Action, the advice was to gather a team together before making contact about funding. A year later, the team is eight strong and has £5000 in start-up funds from UnLtd. But this is just the beginning.

The project is a social enterprise aimed at creating an indoor soft play and family friendly cafe in Swanage. "There are lots of entrepreneurs who have done this" Jo says, "but we're not interested in a huge turnover; profit from the business will go back into the business, into the development of new sites, or into the community."

Speaking to me with Liz Scadden, another mum and member of the R Kids team, they report that so far support for the idea has been strong. "Purbeck District Council has been really helpful and so have Swanage Town Council," Jo says.

The pair smile at this, knowing the local authorities don't always get the best press. "They seem to be very aware that Swanage needs a bit of enterprise, especially from the younger generation. I think they like the idea of having a bit of young blood in council chambers for meetings as well!" laughs Liz.

Using their close links with Swanage Children's Centre, the team sent out surveys to local parents to gauge support. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many parents of under fives agreeing the town needs more for resident pre-schoolers.

There was also a consultation meeting, attended by parents and supporters, including Richard Drax MP and a representative from housing group, Synergy, who have pledged ongoing support. The R Kids cafe would embrace childminding services, community groups and existing support groups for parents. "We're looking at it as a community hub as well as a cafe and play facility", says Jo, "It's very much a centre for local families." adds Liz.

With the startup fund secured from UnLtd, R Kids are looking to buy some soft play equipment, and begin making enquiries about premises. "To start with, we'd like the community to invite us to run a session at their premises." Jo says.

This would give the team an idea of footfall, as well as providing a taster of sharing a building. Their other basic needs are for web design, publicity materials, a laptop and some accounting software for Jo, who is acting as Co-ordinator.

To support this project in any way, email Jo on jojo.suttle@hotmail.com. Until premises are secured, R Kids will run regular sessions on Wednesdays at Swanage Youth Centre, starting 24th April, 9.30am-11.30am.



Wedding Corner

Congratulations to KIM NOTLEY and lifeboatman, GAVIN STEEDEN on their wedding on April 6th in Swanage. The Lifeboat crew saluted the couple upon leaving the Town Hall.



Wareham Celebrates A New Community Hub!

Wareham announces its new and exciting community 'hub', where locals of all generations will be able to mix, meet new people, teach each other, hold meetings, share skills and knowledge, all within the welcoming environment of a community cafe...



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Walk down South Street in Wareham and discover what everyone has been talking about. A new and exciting venture for the Purbeck region, **Not Just Sundaes** aims to be a community hub for all to enjoy.

Despite being empty for over a year, work has been going on behind the gates at Holy Trinity, formerly the Tourist Information Centre. A team of volunteers and builders have been busy breathing the life back into this historic building, transforming the space into a fascinating place, where people can find refreshment in a number of different ways:

- A café and ice-cream parlour – serving up good value and great hospitality.
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- A youth space – providing a positive alternative for 16+ beyond café hours.
- A great team of volunteers from across the area, with a passion and enthusiasm for serving up a great welcome, are currently undergoing training to help serve-up great refreshment in the community café and ice-cream parlour.

As a registered charity, any money made in the café and ice-cream parlour will be reinvested back into the project to help support community activities that take place in the space. The project group have already managed to secure over £70,000 from external groups towards the cost of setting up this venture and are in the process of trying to secure an additional £50,000 to finish the work.

However, for **Not Just Sundaes** to become all it can be, the space needs

to be used in an inventive and enterprising way throughout the week, hosting a variety of community groups and events.

Volunteer manager, Naomi Gates says “We are hoping that the opportunities we are providing for the community to engage in this project, whether that is as a cake maker, activity leader, café staff or fundraiser, will enable the community to help shape this project in a fun and inclusive way through volunteering at times and in ways that suit them.”

The dreams for **Not Just Sundaes** are big, but the individual parts to play are many and manageable. For this project to reflect the beautiful variety of life in Purbeck, we need you to come and share your ideas or time.

So come in, grab a coffee or sundae, experience the space and have a chat with one of our volunteers about how you could get involved.

Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this exciting idea, contact Naomi on 01929 554758 or e-mail naomi.gates@dsl.pipex.com.

Don't forget to look out for updates on the noticeboard outside the building, in the Purbeck Gazette or subscribe to our e-mail mailing list.

Photo of a group of volunteers helping Volunteer Manager, Naomi Gates (back left), with the difficult job of ice-cream tasting!

Photo of an ice-cream sundae



Memories Of Purbeck Past

In response to letters detailing memories of years gone by, and the people who were once part of the local fabric of Purbeck... At the Gazette we love hearing about your local memories of times long gone, and so do our readers. Evoking those past recollections can bring back memories for others, and can give younger generations an idea of how the community worked in the past. Thanks for sending in your reminiscences Bob!

Dear Editor,

Yes I remember Billy Brinton (Gazette Letters, February edition).

Much of my boyhood was spent at my grandparents' home in Cliff Place, up the steps of the, then, Purbeck Hotel in the lower High Street. Swanage Dairies had a shop in the Square, later to be destroyed in a tip and run bombing raid, and also a milk processing plant a little way behind in Taunton Road.

Bill drove a traditional milk cart resembling, in some ways, a large Roman chariot, crescent shaped and steeply sloping from the shafts to a low step at the rear. Several milk churns were stowed around the sides of the cart with the driver, Bill, riding between them. This was not a bottled milk delivery instead Bill drove to each customer's doorstep and would dispense the milk using a dipping ladle to draw milk from the churn and pour into a jug provided by his customer.

As said, the milk was processed, pasteurised, at Taunton Road, the horse and cart were stabled a short distance away in the old Swanage Waterworks site (an artesian well) at the bottom of Sentry Road. I imagine that my grandmother's house was at the end of the round as the horse and cart were returning to the stable.

Milk was delivered daily, including Christmas Day. This posed a particular hazard for Bill who would appear at the back door a little unsteady on his feet. In keeping with the festive spirit he would have been greeted by many of his customers with the offer of some libation. "You'll have a glass of sherry, Bill?" "Well, just a small one" It would be churlish to refuse an invitation and Bill was never churlish.

However unsteady on his feet, his dexterity with the milk ladle was unimpaired and he would dispense the required amount, pint, quart, or whatever, into the offered jugs. Luckily the horse knew the round exactly and Bill had only to put his feet on the low step and "Yip up" and off the horse would go to the next customer and ultimately back to the stable. Besides delivering the milk, Bill also attended to the stabling of the horse and cart.

My last recollections of Billy are from 1952 at the time of the Queen's Coronation. I had finished my engineering apprenticeship at the Royal Aircraft Establishment (Farnborough) the previous autumn and subsequently called up for National Service, joining the Royal Navy.

Having completed my recruitment training I was put on leave awaiting my posting to my first ship. Like many young men, I put on my new uniform for a family photograph to be taken by Joan Musprat at her studio in Institute Road.

This being the time of the Coronation, Joan Musprat wanted to mount a display in her window and asked if she could use my picture, together with two others, to represent the three services, Army, Navy and Air Force, as a salute to the Queen; naturally I agreed.

A little while later I again saw Bill, collecting the milk as before, "I saw your photograph" he said, "Well done boy."

"I told you I had joined the Navy" I replied. "Yes, but you didn't say you was an officer!" Bill was obviously impressed, I had moved up from just the lad who collected the milk for his grandmother.

So yes, I remember Billy Brinton and am pleased, and proud, to be able to say so.

Bob Campbell, Swanage.

Local Election Time!

Dearest readers! Once again it is your chance to shape the future of local politics! The local elections are almost here, so you need to start thinking about who gets your vote - remember those ladies who spent considerable time chained to railings? Well, let their voices be heard now as you step forward and ensure you claim your right to have a say on Election Day!

The major parties have all taken part in our election feature on the opposite page, and have taken space to communicate directly with you, the voter, in order to try and sway you in their direction.

Have a good think, make your choice, and ensure that you are there on Election Day, ready to have your say!

Here is the list of candidates standing for each area:

Egdon Heath

Alex Brenton - Lib Dem

Rex Johnson - UKIP

Rosemary Phillips - Labour

Peter Wharf - Conservative

Swanage

Peter Clark - Lib Dem

Rupert Roker - Labour

Alan Smith - UKIP

William Trite - Conservative

Purbeck Hills

Nigel Dragon - Independent

Andrea Ethrington - Labour

Michael Lovell - Conservative

Wareham

Beryl Ezzard - Lib Dem

Barry Quinn - Conservative

James Selby Bennett - Labour

Keith Simpson - UKIP

Electoral Fraud Allegation in Purbeck Hills

Following the submission of nomination papers for the upcoming local elections, there has been an allegation of fraud, which is being investigated by Dorset Police.

An independent source told the Purbeck Gazette "There is a question regarding a signature on a candidate's nomination paper for Purbeck Hills after it was noted that one individual had seemingly nominated two candidates.

"It was then found that the signatures attributed to this nominating individual did not match, and there is an allegation that one of the candidates signed the form in place of the nominee."

In a statement, Dorset Police said "Dorset Police has received an allegation that nomination papers, in respect of one candidate in the upcoming elections in Purbeck, bore discrepancies and the complaint is being investigated."

Purbeck District Council confirmed that, "Following liaison with the Electoral Commission, Dorset Police have been asked to investigate an allegation of electoral fraud. The investigation is currently on-going."

An updated list of candidates (both standing and withdrawn) can be found at: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=182841&filetype=pdf>

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Enquiries can be made by email to dorsetenquiries@euclid.ltd.uk or by telephone on 0300 330 1201.

Current pass holders should have automatically received their renewal bus pass in the post by the end of March. In some cases, where the pass was issued as a result of a temporary disability, pass holders will be sent a letter asking for evidence of continuing disability. District and borough councils will continue to deal with applications for new passes until the end of 31 March.

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It is six months since the launch of Purbeck Good Neighbours and over that period we have completed over thirty good neighbour tasks.

The number of Volunteers keeps growing and we are really pleased that Albert Marsh, the funeral directors in Wareham, has offered the services of three of their employees, during working hours, to complete any of the heavier tasks that require two volunteers.

We still need to advertise our services to some of the more remote villages in Purbeck and would welcome an invitation to any group or village hall to do a presentation.

We are planning an evening for our volunteers and it would be good to have some new volunteers from the villages attending. Please remember that some of the people requesting our service stress that they have really good neighbours, but they do not want to bother them or be a nuisance.

Quotes from some of our clients:

'It is a fantastically quick service and has helped me so much!'

'I am extremely happy that there is a volunteer service that can relieve my worries.'

'What a wonderful community spirit there is in Purbeck!'

'I have nothing but praise and gratitude for the service provided by the recently formed 'Purbeck Good Neighbours' group of volunteers.'

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Swanage Area Senior Forum is delighted to welcome Neil Duncan-Jordan to what has become an annual visit to Swanage. Neil is one of our favourite speakers. He's knowledgeable and has a wonderful way of putting across complex matters in a simple way.

You may remember his chairing the Swanage Hustings at the Middle school a couple of years ago. He will be looking at the implications of the Government's latest changes to pensions and benefits and how they will affect the over 50s.

Other key questions: Will free bus travel and the winter fuel allowance be safe? What about the "bedroom tax"? How might it affect you?

There are more changes in the pipeline. If you're in the firing line, what can you do to soften the impact and relieve any extra financial burden?

Neil is the UK Officer for the National Pensioners Convention and will explain all.

We will be meeting at the new Emmanuel Church and Community Centre at Victoria Avenue, which should just about be open by the time this reaches you, so don't miss this major event for the over 50's.

In future months, we are planning open meetings on Swanage in bygone

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days, and an update on the new NHS consultations regarding health services in Purbeck, especially what might happen to our hospital.

To stay in touch with what affects all Swanage residents, look out for our meetings, notice of which appears regularly in the Gazette.

Join us on 22nd May at 7pm, at the new Emmanuel Church Centre, 160 Victoria Avenue, Swanage. All are welcome at our meetings - whatever your age.

Looking for more local businesses? See:
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A New Take On The Jurassic Coast

The winners of the Jurassic Coast Photography Competition have been announced, and we can now bring you their stunning images to enjoy! We do truly live in a magical environment, and this has been captured magnificently in photograph.



The winners of the 2013 Jurassic Coast Award Photography Competition have been announced by the Jurassic Coast Trust. The overall prize for the image that best sums up a new and different view of the Jurassic Coast goes to Paul Haynes of Bournemouth for his work entitled 'Crepuscular and Cretaceous'.

More than 1,200 entries were received in three themed categories 'My Special Place', 'Point in Time' and 'Close up Coast'.

Sponsored by the Fine Family Foundation, the winners, who share a cash prize, were announced at a ceremony held at the Fine

Foundation Chesil Beach Centre on Thursday 28 March.

The competition, also supported by Dorset Wildlife Trust, was judged by a panel led by Ben Osborne, Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2007 and Joe Cornish, one of Britain's most celebrated landscape photographers.

The three winning entries in each of the categories are:

My Special Place - 'Sea fishing at Seaton Bay', Devon, by James Osmond

Point in Time - 'Crepuscular and Cretaceous' - Hedbury Quarry, by Paul Haynes

Close up Coast - 'Chance Encounter at Kimmeridge' by Geoff Francis.

An impressed Ben Osborne said 'It is great to see the enormous range of subjects all related to the Jurassic Coast. We feel we've selected those that best sum up what is special about the Jurassic Coast in an innovative and creative way. We'd like to thank all those that entered the competition, the response was brilliant.'

All winning entries, including runners up, highly commended, commended and three youth winners can be viewed on the Jurassic Coast website from early April www.jurassiccoast.org/award.

An exhibition of the winning entries can also be viewed at three locations: The Chesil Beach Centre during the Easter holidays, Durlston Castle in May and the Heritage Centre, Lulworth Cove in June 2013.

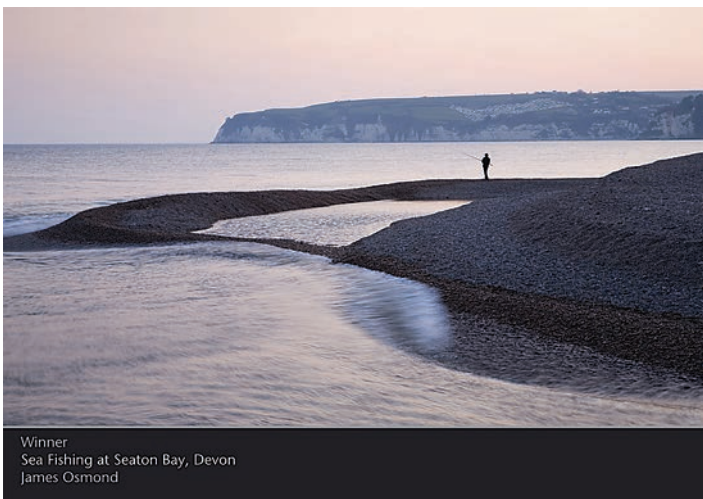
Dr Sam Rose, Jurassic Coast Team Leader, acknowledged the time and effort put into the entries. 'The response to this year's Jurassic Coast Award was overwhelming. Not just the numbers and quality but the fact that many people had clearly taken a great deal of time and care to capture the 'essence' of the Jurassic Coast.

The winning and commended images cover over a wide range of styles and topics. Some are technically brilliant, many are inspiring, and some have taken a more light-hearted approach on what the coast means to them - and to great effect. This exhibition will have something for everybody'.



Winner
Crepuscular and Cretaceous – Hedbury Quarry
Paul Haynes

Winning entries above and below. Picture top left, winner, Paul Haynes, with his entry. The Gazette would like to congratulate all winners!



Winner
Sea Fishing at Seaton Bay, Devon
James Osmond



Winner
Chance Encounter at Kimmeridge
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PAW Festival: Encouraging everyone

A key part of the Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival which runs from 25th May – 9th June is its ability to bring young aspiring artists into contact with experienced ones.

There are many new artists taking the plunge this year and exhibiting in Open Studios and Art

Exhibitions – including our central exhibition space at Rollington Barn near Corfe Castle. This means new and exciting art for all of us. Many artists, who now exhibit regularly elsewhere, as well as in PAW, took their first steps through the art weeks. It also means emerging artists (both young and old) can benefit from working with others.



An emerging talent...

Sinead O'Neill is a young artist, largely self-taught, who always loved art at school and says she can't imagine not painting as she loves it so much. She uses acrylic on canvas to paint woodlands and seascapes. She will also be showing surreal landscape photographs with a real magical quality. She wants to share her vision and the feelings portrayed through her paintings with others. But searching out and approaching galleries can be daunting when you are first starting out.

PAW is a great place to start. Sinead exhibited at Rollington for the first time last year and this year is sharing an open studio with another local artist. As you look through this year's brochure you will see many venues share the work of more than one artist, great mutual support for the artists and a wider experience for the visitor.

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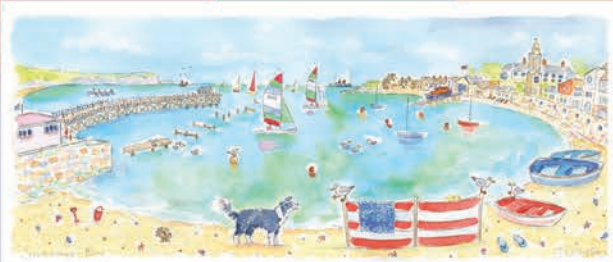
John Flower & Romany Buck

John's art work has developed over his long life...moving more towards the abstract. His natural relationship with colour, light and movement has inspired many Still Lifes, Landscapes, Portraits and Abstracts. Since he stopped his own painting, John has been a great source of help and encouragement for Romany's painting to express itself...

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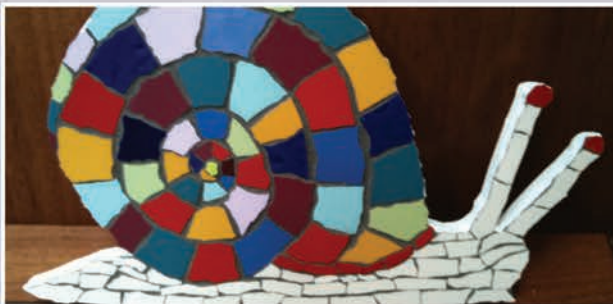
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Lulworth Arts

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www.lulwortharts.org.uk



Moira Purver - Sinead O'Neill

Moira's sculpture has vitality and warmth, and is displayed in both studio and garden. Sinead uses acrylic on canvas to paint woodlands and seascapes, also surreal landscape photographs. Lovely large garden for picnics. Ample free parking.

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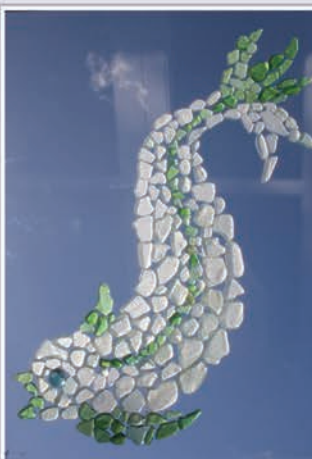
An exhibition of selected works by Purbeck Artists in the Fine Foundation Gallery. This exhibition encompasses some of the wide range and diverse art to be found within Purbeck. Open 11am - 4pm from May 25th to June 9th.

Durlston Castle, Swanage BH19 2JL

Artists taking part:

Peter Boyce Tomkins - wood sculpture
Annie Campbell - paintings
Kim de Beer - paintings
Heather Gibbons - paintings
Andy Farrer - photography
Richard Jeffery - photography
Sue Lansbury - sculpture & paintings
Margaret Lawton - paintings
Do Michell - ceramics and sculpture
Charlie Money - paintings
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These pages show a sample of the artists exhibiting in their own venues. There are over 50 appearing all over Purbeck - see the map overleaf for details...

Rollington is a great opportunity for visitors to get a taste of the wide range of art, both 2D and 3D, that is on display at the open studios. It is also a great starting space for new and emerging artists. There is also an exhibition of selected artists in the **Fine Foundation Gallery** at Durlston Castle - a new venue for PAW and a new format.

This theme of **partnership** is also a key feature of our events. The professionals of the BSO strings will partner with rising local young talent, the international dance stars of Transitions Dance will perform at Lytchett Minster School and then run a workshop, the BS Youth Chorus will feature as well as their older colleagues in the BS Chorus. Singers who have been part of the Sixteen's young singers scheme will perform and our final event is a great celebration of community art with young and old, visual and performing artists plus dancers all involved in Zimbe!

PAW is a festival that includes emerging and established artists with each drawing inspiration from the other and

providing you, the visitor, with a really wide variety of art to enjoy.

Look out for the brochure! You can find there and on our website all the information you need to enjoy the PAW Festival - www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk

Tickets for the events are on sale at Tourist offices in Swanage and Wareham and at the Corfe Post Office and Worth Shop (also bookable online at our website). You can also get involved directly by creating art as part of the **PAW Fringe** at our PAW Festival beach huts on Swanage seafront.

Don't get left out! Come and join us!

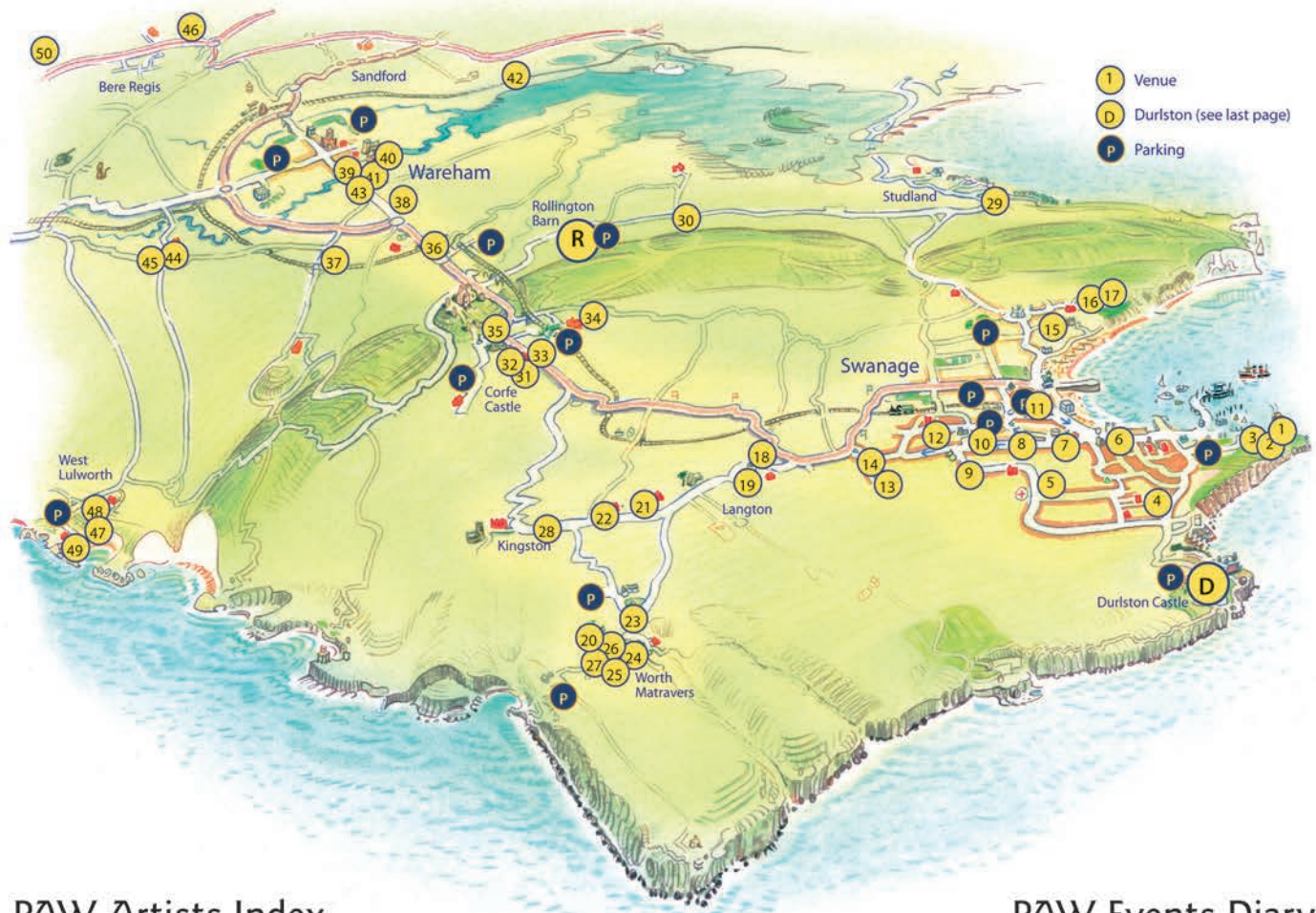


Rollington Exhibition - photo by Andy Farrer

Contact PAW at
info@purbeckartweeks.co.uk

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Map of PAW venues (view website for full location details)



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PAW Events Diary

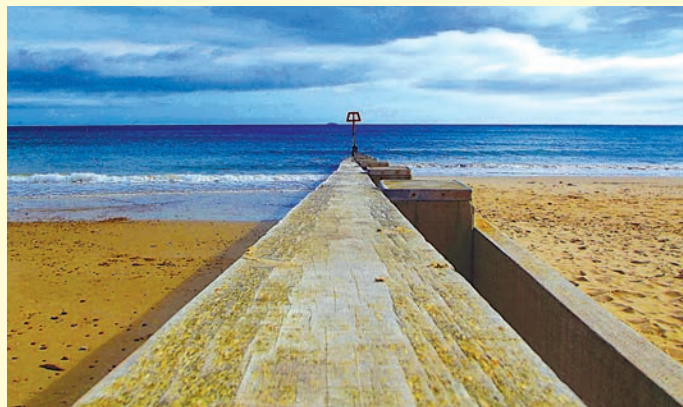
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Causeway to nowhere. By Craig Smith



Swanage beach. By Gareth James



Tramp in the bin, but where's Lady?! By P. Francis



Butterfly fence. By Gareth James



Ducks. By Elaine Passey



Black & white scene. By Elaine Passey



Lighthouse Road, Durlston. By Chris Meiklejohn



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Economic Review of the 1st Quarter of 2013

During the first three months of 2013 the FTSE 100 index rose by 8.7% and was up by 11.2% over the year.

Our analysts commented as follows:

'Overall, equities have made a great start to 2013 though with some global divergence. US equities hit record highs and Japanese equities have recovered very strongly but emerging equity markets have disappointed. Economic progress in the US, despite sequestration (US legal procedure in which automatic spending cuts are triggered) and tax increases, has helped to provide support for the world economy. Now, other central banks are adopting US style monetary policies to prioritise jobs and growth. Although equity markets seem to be running ahead of the fundamentals, it is quite normal for equities to look ahead to, hopefully, better times.'

With reference to the UK in particular they commented:

'In the first quarter, the FTSE 100 rose an impressive 8.7% but this was surpassed by the Small and mid-cap indices. These gains were achieved despite the bleak economic news including the loss of the triple A sovereign debt rating. Sterling has fallen 6% to \$1.51 which may give a further fillip to inflation and dividends. The UK economy needs a lift and there is hope that a change of leadership at the Bank of England may be a catalyst or it could just be the case of a gradual economic recovery.'

The Halifax House Prices Index showed that house prices during the first three months of 2013 rose by 1.2%. This was the fourth successive increase in this measure. Martin Ellis, their housing economist said:

'The housing market continues to show signs of modest improvement. Prices in the first three months of 2013 were 1.2% higher than in the preceding quarter (fourth consecutive increase). Prices were 1.1% higher than in the first three months of 2012. House sales also continued to rise, according to the industry-wide figures.

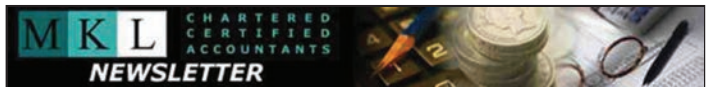
Weak economic growth and continuing below-trend economic growth are likely to remain significant constraints on housing demand during the remainder of this year. Overall, we expect to see a modest increase in UK house prices during 2013'.

Base rates have remained unchanged at 0.5% and have been at that level for 4 years. They look set to remain that way for some time to come.

Despite the fact that Aviva and Royal & Sun Alliance have cut their dividends, many other companies such as Admiral, GKN, Intercontinental Hotels, ITV, Legal & General and WPP have increased their dividends. With interest rates remaining low and the prospect of continued recovery, equities still, therefore, look attractive.

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Temporary Real Time Information Relaxation

The real time information (RTI) system for submitting PAYE information to HMRC must be used by small employers for all pay days on and after 6 April 2013. However, at the last minute, the Government has agreed to a temporary relaxation of one of the RTI reporting requirements for employers with fewer than 50 employees.

If you fall into that category, and you pay some employees more frequently than once a month, you can send your RTI report, known as full payment submission (FPS), to HMRC **when you run your monthly payroll.**

You would normally have to send in a FPS every time you pay an employee.

However, here are the conditions:

- * The payroll run must be made before the end of the tax month, i.e. by 5 May for employees paid in April; and
- * The relaxation also only applies for RTI reports submitted up until 5 October 2013.

Remember, this is not a postponement of RTI, it is a small and temporary change to one reporting rule. You will need to use new or updated payroll software to report payroll data under RTI for all pay dates on or after 6 April 2013.

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From April 2013, council tax benefit (CTB) will be abolished and replaced by a local means-tested council tax relief scheme called the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. If you're a pensioner, you'll get the same amount of support as you do under the current Council Tax Benefit rules, as long as your circumstances haven't changed.

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Telephone Advice 0844 245 1291. We offer e-mail advice on asm@purbeck.cabnet.org.uk Citizens Advice Website www.adviceguide.org.uk

Purbeck CAB is currently collecting foreign coins to raise much needed funds, if anyone has any lying around and would like to donate them to the Bureau they will be gratefully received.

Trading Standards



Most of us will have had to go out and buy a second hand car at least once. It is probably fair to say that the majority of us don't know much about cars other than that when they go wrong it can be expensive, and there is a lot that can go wrong.

Second hand car sales from dealers were the most complained about purchase last year. It can be tempting when searching for a new car to travel far and wide looking for the right car at a bargain price,

but what happens if that car goes wrong? If the seller is in trade, the law generally regards it as reasonable that he should be given the opportunity to fix the car. This may mean in practical terms that you have to take the car back to him, which is going to be inconvenient, particularly if he needs to hold onto it, and you are then left without a car.

The majority of complaints involve civil (as opposed to criminal) issues, and it is up to you and the trader to resolve them. A small percentage may relate to safety, or not having been told the truth when you bought the car. For example, being told that the car had done a lower mileage than it actually had, which is known as 'car clocking' to most of us. Trading Standards will investigate where there is a breach of any criminal law.

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Smooth, Efficient, Inexpensive, Easy To Use... That's Me!

by David Hollister

One of the benefits of working with the Purbeck Gazette is that nice kind car dealers lend me all sorts of cars – in most cases, much better than my own – in which we can take long and pleasant weekends away. One of the benefits of being self-employed and semi-retired is that we can pick and choose what we do and where we go – within reason – and so when Westover Toyota offered me a New Yaris Hybrid T4 5-door hatchback for the weekend, I jumped at the opportunity and booked a hotel in Torquay.

I enjoyed my test drive of the original new Yaris back in December 2011, and didn't think that a small family hatchback could get much better. I was wrong. The Yaris Hybrid has most of the best features of the 2011 version. PLUS the hybrid system coupled with continuously variable transmission which is smooth, easy to use, and significantly helps to reduce fuel consumption. This is the world's most advanced hybrid technology, in an affordable and comfortable car. The CO2 emissions are a class-leading 79g/km which means no road tax to pay and a great company car (BIK 10%). The brochure claims 76mpg on a 'combined cycle'. We achieved 51.5 mpg which is 67%. But I think you have to learn how to get the best from a hybrid; the second day's economy was much better than the first! And it's only £16,095 on the road, less the usual excellent Westover deals.....

This car isn't particularly quick. But you don't buy a small hybrid for its performance; you buy it for many other reasons – environmental friendliness, economy, ease of use, comfort, reliability, yes. Whoomph, no. But these days – as I'm finding more and more – there's really nowhere left to drive safely and legally at any speed worth enjoying without risking Kojak and his Kodak, and consequent disqualification. You just ain't going to get into trouble with this Yaris Hybrid. And neither is it going to make you tingle with excitement – except perhaps when you realise how little it costs to run!

I would have liked to wax lyrical about swanning off through the glorious countryside to Torquay (one of my favourite 100-mile journeys) but I can't. One of the benefits of this job is the ability to change one's mind and honestly, we don't go anywhere in the rain any more. So we changed our mind, cancelled the hotel, and instead used the Yaris Hybrid doing domestic stuff on Saturday, instead of the Corsa. A direct comparison. The Corsa does about 32 mpg for Tina, and 28 mpg for me. The Yaris achieved 51.5 mpg. Result!

On the Sunday, as the rain had eased, we ventured to Sherborne where we paid a visit to an old friend, and thence to Montacute House near Yeovil, determined to make the most of our National Trust subscription. No, I wear neither an anorak nor a flat cap; it was a present from James who was determined that we should get out more – and we will – now we're semi-retired and can pick and choose when and where we go! Our idea now is to go out and about when the sun shines, and work only when it's raining. Let's hope I don't get too much work done this summer! And one more winter like the one we've just had and we're out of here; Cyprus here we come.....

Anyway, I digress. As usual. The computer and entertainment system in the Yaris T4 Hybrid is really superb. It connected my i-phone in an instant and then played me all my favourite songs by Bluetooth. At the touch of a screen, it gave me statistics for this and past journeys, and also a fascinating screen showing me when the petrol engine was working and when the electric motor was doing its stuff. I am still fascinated by the ability to drive all the way round town for nothing – i.e. using the silent electric motors. But you don't have to take your eyes off the road for many operations as there are also controls on the steering wheel.

Engaging reverse, the screen turns into a rear-view camera, but there are also bleepers to stop you reversing into things. In my case, ever so useful.



The single front screen washer/wiper is really efficient. There's dual-zone climate control, adjustable height driving seat, and all the usual mod cons. No cruise control on the T4 but at last Toyota have fitted it to the next model up, the T-Spirit. Hoorah!

The transmission offers the option to use engine-braking or not, making it an easy transition if you've been used to a manual gearbox. But if you're coming from a 'manual' car – keep your left foot away from the pedals! Oops! The Yaris T4 is really well-finished with 15" alloys, body-coloured door handles, body-coloured electric and heated door mirrors with useful integrated indicators. Toyota's reliability is legendary; they proudly offer a 5-year or 100,000 mile warranty fully knowing that it's unlikely to be called in! The Hybrid Battery is covered for 8 years!

All the technical stuff can be found at www.toyota.co.uk or by contacting Westover Toyota on 01202 532020, and asking for Steve Way, their senior Yaris expert. Steve will also be happy to arrange a test drive for you which I'm sure you'll enjoy as much as I did. On Friday, it felt strange. By Monday – I really didn't want to take it back!

I was fascinated to read the Which Report that despite much publicity, certain insurers are flagrantly breaching the Data Protection Act by sharing your details with Claims Management Companies. One in four of Which members who'd made a claim on their car insurance were contacted by a CMC within three months; many, within a week. I'm pleased to see that my current recommended insurer, LV, has a policy that they "never pass customer details to any other company for the purposes of a further potential claim or service". In case you wonder why they're my 'current recommended insurer' try a top-spec £18,000 2.0 sports car insured for three drivers, fully comp with protected bonus, for £207.73. I rest my case.

And finally. We drove down the Puddletown Bypass where – on a 70mph dual carriageway – there were huge pieces of tarmac missing. The A351 between Swanage and Corfe is like a cart track in places where the surface has degraded. And there have been yet more fatal accidents near Morden Park Corner. Is it not time that this junction was enhanced by a proper roundabout? There should be double white lines on the B3075 from the forest exit down to Morden Park Corner, serving to slow traffic down and also to make the junction safer.

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Costing £5 a person, they cover subjects including better hazard spotting, improved observation, dealing with distractions, safety margins and positioning at roundabouts.

With Dorset being a largely rural county, driving a car is an important aspect of independence and wellbeing for local people, giving them access to work, loved ones, shopping and health services. Research suggests that human error is a contributory factor in almost all collisions and that almost half the people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads are in a car.

Dorset Driver courses are aimed at drivers of all ages and experience and are designed to address the most common causes of collisions in Dorset: failure to look properly, loss of control and failing to judge other people's speed.

Drivers who attend will also have the option to sign up for a 90-minute, one-to-one practical driving session on local roads, including town and country driving. This aims to improve defensive driving techniques, hazard awareness and vehicle control skills.

Robert Smith, road safety manager at Dorset County Council, said: "The Dorset Driver is a great way to pick up driving tips and refresh road knowledge."

Many people have been on the course and we've had great feedback from those who have attended.

LOCAL COURSE DATES: Swanage - The Old Stable, Swanage Christian Centre, BH19 1DF. Wednesday 26 June - 2pm.

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by Martin Pook

We have just returned from a fortnight in West Wales, beautifully sunny but very cold. The Black Mountains seemed rather inappropriately named since they were white with snow. We got as far as Aberaeron, a beautiful little town on the coast between Cardigan and Aberystwyth, full of Regency styled buildings painted in the most amazing array of bright colours, one as luminous as 'Dynarod' vans, quite a shock when you are driving.

We were amused to see a sign on one restaurant near Carmarthen that announced that they did: Lunches and Evening Meals. Usually. Driving around the many narrow lanes and occasionally walking meant that at lunchtime you really needed something warming.

Many of the pubs in the area are closed at lunchtime, but when we did find one open you could usually get a bowl of cawl. Now, the Welsh have, as I'm sure you all know, their own language, and most signs are written in both that and English, so provided you know the pronunciation rules you can get some practice.

Like the French and the Vatican – for latin - they have a committee that makes up new words so that the language can advance with modern technology, although, like the French, most of the Welsh speakers don't keep up with these.

Cawl, however, is a good old word which translates as broth, although I did see it in a supermarket clearly translated as soup, but in general it rather resembles a thin stew, but it is very satisfying with a big chunk of fresh bread. I found the following recipe on the internet, but like so many 'traditional' dishes the ingredients vary according to the time of year and what you have to hand.

If I were making this one, with the amount of bacon in it I'd certainly hold off on the salt.

Ingredients

- 1 tbs lard or bacon fat
- 2 large onions, thickly sliced
- 1 medium swede, peeled and cut into 1 1/2 cm cubes
- 4 large carrots, peeled thickly sliced.
- 4 leeks, cleaned and sliced
- 1 lb/ 450g potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 lb/450g brisket of beef
- 1 lb/ 450g piece of smoked bacon, cut in to 1 1/2 cm cubes
- 1 bay leaf
- Sprig fresh thyme
- Salt and freshly ground pepper.

Method

- Melt the lard in a large pan over a high heat, take care not to burn the fat. Add all the vegetables, except the potatoes, to the hot fat and brown for about 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Remove the vegetables with a slotted spoon and keep to one side.
- Raise the heat and add the beef to the pan and brown on all sides. Return the browned vegetables to the pan with the bacon pieces and herbs.
- Cover the meat and vegetables with cold water, bring to the boil, then lower the heat to keep the water simmering and cook for 2 hours, or until the beef is tender.
- Lift the beef from the pan and keep to one side. Add the potatoes and bring back to the boil and cook for another 20 mins, or until the potatoes are cooked. Meanwhile, once the beef is cool enough to handle, cut into 2 1/2 cm cubes. Once the potatoes are cooked, add the beef back to the pot and cook for a further 10 minutes.
- Season well with salt and pepper and serve while piping hot. The broth from the pot can be served first as a soup, followed by the meat and vegetables, the choice is yours.

The flavours in Welsh Cawl do improve for keeping for a day or two, so don't be afraid to make it in advance or save any leftovers for reheating. Hopefully by the time you read this it will be a bit warmer, but this is always worth a try.

Markets

As ever when we are away, HL wanted to visit farmers' markets and it seemed that the ones local to where we were, roughly Lampeter, weren't very good.

We visited one in a village called Ffarmers – honestly - more craft than produce, and one stall with jams and chutneys in assorted recycled jars, hardly inspiring. I think the reason for this lies partly in the question 'where did all the hippies go?'

Well, long time passing, but I know a lot of them went to Wales – I did think about it myself, way back when – and of course they are still there, still pursuing a simple lifestyle and no doubt still using John Seymour's self-sufficiency bible - whatever happened to my copy, I wonder - and none the worse for that.

HL had a chat to one lady who told her she'd been there for thirty-five years, so that puts it at late seventies, still wearing the trademark long flowing dress. I could see the glint in HL's eye, but I assured her that there was no way we were going to stay and improve the markets, or take up self-sufficiency.

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By Community Reporter, Hester Viney

Emily Strange



Since our last chat eighteen months ago, Emily and Doris have been extremely busy. Doris, you might remember, is a 1973 pink Bedford ice cream van and the face of Emily's business 'Love Cake Catering'.

After a respray and now fitted with the full quota of kitchen essentials, Doris is ready for another busy summer. After a big learning curve last summer,

this year Emily will be tweaking her output to fit customer requirements. "I did the carnival last year, that was the first proper event I did" Emily tells me. "It wasn't great, I think I should've been doing burgers and chips rather than all my homemade cakes". Luckily, Doris is as flexible as Emily on output, so you'll find them at Swanage Carnival again, with a menu befitting the hungry crowds.

However, the cakes are a big hit elsewhere, with orders flying in via the website (www.lovecakecatering.co.uk) and Facebook. Emily has had much success running the cafe for Purbeck Art Weeks and with a booking this year at the Church Knowle Food Fayre, as well as lots of weddings and private parties, things are getting chocca in the diary.

In fact, she's had to relocate to a bigger cooking unit to accommodate the demand. Our chat happened at a vast space in Rempstone that she's just taken on. "I needed somewhere bigger because production has grown so much. I'm doing all the cakes and puddings for The Salt Pig in Wareham. That's gone really busy, they're having probably 10-12 cakes a week and then puddings as well".

As with many of our producers, Emily has hit the problematic pressure point between growth and profit. While bookings hot up, she needs a body double at the markets, but isn't yet turning over enough to frequently employ people. Luckily our stall holders help each other out, so locals won't be disappointed on a Saturday morning in the summer months. "As I get busier, I'm going to try and always send stuff down if I can't be there myself." Emily says determinedly. "Individual quiches and things are no hassle for someone else to serve up. I've got regulars who turn up every time and I'd feel bad to leave them quicheless!"

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The Village Inn



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a ramble on the hills. During the winter months we keep it cozy with a roaring log fire, and for warmer days, we have a secluded patio area to enjoy.

We have a strong, local following, but it is always nice to see a few different faces popping in! Why not stop and take a look at the wide range of local products available in our shop (open daily until October)? We stock from local suppliers such as Sammy Samway's Pork, Wilkswood Farm Meats, Hayman's Bakery and many more. Locally-sourced products are also utilised at the Village Inn. Parking is available on-site.

Our day starts by offering delicious coffee from 10am, along with scrumptious homemade cakes. We stock real ales from family-owned Palmers Brewery in Bridport, as well as offering wares from other local micro-brewers, complimented by a range of wines.

Friendly lunchtimes are a favourite, whilst our Park visitors are off exploring, we are able to offer locals some fantastic lunch options. Sunday lunchtimes involve a choice of carved meats with delicious vegetables and accompaniments. We have an excellent range of hot and cold desserts.



We are open everyday, lunchtimes & evenings. Our website has regular, seasonal opening times, menus and events listed:

www.villageinn-swanage.co.uk

For reservations/enquiries, call 01929 427644 during open hours or 01929 422823

Our Daily Specials board is constantly changing, and includes locally-sourced meat and fish. We also offer a range of light snacks.

Evenings at the Village Inn see us offering an extensive evening menu, alongside the Daily Specials, a Children's menu and the option of smaller portions for those with a smaller appetite.

You can, of course, also enjoy a refreshing swim while visiting, or get the children to 'let off steam' in our recreation area (only to be used by customers). In the winter months we also hold functions of all types, including buffets and skittle parties.

Plenty of FREE parking and Wi Fi access. We look forward to welcoming you soon! www.villageinn-swanage.co.uk

Bodger Wins GOLD!

Purbeck local, Mel Sellings, AKA 'The Jammy Bodger', has won a Gold award for her Seville Orange Marmalade at The World's Original Marmalade Awards. The awards are part of a weekend-long Marmalade Festival held every year at Dalemans Mansion in Cumbria and announce the start of National Marmalade Week, which was 2nd - 9th March this year.

So how did a self-confessed marmalade novice win an award? Mel admits that her first marmalades were full of chewy peel and either too watery or set like rock. But, after many trials and errors, she finally cracked it, realising that you can bodge a jam but you can't bodge a marmalade! Making a great tasting marmalade takes time and patience, the peel will soften in its own good time, and the marmalade will set when it's ready, not when you are.

And was the award winning marmalade given any special care or attention? Well, in a way, yes. For during the marmalade making Mel's oven broke so she had to run with three tray loads of jars around to her neighbours to get them sterilised. On her return it would be safe to say the marmalade was well and truly set, in fact it was so solid it had to be re-heated to even get it out of the pan. Not the ideal way to make marmalade; Bodger by name and Bodger by nature.

And the secret to an award winning marmalade? Presenting the awards, Jonathan Miller, Food Buyer at Fortnum & Mason stated that "The winning marmalades stood out as they had good acidity, were fully fruited, with low sugar and great zest. Like a good wine, marmalade needs to have good fruit and full body.". Paddington Bear was unable to present the awards, probably because his paws were still too sticky after many, many marmalade tastings. Winning 'Bodger' Mel, pictured with Paddington, right



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Natural Matters

Purbeck Marine Reserve

Wildlife Kayak Safaris at Kimmeridge

By Melinda Fisher

Spring has come at last and the landscape is gradually becoming more and more colourful. Our seas are also bursting with life, with lots of interesting animals and seaweeds now appearing. At Kimmeridge Bay you can get a sneaky peak into this amazing world without getting too wet on Kayak Safaris, as seen on BBC TV's Countryfile. Kimmeridge Bay is home to some fantastic habitats and marine life. Kelp forests, Japanese seaweed gardens, rocky ledges and snakelocks anemone gardens are just some of the varied environments that can be seen. These give shelter and a home to an wide variety of wildlife such as large colourful wrasse, crabs, blennies, gobies and sea hares.

Purpose built glass-bottomed kayaks and goggle viewers enable a clear underwater view and also an alternative way to observe part of the Jurassic Coast. Melinda Fisher, Dorset Wildlife Trust warden, said: "The Kayak Safaris were started two years ago and have proved to be very popular ever since. People have returned with big smiles on their faces and keen to tell us of all the amazing wildlife they have seen".

The sessions include a short presentation on Kimmeridge Bay marine life and then an hour on the water with an experienced kayak instructor. For those more intrepid explorers who wish to get closer to the wildlife, the snorkel trail will be available soon. There will also be a variety of activities running through the year for adults and children.

The Kimmeridge Kayak Safaris run every Tuesday and some Thursdays from 28th May throughout the summer. Minimum age 12 and under 18s must be accompanied by a parent. Suitable for beginners and safety equipment provided. If you would like to find out more about the



Kimmeridge Snorkel Trail or Kimmeridge Kayak Safaris, call 01929 481044, email kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or visit the website for details of all events at www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events.

Photo: Corkwing Wrasse, by Peter Tinsley.

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Ash Dieback Disease

Purbeck District Council issues advice on Ash Die Back disease

Although Ash Die Back disease has not been found in Purbeck trees, with the disease increasing in other parts of the country Purbeck District Council has published an advice leaflet.

Ash trees have been affected in an increasing number of areas in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland and there has already been an extensive loss of ash trees in parts of mainland Europe.

The disease is caused by the fungus *Chalara fraxinea*. It is characterised by the premature loss of leaves from the outer parts of the crown (top and sides), accompanied by long diamond-shaped lesions or areas of sunken and discoloured bark on twigs.

As there is already an Ash die-back canker (a type of fungus) which is very common, and particularly prevalent in the Purbeck area, care must be taken not to confuse the two.

As there are a number of ash trees in Purbeck, the Council is urging people to familiarise themselves with the symptoms of the fungus.

If anyone believes they have detected the disease on ash trees whilst out and about, they are advised to contact the owner of the tree concerned (if known) and the National Ash Dieback Disease helpline on 08459 335577 (8am - 6pm daily). Alternatively, they should email plant.health@forestry.gsi.gov.uk. If the tree is believed to be protected or owned by the District Council, they should contact Jenny Key at Purbeck District Council on 01929 557344.

The advice note is available at the Council offices, in public libraries in Purbeck and on the Council's website at www.dorsetforyou.com/treesandhedgerows/purbeck.

To counter the spread of the disease, the UK Government has passed legislation temporarily restricting imports and movements of ash plants into and within Great Britain to minimise the risk of further accidental introductions of the disease into areas which are currently disease-free.

As and when their advice is updated, the Purbeck District Council website will be updated accordingly.

Whiskey Needs A Home!



My name is Whiskey and I am 14 years old. I am a homely boy and I rarely venture outside so I need to have a litter tray in the home. I am a lovely boy and I need an experienced owner who has no other pets or children.

As I am long haired I will require regular grooming. I'm waiting for you at Church Knowle, Dorset, please contact 01929 480474 or email ck@margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk.

I have been at the Centre for a while now and I really hope you will come and visit me soon - I would really like a home of my own.

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Jurassic Coast Award Photography Competition Exhibition

Come up to the Castle between the 14th and 20th May, for the chance to see an exhibition of the winning entries in the Jurassic Coast Award Photography Competition.

The exhibition features stunning photographs of the Jurassic Coast. Over 1200 entrants took their cameras to the coast at all times of the day and night and in all weathers. They went with their children and dogs, they hunted for fossils or made their own sand and stone sculptures. They scuba-dived, took a boat onto the water or even took to the sky to capture the unique appeal of the coast.

The competition was judged by a panel led by photographers Ben Osborne, Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2007, and Joe Cornish, one of Britain's most celebrated landscape photographers.

Entry is free and the exhibition is open every day between 11am and 4pm.

Purbeck Art Weeks at Durlston

Between the 25th May and 9th of June, we are delighted to be hosting an exhibition of new work by Purbeck-based artists and makers as part of Purbeck Art Weeks.

'Purbeck Diversity' has been curated by PAW, to showcase the amazing diversity of talented artists and makers working locally and includes paintings, sculpture, jewellery, ceramics and more...

The show is open daily between 11am and 4pm and all work is for sale.

An Evening of Song with 'Canzonetta' and 'Ball and Socket'

Tickets are on sale now for an evening of music featuring the close harmony singing of 'Canzonetta', who will be joined by 'Ball and Socket' on Sunday 5th May at 7.30pm.

Ball and Socket, a much loved and travelled 'joint act' will perform a musical tribute to Flanders and Swann (and others!) in their own inimitable way, while for nearly a decade the local ladies of Canzonetta have entertained with their close harmony singing.

Be prepared for everything from lively tongue tripping 'folk' to mellow and relaxing arrangements of familiar songs. Parking is included on advance ticket sales.

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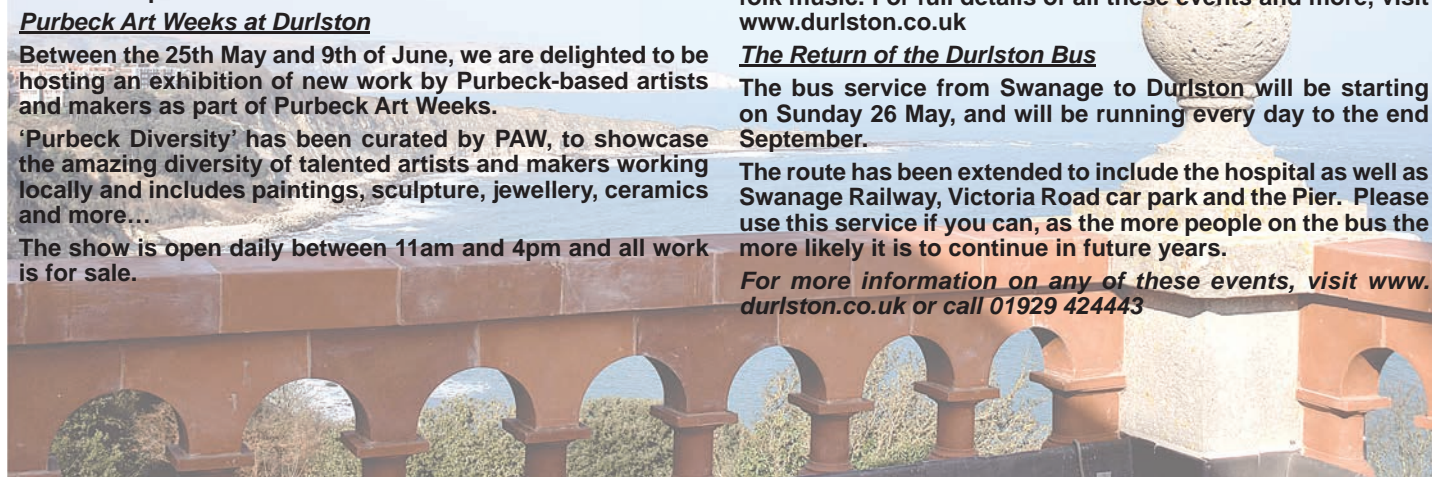
On the 17th May we will welcome back the Wareham Whalers for an evening of sea shanties, while on the afternoon of the 26th, Robin Plowman will be leading a guided walk, with live folk music. For full details of all these events and more, visit www.durlston.co.uk

The Return of the Durlston Bus

The bus service from Swanage to Durlston will be starting on Sunday 26 May, and will be running every day to the end September.

The route has been extended to include the hospital as well as Swanage Railway, Victoria Road car park and the Pier. Please use this service if you can, as the more people on the bus the more likely it is to continue in future years.

For more information on any of these events, visit www.durlston.co.uk or call 01929 424443



Dogs And Babies - What You Need To Know



'Prepare Your Dog For Your New Baby' Say Canine Behaviour Experts The UKRCB Top Tips For Bringing Home Baby

Bringing home your new baby should be one of the most joyous days of your life but for many who owned a dog before the baby was born it can be an

anxious and stressful time.

Worrying about how your dog will react to a new baby in the house is extremely common and it certainly pays to plan beforehand according to the UK Registry of Canine Behaviourists (www.ukrcb.org).

"Your dog needs programming to accept a new baby into the house", says Lisa Graham, Press Officer for the UKRCB, "Remember, up until now, your dog has had a major share in the focus of your attention. You need to plan in advance before the baby comes home to help the dog over this transition period and to accept the new baby as part of what the dog perceives as the pack."

Many childless dog owners have treated their pet as a child and the dog has understandably grown accustomed to this level of attention. Disruptions in a dog's routine after the baby is brought home is a potential source of conflict as dogs like and find comfort in routines. Since they cannot understand why changes in their routines occur, many may find such changes stressful.

A dog who had never heard a baby cry, smelled a baby or seen a baby move, may well wonder what it is. A crying, squirming baby may remind a dog of a small animal in distress.

Some tips to help your dog adjust:

- Before the baby arrives, carry a doll around the house so the time spent with the doll and away from the dog eventually become part of the dog's routine.
- Play a tape of babies crying to get the dog used to the high pitched squeal of newborns.
- Borrow a pushchair to get your dog used to walking next to one. Some dogs panic if they have to walk close to wheels.
- Bring home in advance the baby's cap from the hospital to get the dog used to the baby's smell.
- Be sure your dog gets quality time from you after the baby has arrived. Praising the dog lavishly and often when the dog is in the presence of the baby should help with jealousy of the attention the baby is getting.
- NEVER, ever, leave a dog and baby alone unsupervised.

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Deer Talking

(Deer can't really talk so it's me that's talking about them. And a person less qualified to talk about deer you would be very hard-pressed to find. Read on if you want to remain poorly equipped to answer the current burning question of 'Should the existing deer population be culled?')

By John Garner



In the news at present there seems to be a lot of debate about deer and their numbers. Deer are the new badgers in terms of this year's vogue animal of choice in hunting terms. Brown seems to be the new black (stripes) this season. I wonder if badgers know how slimming that stripe down their back is.

I clearly don't wonder for long and neither would I imagine do they as they are obviously getting on with more Badgery preoccupations and haven't really the time to contemplate anything other than 'Where's my next meal coming from?' and 'Isn't there a faint whiff of gas down here?'

Well anyway, for whatever reason, deer are in the news, especially if you search for words like deer and cull together. It's not necessarily front page news I'll grant you, but given that the front page of the newspaper next to me has decided to lead with the fact that the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge could be having either a boy, or indeed a girl, in the next few months it seems as valid and relevant a subject as any at present.

Around and about us here there are deer galore. And the density of population does seem to have increased a great deal over the last few years, and as the sight of deer roaming the surroundings still gives me great pleasure, I am somewhat disinclined to want them to be shot.

However, as in most areas of countryside management, I am woefully under-informed and bow to the reasoning of those that spend their days managing such animals. And by managing I imagine they mean reducing. Current research has suggested that over half the existing deer need to be culled to properly manage the population, which would result in about 750,000 deer needing to be culled. Seems quite a lot, but as I say, I'll leave it to the experts.

The deer round here are Sika deer I believe, an import from elsewhere. They are very engaging animals and apart from the slight design fault of the round white patch on their rear ends that looks just a little like something to aim a gun at, they're pretty well camouflaged. They see you a long time before you see them and have often disappeared way before your arrival. Possibly. Although if you can't see them you can't really verify they were ever there and if you can see them it probably means this statement is total tosh.

They are flight animals and as such, skedaddle at the merest sound of a breaking twig. In the early morning they wander quite contentedly down

the lane until the first of the public arrivals pushes them further into the forest and the less accessible heathland, where they presumably graze to their hearts content unperturbed by anything or anyone save for the occasional boom of nearby artillery and gunfire, which you'd think would give them the raving willies given the fact that such noise is often the last thing some of them will ever hear. Remember Bambi and the 'mother' scene?

They also suffer greatly from being a very tasty animal and one that produces lean, flavoursome meat that needs next to no husbandry and is therefore a very cost effective source of protein for those in the know. Another possible design fault, although they can't be blamed for either, and by all accounts are perhaps as oblivious about such things as the badgers are about their stripes. Let's hope so.

They also seem to like cars. Or rather don't necessarily charge off at the sight of cars. You can almost drive right up to them in a car given the right set of circumstances, but the moment you get out they'll be gone. I've been 2 feet away, almost eye to eye, through the side window of my car. Possibly another fault in design, given that if I can get that close with no sense of harming them, then someone with the will could use this to more personal effect. A whir of a window and again they're off disappearing almost instantly such is their ability to blend.

Recently, an equally well-camouflaged man appeared at my door, having just stepped out of a pretty well camouflaged van and asked if it was okay to shoot the deer that had wandered onto the meagre piece of land we own. Every molecule in my body wanted to say 'Who said that?' (the opportunity to tell camouflage jokes being very limited and difficult to pass up on). I decided I needed to think about that one for a while.

I like to see deer roaming all around the area, something I rarely saw as a child, but I also like to eat venison and he suggested there might be scope for payment for any culled on our land, or the possibility of some reasonably priced meat. I am nothing if not cheap. Rightly or wrongly I eventually declined his offer. I could easily live a vegetarian lifestyle and couldn't bring myself to say yes in spite of being assured that it was necessary to keep the existing stock healthy.

I'm still slowly shrugging off my townie tendencies with limited results.

This morning, really early, I woke and looked out of the rear window to see 12-15 deer happily grazing on the grass outside the window. A more peaceful scene you couldn't imagine. I watched for about ten minutes. The odd head sprang up to check for any predators, but by and large they wandered about without a care in the world, although their ears never stopped redirecting themselves, taking in any available sound.

Eventually a sound or motion undetected by myself had them all bolt upright and a moment later they were away, bounding unhurriedly as one, up and down as they sprang off and morphed into them distant scenery.

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Gazette Gardening - with Simon Goldsack



Last month's article was full of anticipation about the beauty April held in store for us but as I write, a third of April has gone and it is still winter. Outside in my front garden the Magnolia soulangeana, which has normally finished flowering by now, is still in bud and not a flower on it.

Of course weather systems can change rapidly and it could warm up quite quickly. If it does the display of flower could be dazzling as all the pent-up blooms emerge together. Flowers emerge according to the air temperature around the buds.

However, down at ground level seeds and seedlings will start slowly in the cold soil and it will

take several weeks of warm weather for soil temperatures to lift. (I hope by the time you read this it is a lot warmer than it is now!)

Bedding out

There is always a risk of frost through May and so the traditional month for planting out tender plants is June. However, over the last 20 years gardeners have risked May planting and more often than not, got away with it.

With the coldest start to a spring since 1962 it would be better to hang on and be traditional. That doesn't stop you getting on with planting your hanging baskets and patio containers so long as you have somewhere frost free for them on cold nights.




May Tasks

• Sow Vegetable seeds – Normally you would have these in by now but this year May could well be the best month for sowing.



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Pictures: Give late flowering perennials, such as Sedum, the Chelsea Chop

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Schools Urged To 'Do Something Blue' For The Sea

Schools across the UK are being encouraged to 'go blue' for the day to raise awareness among young children of the importance of our seas and rivers. The 'blue day' will take place on Friday 7th June – the day before World Oceans Day – and is part of the run-up to the 2013 Ecover Schools Blue Mile in Plymouth 17th-19th June.

The Ecover Schools Blue Mile, which this year has a new charity partner, the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), aims to get more young people actively involved with our blue environment. Schools are being asked to sign up and make a splash on 7th June by wearing blue and doing aquatic activities such as relay swims, rock pooling and waterside walks.

Other ways of joining in are creating a sea monster, painting a fish collage or designing a swimming costume. The blue initiative comes as the UN holds events to mark World Water Day on 22nd March and as studies suggest that being on or near the water is good for health and well-being.

Dr Mathew White is a researcher at the European Centre for Environment and Human Health in Truro and has been looking at the possible health benefits of engaging with our coasts and water.

In one study, some 90 youngsters went on a 12-week surfing programme, part of which involved learning about the marine environment. They were then put through a series of health checks, which showed that their resting heart rates had improved and their quality of life, self-esteem and

relationships with others were more positive, compared to a sample group of young people who had not taken part.

Crucially, he said the sooner that children are introduced to an outdoor lifestyle, the better: "It has been shown that the earlier children get involved with their green and blue environments, the more likely they are to return to them after the 'teenage dip' years."

In separate research carried out by the National Trust, the charity found that children in the UK are losing contact with nature at a "dramatic" rate, and their health and education were suffering as a result. The trust said youngsters were showing symptoms of 'nature deficit disorder'. One of the factors behind the 'indoor' culture was the anxiety among parents about the perceived dangers of their children taking part in outdoor activities.

It's hoped that £50,000 will be raised for MCS, to help protect our seas, shores and wildlife. The charity works closely with schools in getting the blue message across to children at a young age. Since 2005, its Cool Seas Roadshow has reached 100,000 children, raising awareness about the beauty and importance of the marine environment.

Schools can sign up for the Ecover Schools Blue Mile event or register their own Schools Blue Mile events by visiting the website at: www.thebluemile.org/schools/

Wool Seahorses



Easter Saturday was a very special day for Wool, with the opening of the new 'Seahorse Display Centre' at Woolbridge Business Centre. Those who attended were thrilled to see the amazing displays of these curious creatures performing beautiful ballets in natural looking surroundings.

Owner Tim Haywood has opened the centre to educate and entertain visitors. He says "Sadly over 150,000,000 million Seahorses are now believed to be taken from the wild each year to satisfy the Chinese medicine trade and the aquarium trade. It is hoped that our displays will help inform people of the Seahorse's plight."

Entry is free, though a donation is encouraged to support The Seahorse Trust (Registered Charity No: 1086027). Adding to the fun of the day was the ribbon-cutting by local celebrity, Professor Jack Cohen; co-author of Terry Pratchett's 'Science of Discworld' series, renowned biologist and Patron of the Seahorse Trust (pictured).

Gardens Today...

The start of the vegetable gardening year has been slightly delayed due to the weather - possibly by three weeks (at the time of writing).

The raised beds looked so desolate in March! However, the compost laid on top in November has been taken into the soil by the worms.

The Broad Beans planted in the middle of February are now just starting to show through, and hopefully the soil will now start to warm-up, and the planting can begin in earnest! We'll be starting with potatoes and beetroot. We'll keep you updated with our 'plot shots' throughout the year to help inspire you!! Happy, back-bending work!

Asiseeit, Swanage Garden Society.

Swanage Garden Society April in the garden



Through the year...

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Museums at Night, the national festival of museums and heritage, happens on Saturday 18th May this year.

Dorchester's six magnificent museums, The Dinosaur Museum, The Tutankhamun Exhibition (pictured, left), The Dorset County Museum, The Teddy Bear Museum, The Keep Military Museum (pictured, below), and The Terracotta Warriors Museum have again joined together to offer a wonderful evening out. They are again joined by the Roman Town House and for the first time this year, Max Gate.

Dorchester is probably unique as a town in having so many museums. With the other heritage attractions, they make a superb offer of eight visits for just £8, and

that price includes a family of up to two adults and four children.



It's outstanding value and great fun for the whole family. Museums at Night is on the evening of Saturday 18th May from 5pm to 9pm, when all six of Dorchester's museums and the Roman Town House will be open specially to visitors. This year a new attraction has been added to the Museums at Night package. As a special preview event, Max Gate will be open between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Museums at Night really does offer something for everyone, whatever your interest. So whether it's Tutankhamun or the Romans, Thomas Hardy or teddy bears, dinosaurs or Dorchester's local history, the Dorsetshire Regiment or terracotta warriors of a much earlier age, it's there to be

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Belvedere Concert

SPRING into SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 18th May at St Mary's Church Swanage 7.30 pm

At our May concert we are raising funds for 'About Face', a wonderful local charity that supports people who have head and neck cancer.

The varied programme will include folk songs, opera choruses and music by Gershwin. There will also be a selection from 'Oliver' when we will be joined by a children's choir 'The Serrell Singers.'

Our guest soloists will be soprano Fiona Hymns, who is studying at the Royal Northern College of Music, Neil Sissons piano, playing music by Liszt and 2013 Bryanston school music scholar Bertie Ellison-Wright, who will perform solos on Clarinet and Saxophone.

Tickets £10 to include refreshments (Children under 12 free) from Corbens, choir members and on the door.

Pilomela Women's Choir On Tour

There will be a Christian Aid concert on Monday May 13th at All Saints Church, Swanage.

We are proud to present the Philomela Women's Choir, on tour from the University of Victoria B.C. Please support this choir of students who will present an hour of wide ranging-music from many countries.

The concert will begin at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

For further information, please contact Wendy Clark 422118 or Davina Freedman 421939.

Dorset Pubs Through Time

By Tim Edgell & Hugh Elmes

Recently-published 'Dorset Pubs Through Time' is an illustrated guide to Dorset public houses today, and in the past.

Each featured establishment is shown with an historical photograph, and a modern photograph, illustrating the differences between then and now (for instance, the book cover, pictured right, shows the Red Lion in Winfrith 115 years apart). There are also snippets of information, often historical, on each pub.

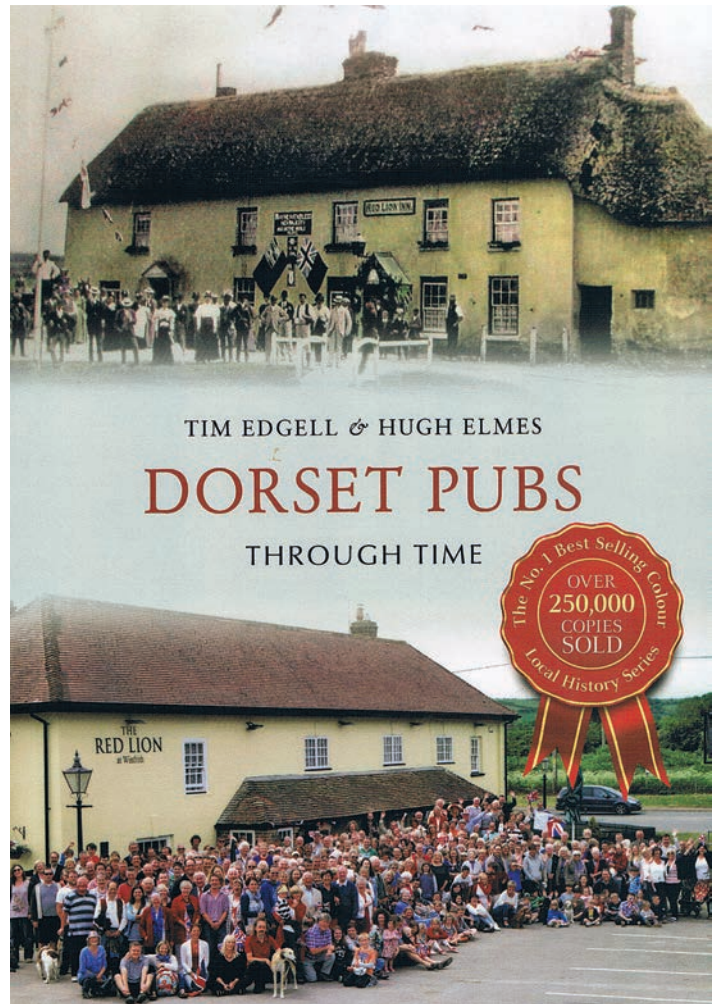
Tim and Hugh have collated much information on previous landlords/owners, and have sought-out anecdotes that have been passed down over time by pub regulars. The page pictured (left) features the King's Arms in Wareham; the top photograph showing Charles Kenway being congratulated by chums for earning the Queen's South Africa Medal in 1902, and the bottom picture showing the King's Arms advertising their own award in 2012 - the East Dorset CAMRA Pub of the Year.

A great addition to any local book collection, and a good place to start if you're tempted by a few weekends spent sampling the delights offered by the pubs of Dorset!

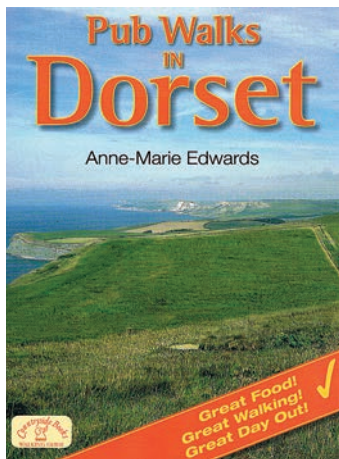
Dorset Pubs Through Time is published by Amberley Publishing, and is priced at £9.99. Currently available from Farwells Newsagents in Wareham, New & Secondhand Books in Swanage, and in Dorset-based branches of WHSmith. ISBN: 978-1-4456-0814-3.



King's Arms
Charles Kenway, the King's Arms landlord, is pictured here being congratulated for earning the Queen's South Africa Medal in 1902. The original King's Arms in South Street burnt down during the fire of 1914. The present building was built on the site and became a pub in 1915. Some 120 years later, pub regulars the Purbeck Independent Supporters Society tried to blow out the King's Arms, but to no avail.



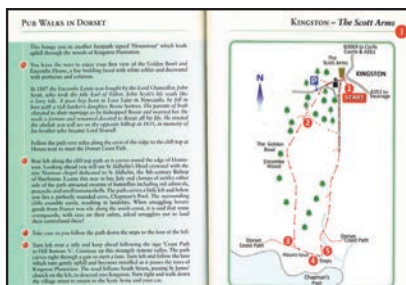
Pub Walks In Dorset



is also included. The walks vary in length, generally between 2.5 miles and 5.75 miles in length, the rambles are therefore achievable for most of us! Locations included are: Kingston, Abbotsbury, Lytchett Minster, Corfe Castle, Moreton, Shillingstone, Corfe Mullen and more.

Author Anne-Marie Edwards is a member of the Rambler's Association and a founder member of the Backpackers Club. She has also written other guides, namely Pub Strolls in Dorset, Waterside Walks in Dorset and Footpaths for Fitness: Dorset.

Pub Walks in Dorset is priced at £7.95 and is published by Countryside Books, ISBN: 978 1 84674 282 8



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SUN 12TH - SUNDAY SESSION 3PM WITH STUART MUIRS

SAT 18TH - SWANAGE COMEDY AT THE LEGION 8PM

WED 22ND - TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER 7.30PM

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On the Friday afternoon, the Festival kicks off with a steam train ride to a

jazz dance at Harman's Cross village hall.

The programme features a selection of the leading names in British modern jazz, headlined this year by the Steve Waterman Sextet and Mark Lockheart's Ellington in Anticipation. In addition there are great vocalists, headed by Britain's best jazz entertainer, Liane Carroll. There are also bands representing edgier, more contemporary sounds, including Shabaka Hutchings' Caribbean-influenced Sons of Kemet and Gilad Atzmon's Orient House Ensemble.

The Festival also features a substantial and varied 'traditional jazz' programme, headlined by Britain's leading Twenties/Thirties swing band, Keith Nichols Blue Devils with American singer Joan Viskant. Other leading bands include Laurie Chescoe's Reunion band featuring the amazing Pauline Pearce, and young star of Chris Barber band Amy Roberts leading her Classic Jazz All Stars.

There are many free gigs around the centre of town, in pubs and open-air performance areas, all adding to the festival atmosphere.

Tickets and further information are available from the Festival Office (01020 422215) and from the web site - www.swanagejazz.org.uk.

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12th - 14th July 2013

The Festival gives music lovers in Purbeck and South Dorset the chance to hear the variety and quality of jazz that they would hear in the best clubs throughout Britain. Fifty-plus bands - established stars and some of the most exciting young bands on the jazz scene - plus our beautiful town and scenery attract a national audience and make Swanage one of the leading events in the jazz calendar.

SPECIAL EVENT
 the steam train ride and
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 village hall
 on Friday afternoon
 2pm from
 the Station.

Tickets **£15**

Tickets for the Festival (for the weekend, separate days and the steam train/jazz dance) and full information are available.

Tickets:
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ART IN PURBECK ALL YEAR ROUND



Purbeck is now recognised throughout the UK as a leading centre for the arts, competing with St Ives, which has traditionally been seen as a haven for those dabbling in their artistic side.

Throughout Purbeck you will find a plethora of artists and crafts people, offering a diverse range of quality items for sale. Tucked away down narrow lanes, in woodland, and near the shoreline, studios can be stumbled upon around every corner, each with a busy artist, craftsperson, stonemason or ceramacist in residence.

For many years, the annual Purbeck Art Weeks festival, held in May, has showcased the wide range of artistic talent in the area, bringing many visitors to Purbeck during the fortnight-long festival. It is an ideal opportunity to visit each individual artist's studio, and offers a rare glimpse

into the homes and working spaces of those creating Purbeck art.

Whilst PAW festival brings a shining spotlight onto our artistic culture once a year, art in Purbeck is available all year round, allowing those lucky enough to be in residence a fabulous choice when it comes to purchasing an original and unique piece of artwork.

We are delighted to offer our readers a fantastic four-page pull-out for this year's PAW festival (page 35-38). In addition this month, we bring you a selection of local businesses and artists within Purbeck who would be delighted to see you throughout the year, including galleries, who offer a varied range of works, incorporating local artists and craftspeople.

So get out there this month, take a tour around the PAW festival open studios and visit a gallery or two. Purbeck art is there to be celebrated!

Gallery At 41



Steve and Chris Clarke at The Gallery at 41 in Corfe Castle are celebrating their second successful season. The gallery specialises in the work of Dorset painters who capture the colour, shifting light and variety of this beautiful county, as well as their travels with easel and sketchbook farther afield.

Artists include Corfe Castle based painter Judy Tate. Pivotal to most of Judy's work is her love of oil painting 'en plein air' and her passion for colour and texture is particularly evident in her pastel and mixed media work.

The gallery also shows work by nationally known Dorset painters including Richard Price ROI, David Atkins and Felicity House PS.

Local sculptor Moira Purver ASWA shows wonderful figurative work that has a feeling of living energy and Sue Lansbury

explores our relationship with the landscape and the passage of time.

'Dorset has so many talented artists and we are delighted to be able to show such a fine selection of work'.

The gallery also has beautifully crafted wood, glass, ceramics and jewellery by local makers.

Usual opening hours are from Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays 11 am to 5 pm. During Purbeck Art Weeks the gallery will be open every day except Tuesday.

The gallery will always try to assist in finding the painting or sculpture you want and will be happy to make a special appointment to view work.

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Drawing inspiration from all aspects of the world around me, I'm constantly exploring new ideas and experimenting with alternative ceramic techniques. When I find an idea or technique I like and want to develop further, I put it together as a body of work and I launch a new collection. Each of the new collections are totally different from the last which I think makes my work exciting and very collectable.

My latest collection is titled 'Fantasea'. The work is inspired by the sea (in particular, Kimmeridge Bay) with a footing in fantasy. The collection is moody, seductive and a little bit punky. I have juxtaposed the forms, patterns and textures hidden beneath the sea's surface, which offers a provocative dark and daring response to the alluring Jurassic Coast. Examples from the 'Fantasea' Collection can be seen and purchased from my website.

Rachel Fooks Ceramicist & Tutor

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FANTASEA COLLECTION

As well as creating my own work, I also run pottery classes in Purbeck and the surrounding areas. I provide my students with the skills, knowledge and all the materials needed to successfully design and build with clay in a friendly and relaxed environment. For detailed Information about the classes give me a call or go to my website, www.rachelfooks.co.uk Telephone: 07966 433165. Email: www.rachelfooks.co.uk

Rachel will be exhibiting at the Boilerhouse Gallery during Purbeck Art Weeks, and her work is available online throughout the year.

'Awash With Colour' Cathy Veale



Purbeck artist, Cathy Veale enjoys continued success with her much sort after paintings. Her work has appeared alongside Britain's leading watercolour artists in recent Major National exhibitions.

Her paintings are skilful, original and exciting. Often painting large watercolours, some measuring around a metre in height or width;

this gives considerable impact to the onlooker and her seascapes have often been described as looking 'wet' like the sea itself.

Brought up in the Isle of Purbeck and its thriving art community, Cathy Veale has taken her inspiration from the breath-taking scenery that has surrounded her. The Jurassic coastline has been the theme of her work for many years, both on land and from the sea. Her fascination with the sea is fuelled by its changing moods and patterns that are formed by the sky's reflection and tidal states, creating a wide spectrum of colours that Cathy likes to use and sometimes exaggerates in her paintings.

Cathy studied Graphic Design at the Bournemouth College of Art and Design. After college, she travelled extensively around Europe, America

and New Zealand, undertaking a variety of artwork projects, from large impressionist oil paintings and murals to pavement drawing. She returned to Dorset in 1992 and has since concentrated on watercolour paintings.

You can see Cathy's work at her next exhibition from Sat 25th May to Sat 1st June during Purbeck Art Weeks, at the Catholic Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. You can visit her website for more details www.cathyveale.co.uk

Cathy will again be raffling one of her paintings, during the exhibition, to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.



L'Artishe Gallery

Why visit an art gallery?



The only qualification that you need to visit an art gallery is knowing what you like and what you dislike. If you are confident with these two criteria, you are ready to enter. You should feel free to like or dislike at your discretion once through the door.

An art gallery can offer quality, free culture and can be challenging, inspirational and enriching.

Despite the fact that the work on show is for sale, there is no expectation that all visitors will buy something - you are under no pressure! Obviously, a sale is an added bonus, but definitely not an assumption. Most gallery owners adopt a 'soft sell' approach.

Local galleries enrich the area as people will visit to see specific artist's exhibitions and will generally spend time visiting other venues, hopefully, spending money too.

At L'Artishe Gallery in Swanage, the ethos is about all of the above, combined with a commitment to putting on professional exhibitions all

year round that showcase the best local talent, as well as introducing artists from further afield.

Please don't just look through the windows, come through the door. Looking is free and you are most welcome!

Upcoming Exhibitions are:

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The gallery is now one of the south coast's leading galleries, selling popular contemporary and traditional art, textiles, ceramics, glassware, unique stationery, and greetings cards.

They have taken time to build lasting relationships with the artists they represent, by promoting and supporting them through regular exhibitions such as the Purbeck Art Weeks Festival.

You can mooch about or come in for a chat whilst choosing a frame for your artwork or memorabilia. The gallery is proud to have two Fine Art Trade Guild Commended Framers, of which there are just over 1000 worldwide. They know you'll leave the gallery happy with your purchase, whether it's simply a greetings card, a unique glassware bowl or an original piece of artwork chosen to spoil yourself or a loved one!

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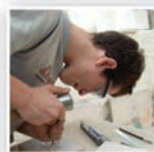


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May at Burngate Stone Carving Centre

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As well as our exhibition of sculpture, we will have a fantastic showcase of art and craft including jewellery, ceramics, woodwork, pottery, textiles, candles, embroidery, paintings and much more, all by local Purbeck artists and available to purchase.

We will also have demonstrations running over the festival period and plenty of stone carving courses for all the family to experience this traditional skill, which is so much a part of the local Purbeck stone heritage.

The Centre will also be offering light refreshments, cream teas and homemade cake throughout the festival - so pop in and visit us, even if it's just for a cup of tea and local Dorset apple cake!

Mike Bizley will be running a special freestyle carving course from Monday 13th to Friday 17th May and he will teach you the basic techniques of stone carving and guide and support you through the whole creative process of carving something unique in stone - whether you want to work in 3D or create a relief carving, this in depth opportunity to work with an experienced local stone carver is not one to miss this May.



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For full details please visit our website www.sunshineceramics.co.uk or pop into the studio.

Give it a go! Once you know the basics the only limit is your imagination!"

Quarr Gallery

What can I say about Swanage and the visual arts? Although there is no recognisable 'Swanage School' it is nonetheless an artists' town and a large number live here. The range of work that goes on is far too wide to be simply classified as 'seaside art'.

Every approach is here, from the painters you see sketching around the bay or painting a misty view, to abstract studio-based workers, and, of course, the photographers capturing the first pre-dawn glimmer of light on the eastern horizon.

Swanage Pier is now reckoned to be the most photographed in the country and indeed the Jurassic Coast could be renamed 'The Photographer's Coast'.

The professional artist's work is a year round activity, although it must be admitted that "en plein air" landscape painters had a chilly time recently. Working in occasional bursts is simply not an option.

Although some open their studios to the public annually many do not wish to do this. Quarr Gallery in Swanage represents a number of these



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professionals. The policy of the gallery is to restrict itself to Dorset artists and this means predominantly local professionals.

At one time half of Swanage seemed to close down for the winter. That was a long time ago, today there is a trickle of activity in all except the severest weather. Artists work all year and the fruits of their labour go on gallery walls without delay.

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Matron's Round

Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



Hello again from Swanage and Wareham Hospitals!

KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR EYES!

Among the many specialist services provided in the out-patient department at Swanage Hospital is a fortnightly Eye Clinic. This has flourished for many years, with the Consultant Ophthalmologist originally coming from Westbourne Eye Hospital and now from the eye unit at Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

The Clinic is extremely well used in Swanage, and is a boon in particular to some of our elderly patients in the area, who would obviously find it difficult to travel to Bournemouth or Dorchester. The majority of eye conditions can be seen here and we are fortunate to have a wide range of up-to-date equipment to run the clinic, some funded by generous donations from the Friends of Swanage Hospital.

Other eye related clinics provided in Swanage Hospital by specialist practitioners are;

- Pre and post operative assessments for cataract surgery
- Glaucoma Clinic
- An Orthoptist who regularly reviews children every four months between their annual review with the Consultant, in addition to seeing adults with specific eye problems
- Diabetic Eye Screening Service

In March this year we said a sad farewell to Mr David Etchells, who has been "our" Eye Consultant since 1988 - 25 years, during which time he has seen quite literally thousands of local people.

David has now retired and from April we were pleased to welcome Mr James Kersey, also from the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, as his replacement.

We are confident that, just like Mr Etchells, this will be the start of a long and happy relationship with Swanage Hospital enabling us to continue providing care as close to home as possible!

Until next time, take care!

Matron Jane (pictured)



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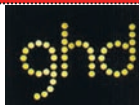
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Sport

Are You Ready To Slay 'The Beast'?



The Jurassic Coast stretches across 95 miles of stunning coastline from East Devon to Dorset, and cyclists can again enjoy some of the breathtaking views of Corfe Castle, Lulworth Cove and Poole Harbour on one of the most popular sporting events on the calendar.

The Wiggles Jurassic Beast Sportive attracted 1,000 riders last year and already has 1,500 riders this year. It is expected to be a sell-out prior to the event on Sunday, May 12. Starting from the National Tank Museum in Bovington, the monster ride will offer 100, 63 and 36 mile options

showing the very best views and attractions along the historic coastline.

The longer Epic route takes in a loop of the Dorset Downs with some leg pumping climbs, including one to the county's highest point Bulbarrow,

where you are rewarded with a panoramic view of distant Somerset. On the descent you will capture the picture postcard view of Milton Abbey School Playing Field and the model village of Milton Abbas.

Ever improving the legendary course, the route now takes riders down to the seafront at Swanage, offering unspoiled views stretching across to the Isle of Wight.

Rocks along the coastline record 185 million years of the Earth's history and this course provides the ultimate cycling challenge for riders to conquer, allowing them to write their own piece of history. Under-16s are able to ride for free, when accompanied by a paying adult, and with plenty to do in the area, for cyclists and non-cyclists, this is a great weekend for the family to enjoy.

Riders have full support on the Sportive, organised by UK Cycling Events, with full route marking, emergency support, on-site catering, event photography and massage, as well as a free energy drink and snacks and a goody bag including a copy of Cycling Plus or MBIK and other nice goodies from the event sponsors.

On-line pre-entry is the best and most convenient way of entering the Jurassic Beast Sportive. Riders are urged to enter ASAP as the event is likely to sell out shortly, so book on-line to avoid disappointment.

Visit www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk click on the event you wish to enter and follow the on-screen instructions.

Wareham's WheelyBoat!

A brand new wheelchair accessible Mk III Wheelyboat, specially designed to provide disabled people with hassle-free and independent access to waterborne activities, was launched at Wareham Boat Hire on Wednesday the 10th of April.

The new Wheelyboat will enable disabled adults and children to participate in a wide range of water based activities on the beautiful River Frome.

The Wheelyboat has been supplied through Countryside Mobility South West, a scheme that is working to make the region a truly 'accessible' visitor destination by improving access to the countryside for people with limited mobility.

Additional funds were generously provided by Natural England, the Nineveh Charitable Trust, Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, Frogna Trust, Elmgrant Trust, Norman Family Charitable Trust, Suzuki GB and Wareham Boat Hire.



The Mk III Wheelyboat was designed and developed by The Wheelyboat Trust, a small national charity dedicated to providing disabled people with access to waterborne activities.

At 5.3m long, it is a versatile craft with a carrying capacity of eight people including wheelchairs.

It is fitted with a drive-from-wheelchair console, enabling people even with quite severe impairments to experience the thrill of driving the boat themselves.

Matt Jones, Wareham Boat Hire Manager said: "We are really pleased to add the Wheelyboat to our fleet of hire boats and are very much looking forward to enabling more people to access and enjoy the river and the surrounding environment."

The new Wheelyboat will now enable all to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the beautiful River Frome.

Pictures show top - the wheelyboat in action! Left - Wareham Mayor with Julie and Matt Jones of Wareham Boat Hire, with their children.

Start Of A Busy Year For Swanage Sea Rowing Club



On Friday 4th April members held a supper at Swanage Sailing Club to launch the new season, eating a delicious meal of home-made Cottage Pie.

They held a draw of their Thousand Club, to raise funds for the club, and to look ahead to the fitting out of the Boathouse.

The project has been put out to tender and we anticipate responses by the 26th April when the tenders will be opened, with the next stage being the final selection, when the bidders will be asked to interview to select the final contractor, at the beginning of May.

The extra space will be welcome when it's complete as the Club has a new GRP training gig, being built to replace the half-share of the Arny Paye (which the Pirates of Poole have taken over to row in Poole). The new gig is due to arrive at the club at the beginning of May – she has been delayed because the cold has prevented the workshop getting sufficiently warm for the fibreglass resin to work. As with our previous wooden gig 'Winspit', there is a competition to name her, with forms available in Swanage library – everyone is welcome to take part, so if you think you have the best name please enter! There is also an exhibition in the library of the new Boathouse plans.

The clocks going forward has meant that we can resume our Tuesday evening 'open rowing' sessions for anyone interested to come along at 6 pm and try gig rowing; unfortunately this has been a miserable spring with cold easterly winds causing the cancellation of several rowing sessions as we risk damaging the gigs when launching and recovering them in the rough seas.

We have had to train rowing in Poole Harbour and along the river Frome at Wareham – the Club would like to thank Nigel Barnes of Redcliff Farm for allowing the gigs to be launched safely. Many other Clubs in the south



west have also struggled with winter training, so the first meet of the season in Weymouth was going to be interesting; for once the sun shone and the wind dropped, allowing a great day's rowing – our Ladies A and B crews came to the fore winning their races, the Men's A with a scratch crew made fourth and the Men's B were pushed into a close second place by Bristol but comfortably beating rivals Weymouth into third.

This is a good start for the World Championships in The Scilly Isles in early May – let's hope for better weather!

SSRC will be holding a Table Top sale in the Community Room at the Mowlem on the morning of the 29th April – if you would like to have a table, or for more information, please call Janice Thomson on 01929 425022.

Barnaby Quaddy

Swanage Cricket Club

First and foremost, Swanage Cricket Club would like to welcome Lotib Ali from the Golden Bengal, who has kindly agreed to join the long-list of club's sponsors. The club has also been very fortunate in receiving a £10,000 grant from the De Moulham Trust, for the club to use for 'state-of-the-art' indoor cricket nets at the new school, which will encourage and develop cricket skills for not only pupils, but also for the club members.

Just a reminder - the youth coaching sessions have now started at Day's Park on Saturday mornings, with the following times and age-groups:

- 09:00 - 10:30 Under 11's (KWIK CRICKET)
- 10:30 - 12:00 Under 15's.

The 4 Senior sides (2 Saturday and 2 Sunday) have the following fixtures at Day's Park in May (all games start at 13:30):

- Saturday the 4th: 1stXI v STALBRIDGE in the PREMIER DIVISION
- Sunday the 5th: 2ndXI v PARLEY in Division 3
- Saturday the 11th:- 2ndXI v WIMBORNE & COLEHILL in Division 5 (S&E)
- Sunday the 12th:- 1stXI v WINTON in Division 1
- Saturday the 18th:- 2ndXI v BRANKSOME & PARKSTONE in Division 5 (S&E)
- Sunday the 19th:- 2ndXI v BLANDFORD in Division 3
- Saturday the 25th:- 1stXI v WEYMOUTH in the PREMIER DIVISION
- Sunday the 26th:- 1stXI v CRANBORNE in Division 1.

The club would also like to place on record their extreme gratitude to Sabine Booth from Harrow House International College for providing the finance to enable a professional Coach to visit the club at the end of April to pass on his expertise to all club members. Finally, anyone interested in playing for/sponsoring the club or wishing to catch-up on all the latest news, please visit our website:- www.swanagecricketclub.co.uk **Mike Nash, Press Secretary**

Swanage Tennis Club



Success for the Swanage Ladies at their doubles matches on Sunday 7th April

After conceding a match in the winter league against Sway, due to the injury of one of our players, the summer league began satisfactorily with a win against Sway on their astro turf courts.

Deborah Miller and Meg Mutter had convincing wins in both matches, with the same score of 6-1 and 6-0.

The pairing of Diana Dyer and Sue Tindale kept the ball rolling with another rubber won by 6-2, 6-2 but with energy levels flagging they conceded their second rubber 2-6, 1-6.



Swanage Football Club

Although by the time you read this we will be well into May, due to the poor weather back in the winter and what was supposed to be early spring, we are still playing football and trying to catch up with our fixture backlog!

The First team have improved greatly after an inconsistent first half of the season and seem set for a mid table finish, well clear of the drop zone into the Dorset Senior League. The final

scheduled game of the season is on May 18th, when Swans make the short trip across Purbeck to take on rivals, Wareham Rangers. With many connections between the two sides, it's bound to be a typical local derby! One not to be missed as the sides are very close in the League table as I write, so that win could ensure local bragging rights for either Swans or Rangers.

The Reserves seem to have had an exact mirror opposite to the First team with the side struggling for results after the turn of the year. With a lot of travelling involved in the Division, Swans have found themselves taking in journeys to places like South Cheriton, which is well into Somerset. It's no surprise that results have been mixed, although a spell of home games should see the side do enough to retain their Dorset League One status for another season.

The Thirds are in a two horse race with Pimperne Sports Society for the Dorset League Five title and with the sides yet to play each other, it would seem the outcome of those games will decide which trophy

cabinet the Championship will sit in for the next 12 months.

The Under 18's were unlucky to lose their Dorset County Cup Final to Hamworthy United last month in a game played at Sturminster Newton's Barnetts Field ground. Swans had been beaten in the Semi-Final by Sherborne Town but then they became embroiled in a spat with the DCFA over when the match should be scheduled. Because - and quite rightly so in my view - the DCFA would not change the date at Sherborne's request, they pulled out of the competition and as losing semi-finals, Swans were reinstated.

For the majority of the match, Swans were the better side and they even lead 1-0 at half time courtesy of Callum Young's goal. The second half saw Swans' luck run out as Hamworthy scored three times to seal the win. Swans do have the comfort of knowing that they are still in the hunt for silverware in their League campaign.

Last month, Swans once again hosted an AFC Bournemouth Soccer School in conjunction with the AFCB Community Sports Trust. The event saw over 50 members of our Youth Section take part in the Soccer School. The link between Swans and a League One Club has now been well and truly established and both parties would like to see the partnership grow in the coming months. Not only did the youngsters receive coaching from the day, they also had the extra special treat of a question and answer session with former AFC Bournemouth and Manchester United legend Russell Beardsmore.

Russell had to retire from football due to a back injury, but hasn't been lost to football as he is now an integral part of the AFCB Community Sports Trust and provides valuable knowledge about life as a professional footballer. The kids loved his presence, as it was pointed out to them that he had played at Wembley and was part of Manchester United's FA Cup winning side in 1990.

Next month I will be reviewing all of our teams' seasons, as hopefully the weather will have allowed us to finish them! Follow the club on twitter, facebook and our official site - www.swanagefc.co.uk.

Gareth Davies - Press & Publicity Officer

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New Start At Wareham Golf Club



The weather could not dampen the atmosphere as the new Captain, Mr Martyn Perry, and the new Ladies' Captain, Mrs Sue Mason, held their Captain's Drive on Saturday 23 March.

A number of past Captains of the Club supported them on the day, along with a good number of Club members.

After the 'Drive In', everyone joined in a team competition - a 14 hole Texas Scramble competition.

The winners were Mr J Carvell, Mr D Allen & Mrs J Ricketts. In second place were Mr F Smith, Mr M March & Mrs J Greaves, and in third place were Mr P Allen, Mr J Greaves and Mrs J Gordon.



Swanage Bowling Club

Swanage Bowls Club at the Pavilion, Beach Gardens, Northbrook Road.

Existing bowlers are anticipating a good summer with many events planned, as well as daily games and entertaining visiting clubs. Free 'have a go' sessions at Beach Gardens started on Fridays from April 19th, everyone is welcome.

Weekly Club nights begin at 5.30pm with a fun game between club members, followed by a drink from the bar and a bite to eat. Our second Open Day is on Saturday 4th May at 10.30am.

There is a warm welcome awaiting anyone willing to come and give it a try without charge or commitment. Just turn up on the day!

Call Jean Thomas on 426795 for more information.



Best of luck to all of you participating in the 'Beast' cycle ride this month! Go slay it!!

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 JUNE is noon, 10th MAY

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.

MAY 2013

Wed 1st

* **Contemptuous Art** A truly unique exhibition of figurative sculpture by a local artist featuring some very well known celebrities and some not so well known. FREE ENTRY L'Artishe, 71 High Street, Swanage. Open 11.00am to 5.00pm Email: lartishegallery@mail.com

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at the Anchor Pub, Shapwick, (ST 936 018) for a 5.4 mile level circular walk in the Stour Valley. Ffi 01202 752501.

Fri 3rd

19:00 **Disco for Adults with Learning Disabilities** At United Reformed Church Hall, Church Street, Wareham (behind Sainsbury's car park). £5 per adult, no charge for carers. Soft drinks bar and snacks available. Held on the first Friday of every month. Ffi call: 405991 or 07974 073591 or www.moore-activity.co.uk

19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: 60th Annual General Meeting. Presentation of Trophies, & Bring & buy. Address by P Burrige Station Manager - Dorset Fire & Rescue Service Visitors welcome. Ffi Colin Brixton - 423841

Sat 4th

* **Saxons & Vikings at Corfe Castle**, Siege of Wareham. We invite you to come and witness re-enactments and battles, visit the Saxon village, and talk to the craftspeople. Last year's new improved Kings Court returns in 2013. Beware the cries of 'Odin' across the Isle of Purbeck. For more information, or to arrange media access to event please contact: Jon Bish, Communications Officer, 01929 452309 / 07748650131 jon.bish@nationaltrust.org.uk

09:00 **Exhibition of Paintings** At Harmans Cross Village Hall. Works by Harmans Cross Art Group. Paintings, prints and cards for sale. Refreshments available, entry 50p per adult, children free. Proceeds to Harmans Cross Village Hall fund. Ffi: www.harmanscrosshall.co.uk

10:00 **Annual Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** Wareham in Bloom are holding their annual plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday 4th May 2013 at 10am to 12 noon at the Corn Exchange East Street Wareham. This is one of the events that help to raise funds towards the splendid floral displays that enhance our town during the summer months. Bric a brac, books and other stalls, grand raffle.

14:30 **Portland Bill Charity Day Coastwatch**, Portland Bill are hosting a Charity Day at Highwood Gardens, Charborough Park, on the A31 between Bere Regis and Sturminster Marshall. Admission £4 adults, £2 children (6-16). No dogs please. Stroll in the tranquil woods, enjoy the stunning views, cream teas and Portland crab sandwiches, craft stalls, book and tombola stall. Learn about Coastwatch and what we do!

20:00 **Jim Etherington at the Legion** Swanage Elmo's birthday party, all welcome! Jim Etherington 8 'til late.

Sun 5th

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Mon 6th

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19:30 **Wareham-Hemsbach Society**, Dorset Wildlife Trust talk. At Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham. Contact Robin Brasher 427015.

20:00 **Swanage Darts Finals & Presentation Evening** At the Legion, Swanage.

14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.

19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "Wigan 10". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.

Wed 8th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at the Sika Trail car park (SY 906 893) on Wareham to Bere Regis road for a 4 mile circular walk over heath and forest. Ffi: 01929 426926.

14:00 **Stoborough W.I. Meeting** at Stoborough Village Hall. Julia's House - a talk by a member of the fundraising team for the local Children's Hospice.

14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.

19:30 **Studland WI Meeting** in Studland Village Hall. Resolutions for the AGM. A talk by Martin Churchill "Demonstration of Traditional Bread Making" Competition: Three Homemade Biscuits.

20:00 **Swanage Darts Finals & Presentation Evening** At the Legion, Swanage.

Thurs 9th

19:30 **The Filling Station** - a Christian meeting at Bovington Tank Museum till 9.30pm. Ffi, www.thefillingstation.co.uk

Fri 10th

19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** meets at Harman's Cross VH for a slide show 'A History of DMUs' by Colin Boocock. This coincides with the Swanage Railway Diesel Gala. Doors open 7pm. VISITORS WELCOME. No admission charge; donations welcome. Ffi 554765.

Sat 11th

* **Freebay** at the URC Church, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. Ffi or to book a table call Elizabeth on 01929 422406.

* **Saxon & Viking Academy at Corfe Castle** Join the ranks as a Saxon or Viking warrior, learn the skills, see the weapons, feel the armour, and hear the stories at this new event for 2013. For more information, or to arrange media access to event please contact: Jon Bish, Communications Officer, 01929 452309 / 07748650131 jon.bish@nationaltrust.org.uk

09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers' Market** At Commercial road, Swanage. Local produce from local producers. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at the Martyrs Tree, Tolpuddle, (SY 792 945 - parking on main road), for a 6 mile circular walk through fields and woods. Ffi: 01305 848381.

11:00 **Stewart's House of Fabric 'Come & Try' Day** Join us on Saturday 11th May at for demonstrations of Brother sewing, quilting and embroidery machines. Free draw to win a sewing machine! Ffi: 01929 551191 24, North Street Wareham.

19:30 **Dances at Harman's Cross Village Hall**. Proceeds to be donated to the local Macmillan Nurses cancer relief. Admission £3 to include coffee/tea/biscuits and raffle.

Sun 12th

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10:00 **Weymouth Farmers Market** At Westham Bridge, next to the marina.

Mon 13th

19:00 **Tyneham Time Remembered** To mark 70 years since Tyneham was abandoned, the revival of the community play, " is being read through for casting to take place on Monday 13th & 20th May 2013. At Corfe Castle Village Hall - 7.00pm till 8.30pm. Anyone wanting to take part needs to attend at least one of these meetings or contact Ann or Peter if they cannot make either of them. For more information ring Ann 01929 556148 or Peter 01929 480109 or email Tyneham@double-act.org.uk

19:30 **Christian Aid Concert** At All Saints Church, Swanage On tour - the Pliomela Women's Choir from the University of Victoria B.C. Please support this choir of students who will present an hour of wide ranging music from many countries. 7.30pm followed by refreshments. Retiring collection for Christian Aid. Ffi: Wendy Clark 422118 or Davina Freedman 421939.

Tue 14th

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.

14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.

19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** meets at Parish Hall, Wareham Quay. "AGM & Trophy Presentations" with Ian Platt. Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 553822.

19:30 **Swanage Stamp Society** meets at the Queensmead Community Centre, Swanage, 7.30pm. New and experienced collectors always welcome. Ffi: Call John- 01929 450293

Wed 15th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at Badbury Rings NT car park (ST 959 032) for a circular walkaround Badbury Rings. Ffi: 07950 164877.

14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by

- local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.
- 18:00 **Open Evening at Swanage Therapy Centre** Enjoy a glass of wine and join us for an Open evening at Swanage Therapy Centre, 5, Court road, Swanage. Watch demonstrations, Zero Balancing with Alex Hext, Bio resonance testing with Sandy Partridge from NTA Clinics. Talks, taster sessions, meet other therapists. Ffi: 01929 426506 or www.swanagetherapycentre.co.uk
- 19:00 **Studland History Group** meets on Wednesday 15th May in the Village Hall for an evening meeting at 7pm. 'In Praise of Dorset, Part 2', an audio visual presentation by Carol and Barry. Not to be missed! All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 439245.
- 19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meet at Wareham Middle School at 7.30pm. Talk by Time Team archaeologist Mark Corney - A tale of two villas - Box and Bradford on Avon. Visitors welcome £2.
- Sat 18th
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- 10:00 **Rainbows Coffee Morning & Swanage Bazaar** At The Mowlem Community Centre in Swanage. Lots of stalls including beautiful crafts, books, toys, photography, cakes, jewellery, tombola and great coffee! Cakes and biscuits too! Come and join us... bring your friends for a chat and bring the kids to be entertained in the Kids Korner! Tables £5. Call Marjorie on 07717 682323 or Nicky on 07504 967316 for more info
- 10:00 **Big Brew in the URC** Hall Opposite Arkwrights on Saturday 18th May 10-11.30. Admission free; teas, coffee available, raffle, cake stall and Fairtrade stall. The URC Ukelele band will entertain us and Colin the Crocodile and other sculptures will put in a guest appearance.
- 10:30 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at Lulworth Castle car park (SY 857 821) for a level walk around the castle estate and Coombe Heath. Ffi: 01929 424462.
- 14:00 **East Holme Flower Festival & Street Fayre** We are holding our annual Flower Festival and Street Fayre in the village of East Holme with a wonderful display of flowers in the church. We have a fun dog show being held on the day judging begins at 2.00pm, we have car boot pitches available sellers to arrive at 1.00pm. Wareham Town Band will be through out the event. We have a Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola and mech more. Everyone welcome gates open at 2.00pm Email: joyallan911@btinternet.com
- 17:00 **Museums at Night in Dorchester** All museums specially open from 5pm to 9pm. 8 main attractions for £8! Family tickets cost just £8 in advance or £12 on the night.
- 19:30 **Belvedere Singers May Concert** At St. Mary's Church, Swanage. Belvedere Singers Spring into Summer concert in aid of About Face, a Poole-based cancer charity. Tickets available from Corbens, choir members or at the door: £10. (children under 12 free) to include interval refreshment. More info: 423729.
- 20:00 **Swanage Comedy at the Legion** Doors open 8pm - Show 9pm. Tickets £13 in advance, £15 on the door (if available)
- Mon 20th
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- Tue 21st
13:30 **Blood Donor Sessions** at All Saint's Church, Ulwell Rd, Sw.
14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.
16:30 **Blood Donor Sessions** at All Saint's Church, Ulwell Rd, Sw.
- Wed 22nd
10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at the car park on the south side of the A354, 2.75 NW of the roundabout with the B3081, near Sixpenny Handley (SU 036 202). A 9 mile all day walk over open countryside. Ffi 01929 422554.
- 14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.
- 19:00 **Swanage Senior Forum** at the Emmanuel Church, Victoria Ave, Swanage. Changes to Pensions and Benefits, speaker - Neil Duncan-Jordan. All welcome, come along, whatever your age! Ffi: 07971 338486
- Sat 25th
* **Purbeck Art Weeks Festival 2013 starts.....** Open studios, Concerts, Dance & Talks. Exhibitions, including our central exhibition space at Rollington Barn near Corfe Castle. Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk
- * **Saxon & Viking Academy at Corfe Castle** Join the ranks as a Saxon or Viking warrior, learn the skills, see the weapons, feel the armour, and hear the stories at this new event for 2013. For more information, or to arrange media access to event please contact: Jon Bish, Communications Officer, 01929 452309 / 07748650131 jon.bish@nationaltrust.org.uk
- 09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers' Market** At Commercial road, Swanage. Local produce from local producers. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

- 09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at the entrance to Swanage Bay View Holiday Park in Panorama Road (SZ 021 784) for a 4 mile circular walk through Durlston Country Park.
- 20:00 **Swanage Darts Finals & Presentation Evening** At the Legion, Swanage.
- Sun 26th
* **Wine Tasting Evening at Kingston Courtyard** Join us for a fun evening with ten different wines, and a wine expert with some table nibbles, followed by music and laughter with Jack Daniels and Benny Wain (from Howling at the Moon). Tickets £25. Ffi: 01929 481066 or www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com
- Mon 27th
* **Village May Fair** at Corfe Castle Stalls, plants, raffle and bric-a-brac to raise money for village causes plus a dog show. For more details call 01929 481294 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle
- 10:00 **Fossil Painting Workshop at Kingston Courtyard** Paint your own fossil masterpiece to take home and learn about the dinosaurs and creatures of Purbeck's Past! Prices vary from £3 - £10 per piece. Ffi: 01929 481066 or www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com
- Tue 28th
14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.
- 18:15 **Wareham-Hemsbach Society** Visit to Organic and Solar Power Farm at Slepe. Contact Robin Brasher 427015.
- 19:30 **Dorset Industrial Archaeology Society** "Scammells and Untold Steam" is the subject of Kay Townsend's lecture to the Society on Tuesday, 28 May. Note that this talk was postponed from January because of weather conditions. The meeting starts at 7.30pm.in The Dorset Room, Colliton House, Colliton Park, Dorchester (opposite County Hall). Non-members welcome (small donation suggested). Further details from 01305 785968 or 871863.
- Wed 29th
10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at Milton Abbas near Hambro Arms Pub (ST 808 019 - parking in main street) for a 6.5 mile walk through farmland and forests. Ffi: 01202 269113
- 10:00 **Table-top Sale** in aid of Swanage Sea Rowing Club in the Mowlem Centre Community Room. Details 01929 426773.
- 14:30 **Swanage Town Walk** meet at the Heritage Centre, The Square. Town walk by local historian, 1 1/2 hours. Voluntary contributions welcome.
- Fri 31st
19:30 **The Hound of the Baskervilles**, The Purbeck Players Present, adapted by Tim Kelly. At The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £10, concessions £9, accompanied child £5. Box Office: 01929 422239.

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 **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** rehearse at The Old Malthouse, Langton. New members very welcome, contact Paul Baird 07802431012
- 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: 424252
- 19.30 **Belvedere Singers** rehearsal at All Saints Ch, Uwell, 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 **EBB 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)
- 14.15 **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
- 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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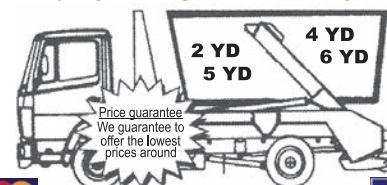
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