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Welcome to the June edition of YOUR Gazette! We bring you 80 pages stuffed full of glorious Purbeck news, views and events this month, our biggest issue to date.

We are absolutely delighted to bring you the first-ever four page **Wareham Summer Events** pull-out, covering all the exciting events on in Wareham this summer, including an excellent selection of money-off and special offer vouchers to tempt you all to visit wonderful Wareham this year - we'll be there!

We also bring you this month's feature **'Here comes the sun'**. Nine pages of fabulous Purbeck businesses who are ideally situated to offer you the very best in Purbeck foodie delights, al fresco dining, summer clothing, beach bags, hats, sunglasses and more! As always, please support our local businesses - it is vitally important for the good of the entire community that we shop locally whenever possible.

Our columnists have been busy attending council meetings, researching local issues, and writing-up their findings. Jump into one of the many articles or columns within our hallowed pages and see if you agree or disagree with what's written! David recently conducted a survey amongst local retailers to discover the impact of the parking meters, popular, or not? The results are in his column.

June sees the beginning of the tourist season, with many events organised in the hope of better weather (which WILL come!). In June we look forward to the Big Purbeck Party, Purbeck Art Weeks, several open gardens, Community Safety Week, Wool Carnival and much, much more!

So, salutations to the sun, we welcome you back! Happy reading!

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First High Water, Peveril Ledge, Swanage

1	03.14	15.35	
2	04.26	16.44	Neap
3	05.44	17.59	
4	06.49	19.04	
5	07.41	19.57	
6	08.26	20.43	
7	09.06	21.25	
8	09.43	22.02	NM
9	10.20	22.37	
10	10.54	23.09	Spring
11	11.27	23.39	
12	11.56	- -	
13	00.05	12.24	
14	00.34	12.57	
15	01.11	13.19	
16	01.58	14.31	
17	02.58	15.36	
18	04.15	16.49	Neap
19	05.32	17.57	
20	06.35	18.57	
21	07.31	19.53	
22	08.23	20.46	
23	09.15	21.38	FM
24	10.04	22.29	
25	10.53	23.18	Spring
26	11.41	- -	
27	00.08	12.30	
28	00.58	13.18	
29	01.49	14.09	
30	02.42	15.01	

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

Swanage Town Council Meetings - June 2013

Tourism	Mon 3rd	10am
Council	Mon 3rd	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 17th	7pm

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 - June 2013

Planning & Transport	Mon 10th	7pm
Museum	Tue 11th	7.30pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Wed 12th	7pm
Wareham In Bloom	Wed 19th	7pm
Council	Tue 25th	7pm

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - June 2013

Licensing Board	Thur 6th	9.15am
Council	Tue 11th	7pm
Standards Committee	Wed 12th	2pm
Policy Group	Wed 19th	7pm
Planning Board	Wed 26th	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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Landslide at St Oswald's Bay 2013, by David Mitchell. Thanks David - great pic!

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JULY 2013 deadline - 12 noon 10th JUNE

Classic News From Robin



Dear Readers,

The annual Classic Car Show in Swanage on 28th April gave us an opportunity to show how car design developed from the 1930s to the 1980s.

For me, the development of the sports car during the 1950s was particularly interesting. The decade began with the MG TC. This was a classic sports car with a vertical radiator grill, separate wings and running boards and a flat windscreen.

It was too expensive for most people in England, but was a huge success in America. Following the disastrous sales of the Austin Atlantic, Austin adopted Donald Healey's design for the Austin Healey sports car. This had a lower, more streamlined body than the MG and was capable of 100mph. The MGA and the Triumph TR2 were similar designs.

Then in 1961, Jaguar produced what I regard as the most attractive sports car ever made. This was the E Type Jaguar. It had an uncluttered streamlined shape with a curved windscreen. It could do over 140mph.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher, Swanage, by email



Learn From The French!

Dear Gazette,

I had to write to comment on David Hollister's article.

Parking by camper vans/motorhomes is seen by the authority and some locals to be a nuisance. Where are they supposed to park then? They



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.**

In addition to the weekends, they are open every day during the following times (all dates are inclusive):

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have paid their road tax just like other vehicles. Swanage should welcome the additional trade. In France to the contrary, they are welcomed even in the smallest of villages. Even upmarket places such as Le Touquet provide facilities.

Motorhomers are just that - usually couples who enjoy motoring in their home. They move frequently, generally needing a parking spot for only 48 hours. No expensive facilities are needed. All they require is access to a tap, facility to empty their toilet cassette (black water) and a drainage spot to dump their shower/kitchen water (grey water). In France these are provided by a 'Borne' (a machine connected to water and drains), some towns charge for this facility.

The French are very aware of the value of the grey euro - all motorhomers will buy, at the very least, a baguette every morning. For example, Honfleur, a pretty port, has a bread van which visits the Aire. This Aire accommodates over 100 vans, charging 10 euros for 24 hours, an income for the town of over 1,000 euros a day! Not a sum to be sneezed at.

The 'failed' industrial estate site would provide a great parking Aire for motorhomes. No fussy residents to complain about their quiet mobile neighbours. In order to avoid vehicles with trailers using the area, pitches could be marked out as in a car park, but longer, of course.

Yours faithfully, J.M.Holloway, Kings Road, Swanage.

Motorhome - The French Way

Dear Gazette,

Thank you, David, for such a sane solution to the 'Motorhome Problem', one which our friends in France discovered many years ago.

Almost every French town and village welcomes motorhomes with a designated parking area, complete with fresh water and waste disposal.

You can park here for a small fee and sometimes also buy electricity via a hook-up. There are plenty of under-used bays in the Main Car Park which would be ideal for motorhomes.

Let's be welcoming - it would be good for trade too!

Alan Dominy - Swanage Motorhome Owner

F.A.R.Ts Let Out In Swanage

Hi Nico,

While drinking our Cappuccinos this morning perusing the 'Other paper', after checking the back page to see if we were in there, our combined intellect rambled on to other matters! We read a letter from 'name and address supplied', and a cunning plan came to mind.

If the parking on Swanage seafront is to be set-up as this long-term resident suggests, then the dropping off point at the clock tower gave us an idea for an income stream for our funds:- Valet Parking for the disabled drivers!

We are assuming that the cars will not be allowed to park by the Clock Tower, so we could take the cars and park them at a safe location. This of course would mean that we would need assistance from the council, but which one?

A designated secure area for the parking of said cars would be required. Then, with bureaucracy being what it is, we will require a mini bus to bring the drivers back from the parking area, insurance for the cars and drivers and High Vis jackets for our operatives (maybe we could get sponsorship deal for a logo on the back).

In fact with our logo on the back, and Mr Moore's new organisation on the front, we could keep running costs down and increase our manpower base.

If our plan for a twinning with Mr Elm's organisation in Wareham comes to fruition, then maybe we could get baseball caps with their logo on it!

However, a meeting will have to be set up to decide the placement of these logos on the protective clothing. This may take a little while and so maybe 2013 will not be the year we can start this service. What do you



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Sun 16th (lunchtime)	Rob Heron
Thur 20th 7pm	Rude Mechanical Theatre (see pg.64)
Sat 22nd	Chilled Cider Fest
Sun 23rd	Chilled Cider Fest
Fri 28th	Wizz Jones

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think? Your input would be appreciated.

Regards, Peter Wakefield

(Press Officer designate Federation of Aged Retired Teadrinkers)

Preserve Farmland Please

To David Hollister,

Re: Prospect Farm, Telling It Like It Is, May 2013.

I normally agree with most of what you say but I was horrified at your comments on the planning application at Prospect Farm for 35/34 properties. I believe your comments were influenced by your apparent hate of Purbeck District Council. There is just one thing I would like to point out - while it would be lovely to have more truly affordable homes, the surrounding countryside in which we live is important and every bit needs to be considered before is removed.

Hence the need for discussion, by all involved. The applicants cleverly used the run down farm buildings to state that the farmland was derelict. It isn't - for years I have watched cattle being fattened up on that land, and then for a long period before the application, the tenant farmer was told to remove his cattle from the field.

We have missed them this winter, but you will be glad to know that they came back a few days after the application was turned down. Today the tractor is in there, spreading fertiliser.

Funny how 'derelict farmland' can suddenly become workable in such a short time. It is great to see that the farmer still has a job and that the other fields around Swanage can still be farmed. By the way, it wasn't just the local plan issue that was a problem with this application - many groups involved in the preservation of the AONB were against the scheme for many reasons.

Let us hope that in the future the run down farm buildings can be developed tastefully into low cost accommodation and the farmland preserved.

Yours, John Rowley, by email.

Ed's note: Thanks for taking the time to write John, it's always good to hear the alternative point of view!

28 Day Rule Not Monitored

Dear Editor,

We live in close proximity to one of these '28 Day campsites' and it is in full view of our house. For the last three years we have recorded the days the site has been in use and for those years it has exceeded the 28 days - last year it was in use for 43 days.

We have informed Purbeck District Council of this every year, but they have refused to do anything about it. The owners do not have to submit the dates to the PDC and if there is a day when no-one is on the site then it does not count as one of the 28 days.

Therefore it seems impossible to monitor as the PDC obviously cannot send someone round to these sites every day to see if they are in use.

What hope do we have if there is such a rule that can be abused so easily?

We thought that the PDC would act on the information we gave them, but apparently not. So this site will continue to open whenever it likes without fear of any rule being enforced.

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Mowlem Makeover Needed

Hi Nico,

Swanage Bay View and the Mowlem were both built by the same architect/developer at the same time. Swanage Bay View, a few years back now, had a complete £500,000 makeover and is now an excellent venue for the town, with entertainment and excellent parking.

It has now undergone another successful makeover to maintain its first class, up-to-date status inside and outside again.

Meanwhile, the Mowlem building looks tired and stuck in the 1970s, although the restaurant is a welcome new addition. It could however, make a feature of this if the Mowlem Trustees do not have the money to follow Swanage Bay View, making the Mowlem a 'retro-facility' like the Rex cinema in Wareham, with a 1960s/70s retro-look, for very little outlay.

Just a thought.

Mike Ford, Swanage, 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.

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The Camera Never Lies - Ho!

Dear Editor,

Navitus: A recently discovered medical condition, where the nearer you get to an object, the further away it appears. The latest visual representations of the Jurassic coastline wind farm produced by Navitus illustrate just how bad this condition can get.

The wind turbines are shown as clearly visible from Milford at 11.9 miles away and yet if you are three miles closer, at the beautiful seascape views off Durlston, they 'virtually' disappear. The photographer choose a bright clear sea horizon at Milford and a dark hazy sea horizon at the most visually sensitive area - strange that, almost an answered prayer from Navitus.

There was a cautionary note in the literature from Navitus stating the visuals were 'for guidance only', which they will no doubt be eager to point out when the reality appears.

Apparently the images conform to 'best practice' but making nearer images look more distant suggests the photography needs 'more practice'. Whatever your views on wind farms, and I am personally in favour of renewables, the least we deserve is honesty or relocate them within the other non-controversial approved sites which are not in coastal tourist areas of outstanding natural beauty, where it is agreed there is spare capacity.

Mr D Biggs, Wareham

CO2, A Lot Of Hot Air?

Dear Editor,

"Ultimately, most of the CO2 emitted by human activities will dissolve in the ocean".

So why are there any concerns about the UK's carbon emissions?

How much carbon is in the atmosphere today?

For every 1 part of CO2 there is:

1982 of nitrogen

531 of oxygen

24 of Argon

In other words, there is virtually no carbon in the air - so could those in favour of a wind farm (and the standby facility of coal/gas/nuclear used for 70% plus of the time), please explain why we should subsidise this project in our future electricity bills?

Yours, name and address supplied, withheld.

Potholes - More Denied Claims

Dear Editor,

I was most interested to read "Potholes - DCC Says No Claim" from Shane last month. I have had the same experience with DCC. The pothole I hit was on Shore Road, opposite Ocean Bay (there is one there as I write) but unfortunately I was unaware of the damage caused until my car went for its MOT some three months later when I needed a new wheel, costing £227.

The Claim Form asks on which date the incident occurred. As I was not aware, I stated "the latter part of December" but DCC were able to tell me it was just prior to the hole being filled, the road having been inspected on 11th December and repaired on the 13th!! Consequently my claim, too, was invalid.

It would be interesting to know what proportion of claims have been settled by DCC.

J.Foster, Bay Crescent, Swanage.

Potholes - Work Of Art?

Dear Ed,

I was so disappointed that the council repaired the road surface area in Victoria Road by the large car park! What they didn't know is that I had entered it into the Turner prize.

The committee had come down to view it and were so excited, describing it as "having an emotional depth that created human emotions of anger, excitement, and the undulating surface giving visitors a jolting experience into Swanage."

They also liked the idea of local artists creeping out at night, painting artistic lines around holes, to express their grateful support to the council for delaying any repairs to this natural phenomenon.

It was narrowed down to the final four, but of course I had to withdraw it. If it had won, the local hotels and B & B s would have been overflowing with gaping visitors.

But there it is, too late now of course, so won't be up there with the unmade beds and the rubbish bags, to put Swanage on the national artistic map of modern art.

Hey Ho. Can't win them all!

Yours, Roger Thompson, Swanage.

Water Power - Only Answer

Dear Sir,

I agree with Mr 'Smudge' but he misses out on one point. - What is going to produce electricity when petrol, diesel, coal and gas are used up? The cost to remove them will be enormous. Where is the alternative power supply? What is going to supply electricity?

Surely the only source of power left will be running water. The old water mill worked when the wind mill stood idle. The problem is, how to produce electricity cheaply and plentifully without fuel oil, gas or coal. Why is no-one interested to find ways to do so.

They can find money for wind turbines, but as yet, none for research in the use of water power. There are plenty of places in Wales and Scotland that could be suitable for a considerable electricity producing plant.

The same water could be used again and again by recycling.

If I had the money I would have done trials - it's all a question of money and research.

Yours truly, H Bittner, Wareham.

Melodies For Memories

Dear Gazette readers,

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Melodies for Memories sessions running in various areas of Dorset including Wareham, Upton and Swanage.

The role with the help of our Music Facilitator is to partake and assist with the session as well as helping to prepare the hall for the session, prepare refreshments and help tidy up at the end of the session.

The sessions run on Tuesdays and Thursdays - Swanage; Tuesday morning, Upton, Tuesday afternoon and Wareham, Thursday afternoon. Ideally you will be able to commit to one session a fortnight either a morning or an afternoon but if you can only help occasionally, we would still like to hear from you.

If you are interested, please contact Robert Langdon, Volunteers Officer on 01202 530530 or by email robert.langdon@ageukbournemouth.org.uk



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S.P.H.A. - Making More Noise

Dear Nico,

You and your readers will be aware of the very active Swanage and Purbeck Hospitality Association, an organisation dedicated to attracting more visitors to the area and to ensuring they have the best possible experience while they're here.

We are currently running a recruitment drive and want to draw your readers' attention to the Association and what we do. Anyone whose business depends on tourism (and after all, the economy of the whole area depends on our visitors), should become a member of the SPHA.

In the Association's sixty year history (we were formerly the Swanage Hoteliers' Association), we have seen recessions come and go, and trading conditions wax and wane. We know that far more can be achieved by consensus than can ever be done by individuals.

Our aim is to ensure that tourism is always considered whenever an initiative is raised locally and our hard-working Committee try to ensure that we are represented on as many decision-making bodies as possible. As well as encouraging businesses to promote effective local partnerships, we have enabled many local initiatives to take their first steps – the highly successful Comedy Festivals and Nights, the Walking Festival, now in its fourth year, and the Purbeck Marathon, to name a few.

We retain the services of a local PR consultant who works closely with all areas of the press, from magazines to national newspapers and TV. You must have noticed that the area features more and more regularly in the media – this hasn't happened by accident!

We are aware that the majority of our members are in Swanage, so we're particularly keen to ensure that we properly represent the whole area, including Corfe, Wareham, Lulworth and the surrounding villages. If we speak on behalf of 250 businesses, we'll make a lot more noise than just the 120 or so we have now. People of influence are already listening to us but the more there are of us, the more noise we can make!

Yours sincerely, Alan Power, Chair SPHA.

P.S. See the advertisement above for details of our networking evening for local businesses to find out more about what we do – and join us! We look forward to seeing you.

Invest In Our Young

Dear Sir,

Many readers will have noticed that within the overall unemployment figures recently released, there are an additional 20,000 young people looking for work since December, bringing the number of young unemployed to nearly one million.

All young people have dreams and aspirations and behind every individual statistic is a human story. There is a lack of opportunity for this generation, with our young people facing the prospect of long term unemployment and the consequent erosion of self-worth, hope and aspiration.

However, experience shows that when we show faith in young people and provide opportunities to develop skills and resilience, then our investment is more than repaid. Without this investment our social capital falls and civic society suffers.

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Investing in our young people is important – not just financially, but investing our time and efforts to ensure they have the skills and confidence to make the best start in life. However, like all youth organisations, additional volunteers would enable us to reach more young people.

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If we all gave a little of our time, it will make for a better country, not just for the young, but for all of us.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Dickinson, Chief Executive, The Boys' Brigade,

The Boys' Brigade is a Christian Youth Organisation, for more information on volunteering visit their website www.boys-brigade.org.uk

Globes for All

Dear Readers,

Step for a moment into the copy office of the Purbeck Gazette and there it is, a remarkably fine globe (set in handsome inlaid stone) that would look good in many a contemporary classroom.

Children should gaze from time to time at a sensible representation of our beauteous planet, swimming in (seemingly) empty space.

Well, such a wholesome experience should do wonders for the young and enquiring mind; so many fields are naturally intertwined, from thermodynamics, gravity of course, all the way to quantum physics!

So let's get away from flat linear representations of our globe, and thank you, Purbeck Gazette, for returning to the golden age of enlightenment!

David Bartley, Swanage.

Ed's note: You are most welcome David! We do indeed agree that globes give children a wonderful representation of our Earth - globes for all!

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The Honour Of The Chamber

Dear Friends,

On the 11th April last I was delighted to place the special president's chain, the honour of the Chamber, around the 'delightful' shoulders of Caroline Finch, who was elected president for 2013- 2014.

Caroline follows a prestigious line of previous presidents, many of whom were ladies. The Chamber moves with the times. Caroline has been on the committee as an executive member and officer in recent years, and is fully able to carry on a long tradition of business and community service. We all wish her a memorable year, and we know that she will prove to be a strong guide in difficult times.

Congratulations Caroline, and every best wish.

Brian Barker, Past President, Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce.

'Run' Brought To Standstill

Hi Nico,

What a great disappointment to read that the historic and unique 12 mile road race, which morphed into a half marathon in the 21st century, has been brought to a standstill by bureaucracy, health and safety (no doubt) and impatient residents!

What a loss to the various charities that benefitted from this large income generator for the enthusiastic Carnival Committee, who provide so much entertainment to holidaymakers and locals alike in the summer.

What has happened to the Olympic Spirit and Legacy?

Regards, Peter Wakefield, Swanage

Running For A Great Cause

Dear Editor,

A big thank you.

May I take this opportunity, through the Gazette, to say a massive thank you to everybody who sponsored me on my first London Marathon.

The sponsorship money is still coming in, but I have currently raised just over £4,066, which, with gift aid, adds up to nearly £4,800.

I am really very grateful for the generosity shown by individuals and businesses alike. The money raised is going to Children with Cancer UK which is a charity dedicated to the fight against all childhood cancers.

My marathon time was 4 hours 56 minutes, so plenty of room for improvement! The atmosphere on the day was amazing; it was just like

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Craig Wells, Bonfields Avenue, Swanage

Amazing Run For Whizzkids



Dear Gazette Readers,

I am so glad to share my good news with all of you - I have finished the London Marathon and completed the whole 26.2 miles!

The whole experience was absolutely amazing and the weather on the day was perfect. I started at the 'red start' with the mass crowd. I had all sorts of runners around me, from fancy dress to the serious competitive runners. We started at 10am. The crowds were amazing, they uplifted you when you needed it the most and it made the experience along the route amazing.

When I came closer to the end, running into The Mall and seeing the finish line, it made all the hard work and hours of training in the cold and wet weather worthwhile.

I received my medal and I felt so proud! I HAD DONE IT!!! My race number was 49828, visit www.virginlondonmarathon.co.uk.

Thank you to everybody for your support and donations! You can still donate so I can reach my target. Visit www.justgiving.com/Fran-V or by text, text EEZE55 TO 70070 with amount £2, £5 or £10. You can also visit the Purbeck Gazette office to give a cash or cheque donation. My personal email is: franviljoen@hotmail.co.uk

The money raised goes to Whizz-kidz, a charity which aims 'to ensure that every disabled child has an opportunity to be something special...a kid'. Information on the charity is available in the Purbeck Gazette office, with a collection box.

Thank you to everybody for their lovely messages, good wishes, and sponsorship! Fran.

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Watch this space - you have been warned.

RSPCA Take Issue with Chug

Dear Editor,

I can assure both yourself and readers of The Purbeck Gazette that the RSPCA only pursues prosecution cases after lengthy and unbiased consideration. Any suggestion that the prosecution of the Heythrop Hunt – or any other RSPCA prosecution – is politically motivated is entirely wrong. The decision to pursue a case is not made by our chief executive. It is made by case managers from the RSPCA's prosecutions department who apply the same criteria used by the Crown Prosecution Service. This includes consideration of the seriousness of an alleged offence and the public interest in bringing a prosecution.

Nor did the Charities Commission agree that the Heythrop Hunt prosecution was "...a tragic waste of money" in their response to a complaint by pro blood-sports MPs, including former Countryside Alliance CEO Simon Hart MP. Charity Commission chief executive Sam Younger made it clear that taking the Heythrop case was in line with the Commission's guidelines and appropriate to the RSPCA's remit.

Your editorial in the May edition also incorrectly says that Gavin Grant "...gained some prominence by leading a militant campaign against The Body Shop." Gavin actually worked for The Body Shop as director of global communications and public affairs for five years, where he campaigned to end the testing of cosmetics on animals.

The inclusion of references to the numbers of animals the RSPCA sadly euthanizes also lacks context. It should be remembered that the vast majority of these casualties will have been wildlife, often found injured by roadsides, which would be unable to be rehabilitated sufficiently to survive if released back into the wild.

The RSPCA is there to protect all animals. This means everything from farm animals, to wildlife, to animals used in research and pets. We will continue to stand up against animal cruelty and take appropriate action where necessary.

After all, if we don't, who will?

Yours sincerely, Andy Robbins, RSPCA senior national press officer, RSPCA, Wilberforce Way, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex. RH13 9RS

Local Election Surprises

Dear Editor,

I found the results of the recent County Council elections very interesting with regard to two issues in particular.

The first of these involves the successful candidate for the Purbeck Hills area, who in his campaign leaflet stated that he worked hard to save Corfe Castle library from closure.

This was somewhat surprising, as I believe him to be the only county councillor with a library in his constituency who voted in favour of library closures.

Secondly, am I right in thinking that the successful candidate who won Egdon Heath ward for the Conservatives also sits on Purbeck District Council as an Independent? Surely there must be a conflict of interest here?

Name and address supplied, withheld on request.

Labour Share Of Vote Rises

Dear Nico,

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for me on May 2nd. Labour was the only party to receive more votes in 2013 than we did in 2009, when the last county council election happened.

Rather than a traditional 'election address', this year we sent a leaflet to

every house in Swanage asking people for their views about the issues facing Swanage. We've had a fantastic response to this and, at the time of writing, we are planning our campaigns for the coming year to try and address some of the issues people have talked to us about.

Everyone is still welcome to get in touch with us through the website or by email, if you'd like a hard copy of the priorities questionnaire then please call Councillor Cherry Bartlett on 01929 421 061.

Thanks, Rupert Roker

Success For Drama Company

Dear Nico,

Swanage Drama Company would like to thank all of you who have supported our productions at the Mowlem Theatre. From panto to plays, and from Children in Need concerts to farces – you have given us great support.

To this end, we have been able to donate a significant amount of money to the theatre to help them to purchase equipment that will benefit all users of the Mowlem.

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Recently Purbeck was hit by a telephone scam, targeting local businesses. Several Purbeck Gazette advertisers reported receiving phone calls in May from a gentleman with a Liverpool accent, attempting to sell them advertising in either a wall-planner as part of an 'anti-bullying' campaign, or in a book about anti-bullying.

In many cases, this 'gentleman' said he was calling 'on behalf of the Purbeck Gazette'. We know this to be true as he also called US, saying he was calling on behalf of the Purbeck Gazette, working in conjunction with the Purbeck School. Obviously, complete lies.

Reports of similar calls demanding payment over the phone for advertising with the Purbeck Gazette have also been reported by our clients.

Having received similar calls last year (which we reported to Trading Standards with the help of an advertiser, who managed to procure paperwork which gave the scammer's address details), we are luckily well-versed in this annual scam. It tends to circulate amongst small communities, often picking local business names from local papers and

online directories in order to try and draw you in with 'recommendations' from people and businesses you know.

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We contacted Trading Standards and have reported this activity in our area. If you wish to make a complaint, please quote reference number: AB1032 9747. There is also a case file with Action Fraud (contact on 0300 123 2040), reference: NFRC 130500228971.

We wrote to EML Educational Media Limited, the company responsible for the recent calls, who reside at The Plaza, 100 Old Hall Street, Liverpool. L3 9QJ. Telephone 0870 4604687, email enquiries@educationmedialtd.co.uk. The company denied utilising our business name to commit fraud in the Purbeck and South Dorset area, but as we ourselves received a call purporting to be from the Gazette, we hold to our belief that this is indeed a fraudulent scam and urge you to be aware.

Beware 'Visa' Scam

Dear Nico,

Recently we were the intended victims of a scam. I'd like to warn your readers about it. Those people who have computers can read the whole scam on the following link:-

<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/police-warn-people-of-new-courier-scam-mar12>

For those who don't use computers it goes something like this – no doubt there are variations. A telephone call on our landline, late in the evening warned us that somebody was using our card details to purchase items.

The caller purported to be calling from Verified by Visa, but declined to give me his phone number. We had five calls in all, in spite of suspecting that it was a scam and disconnecting at the first attempt.

The caller sounded, of course, quite genuine though and said he wasn't asking for any details. He insisted that we should call our banks, using the number on the reverse of our card, the helpline number. Had we done so on our landline, we would have assumed we were talking to our bank, but in fact the scammer has somehow managed to intercept the call.

We used a mobile to check with the bank, fortunately. Having the next day found the details on the above link, it seems that we would have been asked to place our cards, and pin numbers (!) into an envelope and they would have been collected by courier to be 'returned to our bank'.

An elderly person receiving such a call may be tricked into this, and while it's there on the web site above, I've not seen it publicised in newspapers, so would be grateful if you could do so.

Best wishes, Christine Bridson-Jones, Knowlewood Knap, Wool.

No Parking For Disabled

Dear Editor,

Below is a copy of a letter I have written to Swanage Town Council regarding provision of parking for the disabled in Swanage.

Dear Sir,

Re. No 6235 Parking Penalty.

Following our telephone conversation yesterday, I write to confirm that at 11am on the 5th May I parked my vehicle at the main beach car park to use the public toilet and also walk my dogs on the park.

I am disabled and clearly showed my blue badge, clock and tax exempted road tax on my Polo car.

This was the third time that I have been able to walk my dog on my own in three years and was pleased that I have regained some independence, albeit a small step.

I resent paying the penalty as it was a mistake on my part by not reading the meter sign, but I am more than displeased that I will never be able to use this park, which was left in trust to the town, for the recreation of the towns' people to enjoy. Clearly, as a disabled person, I need access arrangements and that is why my badge and tax disc make allowances for the disabled. I feel it is only correct for the local authority to make the same allowances.

As I am writing, I would also like to complain that when I went to the police on the High Street there was no disabled parking even though there

is a large car park for staff.

Rosemary Dinch, Swanage.

Reg - Thanks For 90th Party!

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to Doreen and family, Wendy and family, many friends, especially Barbara, and other friends both old and new.

Sadly my Ethel was missing for my 90th Birthday.

Thank you all once again.

Reg Bittner, Wareham.

Dying For An Appointment

Dear Editor,

On 17th April Bournemouth Hospital informed me I had terminal cancer. I live (alone) in Swanage and managed to contact my excellent GP. We agreed to meet when he returned from holiday on 7th May.

I then phoned the Medical Centre to make an appointment and was advised to call again on 29th April.

On the 29th I was told that no appointments could be made until 7th May when the new computer system came on line. I then wrote to Phil Dowling, Practice Manager at the Centre, asking for his help.

Next day, 30th April, a message on my ansaphone, from a woman called Natasha, informed me that she was now Practice Manager, plus the fact that I had spelt her predecessor's name incorrectly.

When I returned her call she seemed unable to zero in on the fact that all I wanted was help to see my GP as soon as possible. She told me to call her back on 7th May.

Instead she phoned late evening the next day (1st May) to say that their new computer system had come on line early, and bookings could now be made for the following week.

To my astonishment she said I could only be allowed a phone call from my GP. I said again that I wanted a face to face appointment with him. When she refused to do this I hung up. Then, for the first time, I broke down. I later wrote a letter of complaint about all this to Customer Services NHS Dorchester.

Next morning (2nd May) realising that few, if any, members of the public were aware of this news about the computer system, I visited the Medical Centre hoping, somehow, to get an appointment to see my GP. The receptionist tried to fob me off with a phone call, but I managed to convince her to make it a face to face appointment.



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A happy ending? Not really... She said that my GP was booked up for 7, 8, 9, 10 May, and also Monday 13 May. So who are these people who managed to get booked in ahead of me? Something smells very fishy in my opinion. Very fishy.

And then NHS Dorchester phoned on 8th May to apologise for the unnecessary worry and strain I was put through at this time of crisis in my life, and also said they had arranged for me to see my GP next morning.

I am very grateful, but also puzzled how they could get me an appointment in this way, when I – the person threatened with death – couldn't. This is all very strange and needs an explanation.

Name and address supplied, withheld on request.

D-Day Remembered



Quietly! Quietly! Whisper my Name.

So many long years ago I died, under Norman apple trees.

But now my Spirit wanders, as a warm and gentle breeze.

Hush! Quietly, whisper my name, in that long forgotten place.

Then feel the warmth of my Spirit, caress lightly on your face.

For now, I am the jewelled summer Lark that soars on high.

Bright in heaven's concert hall, my song will fill the sky.

I am the tumbling clouds that rise, to touch the face of Joy.

No longer held by earthly bonds, a once young and vital boy.

In an instant life was swept away, in a brutal savage war.

Look not for me in Normandy, for I am there no more.

I am the peace in woodland glades, in veiled cascades of green.

Feel me close, in your times of joy, sensed, but never seen.

Whisper my name, hear my voice, in cascading woodland spring,

or England's flowered primrose banks, wherein the bluebells ring.

Don't mourn for me, quietly call my name, I'll visit in your dreams.

And, fill your mind with the beauty, of heaven's joyous scenes.

Hush! Hush!

Just whisper,

Quietly call my name.

Whisper quietly.

For all the young men that never came home.

From the fields of Normandy, I bring many memories.

Beneath them, I leave many friends.

Brian Guy

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Of Parking, Police, Politics And Poo

David Hollister writes...

It may not always be right. Sometimes the future looks bleaker than it turns out to be. So when Dorset County Council imposed Parking Meters in Swanage's Station Road, I immediately assumed that it would turn it into a ghost town, and rubbished the Council's statement that "the meters will discourage long-term parking and stimulate a greater turnover of visitors seeking to park closer to the shops".

On Saturday 11th May I visited twenty three businesses in Station Road and asked them "Has the imposition of parking meters had a detrimental effect on your trade?". Five traders said "Yes". Eighteen traders said "no". Amongst the 'yes' comments were "people no longer have time to browse" and "a problem with short-term parking for our busy staff to dash in and out of the office." The worst was "it's killing us."

Amongst the "no" comments were "I now feel that there are more empty spaces for casual customers" and "it has actually improved the situation." I myself had noticed that there seemed to be more spaces available when I need to nip into the Gazette offices. So on this occasion, I have to say that I'd been too quick to misjudge the situation. The charges are: up to 15 minutes – 20p, more than 15 and up to 30 minutes – summer 60p, winter 30p. More than 30 minutes and up to an hour – summer £1.20, winter 60p.

It was less encouraging to learn from several shopkeepers that visitors to the town had said that they believed that the long-stay parking operated by the Town Council was actively discouraging visitors. Swanage Town Council, despite their multi-million pound bank balance - have a legal duty to make the best possible use of public property, i.e. car parks.

The Main Car Park (10 minutes walk from town) costs £1.80 per hour, £3.40 for 2 hours, £6.40 for 4 hours and £8 for 24 hours. Compare that with Wareham where it's 70p for up to 1 hour, £1.30 for 2 hours, £1.90 for 3 hours, £2.50 for 4 hours and £3.10 for over 4 hours. Wareham Council clearly has a more realistic view of the value of car parks – which are NOT 10 minutes walk from the Town Centre. Well done Wareham. And come on, Swanage, what planet are you on? My informant said he'd sat on the wall in the Main Car Park and watched one in three motorists take one look at the charges and drive out again. I wonder if this is STC 'making the best use' of their assets?

The scary thing about the parking meters is that they have published the proposed tariff for Shore Road even before they have put up the meters. Summer charges will be: up to 1 hour £1.80, up to 2 hours £3.40, up to 3 hours £6.40, up to 10 hours £8.00. So clearly the joint statement from DCC and STC to the tourists is "we don't want you to spend money in our town, just in our parking meters". I ask again – how come that for many years the double yellow lines have prevented summer parking on Shore Road on the grounds of pedestrian safety, yet all of a sudden, now that they can charge for it, parking is safe?

Oh, and by the way, you can NO LONGER park free at the Swanage Co-op car park up to 10am to visit the Doctor, as you have for so many years, unless you happen to have a Resident Car Park permit (£5 from the Town Hall). That concession has been withdrawn. Just so's you know.

My piece last month on the establishment of the illegal 'encampment' in the field at Harmans Cross was in no way intended to criticise those

people living there, whether from choice or from necessity. It was a direct question to Purbeck District Council regarding the need to be even-handed in the application of planning and other bye-laws (one rule for all, surely?). I am sad that anyone 'involved' felt the need to come into our offices and vent their spleen on our Editor and staff. However, I am glad that it has resulted in a direct line of communication being opened with the PDC Communications Office, who have promised a response to this and various other planning-related questions in time for our next edition.

The switching off of the lights in residential areas of Swanage has, as anticipated, brought forth a rash of petty crime and car vandalism. I am glad to see that DCC are managing to save enough money to pay exactly ONE of their 'fat cats' annual salary. At a meeting earlier in the year with Martyn Underhill, the Police Commissioner, he assured concerned residents that if necessary, he would act to put pressure on the DCC to reinstate the lights. So each and every one of you who is or has been affected, write to Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner, Winfrith, Dorchester DT2 8DZ. or email at <http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/>

But more important still, if you have been the victim of a crime anywhere in Purbeck then DON'T JUST PUT IT ON FACEBOOK, report it to the Police. That way it becomes a statistic and may just help us to get some more Police presence where it's needed. You could dial 101 (Police non-emergency number) at a cost of only 15p, but I have yet to meet anyone for whom that has worked. 01202 22 22 22 possibly also works. Of course, 999 is a free and well-trusted means of contacting the Police.

Let's be honest, these stupid call-centres, whether for the Police or for that matter the NHS, aren't working; they're just means of preventing us from actually speaking to anyone who knows anything about anything.

And finally. I have through this column over the past years managed to offend almost everyone in Purbeck at one time or another. So this time let's go for a bullseye. This is not because I hate dogs – I really do (apart from Chug, obviously) – it's because the actions of too many owners are selfish, inconsiderate, and downright disgusting. I refer of course to the dog-s#t problem and nowhere is it more prevalent than on the North Beach at Swanage, what's known as the 'Private Beach Area' north of the Ocean Bay. That beach, along with the main beach, is closed to dogs (on or off leads) from April to September because it is open to holidaymakers and their children to relax and play and enjoy the seaside. One private beach owner told me that in one morning alone he counted 74 dogs and their owners ignoring the 'no dogs' signs and defecating on the beach (the dogs, not their owners). And some of the owners got downright rude and aggressive when accosted.

Of course, most dog owners do carry plastic bags and pick up the poo. But as there's no dog bins north of Ocean Bay, some simply hurl the bags over the top of the private beach huts into the space behind, where they accumulate in foul-smelling, festering piles. I will leave the rest to your imagination.

Toxicara Canis. Humans can be infected by this roundworm, coming into physical contact with faeces from infected dogs. In humans, this parasite usually grows in the back of the eye, which can result in blindness, or in the liver or lungs. Nice. Pick up PLEASE!

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We were most surprised to see, in another local publication, an advert for Scientologists in the Bournemouth area seeking new converts. We thought it had been allowed to die the death it undoubtedly deserves, but I suppose it has been kept in the public mind by 'top runt' Tom Cruise, the only actor who can look Chug straight in the eye.

Mind you, Tom isn't the only arty type to sign up and follow El Ron as I see John Travolta has been involved, as has Lisa Marie Presley, and among musicians we have Chick Corea and Edgar Winter (does anyone remember him?). Oh, and that delightfully named fluffette Peaches Geldof, who lists her occupations as journalist, TV presenter and model... do try and keep a straight face.

L Ron Hubbard, former writer of pulp fiction (no, not the film) exported Scientology to the UK in the early sixties and Peter Goodwin, a good friend of my older brother, became involved. Pete was a bit of a character who lived in Cosham, Portsmouth and had a gorgeous blonde bombshell girlfriend called Nora who, I have to confess, played a not insignificant role in my early teenage nocturnal perturbation.

Pete was always on the lookout for an opportunity, so he bought the Scientology 'Course' for £250, copied it, and sold it off to punters at £50 a go. A pioneer bootlegger no less! Pete was on a winner, but hadn't reckoned with the fact that El Ron and his mates in the Church of Scientology were not averse to putting out contracts on those who displeased them.

You can still read the 'Ethics Order' on the interweb where on 6th March 1968 Pete, Nora and ten others were declared 'suppressive persons, enemies of mankind, the planet and all life'. They were declared 'fair game' and no amnesty would ever cover them. The order was called a Rundown 2-45, the latter part referring to the number and calibre of bullets to be put in their heads. I was told this culminated in a spectacular 'Bullitt' type car chase all over Portsmouth from which, thankfully, Pete and Nora escaped and lived to tell the tale. We lost touch over the years but I always wondered what happened to old Pete, I suppose he became an accountant.

El Ron is dead now, but he lives on larger than life itself. His disciples have composed a biography which would have delighted Chug and I were it called 'The Life of Ron', but sadly it isn't. But it is a complete fiction. Well, ok, it is based loosely on fact but almost every aspect of his life is grossly exaggerated.

For example, a run-of-the-mill student sightseeing trip to China is portrayed as a quest for inner enlightenment, and the fact he possessed a licence to fly a glider makes him a fighter pilot. Many books have exposed the church as a sham, probably most famously by William S Burroughs, and Robert Kaufman wrote 'How I Joined Scientology and became Superhuman'.

The road is littered with whistleblowers, but still it lingers on. Probably, as the Chug says, as a testament to Man's innate ability to delude himself. But why should it not survive? After all, the Church of Scientology has impeccable form in that it started out by persecuting those who disagreed with it, then the principal died and his followers composed a largely fictional book about his life, which most of them believe to be gospel. Par for the course, I would say.

Chug and I lament the apparent disuse of the name Nora these days as it appears to have fallen out of fashion, probably replaced with Peaches. And what is wrong with those fine old biblical names Judas and Jezebel? And if this column does not appear next month, you'll know Chug and I have been sussed as enemies of mankind, the planet and all life. Farewell.



Auctions to be held in June

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Langton 1st Cubs

All the Cubs at 1st Langton Matravers group have been busy collecting donations of food and toys for the monkeys at Monkey World. To gain their Community Challenge badge, the Cubs picked Monkey World as their chosen charity to fundraise for.

This is because they had all, at sometime, visited the park and could relate to its cause.

The photo is of the cubs and their donations, along with Rebecca Short (Education Officer at MW and Nicky Taylor (One of two cub leaders).



Hemsbach Update

Hemsbach is 42 miles south of Frankfurt. It is an interesting town with a lake and a restored Jewish synagogue which was destroyed by the Nazis on the 'night of the broken glass' in November 1938. It is also a good base to explore other towns in the Rhein-Neckar-Kreis (District of the Rivers Rhine and Neckar).

The Bergstrasse (mountain road) from Darmstadt to Wieslock passes through Hemsbach. Darmstadt is the headquarters of the European Space Agency and launched a space probe that landed on Titan, one of Saturn's moons. Another town on the Bergstrasse is Heidelberg dominated by the castle and the bridge over the Neckar.

This was the hottest place in Germany in 2009 and temperatures of over 30 degrees centigrade are not unusual. Dr Carl Benz, the inventor of the automobile, spent his final years in nearby Ladenburg also on the Neckar. This has half timbered buildings and the Roman walls and towers are still intact.

It is Hemsbach's turn to host a visit from its twin town of Wareham during the August Bank Holiday. We will now be travelling by ship from Dover to Calais and returning on the Pride of France which is the largest ferry ever to have sailed on this route.

Our overnight stop will be at Aachen where Charlemagne, the Holy Roman Emperor, had his palace and we will visit the picturesque town of Monschau, also on the Belgian border. On the way back we will visit Bruges with its canals, belfry and nunnery.

On Monday 3rd June the Wareham-Hemsbach Society will hold an open evening at the Carey Hall in Wareham. This should interest people who have recently moved to the town. We will explain what town twinning involves and show pictures of past visits. There are still places available for anyone who wants to go to Hemsbach.

Robin Brasher, Publicity Officer Wareham-Hemsbach Society

Purbeck DofE

Purbeck DofE Open Award Centre has been running for just over three years and offers the DofE Award for 14-25 year olds in the Purbeck area.

In that time we have seen many young people enrol in the award and we have seen some complete the Bronze Award, but we have recently had our first two participants complete their Gold Award.

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Wessex Car Show

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who have passed their awards, especially Lois Baker and Rebecca Lever, who have recently passed their Gold Award.

Rebecca and Lois will be receiving their award by a celebrity at St.James Palace and hopefully will meet HRH The Duke of Edinburgh himself. Once again well done to all.

If you are aged 14-25 and are interested in completing a DofE Award why not come and see us on the first Sunday of each month from 5-8pm at Carey Camp, Carey Road, Wareham. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help facilitate the award, so again if this is something that interests you we would like to hear from you.

Empty Home Scheme Launched In Purbeck

A new scheme to help bring long term empty property back into use has been launched by Purbeck District Council. The scheme, which was approved by councillors at their April meeting, will enable the Council to offer a loan of up to £25,000 to the owners of long-term empty properties in Purbeck.

Although there are relatively small numbers of long-term empty properties in Purbeck, the Council sees it as a priority to bring as many of them back into use as possible.

Frances West, General Manager, Public Health & Housing Services at Purbeck District Council said, "One of the Council's key priorities is to meet the housing needs of local people. With Purbeck's many environmental constraints, the development of new housing in Purbeck is restricted and it is important that the current housing stock is fully utilised.

"We recognise that there are many reasons why some properties are left empty. However, we also know that lack of access to finance is often a barrier to a property being refurbished and becoming suitable for people to live in. This means that some remain empty for many years. We hope that by being proactive, the Council can support owners in bringing these homes back into residential use."

The Council already monitors and follows up the owners of empty properties in Purbeck and has in the past compulsorily purchased property which has been left empty.

The new loan can be used to bring an empty property up to a habitable condition or to facilitate the sale of the property onto the market. The conditions of the loan are published on the Council's website at www.dorsetforyou.com/emptyhomes.

Anyone wanting more information about the loan or wishing to apply should contact the Environment Team at Purbeck District Council either online, by telephone 01929 556561 or by email to envservices@purbeck-dc.gov.uk



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Tough Mudder - Completed by retired ex-local policeman!



A massive congratulations goes out to Des Connor, known to most locals as a retired member of our local police team down in Purbeck.

Des recently completed the 'Tough Mudder' challenge, which is something to shout from the rafters! Tough Mudder events are hardcore 10-12 mile obstacle courses designed by British Special Forces to test your all around strength, stamina, mental grit, and camaraderie. With the most innovative courses, 1,000,000 inspiring participants worldwide to date, and more than \$5 million raised for the Wounded Warrior Project, Tough Mudder is the premier adventure challenge series in the world. To get through mud, fire, ice-water, and 10,000 volts of electricity you



need teammates to pick you up when your spirits dip. To get over 12 foot walls and through underground mud tunnels, you'll need teammates to give you a boost and a push.

Tough Mudders are team players who make sure no one gets left behind. To that end, all Mudders are expected to uphold the event ideals and exhibit teamwork and camaraderie both on the course and off it.

Des certainly joined 'the team', successfully completing the course, with a bit of help when required! A huge congrats to Des!!

Pictures: Top left - Des, 2nd from left, facing camera. Top right, Des climbing the wall....

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Stroll across the meadows down to the River Frome or enjoy a short tractor ride, browse the stalls (books, bric-a-brac and plants), top it off with a slice of home-made cake or a cream tea in the paddock – and maybe even a game of croquet. **Priory Farm, East Holme, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 6AG (off B3070 Wareham to Lulworth road).**

Swanage Town Twinning Update

Brilliant news! We now have our very own website, anyone wanting to find out more about us and our twin town of Rudesheim am Rhein in Germany can log on to.... www.swanagetowntwinning.co.uk.

New items will be added as we go through the year.

The day of our Tea Dance was wet, cold and miserable, not very encouraging to all our helpers who turned up loaded down with baskets of home-made cakes, and everything necessary to prepare for the afternoon.

Would we have many people willing to brave the terrible weather? Well, the answer is, yes we would, it turned out to be very well attended, with many dancers coming who support Andrew Cannon.

Andrew delighted us all with his singing and fantastic key board playing, and for those who just wished to sit and listen to the music, it was equally enjoyable. This was so well received, we hope to organise another similar event in the future.

This year it is our turn to host our friends from Rudesheim, a party of approx. thirty people are coming on June 5th (staying until the 10th). Most are arriving by plane but some will be making their own way here by car, which will enable them to extend their stay visiting Cornwall.

We hope very much that they will be made welcome as they meander around the town, sampling all the delights we have to offer in Swanage.

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My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



Bridge! Not the healthiest of places!

Pegasus Bridge, the bridge that spanned the Orne canal, was of vital importance, it was the only link between the Airborne forces, and Third British Infantry Division that had landed on 'Sword Beach', the most important conduit between two separated fighting groups in Normandy.

Absolutely vital that tanks would be available to assist the Airborne to repel any enemy counterattack, without armoured support, they would have been overrun for certain.

When the Sappers arrived at the bridge, the bodies of the Airborne were still laying about where they had fallen. Later, I can recall how impressed I was by how close to the bridge the gliders of this task force had landed in pressing home their attack. Indeed, one of the gliders was very close to the actual bridge approach on the far, or east bank (I made a point of going inside that glider).

I have seen films about D Day, and the scene where they assaulted with gliders was wrong. One of those gliders landed much closer to the bridge than in the film. In the early hours of the invasion, there had been some doubt about the capability of Pegasus bridge to support the weight of tanks, and indeed, whether the bridge might have collapsed under the strain of such heavy loads.

Tiger. The CRE. Of Third British Infantry Division. (Colonel of the Royal Engineers) Colonel 'Tiger' Urquhart. DSO. R.E. (a name he richly deserved) had forbidden tanks to use the bridge in case of collapse, the argument being that if the bridge were to go, then the supply line into the Airborne areas would be cut, leaving them stranded. Tiger Urquhart was renowned for having his own private war with the enemy, on several occasions. Sometimes to be seen crawling back towards the forward infantry, and legend has it, without his driver and signaller.

Bridging and defending Pegasus.

Elements of 246 Field Co R.E. because of the danger to the bridge, were drafted in and assisted in rafting, and building tidal bridges over the Orne, as a back-up to the existing bridge.

The enemy wanted that bridge back, no matter what. To that end, there was a lot of sniping, shell and mortar fire, making the rafting and bridging a very hazardous operation, not helped by the Luftwaffe pressing home very determined and continuous air raids, carried out at very low level. Air attacks that resulted in seventeen planes being shot down in the area, mostly by small arms ground fire (it is claimed).

In one instance during this operation, one of the platoons engaged in the bridging came under such heavy fire that they had to withdraw, 2 platoon RE (us) took up the challenge and finished the job. We got a mention in the RE history for that. The enemy shell and mortar fire succeeded in holing some of the pontoons, but someone had the foresight to fill them with empty Jerry cans before we left England. This prevented them from foundering completely, and enabled us to replace the damaged pontoons much quicker while still under artillery fire.

One of the bank sites for a 'tidal' bridge came under such severe artillery fire that we were forced to move to a different site. To make things even more difficult, while we were engaged in the rafting and bridging, we had to break off at times and defend the bridge from direct enemy attack.

Get the Tanks over Pegasus.

I dug my fox hole on the western bank about twenty yards to the south.

When watching TV one day recently, I saw that the bank has trees growing along it now, so my foxhole can no longer be there! Shame! I heard how the family from the café close by took part in helping our men, with great respect. From what I can remember, I never even saw the place, we had little time to pay attention to civilians, let alone cafés.

Later, and while the bridges were being constructed, the Germans put in a determined armoured counter attack to drive the Airborne into the sea, those under attack needed tank support desperately. A squadron of tanks arrived at the bridge to give the armoured support, only to find themselves staring across a road over the bridge they could not use. Lieutenant M. Edwards R. E. climbed down under the bridge and investigated the end supports to see if the bridge had 'end packing' finding that the Germans had strengthened the bridge, he told the tank commanders that they could cross. The tank men still not happy about the situation, hesitated, then, when Lt M Edwards R.E. offered to sit on the front of the leading tank, they were convinced, they all drove over, Lt M Edwards sitting on the front of the lead tank! Later, the armour returned with their hessian camouflage smouldering, having driven off the counter attack.

Snipers.

During the assault bridging operations, sniper fire was a constant menace, one of our R.E. units, tired of being subjected to small arms fire, broke off the bridging operations, located the whereabouts of a sniper in a church spire, sent out a fighting patrol and got him, much to everyone's satisfaction. I could never quite understand why snipers that had been left behind as the tide of war advanced, who then continued to kill inside what was now our territory, were allowed to surrender. Once that front had left them behind, then they should have surrendered. If they wished to continue living.

The Globe Inn, Herston

In days gone by, the local pub was pretty much the centre of villages and communities. With that in mind, do you recall Cyril Bower at the Globe Inn. Herston? A lovely man, and generous to a fault. A true Dorset man with the typical outlook of our breed. I played darts and long board for the Globe for fourteen years. His home made pickled onions with bread, butter and a large lump of cheese with your pint, cost 8p - about half the worth!

We were all sat in the darts room one evening, where some visitors were taking the mickey out of our Dorset accents. Victor Davis. Anyone remember him? The local chimney sweep and a member of the darts team. He had a delivery bike with the deep carrier basket on the front, that carried his chimney brushes.

Vic turned to me and said "Bry, come out the back, I need your help." Out to the men's toilet, where the corner lights attracted a great variety of moths. Vic said "Try to get hold of one of those great big buzzy ones, Bry. After a lot of laughter and desperate lunges, we managed to capture a biggy, One of those large moths that buzzed furiously. With Victor holding it in his left hand.

We went back to the darts room and sat down near the visitors.. Vic turned to these folk and said "Yer I am fed up with you taking the mickey out of our Dorset lingo. You are all tight with your money anyway. I bet you drinks all round that if you opened your bag a gert moth would fly out."

With that, a woman sat next to Vic opened her bag at the same time as Vic (with his hand near the bag) let the moth go. Up it went flying around the room. Amid gales of laughter they paid up. Bill Strong and his mate Dido (Frank Norman) Good mates. "If you want to find a fool here. Then you have to bring one with you."

To be continued. The battle front. The Falaise pocket. Murderous carnage.

P.S. Thanks for stopping to let me cross Station Road on my elbow crutches..!

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Garden waste collected in Dorset is taken for natural window composting at sites within the county, where it is turned into high-grade, soil-improving compost. The optional garden waste collection is being offered to Purbeck residents in advance of the full introduction of the new 'recycle for Dorset' recycling and rubbish collection next year.

The current recycling and rubbish collection scheme in Purbeck will continue until then and residents will receive full details about the new service later this year.

Garden Waste Service For Purbeck

People in Purbeck can now pay for a popular, fortnightly garden waste collection starting this November. The Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) is offering the optional, chargeable service to all households in the district and will be sending them a leaflet about it over the next few weeks.

The closing date for Purbeck households to apply and pay in order to receive a garden waste collection from November is Wednesday 31 July. They can pay for one or more of either a 240-litre wheelie bin for an annual fee of £35 or a 120-litre reusable bag for £25 a year. Purbeck

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Yet despite these sacrifices, many make the RNLI part of their lives and remain volunteer crew for many years. Recently, two of the crew at Swanage, Colin Marks and Dave Turnbull received long service awards from the RNLI for 20 years voluntary service.

Colin and Dave joined the crew a month apart, with Dave joining in December 1992 and Colin in January 1993.

Since then they have been involved in more than 1400 rescues to aid those in trouble at sea. Colin joined as a volunteer lifeboat crew member on both the inshore and all-weather lifeboats, retiring from the inshore lifeboat in 2003. Colin has become one of the all-weather lifeboat assistant mechanics that are on hand to monitor and maintain the lifeboat whilst at sea.

This role also sees him volunteering an extra evening every week to perform maintenance of the lifeboat so that it is always ready to go to sea. In his time as a crew member at Swanage, Colin has clocked up more than 1000 hours at sea on rescues, with over half of them being during the hours of darkness.

During Dave's years of voluntary service he has also served on both the inshore and all-weather lifeboats at Swanage. Ten years after joining the lifeboat crew, Dave took on the role of fulltime station mechanic in February 2002. Dave therefore commits both his work time and personal time to the RNLI's service of saving lives at sea.

Dave is also currently one of the second Coxswains on the all-weather lifeboat as well as one of the volunteer mechanics. Over the years, Dave has been involved in more than 840 rescues, totalling more than 1400 hours at sea with over 800 of those being in darkness.

The awards were presented to Colin and Dave at the Swanage Lifeboat



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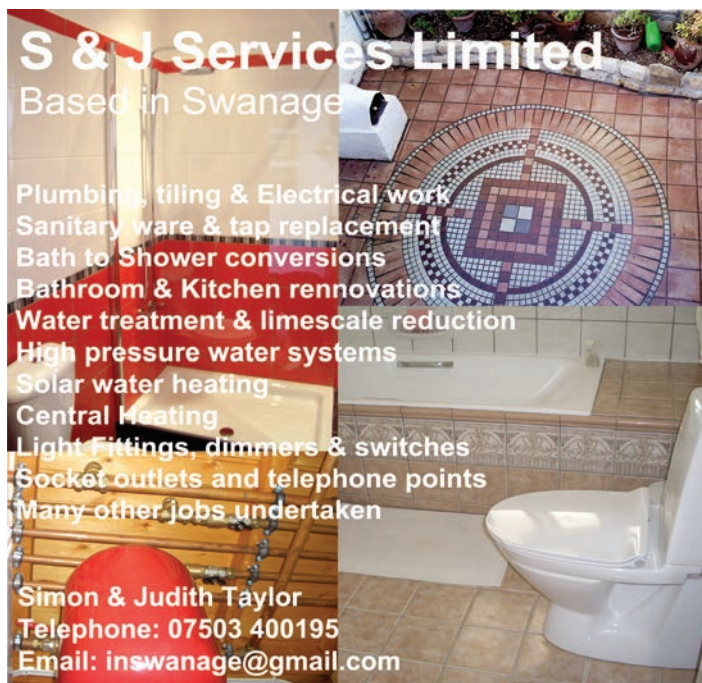
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Station to honour their voluntary commitment and dedication to the RNLI. Lifeboat Operations Manager, Captain Neil Hardy, commended Colin and Dave on their achievement saying "You cannot put a value on the contributions volunteers such as Colin and Dave have made to the RNLI and the part they have played is rescuing those in trouble around our coastline. Their experience and dedication is testament to the Institution and our community."

Recognising that this level of commitment to the RNLI is not possible without the support of those around you, Cheryl and Angela, the wives of Colin and Dave respectively, were presented with a small token of appreciation for their patience and understanding over the many years of service.

Through The Keyhole - Swanage Town Council

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



Swanage Council Meeting. 11 May 2013

Astonishing attendance on the night the Council Leader and Mayor, Bill Trite, was due to pass on the chain of office (and allied duties) to his loyal and hard working deputy for the last three years, Cllr Ally Patrick.

Every seat in the public area was taken, every bit of wall supported a standing citizen and

an overflow was obliged to listen to the proceedings from the Council chamber's landing. Swanage's version of the Arab Spring? Not quite. But as Swanage demonstrated at the recent threat to close our local cottage hospital - when not only was the Mowlem Theatre packed to the rafters but 300 stood outside chanting - Swanage can organise a campaign when it wants to. The concern that packed the Town Hall this time, many attending for the first time, was night street lighting or, to be more accurate, its lack in large areas of the town.

Readers will recall that Dorset County Council, although receiving from the Coalition Government the lightest percentage cut to its budget of any county in England is, nonetheless acting to cut services. One of many is the reduction throughout the county of lighting at night in side streets. According to the public this has already had serious consequences in Swanage especially as lighting in some areas is going off at midnight not 1.00am as promised.

Using the 15 minutes public participation time that precedes each council meeting (a ration which the outgoing Mayor has always treated flexibly - encouraging the public to take the fullest possible advantage of bringing their concerns to the ears of the Council), a number of speakers registered their concern at the effects of the blackout on streets previously thought of as low crime areas.

Speaking for many, Mrs Sasha Kent alerted the council to a spate of crimes on cars, garages and outbuildings following the blackout and asked that DCC be pressed to provide at least partial lighting in the affected areas. She claimed many people, women and older people in particular, were no longer prepared to walk in areas of the town and were obliged to go by taxi. Their fears had been increased by what they saw as a serious decline in police presence in the town due to cuts in police budgets.

Mayor Trite said that in making her case, Mrs Kent was pushing at an open door. The Town Council had agreed to the lighting cuts as a necessary cost

saving but on the basis that if they badly affected the town the matter would be rethought. He promised that Mrs Kent (and others)'s views would certainly be taken to DCC and that he, as the newly re-elected County Councillor, would put the matter before the Cabinet in Dorchester at the earliest opportunity.

Deputy Mayor Patrick has already attempted to involve the new Police Commissioner and, in response to her enquiries, the Chief Constable had promised that Swanage was a priority for the force and would provide the comparative crime figures for the period before and since the blackout. Among a number of points from the floor was the observation that while Swanage seafront (where no one lives) is lit up all night, other roads are pitch black. Surely the available electricity should be shared out? Other speakers asserted that drug dealers were preying on young children in the darkness and that residents had been injured and taken to Poole Hospital after falling over in complete darkness.

Public participation time allowed a number of regular attendees to congratulate the soon to be retiring Mayor on his three year period of office and on his fair, impartial and inclusive chairing of the Council's proceedings. This was later endorsed enthusiastically by the newly (and unanimously) elected Mayor and Council Leader, Cllr Patrick. She thanked Cllr Trite for his massive contribution to the town over the last three years and for his generous and good humoured support of her personally. He would be a hard act to follow but she promised that, with the aid of her consort, husband Roger, she would do her best.

Unanimously elected to be her Deputy was Cllr Steven Poultney. Both Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the next three years are full time workers so the sacrifices both will make to carry out their duties will be considerable, but as Cllr Poultney eloquently put it 'As a newcomer of only 35 years standing, I love this town and it has been good to me. Now I'll be putting something back.'

Further enthusiastic and sincere votes of thanks followed. From Cllr Trite and Cllr Patrick to Town Clerk, Martin Ayres (simply the best), to all the staff at the Town Hall and Council workers in the town, a special mention for the Town Hall's Linda Burgess for unceasing work and all with a brilliant smile (marked appropriately with flowers) and last - but very much not least - from a grateful departing Mayor Trite to the Lady Mayoress of the past three years - Cheryl Hobbs. This moment also marked with blooms along with a final rather gallant mayoral dedication 'Whenever I dropped a catch, she caught it.'

SWANAGE COASTAL CHANGE FORUM

Representatives of interested groups attended a meeting of the Swanage Coastal Change Forum on 24th April at the Mowlem.

Presentations were made by key experts in their field, covering landslides and the geology of North Swanage and Durlston (Professor Vincent May), the role of groundwater in land instability (Guy Parker, Environment Agency) and on the Shoreline Management Plan (David Harlow, Bournemouth Borough Council). The presentations may be viewed online at <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/SCCF>

A number of issues were raised in discussion following the presentations.

Action on North Beach

The Environment Agency has provided emergency funding to Purbeck District Council to carry out a survey of the cliff condition, open a safe access across the groynes and assess whether, and if so when, clearance of the sea wall could be safely carried out. Following opening up of access, further collaboration between landowners, beach hut owners and all the agencies involved will be required if a coordinated clean-up is to be carried out.

The current condition of the cliffs means that removing any material could destabilise the cliffs further. If material is removed it is likely that more would slip and the challenge would be where to move it without affecting others. In addition, the cliffs will continue to move in the future as they try to reach a shallower and more stable angle. Three permanent signs are planned at Ocean Bay, Burlington Chine and Shep's Hollow to

provide interpretation of why the landslides have happened and advice on how to enjoy the beach safely.

Over the coming months, the 'Living with a Changing Coast' project (www.licco.eu) will be working with groups such as beach hut owners, local businesses and coastal landowners to develop guidance information on dealing with landslides at North Beach

Paying for work

Professor May noted that there is a shift away from government funding to pay for the entire costs of coastal defences. Instead, partial funding is more likely to be available in places where the community is prepared to contribute funding in partnership.

Chairman, Malcolm Turnbull added: "In Swanage, we have to be aware of some unique problems and we have to work together to come up with solutions."

The next meeting of the Swanage Coastal Change Forum will be held in autumn 2013 and will focus on how the community in Swanage can work together to identify possible solutions to cliff instability, and investigate any funding opportunities.



SWANAGE CARE NEWS

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JOIN US FOR NATIONAL CARE HOME OPEN DAY - 21st June



The James Day Care Centre in Swanage, will be taking part in the National Care Home Open Day on 21st June. For far too long the care home sector has been marred by the negative press generated by a small number of badly run homes, and we are determined to show people what care homes are really about.

Along with thousands of other homes, the James Day Centre wants the world to realise that care homes really can be inspiring places, full of unique, intelligent and charming characters, and run by special people that really do care.

On 21st June the home will be throwing open its doors and welcoming all who would like to see what goes on in the centre. There will be lots going on including bric-a-brac stalls and a tombola. Local band, The Pastimers, will be serenading people throughout the day. From midday the home will be offering a BBQ lunch in the garden followed by the chance to sing along with local singers Mariee Bishopp and Brenda Bradford, with Isabelle Butler on the piano.

To add a little tradition to the proceedings the Swanage Town Crier will be on hand to open proceedings.



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

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The James Day Care Centre incorporates Gainsborough Care Home and opened its doors to residents and visitors in November 2012. The centre is unique in the area combining a care home, community hub, meals on wheels and, recently, home care - a true one stop shop for the local community. Not only does the centre look after its residents but also welcomes members of the community to meet and use its facilities.

Manager, Debbie O'Keefe, commented 'It is so exciting to see the centre develop as a true community hub. There is always so much going on'.

Please contact Debbie O'Keefe or Casey Townsend on 01929 422500 or visit our website www.agincare-homes.com

New Riverside Path Opens



One of Wareham's most popular riverside walks, until recently nothing but a muddy track, has now been completely redeveloped and is already proving a great success in creating a better and safer route between the two communities of Wareham and Ridge, and also a greatly enhanced stretch of the ever popular Purbeck Way.

Wareham & District Development Trust, in partnership with the Environment Agency, Dorset County Council, Arne Parish Council, the landowner and Viridor Credits, have widened, levelled and completely resurfaced the path which runs along the south flood bank of the river Frome between Wareham South Bridge and Redcliffe.

John Scott, Development Manager for the Trust, says 'The improvement work will ensure this popular path is a greatly improved link between the two communities, usable by wheelchair and mobility scooter users, families with buggies and pushchairs, and assessable all year round.'

He would also like to stress that it is a footpath and not a cycle way and that large and clear signage has been installed to get this message across.

The new path was officially opened on Monday 29th April with a gathering of all those involved. Pictured cutting the ribbon, from left to right, are

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John Scott, Wareham & District Development Trust; Michael Frenchman, Arne Parish Council; Caroline Macleod, Arne Parish Council.

Out Of The Blue

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Across this beautiful region criminals are still stealing property from cars, vans, sheds, beach huts and even lead from porches. These crimes CAN be prevented.

We've said all this before but we'll say it again. Don't leave your expensive tools or personal items in your vehicles. You might as well just put the cash value in an envelope addressed 'Dear Criminal'

and tuck in under your wiper.

Paint any lead with anti theft paint. One pot could treat a whole street if you all club together. Fit security lights, CCTV and shed alarms. They don't cost that much compared to what you are trying to protect.

Please help us to help you by reporting crime to us. Even if you think it's not worth calling, we do! You might just have that vital clue we are missing. Knowledge will help us track trends and gather intelligence.

We can't do anything about things we don't know about.

In these modern times a lot of crimes are solved by capturing forensic evidence – a discarded cigarette butt or drinks container leaving DNA evidence could be the missing piece of the puzzle. Fingerprints, fibres from clothes and shoe prints also help us link offenders to crimes.

On a different note, did you know that you can get updates on crime in your area by signing up to a system we call Community Messaging?

If you go to the Dorset Police website – www.dorset.police.uk – and click on the 'Local Policing' tab you will see a drop down menu. Click on 'Community Messaging' and there you will find a downloadable form.

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Once you have completed the form just pop it in the post or drop it in to your local station. Alternatively speak to your local Safer Neighbourhood team, they will be more than happy to help.

We will tell you about crime in your area by sending you messages via e-mail or phone. You can find out what is going on in your area and be our eyes and ears. We might also appeal for information when we need your help to solve a crime.

If you are a business, farm, have horses or boats then we can also tell you about crimes specific to these areas, not just where you live.

Purbeck has a temporary change in supervision, Inspector Fiona Gaffney has joined us while Inspector Tracey Baker completes a piece of work with Bournemouth Borough Council. The current plan is that Inspector Baker will return in the autumn. Sergeant Jon McCarthy will be taking up the position of our Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant from Sergeant John Wasey.

Safer Neighbourhood team Sergeant Jon McCarthy said: "I have worked in Purbeck for many years and am aware of the crime issues we are facing. "I would like to remind my communities to be safe, be alert and keep informed."

Sergeant Jon McCarthy, Purbeck Safer Neighbourhood Team

Rempstone Hall Open Gardens

Sat 8 June from 2pm - 5pm

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Full steam ahead as the coffee machine warms up for opening at Not Just Sundaes Community Café. Throughout the last couple of weeks, a team of over fifteen café volunteers have been busy learning the tricks of the trade of how to serve a great coffee, coupled with a great welcome.

Alongside this activity, a fantastic group of people, old and young, have been busy sanding and varnishing the floors, painting the woodwork (pictured) and cleaning the space, getting ready for the next team to come and dress the cafe ready for opening.

Already new friendships have been made and the building has been full of chatter and laughter as people start to be known by one another. A huge thank you to all those who have already made opening possible.

Initially just opening for shorter hours as the volunteer teams grow in confidence and numbers, Not Just Sundaes will start to sow the seeds of community activities.

On a Wednesday morning, why not pop in to help us along with our 'jigsaw of the week'? Looking to treat the family on a Friday afternoon? Why not pop in with the kids after school, grab a ice-cream or coffee and play a game together?

If you have got a skill or hobby that you would like to share, then please come and grab a coffee and we can chat about how we may be able to work together.

We look forward to welcoming you when you visit!



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Purbeck locality update

This month we are really pleased to be able to give you news of two new initiatives across the locality. Firstly we have purchased 9 dermatoscopes which will support dermoscopy; a diagnostic technique used for mole screening and skin cancer diagnosis. We are sure they will be of great benefit to local people.

The second piece of good news is the introduction of cardiac event catchers for each practice in Purbeck. These will support the locality cardiology service.

We are also planning a new IT system that will link all local practices and is the same system which will be installed within the Purbeck community Hospitals and Community services. Having a co-ordinated system will improve communication and efficiency.

In Purbeck we are leading the way having established an integrated Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Forum which includes Dorset Police, Purbeck District Council, social care, community representatives and other local NHS organisations. Our first major piece of work will be around alcohol.

Next month we hope to bring you a bit more information on who's who in the Purbeck locality team.

In the meantime if you would like more information please visit www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk or contact me using the email below or call during office hours 01305 213521.

The latest update on Making Purbeck Healthcare fit for the Future 2013 is available in the news section of the NHS Dorset CCG website - www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk.

Maggie Hardy
Locality Manager
maggie.hardy@dorsetccg.nhs.uk

What's On At Corfe Castle?

Horseback Falconry & Medieval Jousting will take place at Corfe Castle for the first time in June. This display is unique to the UK, with beautiful horses performing amazing feats while stunning falcons are flown to the lure. The falcons and horses work together accompanied by beautiful music.

The show also includes a jousting tournament with knights in shining armour, squires, ladies and even a medieval jester. The event will take place every Saturday at 6.30pm. Tickets available on the night.

In addition to this, every Saturday and Sunday in June, Jonathan Marshall presents falcons, eagles and hawks demonstrating their spectacular aerial manoeuvres. Falcons dive from thousands of feet at speeds of over 100mph while eagles and hawks skim the top of your head. The birds will be on display 10am – 5pm and there will be 2 different displays, at 11.30am and 3.30pm, as well as a Parade of Hawks at 1.30pm.

Coming up on the 4th July is this year's first Open Air Theatre performance, 'As You Like It', Shakespeare's ultimate romantic comedy. For authenticity the production will be performed on a stage based on those used by 16th-century touring companies. Booking is essential, on 0844 249 1895 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle

Sample the best food and drink from a wide range of local producers along with cookery demonstrations at the Food & Drink Festival on 6th-7th July and enjoy an evening feast in the dramatic castle ruins at the Medieval Banquet on 20th July.

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News From Wareham Town Council

Highlights of Town Council Meeting 16th April 2013



Before the meeting, a minute's silence was held in remembrance of Mr David Baggs, former Town Councillor, Barrister, Wareham Court Leet member and Mayor in 2005/2006, who passed away on 10th April 2013.

Night-Time Street Lighting - information was received from Dorset County Council regarding changes to night-time street lighting, set to begin in Wareham

in April 2013 - lights to be switched off overnight between approximately 12.00am and 5.30am GMT (1.00am and 6.30am BST). It was decided to contact DCC's Lighting Officer on whether graphic information on lights affected by the new lighting scheme was available via the DCC website.

Application for Street Trading Consent - Council was consulted by Purbeck District Council on an application for street trading in ice cream/soft drinks, hot drinks and burgers in Wareham. It was felt that the map provided in support of the application was not detailed enough to allow for discussion on whether there could be obstruction of the highway or footpath.

It was resolved that an objection be expressed on the basis of potential for the activity to be detrimental both to the street scene and to existing traders in the town (trading in the same items). More detail on the appearance of the trading vehicle was required and an indication of the limits of trading activities in terms of a detailed map.

Application for Variation of a Premises Licence - The Black Bear, Wareham - Council considered an application for a Variation of a Premises Licence received for The Black Bear licensed premises in Wareham, forwarded by Purbeck District Council for comment. Concern was expressed on the basis of possible late night noise nuisance for residents

in the locality of the public house, any precedence that may be created by the granting of the fully requested variation and on past experience of problems with other public houses in the town.

It was resolved that objections be stated to the proposed variation on the grounds of potential public nuisance i.e. noise issues for local residents, and that the proposed activities be limited to inclusion of the requested activities only taking place indoors and within the times stated for those currently licensed.

Policy, Resources and Finance Committee Terms of Reference - Council approved proposed Terms of Reference for the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee subject to minor amendments.

Representatives on Outside Bodies - Representatives presented reports of meetings attended of the following bodies: Hemsbach Twinning Association - Councillor Mrs Cleaton stated that the next Twinning trip to Hemsbach would leave on 22nd August 2013 and she would report back to the Council.

Clinical Commissioning Group - Councillor Mrs Turner informed Council of the Group's aims and presented a detailed report.

Wareham & District Development Trust - Councillor Mrs Cranshaw reported there had been a delay in installation of the information boards on the Walls, however there had been an upgrade of the Frome river path.

Wareham in Bloom - Councillor Osmond stated that a fundraising event was held on 4th May 2013 in the Town Hall; assistance provided on the day was greatly appreciated.

Appointment of Honoured Townsman - Following a proposal and discussion, during which it was noted that he had given a combined total of 86 years service to County, District and Town Councils prior to his forthcoming retirement as a County Councillor, it was unanimously agreed that Councillor David Budd be appointed as an Honoured Townsman of Wareham and that the necessary arrangements be put in place.

Rod Curtis, Town Clerk, Wareham Town Council



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Wareham's New Mayor



At the Annual Wareham Town Council Meeting held on 8th May, Councillor Malcolm Russell was elected as the Town Mayor of Wareham for the Civic Year 2013/2014.

Following the signing of the Declaration of Office, a reception for over 80 guests was held in the Corn Exchange.

Councillor Russell previously held the office of Mayor in 2008/2009.

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Pic, above: Mayor Councillor Malcolm Russell and Mayoress Dawn Russell

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Veterans of television and radio performances, the acclaimed Gerry Brown and The Mission Hall Jazz Band has built up a strong reputation in this country and abroad.

The unusual music train for jazz enthusiasts will be making two return trips through the beautiful Purbeck countryside departing Swanage Station at 7:30pm and returning at 10:30pm. The special train offers two hours of top class jazz and will include a fully stocked Wessex Belle bar coach and locally made light refreshments.

Passengers can only board the Jazz Train at Swanage and seating cannot be reserved. Tickets costing £12:50 are only available in advance and can be booked from Swanage Railway on 01929 425800 or online at www.swanagerailway.co.uk

Purbeck Railway Circle - On Friday 14th June, Peter Kent Mason and his son Phillip will present a video show entitled 'The Tallylyn Railway - Pioneers of Railway Preservation'.

The programme will start with a short 1950s vintage black and white film which depicts the challenges facing the early preservationists. The main show consists of colour slides from 1960 to the present day taken from Peter's own collection. Laughter is guaranteed as the pair share the great fun involved with working on a preserved railway.

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. ALL WELCOME. For more information please phone 01929 554765 (General Secretary).

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Swanage Town Crier Wins Award



Swanage Town Crier, Andrew Fleming (pictured, left), won the South of England Town Crier Championship on Monday 6th May before a large crowd on Minster Green in Wimborne - beating sixteen other criers from all over the south.

The competition consisted of two cries of between 100-125 words - in the morning about the crier's home town (for Andrew, telling about Swanage) and in the afternoon on a subject of crier's own choice (Andrew spoke about William Barnes, the Dorset Poet).

The cries are marked by independent judges for loudness, clarity, diction & inflection, and Andrew got top marks in both morning & afternoon sessions.

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Wareham Reconnects With HMS Cattistock



Wareham Town Clerk Rod Curtis recently discovered Wareham's wartime association with HMS Cattistock on a visit to the Town Museum on the ground floor of the Town Hall. In March 1942 during national 'Warship Week', townspeople helped to raise much needed funds in aid of warship construction. A destroyer launched in 1940 was later allocated to the town as its adopted ship. The wartime Cattistock served with distinction and was present at the Normandy landings on D Day, 6th June 1944.

A letter to the modern HMS Cattistock - the third ship of that name and

a Mine Counter Measures Vessel now adopted by Poole - elicited a very warm response from its Commanding Officer, Lt Cdr Steve Higham, who was delighted to hear of the wartime association with Wareham and the presence of two 1942 plaques in the Museum. He enclosed a gold rating's cap tally and a full size White Ensign flown on recent operations in the Mediterranean. Rod has donated these to the Museum for a commemorative HMS Cattistock display planned by the Curator in the autumn.

It is hoped that representatives from the ship will join the town's Remembrance Parade and Church Service in November when the wartime association will be remembered once again. In the meantime, an invitation to the Town Clerk to visit the ship when she came into Poole Quay for three days of official duties/ship open to the public on 3 - 5th May was accepted. The invitation was extended to include the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Keith Green and Mrs Vera Green, on almost their last engagement of their civic year.

Having spent 25 years in the Royal Navy himself in a previous life, ex-CPO Writer Rod Curtis, service number D120989F(!) was delighted that the Mayoral party was piped aboard in traditional fashion, given coffee in the wardroom, a tour of the ship, and were presented with a framed photo of HMS Cattistock.

Rod said "We had a great time on board, learned a lot about the ship and its purpose and our grateful thanks go to Lt Ewan Martin, the Gunnery Officer, for his kindness and hospitality. It was very much appreciated and we look forward to continuing Wareham's renewed association with HMS Cattistock for many years to come".

Pic shows Town Clerk, Mayor, Mayoress and Lt Martin, Gunnery Officer who conducted the ship's visit

St Mary Skipping Mad!

Wareham St Mary Primary School took part in the Skip2Bfit national school campaign and enthusiastically added their support to this exciting new initiative. All the children in the school, together with many teachers, took part in the two minute Skip2Bfit Challenge, which is focused on how many skips can you do in two minutes.

The whole school took up this challenge and loved the idea. The top skippers were rewarded with certificates presented in a school assembly by John McCormack, who is a professional Boxing Trainer and who now leads this exciting fun initiative that teaches children exactly how to skip like a boxer, across the UK.

At the end of each session, every child was given fresh blueberries and a health leaflet as part of the programme to deliver the whole health message after their skipping session, as Skip2Bfit believes that the best time to introduce children to healthy food is immediately after exercise.

The school was also given a blueberry bush at the end of the day for the school Eco garden from Skip2Bfit.



HERE COMES THE SUN!



It's been a long, cold, grey slog to get through the past seven or eight months, not much sunshine to be found even in sunny Purbeck, and we're all well on the way to a vitamin D deficiency!

However, June brings us the promise of some real sunshine, hot on the back of some great weather that finally made its way to us in May. Local beauty spots are glad to be welcoming back walkers and visitors, tills are beginning to ring regularly in retail outlets, and car parks are once again filling up with holiday makers.

Living in Purbeck, we are privvy to some of the most

outstanding scenery to be found in the U.K. and we're also proud to boast of some truly excellent local businesses, offering an array of services and gifts.

With the sun finally set to take centre stage, over the following pages we have brought together a selection of local services and businesses who are ideally placed to offer you something special to celebrate the return of the sun.....

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The Delights Of Perfect Ice Cream...



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Everything is made on the farm with fun, love and passion by the small, local team using fresh Purbeck milk from Knaveswell Farm, Dorset cream, British sugar and an abundance of only the very best natural ingredients with no artificial additives, no GMO's, no added colours or nuts and everything is gluten free and suitable for veggies too.

Whilst the local team have always worked their socks off, it is recognised that family, friends, shops, restaurants and the local community have all had an enormous part to play in the success achieved and a massive THANK YOU is due to all concerned – thank you one and all!

There is also cause for celebration as a shiny new award has been scooped for Dorset Blue Vinny Ice Cream. It beat stiff opposition scooping the 'Fresh Ideas Award for Frozen Innovation' at the recent International Food Exhibition. This intriguing flavour uses Dorset Blue Vinny Cheese from Woodbridge Farm, near Sturminster Newton and is superb served with warm poached pears. Originally made for restaurants, due to demand it is now available locally in two litre family sized tubs.

Twenty five years on, with a dedicated and enthusiastic team, grit determination, and a will to succeed, Purbeck Ice Cream is available throughout Dorset and on land across the UK, on sea on many cruise ships and in the air on swish airlines firmly flying the flag for Purbeck and Dorset!

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Julia, from Swanage Bay Fish, is happy to share her recipe – just four simple steps to the perfect meal:

- Half one cooked lobster (Available from Swanage Bay Fish)
- Lay the lobster shell side down on the barbeque.
- Pour over flavoured olive oil – whatever particular infusion you prefer – there are many available.
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Finish off with one of Clare's homemade cookies or a slice of Jack's New York style baked cheesecake, delicious.

We make up baguettes to order, full of fresh deli deliciousness, ask Jack, Dom or Clare to create one of our Purbeck Deli specials, or take the low carbs option, skip the baguette and go for a salad in a deli pot. We can also take orders for larger groups for picnics, just let us know what you require and we can make the perfect picnic hamper up!

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For the sports fans amongst you – you will be especially pleased to discover that in the far corner of the garden there is a 50inch flat screen television which is used to cover the major sporting events. With Wimbledon almost upon us, the White Swan Garden is the place to be this June! We'll see you there!

The Orchard at Holme For Gardens

Set within the heart of Holme for Gardens, the Orchard is a light and airy destination with wonderful views across the Purbeck Hills.

The Orchard terrace has stunning pond side seating and is perfect for al fresco dining. A tranquil spot to relax-a-while surrounded by beautiful plants and flowers.

Light refreshments including tea, coffee, infusions, hot chocolate and our Holme-made cakes and scones are served all day. Our delicious Dorset Cream Tea is not to be missed.

Supporting our local suppliers is important to us and our menu showcases just some of the fantastic produce available from Dorset. The Orchard 'specials board' changes regularly to reflect the seasons and our locally-sourced ingredients. Much of our fruit and vegetables are grown right here at Holme. We're licensed too, so why not enjoy a glass of locally brewed beer, Dorset Cider or a crisp white wine from the vineyards situated in the Dorset hills?

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As the sun goes down, come inside and take advantage of our Pool table, dart board and Juke box, which has the largest selection of music around. Come along to one of our barbeques throughout the summer, most weekends and everyday during carnival week.

If the weather is truly British, then book a table in our separate restaurant and try our extensive locally sourced menu.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Crow's Nest!



The Grand Hotel

The Grand Hotel is delighted to announce that our new summer menu will be available from the 1st June. Now is your chance to enjoy lunch or dinner in the Coast Restaurant, the Conservatory, or Al Fresco in the fabulous garden. Whichever you choose you can be assured of stunning views across the bay.

The exciting menu includes Sharing Platters, Moules Mariniere Sea Food Platter, Steaks, and a tasty variety of salads. For your starter, why not try our delicious Goats Cheese & Red Onion Marmalade Pastry Tart, you won't be disappointed! For a lighter bite, we can offer an appetizing range of sandwiches.

Those wishing to follow in the footsteps of Enid Blyton will definitely enjoy our Traditional High Tea for two – a treat not to be missed. Fancy a tippie? Then sample one of our award-winning wines of the month - we're confident you'll find one to your taste.

Best of all – for all bookings from 1st – 25th of June we are offering a 20% discount on your food bill, on production of this advert (right). Now that's an invitation not to be missed!

We look forward to seeing you soon, **booking essential to achieve the 20% discount!**

We are also pleased to announce an exciting new development of exceptional Beach Hut/Studios at the private beach of the Grand Hotel. For further information on these, contact Lindsay Bish at the Grand Hotel.



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The Bankes Hotel



The Bankes is situated in the idyllic heart of the Dorset Countryside of Corfe Castle. The stunning area of The Isle of Purbeck is a beautiful tourist destination and is an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The World Heritage Jurassic Coast begins here and boasts some of the best walks of the South West Coastal Path.

The Historical Ruins of Corfe Castle are just 100 yards from the Inn and Swanage Steam Railway and Corfe Castle Station are at the bottom of our large Beer Garden. We have ten well-appointed bedrooms and are open all year. By car, we are within half an hour of the following towns and attractions so you will never be short of somewhere to visit:

Bournemouth, Poole, Wareham, Swanage, Dorchester, Bovington Tank Museum, Monkey World, Kingston Lacy House, Kingston Maurward College, Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, Durlston Country Park and Lighthouse, Studland - Old Harry Rocks, Sandbanks, Poole Harbour, Brownsea Island, 5 Championship Golf Courses, (Isle of Purbeck, Broadstone, Parkstone, Ferndown, Queens Park).

Food at The Bankes is carefully prepared by our Chef and his team and most of our ingredients are sourced locally. We have a full range of A La Carte, bar food and snacks to satisfy any appetite.

Bankes Hotel

Corfe Castle

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UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

We are proud of our excellent choices of Real Ales, with Ringwood as our regular and two other beers changing regularly. Both children and dogs are welcome at the Bankes.

Please feel free to contact us for any further information and keep an eye open for our out of season offers.

OUCH!

It's that time of year again – summertime – that time when we all love being outdoors, but hate the fact that our skin gets burned so easily by the sun's harmful UV rays.

We are advised to stay out of the sun during peak hours, but if you do need to be outside then try and find some shade. Did you know that you can calculate how much ultraviolet (UV) exposure you are getting by using the shadow rule -A shadow that is longer than you are means UV exposure is low; a shadow that is shorter than you are means the UV exposure is high.

If you are out enjoying the sun then following a few simple rules should help to avoid the dreaded 'afterburn'

- Remember the old adage –Prevention is better than cure-
- Hats with wide (4 inches) brims that cover your scalp, neck, and shade your eyes and ears.
- Sunglasses with UV ray protection that helps to prevent eye damage that can lead to cataracts.
- Wear loose fitting, tightly woven clothing that covers your arms and legs.

Use sunscreen on any exposed area. Follow the manufacturers'

instructions carefully, and remember to reapply as often as recommended (Usually every 2 hours) and don't forget to reapply after going into the water!

Sunscreen protection is vital for babies and young children, and medical advice suggests that babies younger than 6 months should stay out of the sun altogether, and older children should have a sunscreen that is SPF 15 or higher applied to all bare skin.

Don't forget those hard to reach places – We're talking about the back of your neck, backs of your knees, elbows and ears. If you are wearing sandals, flip flops or going bare foot, then apply to feet as well. Speaking from experience, there's nothing worse than walking with burned toes!

Finally – if you've already turned pink it's actually too late – you've done the damage and now you must suffer the consequences!

So what now?

First remember that pain is the body's number one defense against damage. It tells us that we're doing something harmful to our body – if there were no pain we wouldn't know when to stop our exposure to the sun and could end up with permanent skin damage or worse.

Suggested remedies include:-

Take Aspirin – supposedly the single best pain killer for sunburn, because the way it eases pain works better than any other painkillers for this specific type of pain.

Use a menthol based lotion or an aloe vera gel on the burned area, either should help to soothe the pain.

Avoid wool or synthetics next to your skin.

Vinegar will make the stinging stop - but it's probably not a good idea to use this if you are going out!

Drink plenty of water to help hydrate and replenish the skin.

Moisturise to help stop peeling, peeling exposes new skin cells that haven't fully matured – give them time to grow back properly.



The Seven Stars



Set in its own nine acres, the Seven Stars is without doubt one of the go-to places in Purbeck. With its huge beer garden and patio, it is the perfect summer location. It caters for all tastes and pockets – with all the food being home made, and where possible, locally sourced. Our menu offers a wide range of fresh meat and fish dishes, as well as vegetarian and gluten-free options.

For the kids, not only is there an extensive childrens' menu, but also a large childrens' play area, with swings, slides and climbing frames. You also won't want to miss our two miniature Shetland ponies, Misty and Dora, as well as Milly the donkey, and from June onwards our piglets! A mini menagerie which is sure to delight the children and keep them amused while you relax in the sunshine.

Seven Stars has recently been beautifully, and very tastefully refurbished. With the use of soft lighting, fresh, yet muted, colourways, and new tables and seating, the Inn has certainly had a complete makeover! There are even comfortable Chesterfield sofas to relax in around the real log fire – for those times when our British summer lets us down.

Seven Stars also have a range of wedding packages available. Whether you require a small intimate occasion in one of our restaurants, or a large party catered for in a range of marquees on our front lawn, we can help to make your day really special.



Steve and Gill invite you to discover all that is best in one of Dorset's most beautiful countryside Inns. Our newly refurbished restaurant provides a wonderful range of meals to suit all tastes and pockets, including snacks, starters, steaks, fresh fish, vegetarian meals and specials of the day. We can cater for coeliac - please ask. All our food is home-cooked and, as far as possible, locally sourced.

A fine selection of wines, beers, lagers and ciders including 3 real ales.

Wooden panelling and beams throughout. Extensive garden with terrace and children's play area. Other attractions include the Seven Stars pub walk in our own 9 acres of land, a pool table and animals - Millie the donkey, Dora & Misty the miniature Shetlands, piglets (from end of April) and aquarium. Well-behaved dogs and owners welcome. Parking for 150 cars.

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With our large childrens' play area, beer garden and patio, and parking for over one hundred and fifty cars, Seven Stars is the place to be this summer, whatever the weather – so anytime you are in the area, do pop in and you'll be sure of a warm welcome!

Harry's Bar



You will receive a warm welcome at Harry's Bar at Durdle Door. Harry's has now been part of the park for 4 years and has gone from strength to strength, offering the same friendly and relaxed atmosphere that you would receive at the successful Harry's Café Bar in Wareham town centre.

Harry's at Durdle is open to all visitors to the Jurassic coast, as well as locals and guests at the holiday park.

At Harry's we pride ourselves on continually improving our service and this year we have extended the takeaway menu to include sandwiches, picnics

Harry's Bar at Durdle Door Durdle Door Holiday Park



and more home-made curries, as well as healthier options for children.

The FREE entertainment has also been extended to include more live acts, as well as the children's discos during the holidays, Karaoke's and the world famous pub quiz every Friday with its life-changing prizes.

So, if your visiting the area or if you live locally, pop in to Harry's at Durdle Door because there is something for everyone!



Skinmates



Some of the summer-oriented goods available at Skinmates



The word 'emporium' is often used, but rarely is it totally relevant to that which it describes. In the case of Skinmates in Swanage High Street, you'd be hard pressed to find a better word to describe the amazing selection of quality goods for sale in this small, long-standing Swanage shop.

Owner, Ray, has been serving the town of Swanage for decades, stocking a mind-boggling array of superior sheepskin products and leatherwear. From genuine sheepskin rugs of all descriptions and colours, to moccasins, belts, bags, wallets and much, much more, there's no 'collection' of sheepskin or leatherware goods within a driveable distance that can compete with Ray's selection.

Ready for each summer season, Skinmates opens up the adjacent store, from which Ray provides locals and tourists alike with an excellent selection

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Pop into Skinmates for a browse, Ray offers a friendly, old-fashioned service, sure to delight customers young and old alike.



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Pursenalities

This summer, drop in to Pursenalities at Tilly Mead, Commercial Road, Swanage to see the selection of beautiful Handbags and Accessories, where you will find 'Handbags for all Puruses'.

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Forever Summer

For all your swimwear needs



Heading for the beach? Then you need Forever Summer! We stock everything you need (and possibly a few things you wouldn't have realised you needed until you hit the water).

To give you an idea of our extensive range, how about: Wetsuits and rash vests, swimming costumes, bikinis, tankinis, board shorts, sarongs, kaftans, life jackets & buoyancy aids, inflatables, fins, goggles, snorkels, beach bags, flip-flops, swim shoes, hats, jewellery, watches, sunglasses, beach towels and hooded children's towels.

We sell sizes 8 – 24, childrens sizes 0-6 months to age 16.

So there really is something for every shape, size and age!

And don't forget Forever Summer is not just for the summer months, when you're planning your next winter Break in sunnier climes, you can get all your new swimwear and beachwear right here in Purbeck.

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Golden Girl

If you haven't already purchased your summer wardrobe this year – and even if you have – you will definitely be tempted by 'Kapalua', the exciting and stylish new designer range in stock at Golden Girl, Swanage.

Kapalua Clothing from Germany portrays the very best of bold and dramatic styling. Its vivacious knitwear and vibrant prints create an authentic look, making it highly popular.

The Kapalua Clothing collection is split into two Labels - Kapalua Clothing co-ordinates continue to provide cool, glamorous and relaxed styling for the contemporary modern woman.

The 'Concept' label by Kapalua is its new jersey and knits collection, offering staple and stylish item pieces in an assortment of colours at competitive prices to fit in with most wardrobe requirements.

Have you discovered 'Shapewear' yet (pictured, below right)? A wonderful new range of lingerie, now available from Golden Girl in Swanage!

Women of all sizes are wearing shapewear as the perfect finishing piece under any outfit.

It can do everything from smooth, to shrink, lift and, of course, shape. Not only can it eliminate visible panty lines and provide a perfect finish underneath clothes, it also smooths bulges and creates a more toned silhouette.

For more information on Shapewear, pop in to Golden Girl in Swanage and have a chat with the friendly staff, who will be able to discuss your requirements and provide you with suitable items for your desired look.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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Whatever colour you are choosing this season, Heather and her colleagues at Visage are here to help.

Heather is delighted to announce to two new additions to the team – Lucy Murch who specialises in colour work and mens' hair, and Jordan, the new trainee barber.

LITTLE RASCALS



NEW IN!

Frugi - Ethical Children's Wear from Cornwall
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Little Rascals

Dress to Impress!

It may have rained all winter, but the sun is shining on Little Rascal's new summer collection.

New in stock for this year is Frugi, award winning suppliers of ethical childrens' wear, based in Cornwall. The girls' collection adorned with bunting, jam pots and campervans and the boys' with monsters, campervans and tractors.

Also in stock, our favourite Kite Kids from Poole. Their designs draw on the beauty of our Dorset surroundings, the nearby sandy beaches, the Jurassic coast and the Purbeck hills, giving their collections a unique look inspired by nature. All their garments are manufactured using certified organic cotton, and fleeces made from at least 50% recycled plastic bottles. Sizes from newborn to 11 years.

We also have in stock a comprehensive range for newborn babies.

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PC's Bit (Editor in-chief)

Well weren't we busy last year, Queens Jubilees, Olympics, Great Fires of Wareham, as well as our usual Summer events. Many of the volunteer groups combining their resources to offer mutual aid & equipment to each other. This year we have a joint advertising campaign, with the help of Nico & her team at The Purbeck Gazette, we hope to harness a co-ordinated effort to let Purbeck know 'WOZ ON' in Wareham this summer. Our local businesses have again rallied to our call, not only by supporting the following advertising, but many offering substantial discounts, as well as many being open on Carnival Sunday (14th July) 12 noon - 4pm. From Wareham's volunteer groups a big 'Thank you'.

Please use our local business's, a good summer will boost their morale greatly & make up for the last poor winter. The profit raised from this advertising concept will be administered by Wareham Lions Club & will be used to offset some of the costs incurred by the volunteer groups in the town. Such as road closures & Quay closures, insurance & sundry expenses. You would be surprised how much it costs to set up, run & maintain our 'FREE' events. In closing I would like to say a big thank you to all our town's volunteers, for the provision of our summer of fun, none are getting younger & welcome additional help. Please as you enjoy the events, (all profits raised are going to charitable causes), can I ask you to be mindful, that we are all volunteers, show your appreciation when that collecting bucket comes round, bung us that shrapnel that is in your pocket.

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Tues 9th-8.30pm

Wed 10th-6.30pm

Thurs 11th-6.30pm

Sat 13th-7.00pm

Sun 14th-3pm

Sat 20th-9.30am

Wed 24th-7pm

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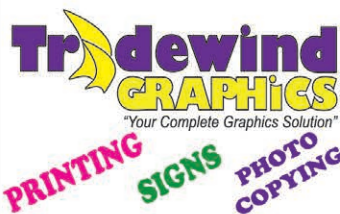
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Old Harry at the Old Stone Quay, by Stanley Chamberlain



German filmcrew film a 'Midsummer Murder' programme at Smiths, Swanage (renamed 'Trueblood Antiques' for the day!), by Paul Ridges



Swan spying at Wareham Quay - as seen on TV! By Robin Boulwood



Lord Kitchener at Corfe, by Anne Elford



Lord Kitchener is removed... By Antony Christie



Swanage Walking for Health Group at Agglestone, by John Kirwin



The mist descends on Swanage, by Gary Richardson



Purbeck Community Safety Week

- Come and meet your local Safer Neighbourhood Team and other agencies
- Find out how to protect yourself and your property
- See the Sheduction Scheme
- Find out about the Great Dorset Giveaway
- Get advice on Home Fire Safety
- Find out about Trading Standards initiatives
- Find out about Crimestoppers
- Learn how to minimise the impact of flooding, landslides, etc *

3rd – 7th June 2013

Tuesday 4th June

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National Coastwatch

Coastwatch - Swanage

Having completed a winter of monthly evening training sessions, the watchkeepers at Peveril Point are confident of their ability to handle any emergency that may come within their sphere of operation during the coming summer months. The forthcoming annual tests by the Coastguard will determine our accuracy and speed in handling various emergency situations that are likely to occur both on the water and the surrounding shoreline and cliffs.

Passing this test means that the watchkeeping station is an integral part of the National Search and Rescue organization and is a matter of great pride to the station. The severe winter weather of late has kept most sailors off the water and the diving and rod fishing seasons have yet to begin, but with two bank holiday weekends in the offing, we will have to have our wits about us as local waterborne traffic increases throughout the summer.

Coastguard stations around the coast were previously closed as the perceived wisdom of the time believed that with the advent of more sophisticated radio, radar and GPS systems, visual watchkeeping was no longer required. However, it soon transpired that this was not the case as fishing boats foundered within sight of ex-Coastguard lookouts and it was soon apparent that dinghy sailors and kayakers do not carry electronic communication systems.

Peveril Point has been the site of a succession of civil defence stations for well over two hundred years, with the last HM Coastguard station being erected in 1964. This was the last to be closed in 1994, then reopened as a Coastwatch lookout in 2001 after much work by local builder, Mr. Ian Surface, and a team of volunteers.

It was a welcome sight towards the end of the month to see the locally-owned fishing and dive boats return to the bay from their winter storage.

Some have already made trips and we are looking forward to a long, profitable (to the boat owners), and hopefully safe summer ahead.

It must be stressed that the National Coastwatch receives no grants or public funding, relying solely on donations from the public. Watchkeepers buy their own uniform, pay their own travelling expenses and give their time freely. Not only do we rely on the public for money, but also for watchkeepers. Experience is not essential as training is given and you will be welcomed and made a part of a vital and rewarding activity in Swanage.

If you're interesting in joining the team, call in at the lookout at Peveril Point where all information will be given to you. You can also see the best view in Swanage. Already during 2013, 42 potentially life saving incidents around the country have involved the Coastwatch, all at no cost to the taxpayer.

Peter J Stevens

Coastwatch - St Albans

Coastwatchers aid casualty

The watchkeepers at the National Coastwatch Institution lookout on St Albans Head alerted the Coastguard on Sunday 5th May when a walker on the coast path reported that his wife had fallen and broken her ankle about half a mile west of the lookout.

Watchkeeper Brian Erskine went to give first aid and comfort the casualty, while Senior Watchkeeper Ian Mateer liaised with the Auxiliary Coastguard cliff team, who evacuated the casualty.

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On the 12th June we reach our fifth anniversary! We are delighted to confirm that Thelma Barlow, who cut the ribbon to launch us in June 2008, will be coming to celebrate with us. Expect entertainment and refreshments and a chance to experience the new centre in Victoria Avenue.

In our technology-based world, are you missing out?

Have you discovered the benefits of email, seen your far away relatives and friends for a video chat, saved money on the best deals for gas and electricity, or kept in touch with the children and grandchildren via Facebook?

The message is that the Forum wants to give all those who would like to get on line the opportunity to do so. There are many isolated elderly folks in Swanage who don't have PC's, laptops or internet access. We want to help - we need you to help us.

We need people who are confident with PC's to help others. You don't need to be an expert. And we want to reach those that aren't there yet. So if you know anyone like that, please ask them to call us.

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Wareham Senior Forum

Wareham Senior Forum has now been in existence for over five years and during that time has been supportive to many community groups, including the Memory Café and Purbeck Carers' Group.

At present the Forum is involved in a project called 'The Tree of Life & Laughter', engaging senior citizens and local school children in a joint venture. The ceramic Tree will be available for all to see from 25th May in the Wareham Library Garden.

On 20th June we have pleasure in welcoming the speakers:

Maggie Hardy, who is the NHS Purbeck Locality Commissioning Manager, and who will update us on the new NHS consultations regarding services in Purbeck. This is a chance to ask questions and voice any possible concerns.

Keeley Salmon, who is a registered Hearing Aid Dispenser, will give information on hearing health (see page 69 for more info on Keeley).

Christine Kemp will demonstrate some exercises for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease COPD.

Join us on 20th June, a packed morning, but there's still time to enjoy a coffee and cake, buy a raffle ticket and meet other members of the Forum.

Purbeck Heritage Network

The first annual meeting of the Purbeck Heritage Network has taken place. The Network gives people from all walks of life the opportunity to get involved in Purbeck's heritage.

The event was attended by thirty people, with a number of organisations represented including tourism, wildlife, trade, councils, railways and cyclists. The meeting included a variety of presentations on local projects and a workshop involving the Network members.

Proceedings started with an update from the Chairman, Vincent May, on the Purbeck Heritage Strategy. Presentations followed giving details of the Durlston Project, Wild Purbeck and Living with a Changing Coast (LiCCo).

There were also soapbox sessions which included short updates on the Tank Museum, the Kimmeridge Fossil Museum, Swanage Railway, Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum, and the Purbeck Society.

Vincent May said: "We were delighted to see so many organisations represented at the event. The chance to exchange ideas with people they would not normally come across was much appreciated. For example, those with experience of obtaining grants from particular sources were sharing tips on how to best go about this!"

The steering group will be looking at the proposals for actions put forward at the meeting. The aim is to bring together organisations interested in working on similar projects, to achieve cost savings and enable expertise to be shared.

The Purbeck Heritage Network has succeeded the Purbeck Heritage Committee, which was a formal body of representatives from local councils, conservation and tourism organisations and land owners.

The Purbeck Heritage Network has a less formal structure and is open to all members of the community.

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"This represents the start of a new era for Purbeck CAB and we are sure that we will go from strength to strength under Helen's leadership. We face a number of significant challenges in the near future, particularly in the light of welfare reform, a shortage of accommodation space at the bureau, and an ever-increasing call on our services, we are confident that Helen will steer us through these'.

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by David Hollister

Life's not always a bowl of cherries. There are times in most people's lives when they run out of money before they run out of month. There are times when it's a choice between eating or not. Believe me, I've seen it, been there, and got the t-shirt, even though it's quite an old one.

I was astonished to learn that I could raise money against my car on a 'logbook loan'. So I investigated further. I can raise up to 50% of its value. So for example, to borrow £1000 against my car will involve paying £29.49 per week for 157 weeks (that's just over 3 years). Total repaid £4629. Representative APR 345.9%. And this is the cheapest firm I could find; some APR's are over 1000%

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There's nothing either ethical or responsible about this disgusting practice. The Consumer Credit Association – which also presumably governs 'payday loans' as well – sounds to me like a pack of circling vultures preying on the unfortunate. In the Bible, and Shakespeare, they called it 'usury'. Look it up on the Internet for yourself; just type into the search engine "Are You Stupid".

I could, of course, sell my car for cash, use half the cash as I wanted and use the other half to put a deposit on another car, financing the rest on HP. One of our reputable local used car dealers has suggested that the APR could be as low as 10% and up to 15% at the maximum. Sound any better?

As usual, when we went to Spain last time, we hired a car for a week and yet again got stuffed by the 'full to empty' basis whereby you get the car full of fuel, paying for it at the outset at a rate significantly higher than the prevailing local prices. Whatever fuel's left in the tank at the end of the hire becomes the property of the hire company. Got it? That's how they can offer ridiculously low 'shop window' rates online. And then you have to buy the 'insurance excess insurance' of around 5 euros a day, or leave a credit card deposit of around £500. My £67 rental actually cost me £190. More fool me.

We don't do long journeys over there any more. Usually from the house to the town, or the beach, perhaps 200 miles in a week, if that. So clearly we're losing out big-time, but when we arrive at Murcia Airport late at night, and queue for 40 minutes at the car hire desk, we're too tired and fed up to argue.

No more the fool. After an hour online, we've nullified the insurance excess problem by taking out an annual excess policy to cover all our trips to Europe for only £39.99, and found two reliable car hire firms (AVIS and ALAMO) with a 'full-full' policy, i.e. we only pay for the fuel used. OK, the headline rates are higher than the budget firms, but in our case, it works out

cheaper. So bear this in mind if you're hiring abroad – especially in Spain.

There were no Toyotas on the rental fleet. We ended up with a 'New Corsa' and got stuffed for a further £12 because it was diesel – although we'd specified petrol. At last, the chance to test-drive the new version of the car which has graced our drive for exactly ten years. I hated it. The 'roller skate' has become a 'welly-boot'; it's wider, longer and heavier than the 2003 Corsa.

It might be packed with safety features and electronic gismos, but it's boring. The 'computer read out' is so small it's positively dangerous to try and read it whilst driving; the only bit I liked was the cruise control. It wasn't more comfortable, or quicker, and apart from the absence of dents, bangs and scratches, was in no way better than my old one. It did a few more mpg but it was a 1.4 diesel not a 1.8 petrol, so that was to be expected. Would I buy one? What do you think?

Why have all small cars become medium-sized cars? Not just the Corsa, but the Golf, the Polo, the Fiesta, and of course the Mini. Could it be because the people of today are clumsier, heavier and wider-beamed than they were in the 1970's.....?

The radio and TV are full of advertisements asking car-drivers to be especially vigilant for motorcyclists. The sad fact is that there were 362 motorcyclists killed on our roads in 2011, and 5247 seriously injured. That's a 10% increase. Yet motorcycle traffic increased by only 0.9% in 2011 over 2010. What does that tell you?

The figures also show that 48% of crashes between motorcycles and cars were the result of the car driver failing to look properly. Motorcyclists were most likely to crash through 'loss of control' and also most likely to be the victim of someone else failing to look. What does that tell you?

The 'born again' bikers seem to be becoming somewhat of a public health problem as middle aged (and older) men take to the roads again on ever increasingly powerful vehicles but with possibly rusty riding skills.

And finally. Cyclists who ride sensibly, in single file on the main road, adequately close to the kerb, thank you. You're a credit. Cyclists – especially BMX cyclists – who don't seem to think that one-way street regulations or indeed pavement regulations apply to them – think again. The next time you come down the High Street the wrong way at 20mph straight towards me, I will aim at you rather than to avoid you. Think I'm kidding? Do you feel lucky?

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Gnashing Of Teeth

by Martin Pook



I have spent quite a lot of my life suffering with my teeth, some of them even arrived in an advanced state of decay, and of course there has, from time to time, been a considerable amount of pain involved. And money. I have no idea why there was so much decay, sweets were rationed until I was nine, although I admit to making up for it since then.

We talk about the path of food from plough to plate, but beyond that we have plate to stomach... and beyond that again, but that's another story. The first place food goes after your plate is your mouth, where it gets chewed, if you have any teeth to do that with that is.

The NHS is a wonderful thing, taking care of us from the moment of conception, and even ensuring that that conception takes place in a dish if necessary, right through until we die. It provides all of this, including replacement organs, prostheses, pacemakers and much else; you can see the top surgeon, or specialist in whatever field is required, anything to prolong your life and make it as comfortable as possible, and all of this is free. Unless it is in your gob.

Chewing your food properly is one of life's essentials, unless it is reduced to a smooth paste combined with saliva the rest of your digestive system won't work properly, and you may suffer the pain of indigestion; the NHS will help with this of course. Civil servants have always treated our service men with a large degree of contempt, rarely have they seen fit to provide them with decent health care, but the army has, for over a century, provided dental care.

This isn't out of any form of kindness, but because a general discovered that at any one time up to 40% of his troops were unfit to fight because they had toothache. Believe me when I say that if you have a raging toothache, the most likely reaction you would have to a man with a big sword would be to ask him to chop your head off, rather than attempt to do the same to him.

So why, if you can find an 'NHS' dentist do you have to pay him for your consultation, and why if you need anything done, do you have to pay for it? After my last session with my dentist over Christmas was I left considerably out of pocket, and why will I now have to pay in excess of £2000 to provide me with enough teeth to chew my food? And why do we put up with this?

I would gnash my teeth, if I had any to do it with.

Little things

Her Loveliness will tell you that if there is one thing I am really good at, it is spending money. What else is it for, I have been known to ask; I doubt

there are any shops in heaven and all the bankers will be in the other place. But sometimes you don't need to spend a lot to give you a great deal of pleasure.

I always keep a packet of Hobnobs on my bedside table and for a long time the packet has been stood in an old cardboard tube, and I have had to tightly wind the top of the packet to keep them fresh. What was needed, I felt, was a suitable tin. I was looking around 'The Range' one day, they have an excellent art materials section, when, high on a shelf, I found just the thing. There were three different designs, all claiming to be tea adverts, one depicting a couple of Nelsonian warships which didn't seem to have much of a connection to tea, although when the cannons roar died down, a cuppa would probably have been welcome, one with an old car which I identified as a Model T, so that was a tenuous connection, and the last one had an artistic impression of a tea clipper and the legend 'Ocean Queen Tea'.

Fair enough, and although no one would ever put tea in a packet of biscuits shaped tin, it was clearly ideal for the job I wanted it for, and at just one of our wonderful British pounds the whole thing has given me a great deal of pleasure. Just one small thing: a packet of Hobnobs is one biscuit too long for the tin, which means either I eat one, or I ask McVities to put one less in the packet.

Nothing, it seems, is quite perfect.

Potatoes

Boring little blighters most of the time aren't they? But most of us eat a fair few of them, so finding ways of making them more interesting is a good thing. I was reading 'The Oldie' – I consider this as market research because I'm not really old enough – and in the cooking section I came across a recipe for datsch.

These are potato pancakes and you simply combine grated potato and onion with beaten egg and fry them in a drop of sunflower oil. I tried this using my julienne cutter but it wasn't very successful, the strands were too long, so next time I'll grate the potato.

What I also tried was mashing, adding grated onion and some sage and forming into small cakes which I then browned on both sides in a little oil. There are many other things you can add, the limit is your imagination.

Pots and pans

Obviously a non-stick pan works best for those, but what do you do with pans when the non-stick goes? Aluminium ones go for recycling – don't try the following with those – but we have a heavy stainless steel one where the coating was breaking up. I discovered, after it had been burnt, that caustic soda removes the coating and the pan can then have a new lease of life. Take great care though, it is nasty stuff.



If you are lucky, a trip to a charity shop can provide good things. The other day HL found a heavy stainless saucepan for £1.50. It is a serious bit of kit, very high quality with a lid that really fits. The other thing that we are always on the lookout for are glasses.

Whether we are a particularly clumsy pair or whether other people suffer from the same thing I don't know, but we get through a fair number, particularly wine glasses. Not long ago I picked up some superb Stoltz wine glasses for a fraction of their £10 retail price.

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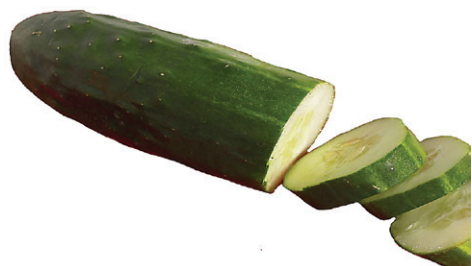
1. The Original Victorian Pimm's: Use only Orange, Lemon, Cucumber and Mint. Make it stronger, do not dilute the Pimms more than one parts Pimm's to two parts traditional lemonade.

2. The Classic Early 20th Century Pimm's: Use only Strawberries, Orange, Cucumber and Mint, make it one part Pimm's to three parts clear lemonade.

3. The Garden Party or Wedding Pimm's: Use Strawberries, Orange, Apple, Lemon, Cucumber and Mint, make it one part Pimm's, two parts clear Lemonade, and one part Ginger Beer (or Ginger Ale).

In any of the Pimm's recipes above try not to overload the amount of fruit used in the glasses served, one slice or wedge of each fruit and one sprig of mint is enough.

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Purbeck Products

By Community Reporter, Hester Viney

Ashley Barnes



At Purbeck Valley Farm it's a time of change. For beef farmer and game stalker Ashley Barnes, the end of the family's tenancy across the road at Afflington Farm is a welcome change.

'That's probably 200 acres gone, but it's no bad thing when you weigh it up against rent. It could be the time to push the venison and game a bit more' he says.

So far he's supplying the Greyhound and The Castle Inn pubs in Corfe, as well as Norden House hotel.

Downsizing the farm means more time to grow his sideline 'I want to get a website going, maybe mail order or a burger van.' he says.

Meanwhile the family has been gathering chickens, so you can buy their free range

eggs at the market too.

For now, most of Ashley's time is still spent on the family's organic beef farm. His main outlet for venison is the Purbeck Products market, with profit going into improving the cutting room he has set up to do his own basic butchery. 'I take the front shoulders over to Curtis' in Wareham on a Thursday and they make up the sausages for me. Then Fridays before market, it's most of the day chopping up the meat and packaging.'

He has become skilled in taking the right quantities of meat to market, something that has become easier with practice, but that remains a tricky balance to strike. 'It's not the same for me as it is for say Phil (Samways) or Kath (Best) who can just pick an animal and take it down the slaughterhouse, I have to go out and find a deer when I've got an order in.' he smiles.

Stalking is something Ashley began as a way of controlling deer numbers on the Barnes' land, particularly at Arne where numbers were destructive. Now RSPB land, he continues to hunt there, adhering to their tight restrictions. 'It's all squeaky clean.' he says.

The resulting range of products has been lapped up by market goers on Commercial Road. Sausages are his main seller, but he has enjoying playing with other ideas. 'When that horse meat thing came up I thought I'd jump on the bandwagon and do a load of mince.

'Then we did meatballs and they were really popular too'. It seems to come easy to this young farmer with bags of energy. 'You can do anything with venison!' he grins. 'I'm even doing antlers as dog chews, they love them!'

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Natural Matters

Purbeck Marine Reserve

Join the 'Living Seas' team for a world Ocean's Day BioBlitz on 8th June



Dorset Wildlife Trust is inviting members of the public to come and take part in a BioBlitz on Saturday 8th June in Kimmeridge Bay, part of the nationally important Purbeck Marine Wildlife Reserve. A BioBlitz is an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area – in this case Kimmeridge Bay – and groups of scientists, students, professional and amateur naturalists, volunteers and other members of the public all come together to conduct an intensive survey within a short time period.

Emma Godden, Conservation Skills Trainee with Dorset Wildlife Trust, based at

DWT's Fine Foundation Marine Centre in Kimmeridge explains: "This event coincides with World Oceans Day – an internationally-recognised celebration of our watery world, aimed at providing opportunities for people to learn more about the ocean and how to take action to help conserve it – and what better way is there to mark such an occasion?"

"We'll be hosting a variety of experts who will support us in identifying as many marine plants and creatures as possible, as well as their terrestrial counterparts in Kimmeridge Bay from 7.30am until dark."

Julie Hatcher, Dorset Wildlife Trust's Marine Awareness Officer, explains more about the day's activities: "Effectively, there will be mini ID workshops on offer; covering (almost) anything and everything we have here in the bay, with the aim of conducting short surveys to engage the

public with the wildlife we have here and also to gather some important ecological data. In short we're hoping that members of the public, of all ages, will want to come and get involved with the interactive sessions taking place, learn a lot and, in effect, be scientists for the day, helping us to gather important information about the species we have here in the reserve."

BioBlitz events have been carried out all over the globe and the atmosphere is often quite thrilling, as the short time frame for recording is said to make the searching for species even more exciting.

Some of the sessions on offer on the 8th June include:

- Big K Bay Catch – eco-friendly rockpooling. Use nets and eco-crab lines on the Kimmeridge ledges and record what you catch.
- What's in the trap? -A chance to catch and record the often-undiscovered marine mini beasts from the seabed.
- Seashore Search – experts on hand to identify your own rockpool and seaweed finds.
- Marine Micro Beasts – trawl for plankton and use microscopes to identify the smallest of marine wildlife.
- Strandline bats at dusk – use bat detectors to help identify which species are feeding along the beach.
- Birds of the Bay – bird watching from the cliffs overlooking the bay with DWT's Brownsea Island Reserve Manager, Chris Thain.

For more information about this event visit: dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events. Alternatively, you can e-mail kimmeridge@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk or call Dorset Wildlife Trust's Fine Foundation Marine Centre in Kimmeridge on 01929 481044. Picture, top left, by Julie Hatcher.

Fun In The Sun!



This year's Open Day and Country Fair at Kingston Maurward College on Sunday 16th June is set to be the biggest and best yet!

With fun-filled attractions including kayaking, climbing wall, tractor rides, meet the blacksmiths, tree climbing, country crafts, dog shows, live music on the main field, cream teas, jazz on the terrace and wedding fair in the main house, there's fun for everyone.

Due to popular demand, TV's celebrity Wolf Man, Shaun Ellis, renowned for his canine psychology skills, returns for the third year running, and will be using his pack of wolves to show visitors the balance between the domestic and the wild side of dogs. For foodies there's a traditional hog roast, Maurward Meats, popular fish burgers, local cider, licensed bar and for those with a sweet tooth – ice cream galore!

The day offers the perfect opportunity to find out more about the wide range of courses offered at the college, from countryside management and animal conservation to business, Horticulture and IT. Visitors can talk to tutors during interactive activities and watch the academy showcases in the main arena. Events take place throughout the day in the 750-acre grounds and 18th Century Manor House, with inclusive entry to the beautiful Gardens and Animal Park.

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The Unnatural Navigator

By John Garner



It was with a huge amount of pleasure that I recently learnt, whilst reading one of his travel books, that the great Eric Newby once lived near Wareham and for a significant part of his life at that. If you are unaware of Eric Newby's work, I implore you to rectify this situation with the utmost haste.

He was and remains (although sadly not with us any more) in my opinion one of the most gifted and readable travel writers of the last century and I am almost evangelical in my zeal to bring a whole new audience to his writing whenever I can.

He wrote about his travels in some of the most exotic and far flung reaches of the

earth and did so with a charm and understated wit that is rarely achieved to such brilliant effect. Having written his way around the globe in an era that allowed an unseen world to be explored to the full, it is a source of great pleasure to me that he chose to settle for a prolonged period of his life in and around Purbeck.

I share almost nothing in common with Eric Newby except that he enjoyed exploring the countryside on his bike, as do I. By far and away the thing I share least with him, I'd imagine, is an innate and instinctive sense of direction. Surely a traveller such as he would have had an inbuilt sense of which way to head when confronted with a directional conundrum? I have no instinctive directional sense and worse still, no memory for landmarks and places of note by which I can navigate my way.

My father can make an intricate and complex journey once and the map of the route will be indelibly imprinted on his memory, no matter how far in the past the map was etched on his mind. I would need to make the journey a dozen times.

I have forgotten most landmarks two or three seconds after I've passed them. And I mean forgotten. Now this does have some advantages although I'm fairly sure the reader will be scratching his or her head trying to work out just what the advantage of getting lost every time you head out to explore the countryside could actually be. Well. The singular advantage of a lack of a mental tracking device is that a journey made many times before always feels like a whole new endeavour.

You effectively get about half a dozen new walks or rides out of each route. Many are the occasions when out mountain biking that friends have commented on the fact that the trail we have just ridden has changed a

little since we rode it previously. It may have changed a little for them, but it's changed a whole lot more for me. In fact I could swear blindly that I'd never ridden it before in my life and in my mind this would not be an untruth. Sometimes we ride the trails a number of times on the same day and comment such as 'it's quicker once you've done it a few times' only jogs a faint memory in the outer margins of my mind about what clearly happened only a few hours earlier, but which cannot clearly be raked back into the present through the fog of my brain.

Walks are less troublesome as I tend to absorb more on a walk and can sometimes retrace my tracks reasonably well. Although not if it involves reading a map in a bid to find my way.

At this point I should stress that whilst I am a gormless incompetent when trying to understand even the simplest of ordnance survey maps, I absolutely love the things. The Ordnance Survey OL15 Explorer map of South Dorset is a work of art and as such should probably be framed and mounted on the wall for all to marvel at.

Me in particular, as marvelling would take two forms in my case. The first bit of marvelling would relate to the presumed technical accuracy and beauty of the thing itself and the second bit of marvelling would relate to all those who use it as a tool for realising their goal of getting to a specific destination. Map readers of the world, I salute you.

I still take the relevant map with me, however, on my jaunts. My version is battered and dog eared and there are holes appearing in the creases, bearing the scars of having been hoiked out of my bag and scrutinised at close quarters during the full gamut of our unpredictable daily weather. And this very action bears witness to my useless memory.

I have yet to go through the ritual of opening my bag, rummaging for my map, unfolding it on a rock or bench, staring at it for minutes on end, nodding to myself safe in the knowledge that I have rescued a solution to my problem and putting it back in my bag, with the result that I am any further on in my quest to become 'unlost'.

In my own mind I am Eric Newby the traveller. Eric Newby the adventurer. Eric Newby the discoverer. In everyone else's mind I am the bloke who should never lead a ride or a walk. I hope to find the house where Eric Newby used to live one day soon.

That said, even if someone were to know of its whereabouts it could take me months to actually find it. And the current occupiers would be heartened to know that even if I did find it once, the chances of me becoming a repeatedly unwanted visitor would be second to none.

Just like a stroll along the bridleway, or a mountain bike ride along the tracks in the forest, I may well have lost my way in terms of the subject matter here. Lots of you will enjoy exploring Purbeck with, or without a map.

If you don't need a map, get one anyway. They're bloody brilliant. And go and read anything you can by Eric Newby. He's bloody brilliant as well.



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Top Wildlife Painter Exhibits at Durlston

From the 14th – 24th June, Durlston will host an exhibition of new work by top wildlife artist, Richard Tratt. Richard's work, in oils on canvas has received 'The Artist' magazines 'Art in Nature' prize and he was a 2008 and 2009 Finalist in the Wildlife Artist of the Year Competition.

An opening evening on the 14th June (starting at 6.30pm) offers the chance to take a first look at the exhibition and meet the artist, who will be creating new work, featuring Durlston's landscapes and wildlife during the exhibition.

The exhibition is open daily between 11am and 4pm, in the Fine Foundation

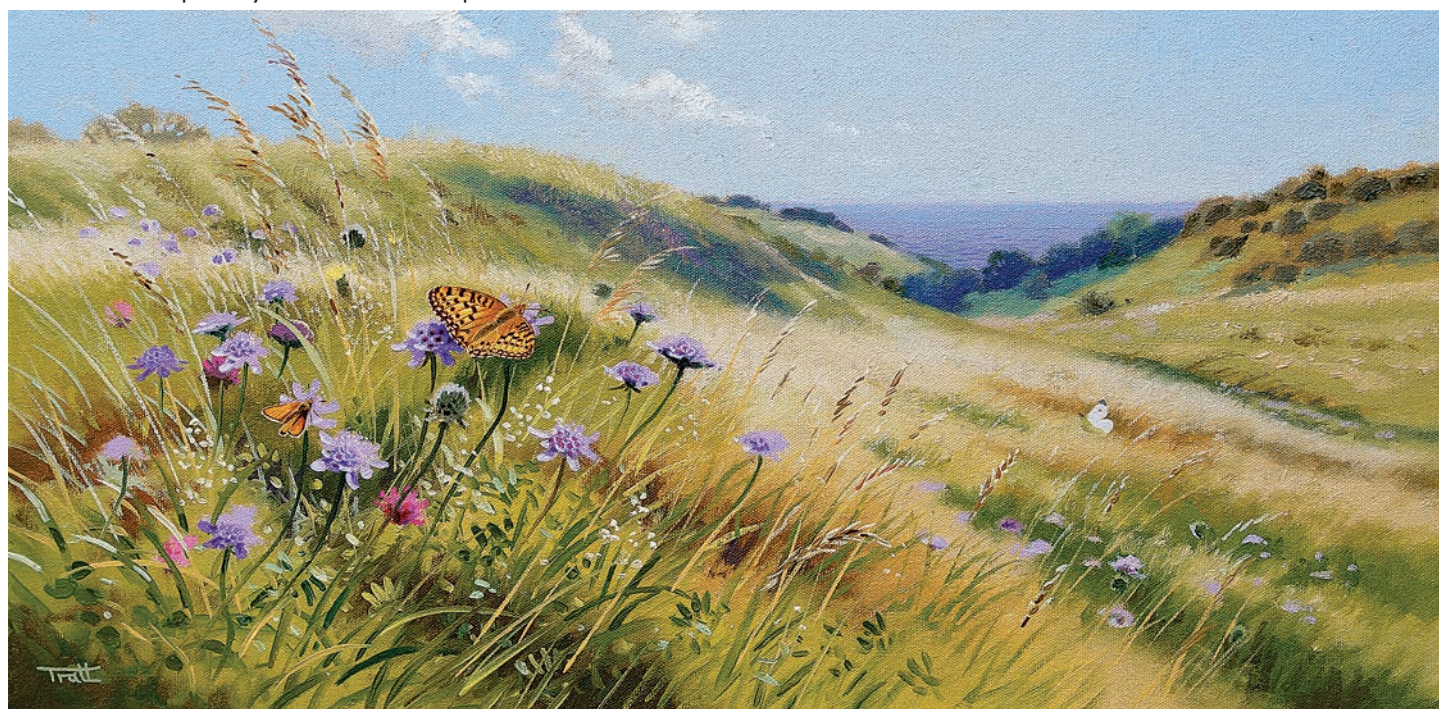
Gallery at Durlston Castle – entry is free and all work is for sale.

Classical Music at Durlston

On Sunday 30th June at 7.30pm, come to Durlston for an evening of classical music, with Piotr Kopek (violin), Helen Simpson (Oboe) and Patricia Bonelli (piano), featuring the Bach Concerto for Violin and Oboe and more. Tickets £8 with parking included on advance sales.

Picture, below: *Scabious Visitors*, by Richard Tratt.

For more information, visit www.durlston.co.uk or call 01929 424443



Your Chance To Support Disabled Gardeners

Volunteer drivers are needed to help adults with disabilities grow through gardening. Holton Lee charity, in between Poole and Wareham, provides accessible facilities for those with disabilities.

The horticultural therapy programme, Growing Futures, provides opportunities for disabled adults to get involved in organic gardening in the Ashtree Cottage Garden. They can also help with maintenance, conservation work and learn about traditional horticultural crafts. Therapeutic horticulture can provide benefits ranging from becoming more physically active, to raising self-esteem and reducing isolation.

The beautiful rural setting of the estate off the A351 on the edge of Poole Harbour at East Holton makes this an idyllic location for the gardeners however, its setting means some of them find it difficult to get there.

Keen that no one should miss out on the chance to benefit from what Holton Lee can offer, the charity is now appealing for volunteer drivers to give clients a lift in so they can enjoy working in the garden.

This could involve picking up people from home, sometimes with a carer, or from the station or bus stop and dropping them off at Holton Lee and taking them home later.

Horticulture manager Karen Gerry said: 'Holton Lee is a wonderful tranquil estate and many people come here to make new friends and help in our fruit and vegetable garden. Unfortunately some of our volunteers and service users without a car find it hard to get here. We want to help by setting up a volunteer transport service to make it easier for people to

get here so everyone can enjoy the opportunities we can offer.'

She added: "It can take up as much or as little of your time as you like. We are looking for people who will be dedicated to a regular service, whether that is a couple of times a week, once a week or even once a fortnight.

You can help make a real difference to someone's life by enabling them to get out to enjoy the garden."

Holton Lee can cover the costs of mileage and additional insurance and more information is available from volunteer administrator Sarah Thomas on 01202 625562 or email volunteeradmin@holtonlee.co.uk



The Need For Feed! Fertilisers Explained



We all know that without a balanced diet our health can suffer. It's the same for plants too, which is why there appears to be a bewildering array of fertilisers on the market to assist the propagation of everything from houseplants to lawns and dahlias to cucumbers.

If this all seems a bit confusing, then pop down to Nixons Home Hardware in Swanage for some friendly advice and the right products to help you get the best from your garden this summer.

Most plants need three major nutrients to thrive: nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Plants need these nutrients for different reasons. Nitrogen promotes leaf growth, phosphorous is for the roots, and potassium is needed for flowers and fruits.

The ratio of these elements contained in different fertilisers is an indication of their intended use. For instance, a product branded 'general purpose' will contain equal nutrients and will therefore aid all-round growth, whilst others will contain higher proportions of a particular nutrient. A tomato fertiliser is designed to promote crops of plump fruit so it will be high in potassium, whereas one designed for reinvigorating a lawn in spring will be high in nitrogen.

To maintain healthy growth, plants also need other nutrients such as calcium, sulphur, magnesium, iron, copper, boron and manganese. Smaller amounts of some or all of these trace elements are found in most good general fertilisers.

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Controlled release fertiliser - Ideal for containers, these generally come as granule form mixed into compost and designed to release their nutrients over a long period of time, some for up to 12 months.

Slow release fertiliser - Good for feeding plants in the soil. Usually applied as a powder that can be scattered around perennials, trees, shrubs and vegetables. This is often known as top dressing.

Fast acting fertiliser - For plants in need of a pick-me-up. These are ideal if a plant is suffering from a deficiency and are usually applied in a liquid form that can be absorbed by the plant quickly.

During the growing season, hanging baskets, window boxes and containers should be fed once a week, using a liquid feed applied from a watering can.

Other 'greedy' flowering plants, such as sweet peas, clematis and roses, will benefit from a mid-summer 'top up'. Sprinkle fertiliser around plants and water in. There's no need to feed in late summer. This only encourages a flush of late, lush growth that may suffer early frost damage.

The right fertilisers will help ensure you have a blooming good summer. You'll find just what you need at Nixons Home Hardware in Swanage together with a crop of tips and advice from our friendly staff.

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Gazette Gardening - with Simon Goldsack



June – Strawberries and Cream

Normally by early June the first produce from the vegetable plot is ready for harvest but this year with the cold start I think we could be waiting till nearer the end of the month. The strawberry fields should have been in flower in April but haven't got started till May this year which means unless there is a dramatic improvement in the weather in late May, the fruit won't be ready until mid to late June just in time for Wimbledon!

As you harvest your first crops such as lettuce, broad beans and radish there is still plenty of time to plant a 'chaser' crop on the vacated bit of ground. Sprouts, leaks and chard make ideal chaser crops. Remember to apply a fertiliser to the soil a few days ahead of planting.

Rather than sowing seeds at this stage of the season it is better plant young plants which are more advanced. If



you haven't raised these yourself you can buy them from a garden centre or nursery. Plant about 30cm apart in rows. Water thoroughly and keep weeded. The produce should be ready for harvest in the autumn and winter.

The herbaceous border should really start showing off from this month onwards. It is difficult to make improvements to the border at this time of year without creating a mess so keep a note or even better take photos to highlight changes that need to be made so you can do them in the off season.

Borrow with Pride

There are 2 types of imagination. The first - Creative imagination invents completely new concepts. This imagination is rare!

The second type is Synthetic imagination and this is where one takes elements of other people's ideas and reforms them into something new.

So over the summer go to open garden events to get new ideas to use in your own garden and get 'borrowing with pride'! The National Gardens Scheme Yellow Book gives dates and times of hundreds of gardens open to the public. Type the following link into your web browser to find out local open gardens.

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Pictures: Top left, Roses, perennial flowers and the fresh leaves of shrubs providing masses of interest in June.

Bottom Left: Mottisfont Abbey Gardens near Romsey at it's best in June. A fantastic day out.

Top right: Leeks make a great crop to plant after your first harvest in June.



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Featuring a host of talented local actors and directed by Gail Green "The Hound of the Baskervilles" is suitable for all the family. Come along and see if you can solve the mystery before Sherlock! The play runs at the Mowlem Theatre Swanage from Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st May.



The Big Purbeck Party! 23rd June at Wilkwood Farm *In aid of Swanage Blues*

It's been a long time coming so let's celebrate the onset of Summer with a Big Purbeck Party! Supporters of Swanage Blues Festivals have organised a fundraising event on Sunday 23rd June at Wilkwood Farm, Valley Road, Swanage home of the Purbeck Folk Festival.

Gates open at 3.30pm and there will be three hours of live Blues, Soul, Pop and Rock from Hugh Buddon & The Blue Chords, a hog roast, licensed bar and a marquee too.

Admission includes hog roast (or vegetarian option) and tickets are only £10 in advance (£12 on the gate) from Replay Records and the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in Swanage, the Model Village at Corfe Castle, and the Kings Arms, Stoborough. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

"How wonderful of Roy Raveney and Hugh to put this together," said Steve Darrington of Swanage Blues. "It promises to be a Fun Event and who knows? This could be the start of another regular event for Swanage!"

There are plans for more fundraisers at picturesque and unusual venues around Purbeck. Further information from Swanage TIC, email info@swanage-blues.org or be the first with the latest news by joining the monthly emailing list at www.swanage-blues.org

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Urban Shanties and Cajun Punk at Purbeck Folk Festival

Purbeck Folk Festival is back again at Langton Matravers for August Bank Holiday and brings a mind-boggling range of folk music. This time there is a mix of urban shanty and ragged cajun punk to go with the ceilidh dancing and Folk Award winning songwriters.

DIZRAELI is a rapping hiphopping folkster with a reputation for brilliant lyrics. He uses the term 'urban shanty' for some of his songs. With his seven piece band, The Small Gods, Dizraeli is expected to be among the highlights of the festival in 2013. Diz puts it this way: "We play a folked, melodic, unashamedly heartfelt reinvention of hiphop. We want to tingle your spine, nod your head and generally folk with your idea of what hiphop can be."

Latest headliners to be announced are **MAMA ROSIN** (pictured, above), known for their raw take on the music of French-speaking Louisiana. Robin Girod (guitar, banjo, vocals), Cyril Yeterian (melodeon, guitar, vocals) and Xavier Bray (drums and percussions) hail from the shores of Lake Geneva, in Switzerland.

Out of sheer passion for the music of Louisiana, Mama Rosin fuse the French Cajun and Zydeco migrant music with blues, swamp pop, rock and roll and add Afro-Caribbean rhythms and voodoo mythology.

Also performing at Purbeck Folk Festival are BBC Folk Award winners Show Of Hands, Karine Polwart, two young ceilidh bands and upwards of 50 bands across three stages.

Purbeck Folk Festival takes place in the idyllic setting of Wilkswood Farm from 23-25 August.

Camping is free with your weekend ticket. Early bird tickets (at £80 adults) are available from Ticket South: www.ticketsouth.co.uk or by phone 023-8071-1818.

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'Goathorn, Studland, Dorset' By Joyce Meates

Local author, Joyce Meates, has penned an interesting and informative book entitled **'Goathorn, Studland, Dorset'**, in which she investigates in great detail the family histories of those who dwelt in the Goathorn region of Purbeck, on the Rempstone Estate.

Joyce has collated a wide selection of images, many showing properties which no longer exist, including St Paul's Mission church (pictured below), the school and the now non-existent railway line that ran to the clay works on the estate.

The book contains a wealth of information on the school and the attendees, as well as family information for those resident on the estate, going back several generations.

From Roman times, the area now known as Rempstone Estate was heavily populated, and involved in manufacture - from the production of shingle bracelets over a thousand years ago, to the clay works in the more recent times. Today, the area is predominantly unpopulated, and much of the area's history is slipping out of the local consciousness.

Grab a copy of **'Goathorn, Studland, Dorset'** today, and revisit the vibrant community that used to inhabit this stunning area of Purbeck. You never know - some of those names listed may well be your ancestors!

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It's Carnival Time For Wool!

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Wool Carnival was started many years ago as 'Wool Awakes' to make funds to build Wool village hall. This project and 'Wool Awakes' ended with the completion of the hall.

Our committee started up with a garden party, then a fete, fund raising for the refurbishment of the hall. Our first carnival, which was called 'Wake Up Wool' was run by the same committee as all the nine that have followed. We decided to change the name to Wool Carnival some years ago now.

The carnival has grown bigger each year – with a parade around the village with floats, cars and walkers. Last year we had 44 pitches on the field, plus arena displays from 12.00-5.30pm, school maypole, cars, and dog show, and the evening entertainment consisted of a band with a



bar and hog roast for all.

The committee has dressed in fancy dress each year. This year's theme is 'Flower Power'.

Volunteers kindly help with marshalling and running our stalls.

This year we are raising funds for Dorset Air Ambulance, St John Ambulance and Clic Sargent.

The carnival will be held on the 22nd June at the D'Urberville Hall.

We hope to see you there and we start at 10.30am with the float parade!

Picture, above: Shot from Wool carnival 2012, by Christine Bridson-Jones

Music For A Summer Evening

Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, one of the top chamber choirs in the South-West, makes a welcome return to Wareham on Saturday 22 June.

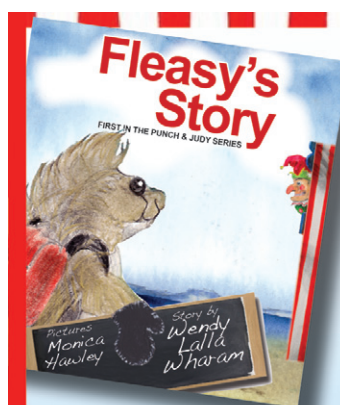
They will be singing a delightful programme of music including Monteverdi madrigals, Poulenc chansons, close harmony arrangements and Paul Mealer's Ubi Caritas, which was sung at the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

With a glass of wine and the lovely setting of the Church of Lady St Mary, what more could you ask?

The concert is at 7.30 pm, Lady St Mary, Wareham. Tickets £12 (children £2) available from: Discover Purbeck Information Centre and at the door.



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The Dorset Copperfish



Local craftsman, Mat (Ted) Edley (pictured, above), has spent most of his professional life working in the field of historic vehicle restoration. Building bodies for many pre-war vehicles, Ted honed his skills to a point where he soon realised the endless possibilities of metals.

To this end, Ted decided to open the Dorset Copperfish, based just outside of Corfe Castle in the heart of Purbeck, offering an extensive range of metalcraft to the public, including custom and commission work.

Ted likes to take a slightly slanted view of things, he has a confidence in vision and believes that anything, no matter how mundane, can be made interesting or beautiful.

Utilising his metal working skills, Ted has applied this ethic to a wide range of items, which has led him to start producing utilitarian-crafted items which includes hinges (as pictured on the advert above), handles, latches, log baskets, lamps, work tops and sculpture, when the whim takes him.

Ted still works on a range of vehicles and recently completed a commission for the panel work on a 1920 Gloucester Unibus scooter, which will feature

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in the soon-to-be-opened Gloucester Aircraft Museum.

Ted's vehicle work currently consists of custom-made alloy motorcycle fuel tanks, mud guards and other sheet metal components for a wide range of vehicles, including motorcycles.

Ted is participating in Purbeck Art Weeks for the first time this year as part of the Good Companion Collective, items from the Dorset Copperfish are on display at 'Not Just Sundaes' (previously Purbeck Tourist Information) in South Street, Wareham during Purbeck Art Weeks.

Why not pop along, support the great new community 'hub' with an ice cream or milkshake at 'Not Just Sundaes' and have a browse!

You can contact Ted at Dorset Copperfish on 07581579662 or ted@thedorsetcopperfish.co.uk or have a browse at www.thedorsetcopperfish.co.uk

Josh Hollingshead - Selected For NordArt 2013

Local Purbeck artist, Josh Hollingshead, is one of only two artists chosen from Great Britain for the prestigious NordArt Exhibition 2013.

The selection jury have chosen six of Josh's large scale oil paintings for exhibition.

The NordArt exhibition is held in the Carlshutte building and former Iron Foundry, in the town of Budelsdorf, near Hamburg, Germany.

The exhibition and gallery were founded in 1999, and are now one of the largest contemporary art exhibitions in Europe, with 2458 artists applying from ninety three countries. It is a huge achievement to be chosen for NordArt, in the face of such competition from so many other artists.

This year the exhibition runs from June 8th - Oct 6th, open Tues - Sun, 11am - 7pm if you fancy a jaunt!

Pictured right, 'Unity Day' Moscow, by Josh Hollingshead.

Massive well done Josh - onwards and upwards!



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Drama hits the PAW Festival...



Drama hits the Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival when international contemporary dance stars Transitions Dance perform on Monday 3rd June. PAW does not just inspire local artists to exhibit their works, talk about their art and encourage others to have a go, it also attracts top performing artists. Very few other Festivals anywhere could attract the international stars of the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet, or Transitions Dance at the end of their European tour.

When these stars are joined by Ilay Cooper, Pennie Denton, Elvis McGonagall and both the strings of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and the young talent of the Bournemouth Symphony Youth Chorus as well as a community choir and children from many local junior schools in a performance of *Zimbel*, then the Festival shows it is really embracing and encouraging everyone.

Some of the future Festival events include:

Wed 29th May: 7.00pm, Harman's Cross Village Hall: Ilay Cooper illustrated talk "The Painted Walls of Shekhawati Rajasthan": £10

Saturday 1st June: 7.30pm, St Mary's Swanage: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet play Mozart, Milhaud, Nielsen and others. £15 in advance, £16 on the door, £2 young people

Mon 3rd June: 6.15pm, Lytchett Minster School: Transitions Dance Company - contemporary dance at its most vibrant. £6, £2 young people

Wed 5th June, 7.00pm,, Harman's Cross Village Hall: Pennie Denton "The reluctant Surrealists: Paul Nash & Eileen Agar", illustrated talk with Cathryn Bradshaw & William Boyd. £10

Sat 8th June, 7.30pm, St Edward's Corfe: Bournemouth Symphony Chorus including Handel, Parry & Rutter. £12, £2 young people

Sun 9th June, 3.30pm, St Mary's Swanage: *Zimbel*! - a community event with young and old and art from local schools. £2, accompanied children free

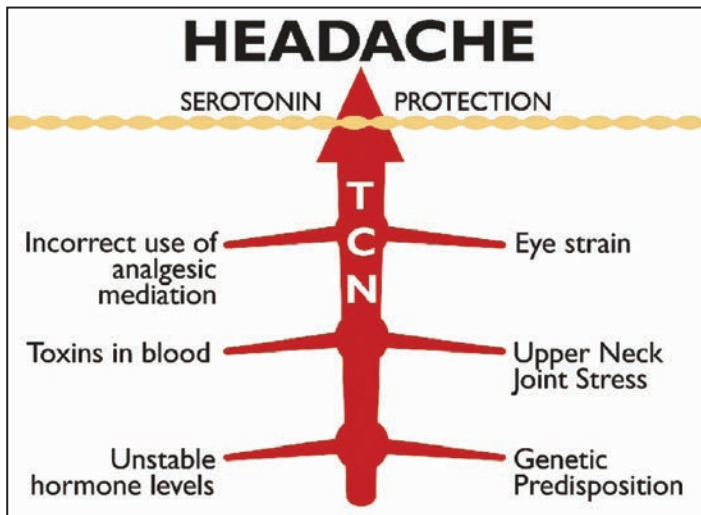
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Headaches and Migraines

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The diagram shows that a combination of factors could set off a headache. The ‘danger’ messages from the TCN must be stronger than the brain’s protection from a chemical called serotonin. So you may have a genetic disposition, but that needs other triggers to switch on the pain.

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Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



Hello again from Swanage and Wareham Hospitals!

The sun has come out, summer is almost here and for us this means that the Minor Injury Unit located at Swanage Hospital is about to begin its busiest time of the year. With school holidays to look forward to and also having just had a run of bank holidays we will no doubt be the first point of contact for many patients with their various forms of minor injuries.

The Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) is open every day of the year and is nurse-led. Nurses working at the unit have a wealth of skills and experience and have all undertaken advanced level training in order to provide the most efficient up-to-date care necessary.

They treat a variety of injuries and illnesses, with no two patients presenting as the same, and each shift can be completely different.

Conditions treated throughout the year mainly include; a wide range of wound care, burns, grazes and larger lacerations, soft tissue injuries and minor fractures, which involve use of the x-ray facilities available on site daily Monday to Friday mornings.

Then there are the plethora of other injuries which we see in the warmer seasons, such as a variety of insect bites, tick bites, fish and jelly fish stings.

The good old faithful splinters and fish-hooks also require treatment.

And all this before you consider some of the minor ailments we see, such as foreign bodies in eyes, conjunctivitis and many others.

The MIU Nurses are also trained to advise and, where appropriate, provide emergency contraception.

The bottom line is this; if you are not sure whether we will be able to help you either ring us on 01929 421329 or pop in. We always know someone who can help sort you out even if we are not able to.

Until next time, take care.

Matron Jane



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Sport

Purbeck's Golf Superstar!



Joe Taylor is from Swanage, and is thirteen years old. Joe is currently taking the golfing world by storm, after winning the Dorset County Golf Union's Peter Alliss Young Masters Championship over Easter this year.

Joe is to be presented the winner's trophy again by Peter Alliss (BBC golf presenter) later this year (Peter was unable to make the original awarding of the trophy, pictured right).

The event consisted of four rounds of qualifying over the winter at Parley, Bridport, Sturminster and Weymouth. The top sixteen then played knock out, match play format, at Ferndown Golf Club over the Easter Holidays.

Highlights were: Joe made three consecutive birdies in the round of sixteen on Saturday morning, to set up the first win. He holed a putt of over twenty feet in length to keep the match alive on the 18th hole in the semi-final on Sunday morning to take the match to sudden death extra holes.

Joe won the final on the 17th hole on Sunday afternoon over Ben Graham of Weymouth.

We'd like to congratulate Joe on this monumental achievement, and wish him all the very best for his bright future in golf! Watch this space!



Success For Bere Regis Under 10s Football Team



During the first May Bank Holiday weekend Bere Regis under 10's took part in the annual Dorchester 6-a-side football tournament. Bere Regis came home as overall winners of the tournament, having overcome Wargrave Wolves from Reading in the final on a penalty shoot out.

Over the course of nine matches, not only did Bere Regis not suffer a single defeat but also, even more incredibly, did not concede a goal all tournament, other than in the penalty shoot out in the final.

This result comes hot on the heels of a successful league campaign in which they finished second in their league made up primarily of much larger clubs/town teams.

Pictured: Bere Regis: Oliver Mayo, Benji Lighfoot, Jack Bosworth, Harry Green, Connor Bastian, Declan Horwood, Nathan Fellows, Alfie Reeves

Black Bear Sea Angling Club

Our sea angling club started a year ago. We meet at the Black Bear Pub in the High Street in Wool on the first Monday of each month at 7pm. (Unless it's a Bank Holiday, in which case it's the second Monday).

We have monthly club outings, fishing various venues, and we have a trophy for the heaviest fish caught from the beach during the year.

We also organize boat fishing trips out of Weymouth on occasions.

Membership is £10 per year, which includes an excellent buffet in December for members and partners. Our membership card gives a 10% discount on all tackle from Purbeck Anglers in Wareham.

New members are welcome.

For further information phone David Patten on 01929 462369 or 07768882407.

The Jurassic Beast

Massive congratulations to all those brave riders who tackled Wiggle Jurassic Beast cycle ride in May - around 2000 riders apparently took part, and the weather remained relatively clear on the day. This was a great event for Purbeck (despite a few complaints from drivers, which was to be expected!), and we hope it continues long into the future!



Start Of A Busy Year For Swanage Sea Rowing Club



Another excellent World Championships for Swanage Sea Rowing Club

The Club sent three gigs to the Isle off Scilly again this year and fielded A, B and C crews in the events as well as Men's supervets and Women's vets. The popularity of Pilot Gig rowing continues to grow, with some 135 gigs at the event, including seven newly built gigs taking to the water.

The event was made even better with fantastic weather; perfect skies, bright sun, and the clear blue seas and white beaches invited pre-race rows to Tresco and Bryher islands for several club members before the main races took place on the Friday.

The Friday evening veterans' races proved to be excellent for the club, with the Ladies coming 6th out of 65 gigs and the Men's supervets a brilliant 4th out of 21 boats, which set the scene for the main events on Saturday. The 'Long race' is a great spectacle with over 120 gigs in a line nearly a mile long at the start waiting for the signal, and the next twenty minutes and 1.6 miles is full of incident and effort as crews and coxes urge themselves on to gain those few extra yards to pass a rival gig – oars clash, salt water flies and opinions about other boats are traded as the finish gets closer.

The Ladies B crew put in a magnificent effort to pass the A Crew (who were suffering from injuries and illness) after a hard battle on the line, finishing just ahead; these positions held after the following two heats into the final where the B crew finished 26th (up 9 places on 2012) and the A crew 27th overall. The Men's A crew finished in 33rd place (up 34 places on last year) and the Men's B in 64th (up 25 places); the Men's C crew included two rowers from Torridge and came in 98th overall, and the Ladies C finished 80th, up 18 places from last year.

This was a memorable Championship and a very creditable performance for the club, even though the standard rises every year and more gigs were entered than ever before. Those who took part will remember the 100 plus gigs rafted together in the harbour, with their oars aloft in a salute



as the 12 finalists row to the finish line, with a huge roar from the other crews fuelled by the traditional toasts of Port once the races are over.

Soon the gigs will be back in Swanage and building up the summer rowing activities; the Club is looking to develop its junior rowers section and we want to encourage under 16s who want to take part and experience traditional rowing to come and have a couple of 'taster sessions' at the stone quay on a Monday at 6 pm or Saturday at 10:30 am. For more details see the website www.ssrc.org.uk or call 07447552 471.

Barnaby Quaddy. Pic of the ladies' B Team, by Kim Steeden

Corfe Castle Football Club



Corfe Castle FC offers excellent facilities and a fantastic friendly welcoming atmosphere. We welcome all new players who want to share our passion in football to the club. Currently running teams of ages U12's, U13's, U16's boys also U16's girls. So if you are looking to train or play in one of these Dorset Youth league teams come along.

Our under 13's Corfe Castle team, in the Dorset Youth league, are currently taking on new players for the up coming season starting in September and normally finishing around February.

Matches are played on Sundays, training once a week on a Friday from 6pm at Corfe Castle pavilion. Also we take part in tournaments which are a full day of football and fun. So if you are looking to play football we're looking for you!

Come play with us - Come train with us

Come and have football fun with us! Vacancy – The U13'S Corfe Castle team are looking for a coach/manager to accompany us this coming season in the Dorset Youth League.

If you have an interest in coaching with us as your own team then please contact us on 01929 477186.

Help For Heroes/Heroes Haven Charity Day



SWANAGE & WAREHAM RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LTD.

Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club had a very successful charity event on Saturday 4th May, in aid of the Help for Heroes national charity and Heroes Haven, based in Swanage.

Hundreds of people turned up for the day and thousands of pounds were made for the two charities.

The attendees were treated to two recitals by the Bovington branch of the Military Wives Choir which went down exceedingly well, and two rugby matches, one between a Swans Select XV against a Royal Marines XV and one between Swans Presidents XV and Bovington Bisons. The Mayor of Wareham, Councillor Keith Green, presented the Peter Hicks Heroes trophy to the winning captain Robert Elford for the Swans Presidents XV.

Also on display were several armoured vehicles from Bovington which proved irresistible to the children when they could be pulled away from the bouncy castle, and rides!

Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club would like to thank all those local businesses who donated some very valuable prizes for the raffle and those people who put so much effort into the day to make it such a very successful event.

Ron Butler

Publicity Secretary



Swanage Football Club

Finally, the season is over for our three senior sides after a very hectic schedule of games in April and May. The weather that we have experienced over the winter was the worst possible for football. So poor in fact that one of the guys who runs Portland United Football Club told me it was the worst he had known in forty years. And just to add, anybody who has ever been to watch football

at Portland will know they have a climate of their own up there, so it must have been bad!

In the end, getting eleven players out on to the pitch and fulfilling fixtures was an achievement in itself, as trips to places like Cranborne and the like for 6.30pm kick-offs (not every club is as fortunate as us and has floodlights) really did make things very difficult for our managers.

After briefly looking like they would finish in the top half of the table just after Easter, a killer run of five games in nine days, coupled with key players being unavailable, meant that the First team finished just above the relegation zone in the Magna DPL.

The Reserves had a strong end to the season and they pulled away from the lower reaches of Dorset League One to finish comfortably in mid-table. The Thirds had to be content with runners-up spot in Dorset League Five, which is a fantastic achievement for Ben Briggs, Martin Patterson and their players. They lost out on top spot to Pimperne Sports Society.

Our Youth Section goes from strength to strength; we hope to run eight teams in 2013/14. These youngsters will hopefully one day go on to star with our Seniors, so to have a thriving Youth section is very pleasing and good for the future.

Unfortunately, the Club has really struggled this season with its volunteer base. To this end, the Club have yet to decide on what Leagues our senior sides will play in next season. At present we do not have enough volunteers to sustain Dorset Premier League football and if this does not improve we may have to withdraw and drop down a Division or two. That would be the worst case scenario and we are hoping that it will not be the case, but I would urge anybody who is interested in helping at the Club to get in touch with our Club Secretary Mari Watson; mari.watson@hotmail.co.uk

To give you an example, for a DPL match, we require a minimum of five or six people to carry out various roles before, during and after a game. At least one person, if not two, is required to take entry fees for spectators and sell programmes. The same number again to run the tea-hut, the Clubhouse bar and somebody also needs to steward for match officials too. As you can see there is a lot more to running a football club on a match day than meets the eye!

Last season we were trying to do all the above without enough volunteers and things invariably went wrong. This situation can't arise again and I am confident that our new Committee and Officers will not let this happen again. One thing we are going to do is bring forward the date of our AGM to early June, so plans can be put in place much earlier than in recent seasons. As I type I haven't got a confirmed date, so please check our official website, twitter handle and facebook page for details. I urge as many people to attend as possible.

I am confident that the Club can get itself back on a firmer footing, but we do need the help of the people of the town more than ever - so if you can help we would love to hear from you!

Gareth Davies

Press & Publicity Officer

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Swanage Bowling



Well fortified (clothes-wise!) we took to the Green on Friday, 19th April (our first Club night) which was well-attended on a bright but cold evening. Our leagues have since begun with the traditional first friendly game of the season for the men at Pelhams and considering the number of new bowlers we sent, it was a reasonable result.

We did not win but put up a good fight. The men's teams have continued with wins against Poole Park (Bowls Dorset) and Knyveton Gardens (Bournemouth & District) losing to Gillingham (Bowls Dorset) and Milford (Bournemouth & District), the latter on a cold windy afternoon.

At the time of reporting the ladies have an unblemished record, winning all of their three matches, maximum points scored, in the Dorset Women's Bowling and Edna Paisley leagues.

Our open days were a great success, with most visitors returning after a first try and resulted in some new members. We shall continue to welcome individuals or clubs who would like to give bowling a try, telephone Jean Thomas on 426795 with enquiries.

Bowling brings pleasure and recognition to all ages and we should like to congratulate one of our younger members, Ollie Thake, who recently (during the Indoor season) won the Under 18s County Championship at Moonfleet. This is a great accomplishment for Ollie, very well done!

We also provided a fun time for a group of Beaver Scouts from Langton, which was hugely enjoyable for the lads and adults alike.

Swanage Tennis Club Match Report

The summer season is under way and the mix 1 team are playing in div 2. Our first match was away at Victoria Avenue. As our team arrived, down came the rain, which continued through the match. So on wet astro turf, with sodden balls and despite gallant play, Swanage were pretty much drowned out.

Meg Mutter & Mike Angell lost their two rubbers 2-6, 1-6, 4-6, 3-6. Anne Tomes & Ian Marchant lost theirs 1-6, 2-6, 1-6, 2-6. A 4-0 win for the strong opposition.

Swans 2nd match at home on a glorious evening was against Virgin Active. Their 1st pair included a club coach, and an excellent fourteen year old girl. They beat our 1st pair Meg Mutter and Tony Saunders 1-6, 2-6. Meg and Tony fought hard and played well to beat their 2nd pair on a tie break 7-6, 6-7, 1-0. Anne Tomes and Mike Angell lost their two rubbers 0-6, 4-6, 1-6, 0-6, a 3-1 win for Virgin Active.

Swanage mix 2 began their season in div.5 against Pugs Hole, with two players who have not played matches for us before. Tom Kingdom and Sue Large lost both their rubbers on a tie break 6-7, 7-6, 0-1.

Robbie Hale partnered Helen Knight and they lost both their rubbers. The club is encouraging members who have not played matches before, to have a go. Taking part can be good fun, even if you lose, and you can improve your game. Well done Tom and Helen.

The club held an enjoyable Open Day on 20th April, as a result we can welcome some new members. If you were unable to attend that day, but would like to play, you are very welcome to come to a club session, (for three times for free).

Then you make a decision about joining. Club sessions are Monday and Friday from 6-8pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 10-11am, and Saturday (until the end of June) from 2-4pm.

Coaching is also available, individually or in a group. The club plays at Beach Gardens, in De Moulham Rd, Swanage.

Spotlight Event Diary

Diary Entries are FREE if your event is FREE. If you charge, then it's £5 plus VAT per entry, per month. DEADLINE for JULY is noon, 10th JUNE

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

JUNE 2013

Sat 1 st		09:00	Purbeck Produce Farmers' Market At Commercial Road, Swanage. Local produce from local producers. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
*	Purbeck Art Weeks Festival 2013. Open studios, Concerts, Dance & Talks. Exhibitions, including our central exhibition space at Rollington Barn near Corfe Castle. Ffi: www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk	09:45	Coffee Morning and Sale at The United Church Hall, South Street, Dorchester. Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group invite you to their 8th June 9.45am to 11.45am Email: lesleyhorn21@gmail.com
*	Medieval Falconry: Birds of Prey at Corfe Castle Jonathan Marshall presents falcons, eagles and hawks demonstrating their spectacular aerial manoeuvres. Falcons dive from thousands of feet at speeds of over 100mph while eagles and hawks skim the top of your head. For more information, or to arrange media access to event please contact: Jon Bish, Communications Officer, 01929 452309 / 07748650131 jon.bish@nationaltrust.org.uk	09:45	Swanage Walking Group Meet at the Corfe Castle NT car park (SY 959 824) for a 6.5 mile to Stonehill Down, returning via East Creech and Church Knowle. Ffi 07766 375151.
10:00	PAW at Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Kingston road, Langton Matravers. Open daily 29th May - 9th June, 10am - 4pm. Demonstrations, Exhibition of Sculpture, Local art and craft, Refreshments and homemade cakes, Children's activities, Have-a-go stonecarving for all the family. Car parking available. Ffi: 01929 439405 or www.burngatestonecentre.co.uk	14:00	Open Garden at Priory Farm, East Holme, Wareham. Various stalls, cream teas, tractor ride.s Admission £4 adults Children under 12 free. Proceeds to Citizens Advice Bureau Email: freedman@hardyhouse.plus.com
10:15	Swanage Walking Group Meet at Upton Country Park front car park , (SY 991 932) for a 4.5 circular around Upton Heath. Ffi 07766 375151.	14:00	Rempstone Hall Open Gardens Plants for sale, Local Arts, Crafts and Produce, Bouncy Castle, Children's Craft Tent, Refreshments and lots more! Signed 'Rempstone Hall' on the B3351 Corfe - Studland road.
18:30	Horseback Falconry & Medieval Jousting at Corfe Castle. Adult £10, child £7, family £30 This display is unique to the UK with beautiful horses performing amazing feats while stunning falcons are flown to the lure. The falcons and horses work together accompanied by beautiful music. The show also includes a jousting tournament with knights in shining armour, squires, ladies and even a medieval jester. Tickets available on the night. For more details call 01929 481294 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfeastle	18:30	Horseback Falconry & Medieval Jousting at Corfe Castle. Adult £10, child £7, family £30 This display is unique to the UK with beautiful horses performing amazing feats while stunning falcons are flown to the lure. The falcons and horses work together accompanied by beautiful music. The show also includes a jousting tournament with knights in shining armour, squires, ladies and even a medieval jester. Tickets available on the night. For more details call 01929 481294 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfeastle
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10:00	Jai-O Exhibition At Kingston Country Courtyard, Kingston, nr Corfe Castle. Serving tea, coffee, light lunches and cream teas. Ffi: www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com	14:00	Open Garden at Priory Farm, East Holme, Wareham Various stalls, cream teas, tractor ride.s Admission £4 adults Children under 12 free. Proceeds to Citizens Advice Bureau Email: freedman@hardyhouse.plus.com
Mon 3 rd		15:30	Zimbe! The Swanage Community Choir have been busy rehearsing with Simon Lole and Jay Buckle to perform at St. Mary's Church, Swanage on Sunday 9th June at 3.30pm. The singers will be joined by a massed children's choir from local schools, dancers from the June Ranger School of Dance and a jazz quintet. Tickets £2, available from Wareham and Swanage TICs, the PAW website and on the door. Please come along for this unique event celebrating the songs of Africa. Ffi: Liz Roberts 01929 481419 or Jay Buckle 01929 425865
10:00	Jai-O Exhibition At Kingston Country Courtyard, Kingston, nr Corfe Castle. Serving tea, coffee, light lunches and cream teas. Ffi: www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com	Tue 11 th	
19:30	Wareham-Hemsbach Society Open evening. Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham. Contact Robin Brasher 427015.	10:00	Cottees Antiques and Collectables & General Sale Antiques, Collectables and General Auction. Viewing on Saturday prior to sale 10am - 12 midday and Monday prior to sale 9.30am - 5pm or Morning of Sale from 9am. Catalogue online www.cottees.co.uk For further information contact 01929 552 826
Tue 4 th		Wed 12 th	
10:00	Jai-O Exhibition At Kingston Country Courtyard, Kingston, nr Corfe Castle. Serving tea, coffee, light lunches and cream teas. Ffi: www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com	10:00	Swanage Walking Group Meet at Worth Matravers car park (ST 974 776) for 4.2 mile circular walk through Hill Bottom and Weston Farm. Ffi 01929 424462.
18:30	Horseback Falconry & Medieval Jousting at Corfe Castle. Adult £10, child £7, family £30 This display is unique to the UK with beautiful horses performing amazing feats while stunning falcons are flown to the lure. The falcons and horses work together accompanied by beautiful music. The show also includes a jousting tournament with knights in shining armour, squires, ladies and even a medieval jester. Tickets available on the night. For more details call 01929 481294 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfeastle	14:00	Stoborough W.I. Meeting at Stoborough Village Hall. History of Cinema in Purbeck - Dougal Dixon of the Rex Cinema.
Wed 5 th		19:30	Swanage Evening W.I. Meets at the Mowlem Community Room on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm. Hazel Wilson, 'Undercover Agent'. Guests welcome.
10:00	Jai-O Exhibition At Kingston Country Courtyard, Kingston, nr Corfe Castle. Serving tea, coffee, light lunches and cream teas. Ffi: www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com	Fri 14 th	
17:00	Swanage Walking Group Meet at The Mowlem for a short evening walk to Durlston Castle returning to The Square for an optional Fish and Chip supper and drink. Ffi 01929 421039.	19:30	Purbeck Railway Circle Meets at Harman's Cross VH for a talk/cine/slide show entitled 'The Tallylyn Railway - Pioneers of Railway Preservation' by Peter Kent-Mason and his son Phillip who are both regular volunteers on the Tallylyn Railway. Doors open 7pm. VISITORS WELCOME. No admission charge; donations welcome. Ffi 554765.
19:30	Purbeck Open Lecture 'Buddhist Thinking Today' by Jaqueline Sims. At The Black Bear, South Street, Wareham. All are welcome.	Sat 15 th	
Thu 6 th		*	Medieval Falconry: Birds of Prey at Corfe Castle. Jonathan Marshall presents falcons, eagles and hawks demonstrating their spectacular aerial manoeuvres. Falcons dive from thousands of feet at speeds of over 100mph while eagles and hawks skim the top of your head. For more information, or to arrange media access to event please contact: Jon Bish, Communications Officer, 01929 452309 / 07748650131 jon.bish@nationaltrust.org.uk
10:00	Jai-O Exhibition At Kingston Country Courtyard, Kingston, nr Corfe Castle. Serving tea, coffee, light lunches and cream teas. Ffi: www.kingstoncountrycourtyard.com	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
Fri 7 th		10:00	Swanage Walking Group meet at Cull-Peppers Dish car park (SY 814 924) for a 4.75 mile circular walk, over Affpuddle and Bryants Puddle Heaths. Ffi 01929 426926.
18:30	Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group Furzebrook Village Hall, Furzebrook Road, Wareham, BH20 5AR Entrance £2, children 50p. For further information contact Terry Jenkins - 07960 691479	10:00	Cottees Collectable Toy & Model Railway Sale Viewing on Friday prior to sale 10am - 5pm and morning of sale from 9am. Catalogue online www.cottees.co.uk For further information contact 01929 552 826
Sat 8 th			
*	Freebay at the URC Church, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments. Ffi or to book a table call Elizabeth on 01929 422406.		

Sun 16th

10:00 **Kingston Maurwood College Open Day.** Attractions including kayaking, climbing wall, tractor rides, meet the blacksmiths, tree climbing, country crafts, dog show, live music, cream teas, jazz and wedding fair. Find out about the college and the courses it offers. Adults £7, concessions £6.50, season tickets and under 16's free! Ffi: 01305 215000 / www.kmc.ac.uk

Tue 18th

10:30 **Dorset Age Partnership Meeting.** Swanage Fire Station.

Wed 19th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at Worth Matravers car park (ST 974 776) for a 5 mile circular walk via St Aldhelms Chapel and Winspit Bottom. Ffi 07766 375151.

14:30 **Studland History Group** meets in the Village Hall at 2.30pm for a talk by Liz Morris, "Studland Parish and the First World War, 1914 - 1919". All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 439245.

Thu 20th

19:00 **The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company** Presents: 'Harlequin Goes to the Moon' at The Square and Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Please bring rugs/chairs/picnics. Ffi: www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

Sat 22nd

10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at the car park overlooking Verne prison & Portland Harbour (SY 690 732) for a 9 mile all day circular walk around the island. Ffi 01929 422554.

11:00 **Langton Matravers Village Fair** At Cox's Field 11 am- 5 pm Dog Show, Jamie Jambo, Wessex Owls, bouncy castle, cake stall, bar, BBQ, refreshments and much more. Fun for all the family.

11:00 **Wool Carnival Raffle, Bar, Cream Teas, Fun Dog Show, BBQ, Stalls, Skittles, Fun for all the Family!!** Free evening entertainment - Lt HIP (Band), Bar, Hog Roast. Ffi: www.woolcarnival.com

19:30 **Summer Concert** at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham Music for a Summer Evening Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir - with a programme of Monteverdi, Poulenc, Paul Mealor, part-songs, close harmony etc Tickets £12 Ffi: www.bschoir.org.uk Email: sue.wyatt@dial.pipex.com

19:30 **Dorset County Orchestra's Summer Concert** in St Mary's Church, Swanage. A varied programme of major orchestral works will be conducted by the well-known Swanage composer and musician, Ian Pillow. Featuring Elgar's rousing Imperial March, Dvorak's ever-popular Cello Concerto, Butterworth's wistful Shropshire Rhapsody, and finally, Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture Romeo and Juliet. Tickets, at £10 each (accompanied children free), are available from Tilly Whims and on the door. More information about DCO is available at the website: www.dorsetcountyorchestra.org.uk

Sun 23rd

10:00 **Countryman Classics Rally** Lots of classic cars and motor cycles will be heading for the Countryman Inn at East Knighton, near Wool, on Sunday, June 23 for a new event. It is the inaugural Countryman Classics rally for all old vehicles and, given fine weather, it is likely to attract more than 100 exhibits recalling motoring of yesteryear. There is no charge for the event which takes place at the Countryman Inn at East Knighton from 10am-4pm. Further information on the event can be got on 01305 851648 or at kmmorton@talktalk.net

12:00 **Evershot Country Fair** In West Dorset's highest village the takes place from midday on Sunday 23rd June 2013. There will be traditional rural crafts, delicious locally produced food, a range of interesting stands and plenty to entertain children. Entrance, children free, adults £2. Location - Moorfields, The Common, Evershot. DT2 0JY. Visit our website for more information www.evershotcountryfair.weebly.com. Email: evershotcountryfair@wicks.info

15:30 **Big Purbeck Party** At Wilkswood Farm, Swanage. A fundraising event in aid of Swanage Blues Festivals. Gates open at 3.30pm, music 4.30pm- 7.30pm. Admission includes hog roast (or vegetarian option) and are £10 in advance (£12 on the gate). Tickets available from The Kings Ams, Stoborough, Rerplay Records, Swanage, Model Village at Corfe Castle and TIC Swanage. Children under 12 free. No dogs please. Liscenced bar (no alcohol to be brought on site). All profits to Swanage Blues Festival. Ffi: 01929 481005 or 07810 651702 / 07714 472312 / www.hughbudden.com

19:30 **Briantspuddle Singers Concert** At Lulworth Castle Chapel. Briantspuddle Singers are holding their final concert with their current director, Dr Richard Hall, on Sunday 23rd June. Richard has chosen an enriching programme for the evening, which will include Mozart's Coronation Mass, Hear My Prayer by Mendelssohn and Schubert's Intende Voci. Tickets are £12 to include light refreshments. There will also be a bar. Tickets are available by email: maureen_bayliss@mypostoffice.co.uk or by telephone 01929 554055 or 01305 832069. Do come early as concertgoers are welcome to picnic in these lovely grounds beforehand.

Tue 25th

10:00 **Cottees Antiques and Collectables & General Sale** Antiques, Collectables and General Auction. Viewing on Saturday prior to sale 10am - 12 midday and Monday prior to sale 9.30am - 5pm or Morning of Sale from 9am. Catalogue online www.cottees.co.uk For further information contact 01929 552 826

12:00 **Ploughman's Lunches and Cream Tea's** At Harmans cross Village Hall. Next to Harmans Cross Steam Railway Station. Bric-à-Brac, Cakes, Books, Plants, Silent Auction etc. For Kairos Prison Ministry UK, which supports prisoners

and their families. Parking, but why not come by train from Norden, Corfe or Swanage and support Swanage Railway in the process!

Wed 26th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at the cross roads of East Stoke and Highwood (SY872 862) for a 6 mile circular walk to Wool and back. Ffi 01202 623230.

Thu 27th

17:30 **Swanage & Purbeck Hospitality Assoc.** "What do we do?" To find out, come and meet us for a drink and a chat at The Grand Hotel, Swanage, 5.30pm - 8pm. Ffi: www.visitswanage.com/07551743723

Fri 28th

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 last Friday of every month. Ffi call: 405991 or 07974 073591 or www.moore-activity.co.uk

Sat 29th

* **Medieval Falconry: Birds of Prey** at Corfe Castle. Jonathan Marshall presents falcons, eagles and hawks demonstrating their spectacular aerial manoeuvres. Falcons dive from thousands of feet at speeds of over 100mph while eagles and hawks skim the top of your head. For more information, or to arrange media access to event please contact: Jon Bish, Communications Officer, 01929 452309 / 07748650131 jon.bish@nationaltrust.org.uk

09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** meet at Knoll Beach car park for a 7 mile walk over Godlingston Heath and Studland Heath to Shell Beach and return. Ffi 01929 421039.

18:30 **Horseback Falconry & Medieval Jousting** at Corfe Castle. Adult £10, child £7, family £30 This display is unique to the UK with beautiful horses performing amazing feats while stunning falcons are flown to the lure. The falcons and horses work together accompanied by beautiful music. The show also includes a jousting tournament with knights in shining armour, squires, ladies and even a medieval jester. Tickets available on the night. For more details call 01929 481294 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle

Sun 30th

18:00 **Christchurch Priory Choir** at St. James Church, Kingston. Programme includes choral works by Bach, Schubert, Bruckner and Rutter as well as organ solos. Free admission. Retiring collection to help preserve this Grade I listed church. Interval refreshments.

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 EBC TOTS meet Emmanuel Baptist Ch, Victoria Ave, Sw. Til 2.45. £1 per child.
- 14.00 Herston Senior Citizens meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 16.15 Swanage Football Club U-7s Training til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 Swanage Football Club U-9s Training til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 Sw Youth Centre Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.45 Sw Hockey Club Training Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 Sw Town Band rehearsals. Town Hall Council Chamber. Till 8.30. 426926
- 19.00 Wm Bridge Club at the Library, South St. 552257
- 19.00 Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.15 Life Drawing Workshop at The Arts Club, Commercial Rd, Sw. Until 9.15pm. Contact 01929 425967
- 19.30 Swanage Musical Theatre meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 19.45 Badminton Group meet at the Purbeck Sports Centre until 9.15pm for games of mixed doubles. Ffi, please call Kate on 01929 421806 or email katespurling@btinternet.com
- 20.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10
- 20.00 Sw Royal British Legion BINGO & POKER. High St, Sw
- 20.15 Dorset Buttons Morris Practice. URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 The Ship Inn Quiz Night at The Ship Inn, Langton Matravers.
- 20.30 Wm Swimming Club Adults. All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+) Till 11.59

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- 10.00 Wool Country Market D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
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- 10.00 Tea, Coffee, Biscuits at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find 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
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- 19.30 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10
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- 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

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- 18.00 Sw Youth Centre Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.00 Sw Tennis Club Senior Club Session. 426312
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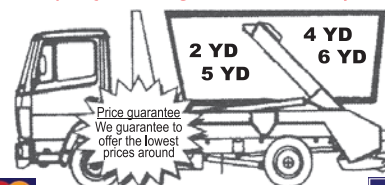
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