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Editor's note...

Welcome to the March edition of YOUR Gazette!

We've had a wild couple of months weather-wise, with some in our region suffering flooding and damage from storms.

Purbeck has a lot to be thankful for right now - we have been incredibly lucky when compared to other counties, many of whom are still struggling to go about their everyday lives as you read due to continued flooding. Stormy seas hit Swanage, but thankfully the wind was not an easterly, so the town still stands relatively unscathed. Wareham, Stoborough, Wool, Puddletown and East Stoke, among others, experienced flooding, with some low-lying land still under water as I write.

A big thank you to our emergency service teams, as well as to local tree surgeons, for working through the night on many occasions recently to keep our roads clear and our residents safe.

March brings us SPRING! Yep, we are positive that the sun will once again become a familiar friend! This month we offer you our Mother's Day feature, a Gardening feature and, of course, the Swanage Blues Festival programme! Time to look forward to the start of the season, some warmer weather and brighter days.

Local shops need our support as a lack of winter visitors due to the awful weather has meant that things have been pretty quiet for our retailers. Keep supporting them, and we can keep our community strong. Have a great month!

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1	08.47	21.05	
2	09.29	21.46	
3	10.08	22.27	Spring
4	10.47	23.07	
5	11.27	23.47	
6	- -	12.09	
7	00.29	12.55	
8	01.16	13.48	
9	02.14	14.52	
10	03.23	16.06	Neap
11	04.46	17.30	
12	06.15	18.35	
13	07.08	19.22	
14	07.42	19.56	
15	08.11	20.26	
16	08.40	20.56	FM
17	09.10	21.25	
18	09.38	21.53	Spring
19	10.07	22.24	
20	10.38	22.58	
21	11.15	23.37	
22	11.58	- -	
23	00.23	12.51	
24	01.23	14.05	
25	03.12	15.29	
26	04.47	17.20	Neap
27	06.00	18.25	
28	06.59	19.18	GMT
29	08.49	21.05	BST
30	09.33	21.48	NM
31	10.12	22.28	

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

Swanage Town Council Meetings - March 2014

Tourism	Mon 3rd	10am
Council	Mon 3rd	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 17th	7pm
General Operations	Wed 19th	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 - March 2014

Council	Tue 4th	7pm
Museum	Tue 11th	7.30pm
Amenities	Wed 12th	7pm
Policy, Resources & Finance	Mon 24th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 31st	7pm

Purbeck DC Meetings - Open to public - March 2014

Overview & Scrutiny Group	Tue 4th	9.15am
Licensing Board	Thur 6th	9.15am
Council	Tue 11th	7pm
Policy Group	Tue 19th	9.15am
Audit & Governance	Tue 25th	5.30am
Planning Board	Wed 26th	9.15am

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DEADLINE - APRIL ISSUE - 10TH MARCH

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Her Majesty Will Decide

Dear Editor,

I wish to respond to David Hollister's article in February's Gazette regarding the Crown Estates involvement in Navitus Bay. I raised the same point at one of their presentations in Swanage, specifically; 'that the whole presentation was a farce as the Crown Estates could do what they liked with the sea-bed off the UK because they owned it, as they do the whole United Kingdom (even the property you may hold as 'Freehold')'.

Quite a crowd gathered and when I went into the damage the Underwater Research Establishment at Portland did to the sea life, he (the Crown Estates representative), threatened me with the Official Secrets Act if I said any more.

It is a matter of 'quiet' record that the Law of Property Act 1925 reduces to two forms of ownership of land in the UK; an estate in fee simple; 1); i.e. 'Freehold' – and 2); an estate for a term of years, namely 'leasehold'.

The explanatory notes to the Land Registration Act 2002 enshrining that ownership by the Monarch dates back to William the Conqueror. The Monarch being the ultimate landowner as she is over one sixth of the planet's surface (circa 9,910 million acres), so the Queen/Monarch is the world's largest land owner (but they're always pleading poverty).

So face it, we can do nothing to stop the Navitus Bay Wind Farm if Crown Estates, on behalf of Her Majesty, decide to go ahead with it.

Robert Owen, Peveril Heights, Swanage.

Turbines - An Ex-Owner Speaks

Dear Editor,

May I join the debate on Wind Turbines please?

Unlike many people who are writing on the pros and cons of wind power, I speak from experience, I had a wind turbine in the Falkland Islands when I lived there. When the wind blew we had power, when the wind stopped I started the generator, which used diesel.

When the wind blew too hard, we dumped the electric to heat sinks to get rid of it. There was no way to store more than the batteries would take. Although a much smaller installation than the one proposed within our sight in Swanage, the principles are the same.

I profited from my investment rather than a foreign company being subsidised by my electric bill. It would be years before my investment paid for itself, it was for the convenience of having my own power.

The service costs for the turbine were something I had to consider every year - it was not cheap and after around fifteen years, it would have to be replaced. It will be the same for the 200 metre high turbines in a far more difficult environment (Swanage bay).

Maybe you should relate 200 metres to a distance in Swanage so people can see how big they will be.

Regards, Peter, Swanage, by email.

Keeping 'Mrs Queen' Happy

Dear Editor,

Climate Change and the Navitus Bay Windfarm Fiasco

Having read another excellently authored article by David Hollister on page 10 of the February issue of the Purbeck Gazette, I wanted to endorse his views entirely with regard both to Climate Change and, more locally, to these proposed massive and inefficient windmills mindlessly thought up in order to disfigure our beautiful natural World Heritage Site coastline and unique Jurassic Coast.

David is spot on when he questions the myth surrounding Climate Change. It cannot be discounted but is a product of Nature and is part of the Earth's cyclical warming up and cooling down process which has occurred throughout its lifetime. Nature is far more powerful than mere



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man made additions to the atmosphere – for example there are 1500 active volcanoes around the world polluting the atmosphere thousands of times more efficiently than the relatively small amount of pollutants generated by man's activities.

The difference is that man can be made to be accountable whereas a volcano cannot. So the powers that be can obtain finances by putting word about that man is causing Climate Change so man should pay for it – and, worse, that if you have the temerity to disagree, you are regarded as being an anti-social outcast who must be compelled to cough up and enrich the governments' coffers whether you agree with their [false] premise or not. Another word for it: Extortionism.

Now to the Windfarm: David is right when he says that there will be far reaching repercussions when this mindless money-spinning scar hits our beautiful coast with many aspects of local life being adversely affected. For example: Bird Migration. Can you believe this: I am told that the companies exploiting us and our coast were offered a complete history of 24 hour migration of birds in this important area, stretching many years back. However the Navitus Bay consortium conveniently declined the information, preferring to use their own recent bird migration statistics which only dealt with daytime migration, completely ignoring the extensive migration by night which can only be detected by radar ... and birds do not have sophisticated on-board radar and so, without it, will become casualties to the hundreds of massive unseen-by-night rotating blades of man's latest assault on the birds' migratory routes.

David Hollister also mentions the Crown Estate owning much of the seabed and land onto which windfarm plant or cabling will be placed and muses that 'Mrs Queen' should be 'dragged down here to see for herself the impact that this development will have.' But did anyone notice, as I did, how exceptionally pushy the Crown Estate representative was at the Navitus Bay Windfarm exhibitions? It was the same bloke each time who I found trying to hard-sell me the idea that the windfarm (or Wind Park as they jokingly called it!) was the best thing since you know what for the area! And for good reason: The Crown Estate will make grotesque amounts of money when this scheme goes ahead – which it surely will as there are so many self-interested parties profiting from government incentives and our green tax – thus keeping Mrs Queen very happy indeed.

The migrating birds will however not be so lucky.

John Hale, Wareham, by email.

Proposal? Bad Compromise

Dear Editor,

NBDL recently reduced the area of its wind farm proposal by 12%. This was primarily to reduce its visual impact, which has been a consistent public concern.

Even after the change, we would still be left with a huge development of up to 194 turbines covering an area of 60 sq. miles, and the onshore disruption would be unchanged. From Durlston and Swanage, the closest turbines would be just as close as they were before, but the horizontal spread would be reduced. Visual impact is not the only consideration and the environmental impacts on the seabed, birds, marine mammals etc. and the risk to the local tourism economy would be largely unchanged.

Swanage is still the community most affected by the offshore components. The whole array would be visible from north Swanage (filling nearly two thirds of the horizon between St. Catherine's Point and Peveril Point). From Durlston Bay, the array would appear to be about 80% wider than the whole of the Isle of Wight, and up to three times as tall. From the promenade at Ocean Bay over a third of the array would be visible out to sea and over the top of Peveril Point. Challenge Navitus has produced revised video simulations of the wind farm which can be viewed on www.challengenavitus.org.uk.

We expect NBDL to begin a formal application for the wind farm in March. If you feel that this wind farm is badly located so close to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a National Park and a World Heritage site, subscribe to the email list on Challenge Navitus and we will keep you informed about what you can do as the application progresses. The



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public still has a role to play in the process.

The UK has alternative designated sites for offshore wind farms and this proposal just seems to be a bad compromise.

Andrew Langley, Challenge Navitus

Windfarm - More Dangers

Dear Editor,

Navitus Wind Farm - Economic Benefits Very Doubtful

In my view, Chris Radford's letter in the February issue offers good commonsense arguments against this project and I now offer some more.

A while ago, someone asked whether there would be any lights on these towers. The answer is that government rules (available on the web) would require one red steady light (which means not a flashing light) with a visibility of 10 miles. Allowing for the curvature of the earth, this means the lamp would need to be at least 75.5 feet (23 M) above high water level. Lights on the row nearest you would be seen as steady but on a breezy day, those further away would appear to be flashing when a rotating blade hid the lamp. With a few towers between you and the lamp, the rate at which it was obscured would vary, which might look quite jolly...

There was also a query about the life of these towers and a friend in the business tells me they expect only about fifteen years. Corrosion happens quickest around the waterline, because the change from wet to dry and back accelerates the process. Who would sort out the mess when a tower came down? Well, I'm sure it won't be the people who stand to make their money out of setting up the farm. That company will be wound up as soon as possible to avoid nasty surprises like this, so another team would have to be found and no doubt we would be charged a further subsidy to pay for them.

We all recognise that a farm would be a considerable nuisance to small craft and fishing boats manoeuvring between the towers, but once the first one has come down, I expect most craft would go round the farm because no one would know when or where the next one was going to fall. There would also be the problem of negotiating a safe route between the broken huge diameter tubes and blades sticking up into the air. However these could provide a tourist attraction for tripper boat passengers.

What about the electrical cables between the towers and the shore? Would they be leaking power into the sea, with our money being wasted and risks for fishermen and boaters? I am sure NBDL will be quick to reassure us that this cannot happen, but after the vagueness and double speak so far, I will not believe them.

Geoff Hales, Emsworth

Fight For Common Sense

Dear Gazette,

If Atlantic Array called off their monstrous development of 240 turbines, some 700 feet tall, in November 2013, why can't we in South Dorset also be spared?

A 'Dead Duck', a proliferation of green levies to fund renewable energy programmers, scrapped (by the mercy of G**) by 'Technical Difficulties'. It was to have been situated just ten miles off this idyllic marine coast, but 1,775 people had signed up to the enquiry and the country was alerted sufficiently to cause uncertainties - even at Government level.

Perhaps our coastal communities (not to mention the Tourist Board) will also have just cause to celebrate another victory of common sense.

From David Barsley, Swanage, by hand.

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Move It To Lyme Bay

Dear Editor,

It's back in the news again! After reducing it, they are suggesting moving it ... a bit!

What is it? Why that wind farm!

I have followed the arguments, both for and against, for some time, not just for the farm but power generation in general.

Why, I wonder, does it surprise anyone in a country which imports much of its energy that the cost has shot up since the undeclared devaluation of 17+% in 2008? I have a personal reason to know this as I just missed exporting my pension pot at the old rate!

Meanwhile family and friends in France have had to put up with eye-watering 1 or 2 % increases in energy prices each year for the last five years, until this year when energy prices at least have been frozen. Yes frozen! Was it not EDF among others, who patronisingly explained just before Christmas how that could not be done (here)? On the subject, in passing, of French prices, rail fares have gone up more than 1 or 2% this year but this is due to a change in VAT and, of course it is a percentage of far less than half the cost per mile we see here with no premium for the TGV. I wonder if our great grandchildren will pay extra for HS2?

Meanwhile their power generator is completing a massive new modern nuclear power plant near Cherbourg and the "nimbs" are out in force. Not as you might think for the nuclear reason, after all it will supply well paid work, but because of the massive (second) very high voltage power line that will be needed. The generator also has underwater hydro-generators in the Alderney race and off Barfleur where there is another powerful tidal race. The name of this organisation? EDF: which is non profit making in France!

So, back to the wind farm: I have sailed off this coast since I was a teenager fifty years ago. In those days Hamble river, where we were based, was more

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mud than yacht marinas, as were all the others. There were few schools and only one or two sail training organisations. We would train in the Solent most weekends and then leave past the Needles on longer trips for Poole, Swanage or, if time permitted, Cherbourg and the Channel Islands. Nowadays the situation has changed beyond belief; if there is a square inch of any river undeveloped it would surprise me. The schools and sail-training schemes have exploded in number and there are ten times the number, or more, of novice sailors all clustered around Bournemouth Bay. There are, in addition, numerous commercial movements in the area. So, where it is proposed to build this ludicrous wind farm? Why right where you find the largest possible numbers of inexperienced amateur sailors anywhere in the country, if not the world!

The solution, it seems to me is obvious, after all the power is needed and it will save money on expensive imports, a lot over time, so why not put it in Lyme Bay? This is not "nimbyism" on my part, it could be bigger, perhaps much bigger and out of sight of land entirely, for the bay is forty miles wide. I am no expert, except perhaps under sail, but I think they would find more wind there too.

Then there is fracking, but that will have to be a rant for another day.

More power to those inky fingers!

With kind regards, Leo Patmore

Fracking - Disrespectful

Dear Editor,

The impact of fracking for shale gas in Purbeck will be felt firstly in Herston, with eighteen wheeler trucks transporting rigging gear, contributing to air pollution in the class rooms of the new school thirty to forty metres from the main road into Swanage, bound for the California quarry test drill site.

Should contaminants from future sites reach the water table upon which we all depend, (raised by the wettest January since records began circa 1910) there's no way back from that one.

Fracking is an industry with a ten to twenty year span, producing another carbon fuel in the guise of domestic bill reduction, where irrelevant comparisons are constantly upheld with the U.S.A. in a political mindset economy.

At a 1% revenue (10% in the U.S.A) local councils may well be compliant. P.D.C. and our own local councils have already granted licences to Cuadrilla; no surprise considering that twenty million went down the plug hole of an Icelandic bank.

France, wisely having banned fracking, have inveigled that corporate giant Total as overseer along with Dart (Australia) who currently hold twenty six U.K. drilling licences, some of which are undoubtedly in Purbeck, where world heritage status offers no protection.

Despite reassuring bleats of 'research' and 'safety', residents of Texas and the Midwest who live close to half a million bore holes, many tell very different stories.

Fracking is disrespectful upon this fragile oasis in space. All is not ours.

Yours sincerely, MJK Hamilton. Swanage.

Stroke Awareness Morning

Dear Editor,

Swanage Stroke Club will be holding an Awareness Morning on Wednesday 26th March 2014 at the Grand Hotel in Burlington Road.

Tea, coffees, cakes and biscuits will be available to purchase between 10am and 2pm and light lunches from 12 noon. We will be holding a raffle and we will also have bespoke jewellery, handicrafts and bags for sale.

Swanage Stroke Club was founded in 1997 to help Stroke survivors and their carers. We are affiliated to the Stroke Association and therefore under them a registered charity. We meet once a month, either at Swanage Day Centre, with a meal and entertainment, such as a light hearted speaker,

a singer or occasionally a quiz. Every other month we have an outing, maybe to a Garden Centre for a cream tea, Weymouth for fish and chips or a trip on the train to Corfe Castle.

The Club rent a beach hut on Shore Road for the use of all our members which has proved very popular. This of course is especially useful on Carnival Day as the procession passes right in front of us.

We realize that a Stroke is a terrible illness and the aim of the Club is to bring happiness to our members and to do anything we can to make their lives more bearable. There is a really good atmosphere at all our meetings and they are always well attended.

If you think that you, your partner or anyone you know would benefit from our club, or would just like more information, please come to our Awareness Meeting. If that is not possible, please ring Margaret Pratt on 475608 or Doug Quayle on 421944.

We look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely, Doug Quayle.

Don't Miss Promises Auction

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to the attention of your many readers the forthcoming 'Auction of Promises' being organised jointly by the Swanage Lifeboat Station and Lions Club of Swanage. It is to be held at the Old Malthouse, Langton Matravers by kind permission of the Cothill Educational Trust, on Saturday 15th March.

The profits made from the event are being shared equally by the Lifeboat Station and Lions Club. Half of the money raised is for the Lifeboat House that's to be built for the new Shannon Class vessel arriving in 2015, while the Lions Club's share is to be donated to the adult hospices of the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust and Lewis-Manning.

There will be a wide variety of over fifty lots going under John Corben's hammer. There will also be a grand raffle and bar while a ploughman's will be supplied to all those attending the event.

Tickets cost £5 per head which gives the holder entry, a bidding number and ploughman's supper. Doors will open at 5.45pm. So if you would like to come and support us and help raise funds for these important causes, please phone me on 424975.

Yours sincerely, David Dean, Swanage Lions Club Secretary.

Waste Not, Want Not

Dear Editor,

You reported in your February Gazette that 43% of people in the South West are now expecting to have to struggle, or fall behind with their mortgage or rent payments this year.

At the same time we are told that the economy is now growing again. For fifty years we have been led to believe that growth in the economy is the best sign of living standards improving.

It certainly looked like that until we reached the 1990's, as the weekly expenditure of an average family had increased, so that from 1962 to 1992 expenditure on essentials (housing, fuel, electricity, water, food, drink, clothing and footwear) had fallen from 62% of the total to 44%, leaving more than half to be spent on non-essentials.

From 1992 to the present time, that improvement in living standard has gone into reverse.

Over the past twenty years, expenditure on essentials has increased from 44% to about 50% of all weekly spending by an average family. Consequently people on less than an average income will be much worse off. People on what is called a 'Living Wage' (nearly £8 per hour) could have essential expenditure of more than their income.

Like people in 1800 who needed help from the Parish, a substantial proportion of our population now need social benefit payments from the Government in order to survive. Those payments have been steadily

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increasing to the point where they have become unaffordable for the Government that is now deeply in debt.

If we look for reasons why this reversal in living standards has occurred, we notice that the amount of waste generated has been increasing steadily, as the economy has grown, at a rate of about 3% a year. Little food was wasted in 1962; and the amount of other stuff thrown away after use was only a fraction of what it is now. Even 50% of food is now wasted and much of the other stuff we use is binned after a very short time.

There are two ways of getting off the treadmill that is, and will continue, to squeeze you more and more. Reduce the two biggest items of expenditure that enrich the already wealthy – rent and mortgages, ownership of cars – by self building a house to halve the cost of inflated market prices; and joining a car club.

Also, in order to avoid the costs of everything increasing at a higher rate than income, start to become a 'conserver' instead of a 'consumer', by making the stuff you buy last much longer, in order to stop spending money on unnecessary waste. You only cause problems by consuming more than enough for all your needs.

Yours sincerely, John Davis. Swanage.

Purbeck's Peeping Tom



Dear Readers,

My wife and I were sitting in our lounge when we heard a buzzing noise outside. On looking up through our 'picture window' (which overlooks Swanage Bay), we were shocked to see a miniature helicopter with four rotors, and a camera about twenty feet away, hovering, looking in at us.

I got my camera and went outside and took some pictures of it hovering above the balconies and windows of nearby properties.

The police say they need to see the pictures it took to see if there was any breach of the law - that's okay if you know who is operating the flying camera.

I think the operators, if genuine, should advise the occupants of the properties where their privacy may be infringed.

Robert Owen, Peveril Heights, Swanage, by email.

Ed's note: Robert, we do have a clue as to who the 'Peeping Tom' belonged to, and we understand that some gentlemen on a certain boat were looking for the above machine after the storms recently. Word has it that it was in bits on the beach.....!!

Brainy Bird - 'Buzby'

Dear Editor,

In reply to D Langford's letter in the February edition.

Bird Brained? My story goes back to 1978 when we rescued a fledgling rook, whom we named Buzby, from the middle of the road and certain death.

The parents had been shot and he was unable to fly having a damaged wing and foot. We took him home intending to nurture him back to health, whereupon we would release him back into the wild. This, though, was not the intention of Buzby, and he lived with us for ten unforgettable years.

In that time he taught himself to talk and made friends with our cats whom he knew and called by name. On occasions, we would feed him by hand. When he was full, he would shake his head and say, "no more". He also knew the sound of my car when I arrived home and he would jump up and down on whatever he happened to be perching on at the time – often

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it was the back of a kitchen chair!!

But what amazed us most of all, was his ability to remember where he had hidden certain objects. On one particular day, our two young daughters were colouring with crayons in the garden. Buzby loved anything bright and promptly made off with one of the crayons to bury under the lawn for safe keeping.

He would always do things in the same order – peck away a patch of grass, dig the hole with his beak, plant his prized possession and relay the turf, finding a few twigs to place on top, followed by the cherry on the cake – a berry or flower, just to finish things off.

On this particular day, the crayon couldn't be found. When we realised who the culprit was, we showed Buzby another of the crayons in the same colour. He cocked his head to the side and promptly marched off to where he had hidden his prize, dismantled his treasure and brought us the crayon as if to say, "is this what you were looking for?"

He was sorely missed upon his demise.

Yours sincerely, Lynne Sandham, Bere Regis

Heartfelt Thanks After Crash



Dear Gazette readers,

Eddie, June, Peter and family would like to thank the local emergency services and the numerous shopkeepers and passers by (with special thanks to David Corben), who helped Jean Chinchin and her daughter June Hedges following the accident in Station Road on the morning of Monday 10th February (pictured, above).

We truly appreciated the kindness of all concerned.

Eddie, June, Peter and the family.

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Library Opening Hours

Dear Editor,

It is such a pity that Swanage library has such restricted opening, especially after the £400k refit!

Perhaps they could copy Wareham library which it is open full-time, but at some times with a skeleton staff.

Now that there is automatic check in and out available this is not a problem. Alternatively, volunteer staff could be used to back-up those employed, this is now done very successfully in other parts of the country, and I sure many people in Swanage have the time to, and would enjoy, helping.

John Wheeler, Studland.

Propaganda And Lies!

Dear Editor,

Mr. Hobson's letter needs an answer because it embodies many of the prejudices and lies which the current government and its media supporters have been propagating for the past four years. The idea that unions cause unemployment, presumably by raising wages above starvation level, has been exploded many times, and has no support among the great majority of economists.

The recent events at the profitable Grangemouth exposed not the threat of workers' demands to a profitable concern but the weakness of union leadership in the face of a rapacious employer.

As for his comments on the welfare state: does Mr Hobson not know that most of 'welfare' spending goes on pensions and subsidies to landlords via rent support? The Channel Four 'documentary' Benefits Street perpetuates a plausible but false image. Payments to the unemployed and sick make up a very small part of spending, and fraud a much smaller part (the Government's own figures suggest considerably less than one per cent).

All of this is considerably less than the tax and other allowances and subsidies paid to employers and the rich in general. As for money not growing on trees, what has this (or the previous government) done about stopping the many tens of billions lost to tax evasion (illegal) and the even larger amount lost to tax avoidance (legal only because the governments are totally dominated by business interests)?

Of course, the Government could take the sensible decision not to spend the many billions on the replacement of the totally unnecessary nuclear 'deterrent'. Mr Hobson clearly isn't listening to current debates on the economic situation – most mainstream politicians and economists agree that building several hundred thousand houses (many of them for lease at affordable rents) is needed to reduce unemployment, to stimulate economic growth (currently dependent almost entirely on debt-based consumer spending), and to reduce the upward spiral of house prices and rents (and so reduce spending on rent support).

Where will the money come from: (see above), but in the short term, government borrowing, to be repaid out of extra taxes from increased employment and spending.

What is the basis for the supposed £27 billion pounds cost of 'red tape' to industry? Much of this 'propaganda' (for that is what it is) is based on minor, exceptional and sometimes invented examples of 'bureaucratic' excess. In reality it is mainly an attack on 'health and safety' - in other words, the system of checks on employers ability to put workers health and lives at risk in pursuit of greater profit.

As for Mr Hobson's attacks on excessive numbers in the Commons and Lords, and 'bureaucracy' in the European Union, frankly the costs are peanuts compared with the serious issues of economic and social policy about which we should have an informed debate.

Mr Hobson clearly thinks that having worked and employed for many years, he has a special privilege in such a debate which allows him to

peddle prejudice. He asks what I did for a living and whether I own my own home. I worked as a teacher for thirty eight years and own my own home jointly with my wife. So what?

Yours, Fred Lindop.

More Police Problems

Dear Editor,

After reading The Purbeck Gazette issue number 169 February 2014 I noticed a story regarding Wareham Police Station and a very dissatisfied lady. This did not surprise me about Wareham Police Station. The police officers and the desk staff that work there are unhelpful, rude and uninterested in anything that you tell them. I have made numerous complaints to the Winfrith Independent Police Complaints Department about two or three officers in the three years and nothing has been done. I feel that as the IPCC is run by ex-police and serving police officers that nothing ever gets done as it is not independent at all.

I agree 100% with the lady who made the complaint. For example – one summer's night I was awoken in the early hours by loud foul language, loud music, fighting, children as young as nine or ten in the street, a bonfire, and shouting keeping the whole neighbourhood awake.

When I rang Wareham Police Station I was told that it was not a police matter (what is?) and that I should contact the environmental health services. I explained that I would like to see a police officer down here and was told that if I didn't stop keeping on that he would hang up on me. This is just an example of the negativity that exudes out of Wareham Police Station.

I am also involved in another matter regarding Dorset Police not doing their job properly.

This relates to an ongoing serious fraud case involving my ex-employer. At the outset I was advised by Trading Standards that my evidence was 100% useable, and they have subsequently told me that they cannot believe that nothing has been done despite the matter being passed on to Dorset Police.

I have been in contact with the crimes commissioner and my local M.P. Annette Brooke, who has been brilliant and has arranged a meeting with herself and Mr Underhill, the Police Commissioner

Obviously I am unable to mention any names involved in the case, but I hope my letter will give you some idea that, although there is clearly a case to be answered here, the police have done nothing about it.

Name and address supplied, but withheld on request.

Wareham Flood Heroes

Dear Gazette,

A very big thank you

On behalf of the Wareham & District Development Trust, I would like to say a very big thank you to all those hard working volunteers and local businesses that rallied round on Monday 20th January to do some emergency repair work to the flood bank between Wareham South Bridge and Redcliffe Yacht Club.

As everyone knows the incredibly bad weather that we have suffered over the past weeks turned the whole of the lower Frome valley into a giant lake, and that coupled with the force and direction of the wind resulted in wave action attacking the flood bank on the opposite side to the river itself. The erosion was so bad that large amounts of the flood bank were washed away, and indeed even some of the new Redcliffe path on top of the flood bank was damaged.

The call went out and on Monday it resulted in thirty volunteers from the community, equipped with shovels and wheel barrows. Sixty tonnes of 'hoggin' was donated by Pete Andrews of Andrews Plant Hire. Wayne Turner came along with a mechanical digger from Turners Plant Hire. David Watkins-Jones, Anvil Grounds Maintenance, joined us with his workforce and tractor and trailer.

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All the work carried out was done under the watchful eye of Malcolm Munro, Environment Agency, and by 4pm, thanks also to favourable weather, a good job had been done by one and all.

Once again, thank you to all concerned. We are always in need of volunteers so please feel free to get in touch.

John Scott, Development Manager, Wareham & District Development Trust

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Monday Club Donation



Dear Editor,

The photograph above is of a donation of £1000 to the Wareham Father Christmas and Christmas Lights Committee made by the Duke of Wellington Monday Club on the 3rd February 2014.

The money was raised from regular meat raffles held every Thursday, midway through the very popular General Knowledge Quiz Night, special draws held at Easter, August Bank Holiday, and Christmas.

The photograph shows the cheque being handed over to Ray Derek and Colin Appleton, two very hardworking members of these committees.

The Monday Club hopes that the money will make sure that the Christmas Lights, and the Father Christmas event will continue for another year.

If I can give you any further information on the Monday Club, or indeed the Christmas Lights Committee please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards Gerry Walker. Spokesman for the Monday Club.

Fight For Grandparents' Rights

Dear Editor,

On a recent edition of 'The One Show' Esther Rantzen, an active and involved grandmother herself, highlighted the ongoing pain of those grandparents who are not allowed for any reason to see their grandchildren, to be part of their development and to share their love and life experiences.

As one person said, "it is a living bereavement". However, bereavement is respectable, but there is a feeling of failure and sometimes suspicion when grandparents have been denied access to their close family. You have no choice with bereavement, you have to move on.

But for us in this situation it is hard to move on, knowing we are living parallel lives to our grandchildren, not being part of their daily experiences, changes and special moments. It can be very isolating when everyone else seems to be talking about their families. Christmas is hard as everywhere

the image of happy families is portrayed in the media.

Summer in Swanage brings a beach and town full of children and a daily reminder of what others may take for granted. At the moment grandparents have few legal rights and grandchildren have no legal rights at all.

The programme showed the help and understanding many had received from a local support group. I would be interested to hear from other grandparents in this situation in the Swanage area, or indeed those who are looking to 'adopt' a grandparent.

Perhaps we could start a local support group to share our experiences and lend our voices to changing these cruel laws that prevent us from sharing the love and care we so much want to give our grandchildren.

Initially please write to me c/o The Gazette office, with contact details, and I will be in touch.

With thanks, Ruth from Swanage.

(Full name and address supplied, but withheld by request)

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Memories From The Sticks

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your continuing string of bumper editions of the Gazette. Each one takes me so long to read that I am unable to write a letter before the next one comes out.

However, in this instance, I feel obliged to put pen to paper in the response to the seemingly never-ending waffle you receive regarding these so-called 'Wind Farms'. All this correspondence appears to be taking up an inordinate amount of space in your letters section.

Personally I feel there are a number of other issues that deserve your readers' attention. They are relevant to the local area, but relate to my childhood in South London.

As a child I remember being taken out by my parents after a hearty roast dinner, into the local countryside. This was a Sunday routine in order to 'walk off the dinner'. The idea was to jump into my dad's rickety Renault 12 and travel ten miles south into what we referred to as 'The Sticks'. A spot of bird watching, harvest some wild flowers and breathe in some rural fresh air.

Ten miles south from Croyden was a different world; green fields, sheep, cows, mud, cowpats and the only problem was a network of electric fences which gave you a serious belt. Aside from the hazards, there was always one thing that fascinated me as a nine year old, and this thing was 'Pylons'.

I would stare in fascination at these, seemingly huge, sky-scraper like edifices, humming gently and stretching one by one across the countryside as far as the eye could see, traversing brooks, stomping through sites of scientific interest and running over A-roads and motorways.

'What are these things?' I asked my dad. 'Pylons' he replied. My interest was piqued. 'What are they for?' I continued. 'To provide us with power' he humphed and we trundled on, in search of rare wild birds' eggs and unusual flora and fauna.

My memories of this time were jogged by the local issue of these wind farms and the level of felling and outrage about the possible building/erection of a large number of windmills situated between us (Swanage) and the Isle of Wight. Navitus puts the number at potentially seventy five. Possibly more or maybe less.

As a long term resident with a sea-view, I have no objections at all. I think it would enhance the place. However, there is a big 'however' – I would like to suggest my own ideas about sustainable methods of providing us with free power. These might not be absolutely politically correct but...

Any local miscreant youths who have been awarded an ASBO should be provided with an exercise-bike which could generate electricity when pedalled. Provide them with an electronic tag to monitor their progress. The reward would be dinner, some pocket money and four cans of WKD.

The health benefits are obvious and local crime figures should drop drastically.

I hope you and the local community will take my ideas seriously.

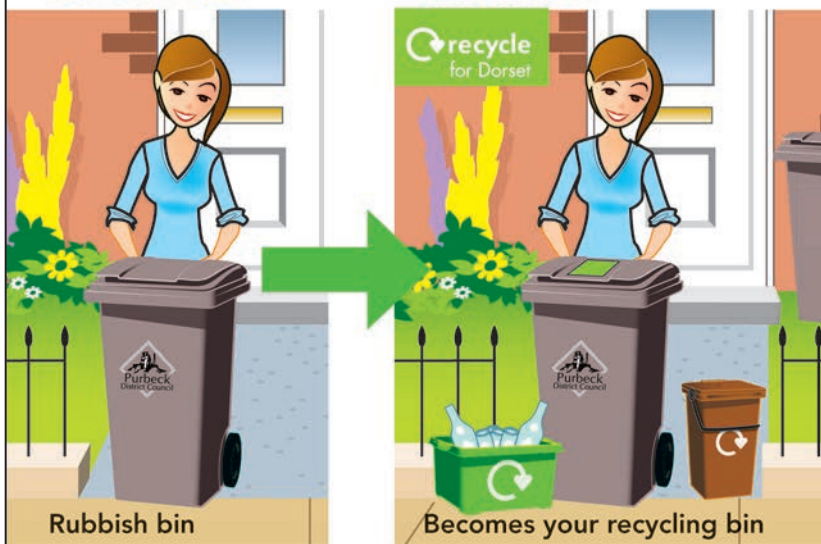
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Swanage Somme?!



Dear Gazette,

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Regards Peter, Swanage, by email.

P.S. How long before the memorial is on the front as well?!



Swanage Regatta & Carnival

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Another One Bites The Dust

David Hollister writes...

Sad to read in the Langton Parish Mag that the PO/shop at Langton Matravers seems doomed to closure. Its valiant owners have been trying to retire and sell up for two years without success. There was a really useful questionnaire in the 'Dubber' and a public meeting. But I ask every one of you who's sad to see village shops disappearing – where do you do your shopping? Asda? Aldi? Amazon? We all seem to regret the passing of local businesses but we all strive to 'save money' by going to the big supermarkets. Clearly it's not you but everybody else, who should be 'shopping locally'. But let's hope that the burghers of Langton Matravers come up with a way of saving the last shop in the village; watch this space.

Sad too to see the demise of 'Clealls' in Corfe Castle. After all these years – as long as I can remember! Until about five years ago, run by my good friends John and Carol as a thriving local grocery shop – with cigarettes, wines and spirits, lottery, and an incredible range of foodstuffs and household products. Delivered with a smile. The new owners, for reasons best known to themselves, discontinued a great deal of what John and Carol used to sell. Then arty-farty 'business guru' Mary Portas came along and gave it a TV makeover. As if it were in Islington or somewhere similar. Suddenly there was straw on the floor, an even smaller choice of stock, and frankly the villagers were surprised that it lasted as long as it did. A shame for the owners, and for the villagers too. Permission is in for 'dwellings' – probably not "affordable" – and the village loses any chance of a grocery store in the future.

And now I'm told that the Post Office are trying to close down the Corfe Castle sub-PO and are hoping to re-locate it into another shop in the village. Well, Clealls is out for a start! Concerned villagers are trying to work out what to do, but actually, the Post Office – like many of our monster companies these days – is too big to care and it's impossible to find anyone in real authority to talk to let alone someone who will listen. It's no longer operated by 'Royal Mail' but there's no 'Royal' about the Royal Mail these days; if I were Mrs Queen I'd have my name taken off this second-class service and my face taken off the stamps. Not only have successive governments sold our utilities down the river, they've sold the river too. Now go and talk to the sub-postmaster in your local post office and ask him whether he's happy and confident that the future's so bright he's gotta wear shades.....

Thank you to David Budd for correctly pointing out that the funding of the Police is partly by a precept on the collection authority (Purbeck) and partly by central government funding. And it's lack of funding which will take 500 officers off the streets this year. I accept that this isn't therefore directly the fault of DCC, but at the end of the day someone's to blame for the lack of Police funding, and our Council tax is set to rise whilst the level of public services goes down again.

As regards my continued attack on the salaries of the 'fat cats' at County Hall. It's specious to make comparisons with footballers, David, and you know it. What sort of a country do we live in where Rooney is paid 50p every second of his life for kicking a football, whilst Social Service Care workers are on minimum wage of £6.31 per hour. Takes Rooney 12 seconds to earn what they earn in an hour. Or £300,000 per week compared with £300, if that's easier to take on board.

But - and sorry if I'm boring you but this subject won't go away - £150,000 p.a. on the statutory 48 hours per week represents £60 per hour. Yes, it's a very responsible and demanding job. So's nursing, care work, and filling potholes. It's the discrepancy between the pay scales which irks me. And of course, it's my money that's being lavished on executive salaries and perks, whereas Rooney's money is not coming out of my pocket; if idiots choose to pay a ridiculous £40 to watch a 90-minute football match, or indeed £22 per month on top of their Sky subscription, then that's their choice. Paying Council Tax is not a choice.

I received a reply to the 'Freedom of Information' letter about the staff 'rest rooms' at County Hall. They say "the room created is not an Executive Rest Room. There's no restriction upon who's entitled to use it, so theoretically it's open to all staff based at, or visiting County Hall. In practice it's predominantly used by the staff that work within the vicinity of the room, who number several hundred...I regret that I can't inform you of the cost of creating this room, as the works contract was not separated out in such a way as to enable a meaningful assessment to be made". Huh?

"Briefly, the works that were carried out comprised the demolition of solid walls which formed irregular sized cellular offices on either side of a long corridor, stripping the accommodation back to shell and core and fitting it out as open plan office accommodation to Category B standard, including creating a number of demountable partition offices, meeting space, a kitchen area, a rest area and furnishing and equipping the space. The total cost was £330,000 which equates to an all-in cost of £670/m2.

"There was no abortive work undertaken and no partitions were removed as a consequence of this decision". Glad to hear it. I just wonder what the hell these people did before the refurbishment was carried out and the rest area created. I guess they put their feet up and had lunch at their desks. Just like me.

Here's something which may be of interest to tenants everywhere. A landlord may only end an assured shorthold tenancy by formally serving a Section 21 notice under the Housing Acts. Yet not all tenancies are ended correctly in this manner. I would advise anyone who might find themselves in this situation to sit tight and not to be intimidated. Any attempt by a landlord to evict a tenant without the Section 21 notice is a criminal offence and should this actually happen to you, have no hesitation in laying the necessary information before the Police and require them to take action. Then go and see the Citizens Advice Bureau without delay and they will explain your options to you.

Much negative comment over the single wind-turbine erected at Knitson Farm. The Planning Application was turned down by Purbeck, appealed by the landowner, and went to the Department of CantCareLess for a ruling. The Inspector duly arrived and made his report that it would not be seen by many people.....how the hell should he know? His visit took place in thick fog! Some will applaud the landowner for doing his bit towards climate change reduction (?) but others feel that the constant flickering caused by the sun on the blades, which can be seen as far away as Herston, is detrimental to their well-being.

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Did you know that your new wheelie bin is microchipped? No? Well, it's under the front rim about four inches from the left corner, and you must learn to call it an RFID tag. Spokespersons for both PDC and Dorset Waste Partnership have assured me there is nothing sinister in this because there is no database as yet linking tags with addresses, so Nellie and I should go home, make a pot of tea and forget it.

But wait a minute! Digging deeper I see it costs us 65p to chip every bin, and then 58p to scan it on delivery, and

there are approximately 300,000 bins in Dorset alone. But apparently this is acceptable because, as their press briefing points out, we will save £18,500 on bin replacements, missed collections and resolving ownership disputes.

Play with your calculator for a minute and then ask yourself; in what are we investing £350,000? According to DWP it is because a future government might just decide to implement a 'recycling incentive scheme'. Hmmm...

Digging even deeper, Nellie and I find that waste collection vehicles in the UK are being fitted with a gizmo known as an integrated onboard weighing system. The German company MOBA is a market leader, but there are Accuweigh, Kanawha, RDS, Enviroweigh and others. This gizmo will weigh the net content of your bin, read the RFID tag and link the result to your address. Hmmm...

Now consider this. Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act gives Councils the right to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for 'not complying with the waste collection service provided by the council' a broad remit by anyone's standards. Okay, so Councils are strapped for cash, and all you eco-warriors out there determined to save the planet might think this is a good scheme.

Nellie and I are a little more cynical and think that councils have seen the light - that little light that flashes on road cameras which raised £135 million in fines and indirect taxation last year. And we just sit back and accept that, don't we, so it stands to reason we can afford to pay out a lot more, doesn't it?

What we will probably get is some sort of landfill tax, a basic waste allowance of something ridiculous like a kilo a week to justify that particular portion of the council tax and anything over that will be charged. All backed up by a system of fixed penalty fines which means the less well off will be hardest hit, as always. Oh, and the environment too under a mountain of fly-tipping, until they place cameras in lay-bys, of course.

Nellie and I must stress that you should not even think of removing your chip with a 3/16th flat head screwdriver and claim later that it must have fallen out.

Neither should you follow the example of my wicked neighbours up here in North Swanage, who are remaining laudably faithful to their spouses and organising bin-swapping parties instead.



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Swanage Lion's Charity Fun Swim



On Friday 10th January, the Lions Club of Swanage held their presentation evening for those teams and individuals who took part in the annual 'Charity Fun Swim' at Purbeck Sports Centre in the autumn.

So many teams participated, of all ages, from five to eighty-five years old. Groups of 4/6 swimmers of different abilities ploughed their way back and forth, determined to complete as many laps as they could in the hour. There was lots of encouragement and shouting from supporters who helped to maintain a thrilling atmosphere which spurred on everyone, especially the youngest of the swimmers. We have heard from one mum that her children are already becoming excited at the prospect of swimming in this year's 'Charity Fun Swim'. Some interesting facts are that the twenty-six teams swam 2,894 lengths of the pool which equates to 72.35 kilometres or 44.96 miles!

Around sixty adults and children attended the Presentation Evening, eager to receive their various cheques, medals and cups for the effort of the day. The raised sponsorship money was shared. Half was returned to the teams which swam, to be donated to their chosen causes. The other half was donated to the Swanage Lions nominated charities, Julia's House Children's Hospice and Dogs for the Disabled.

Cup winners in the under 12 age group were team 1 from Swanage Primary School; the under 14 age group winners were Ranger Productions Team 3; the Health Centre Team, 'Aqua Ducks', won the 'any age' category. The team 'Crazy Guides' received a cup for raising the most sponsored money by 31st December. The 'Geoff Saunders Endeavour Cup' was presented to Ranger Productions (pictured, above) for their sterling support over many years of the Lions Charity Fun Swim. Each year they raise six teams of six swimmers who fill every lane of the pool. They swim continuously with huge enthusiasm for a whole hour. Through their efforts they have raised lots of money for many causes.

Lastly, the 'Ken Alexander' cup was awarded to recognise someone in our community who has spent many years being involved in voluntary work and fundraising for charitable causes. This year's recipient was Jean Gibbs, who is known to many through her work with Save the Children, Purbeck Good Neighbours, Senior Forum, Dorset Reading Partner, Melodies for Memory and much more.

To quote Jean, "As a past Brownie I try to live by their motto, to do a good deed every day!"



However, the real star of the night was Nyra, a wonderfully behaved German Shepherd dog who accompanied the representatives from the charity, Dogs for the Disabled.

Towards the end of the evening she demonstrated her skills and entertained everyone. We have recently learnt that the money the charity

received from the Swanage Lions Club is to be used to train a puppy called Zen that happens to be related to Nyra. Zen is pictured above.

The Lions Club looks forward to seeing teams new and old at the 2014 Charity Fun Swim in October.

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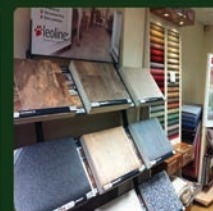
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Official Reopening Of Priest's Way



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Representatives of the Horse Society, local dog walkers, ramblers, the National Trust, Dorset County Council, Swanage Town Council and many other organisations were in attendance, along with members of the public.

New signage has been installed, and a commemorative stone was unveiled by DCC's representative, Hamish Murray (pictured, above).

Children from St George's Primary School in Swanage attended the ceremony, suitably dressed as monks, knights and princesses! Well done to all the children involved!

The bridleway is now fully open, making this well-loved walkway accessible to all.



Top, Hamish Murray unveils the new commemorative stone. Above, before the grand unveiling. Below, the children of St George's Primary School in Langton led the 'Priest's Way procession', suitably dressed for the occasion as monks, knights and princesses!



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R.N.L.I. Crew Profile

Angela Morris

Chair of Swanage Lifeboat Fundraisers and Member of the Lifeboat Visits Team

Angela joined the RNLI as a Shoreline Member when she was living in London, and it was then that she made the decision she wanted to volunteer for the charity when she retired. Her ambition was fulfilled when she retired to Swanage in 2005 after falling in love with the area.

She joined the Lifeboats Visits Team, providing guided tours of the lifeboat station to schools and groups; she later joined the Fundraising Committee and became the Chair in 2012. As part of this role Angela coordinates the activity of the team of 60 volunteer fundraisers

Angela says; "I have always felt that the RNLI was such a fabulous charity and I wanted to be part of it. However it was the day a lady came into the boathouse and burst into tears, explaining that her son had been rescued by the Swanage crew the previous day, that it was brought home to me that the work myself and my fellow fundraisers do is really worthwhile."

"We are currently fundraising for a new boathouse to replace the existing building which is now 138 years old. The lifeboat station will house the new Shannon class all-weather lifeboat that is hoped will arrive in the town in late 2015, as well as provide much improved facilities for the volunteer crew. We are aiming to raise £200,000 towards the total,



which is no small amount for a team of volunteers!"

"We have all sorts of events planned over the coming months including an Auction of Promises on 15 March and weekend of events at the Diesel Railway Gala 9 to 11 May. We would love to hear from anyone in the community who has their own ideas to help raise the funds."

To find out more about the events planned or donate to their charity appeal, visit the station's blog at www.blog.swanagelifeboat.org.uk
You can also donate £5 simply by texting RNLI SWANAGE to 70300

National Trust Events In March

Sculpture in Corfe Castle

Daily until Sunday 30 March

The National Trust and Purbeck Art Weeks have joined together to produce a sculpture trail in the grounds of Corfe Castle through autumn/winter 2013/14. The sculptures will not be conspicuously on view but are there to be discovered by the visitor.

Walk: Buildings Breathe!

Sunday 2 March, 10.30am

Until the early 20th century lime kilns could be seen scattered round the countryside. We visit a local kiln, look at how and why lime was produced and its important place in domestic and farming life. £10 including lunch, £3 for walk only. Booking essential on 01929 477062.

Out Of The Blue



It's been a very busy few weeks and there have been a lot of arrests in Purbeck. We have arrested burglars who broke into a property in Winfrith, a young chap who tried to break into the Gulf garage at Wool, another young male who stole scrambling bikes from Kingston and a lot of others following raids on addresses across Purbeck. This is bad news for our burglars and drug dealers but great

news for our communities. You may wonder why we don't name the names. We have checked with our HQ and as police, legally we are not allowed.

For those of you who didn't follow our facebook here is an update at the time of writing (10/02.2014) concerning the raids in Purbeck. The operation was led by officers from the regional organised crime unit Zephyr, supported by officers from Dorset Police, Greater Manchester Police, Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset and the National Crime Agency. More than 100 officers were involved in executing search warrants at 16 premises in Swanage, Bournemouth, Manchester and Barnstable in Devon under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. As a result of the operation the following were charged or bailed:

A 67 year old male from Swanage, has been charged with being concerned in the supply of Class B drugs and money laundering related offences (conceal/disguise/convert/transfer/remove criminal property to be precise).

A 33 year old male from Swanage, has been charged with being concerned in the supply of heroin and laundering.

A 27 year old male from Swanage, has been charged with laundering.

A 55 year old female from Swanage, has been charged with being concerned in the supply of a controlled Class B drug.

A 41 year old female from Swanage, has been charged with laundering.

All have appeared in court with further dates to be arranged where cases

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will be presented to magistrates or referred up to Crown Court.

Six other people arrested in connection with this incident have been released on police bail until mid-April pending further enquiries. They are: a 31-year-old woman from Swanage, a 43-year-old woman from Swanage, a 64-year-old woman from Manchester, a 40-year-old man from Manchester, a 57-year-old man from Wareham and a 44-year-old man from Barnstable in Devon.

Police also arrested a 24-year-old man from Bournemouth and he has been released on police bail until mid-March. Please do not underestimate the power of community intelligence, please keep telling us about possible criminal activity either direct to us via 101 or through Crimestoppers 0800 555111.

We are still experiencing dwelling burglaries. It would seem that many are targeting large rural properties where they may be an indication the owner is away. Please do consider installing a burglar alarm, timed switches for lights and even leave a radio on the background that is predominately speech orientated. Consider a Homewatch for your area or join and existing one. Most of our successful arrests arise through distinctive property or forensic evidence. If you are a victim of such a crime don't touch anything and call police straight away.

Make sure you are able to identify property through description, serial numbers or identifying marks (even better, take a photo). We will continue to gather intelligence and do our best to look for patterns and potential offenders.

Best regards, Purbeck Safer Neighbourhood Team

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P.I.S.S. Winter Gathering



In loving memory of P.I.S.S. member, Jeremy (pictured left), who sadly left this mortal plain recently.

The fine gentlemen of Purbeck Independent Simpleton Society met-up in mid-December for their Christmas celebrations at the King's Arms in Wareham. Bright ties and waistcoats were worn in honour of Jeremy.

Correspondence from the FOOLS and the SHITS (hailing from Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent) was read out, carols were hung with gusto, the combs and greaseproof paper were played with finesse, limericks and poems were read aloud, and prizes were awarded to the winning gents in each category.

Road Kill Clive attended with a magnificent home-made pie (pictured, below right), which suitably impressed all in attendance. Clive was adorned in an award-winning hat, complete with car radiator grill...



Local legend, Roger Brown, was awarded the 'Hide and Seek' cup, which made his day (pictured, above right), prompting him to light some candles in celebration.

Eric Osmund (pictured above left, behind Hub Cap Award) once again entered the annual poetry competition, and was pronounced winner for the second year in a row, having penned the poem on the right. This win entitled Eric to once again proudly take the Hub Cap Award home to take pride of place on his mantelpiece - something that would surely make visitors to Eric's pad seethe with envy. Well done to all!

A Pheasant's Tale

When he was a young bird
Scarcely from the shell
His mother said "Things I've heard
And you should listen well
"When you grow up you must take care

If you wish to stay alive
There is a man you must beware
He is known as 'Road-kill Clive'
"It is a name he does deserve
When a creature's in his way
He will speed up and swerve
As they try to run away
There have been many races
The odds are quite unfair
His vehicle bears traces
Of feathers, fur and hair
A happy carefree life he led
When he came to cross a road
He remembered what his mother said
And observed the Green Cross code
The end though came one fateful day
As he strolled in the sun
One thing his mum forgot to say
Clive also had a gun
And so our hero is no more
He didn't want to die
But like much game who've gone before
He's part of a road-kill pie
As you with gravy smother
A rich and golden crust
Think kindly of the mother
In whom he'd placed his trust



Wareham Lions Senior's Party

The Wareham Lions held their annual Christmas party for 180 local seniors at the Purbeck School on Saturday 18 January. A fantastic day for all, with entertainment by Nick Sellars and also by The Land Girls, both back by popular demand.

This annual event is funded by 'The Lions Penny 4 Christmas' appeal, a pre-season collection around the pubs of Purbeck with the help of the Licensees to raise funds for this event. The Lions held their annual Swimmathon in October at the Purbeck Sports Centre raising £6733, which helps local charities raise valuable funds to continue to help our community.

The Lions now have a new mini bus especially adapted with a lift for wheelchair passengers. Please give a cheery wave as you see our volunteer drivers helping people within the community!

Photo shows Lion President Nigel Carr with The Land Girls.

Dave Peters, Wareham Lions



Big Lottery staff

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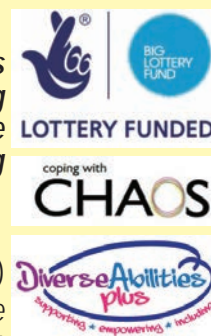
We are looking for volunteers to come and help out at our play opportunities in the Purbeck area. This will be in the school holidays as well as once a month in the early evening. As a Volunteer play worker your role will be to play with the siblings of the child, who has a disability; who attend the play sessions. This is a great opportunity for people to gain experience of care work or for those people who are doing Duke of Edinburgh.

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Swanage Museum Pin Badge Project



A Community design project between Swanage Museum and the Swanage School

In the autumn of 2013, the Museum decided to look into having a fund raising project to raise much needed funds to help ensure the future of the Museum. After much thought it was decided that a pin

badge would be an ideal vehicle to achieve this. How were we going to do this? And what design should we use? We were looking for something different, something not used before and something eye catching. What we needed were new ideas from fresh young minds.

We decided to approach the Swanage School. They were very keen and eager to engage with us and the project was born.

The students had several weeks to research and create their designs. A group of 43 students visited the Museum acting as a feedback group to all the students taking part. The museum invited a panel of judges to make the selection of the winner and three runners up from the entries received. The judging panel consisted on the Town Clerk, Dr Martin Ayres, 2 local artists, Monica Hawley and Monique Etherington, and shop managers, Jacqui and David Forster.

With great anticipation, David and Jacqui went to collect the entries from the school on December 10th. Judging took place next day at the Museum. The judges were very impressed by the standard and diversity of all the designs presented. After much deliberation the winner and three runners up were chosen. Jacqui and David were invited by the school to the end of term assembly to announce the winner and runners up to the students. A set of books on Swanage and the Jurassic Coast were presented along with a certificate. The winning pin badge design is an elegant sea gull design created by Harriet MacGregor. This design particularly met all the

criteria of the brief. The runners up were, Theresa Lejeune, Lily Wyer, and Alex Williams.

The pin badge launch is March 1st 2014, the opening day of the museum's new season. The museum will also be exhibiting the winning designs and selected entries in our front window for a month. The pin badges will be on sale for a minimum donation of £1 and will be available from Swanage Museum and the Swanage School exclusively. The museum appreciates the opportunity to engage in this community project with Swanage School and would like to thank all the students and staff involved. Thanks to the judges for giving up their time to participate.

Details of Swanage museum can be found on our web site, www.swanagemuseum.co.uk. You can also find us on our Face Book page www.facebook.com/SwanageMuseum

The museum is always looking for volunteers, if you are interested in helping the organisation in any way; please get in touch at the Museum. We open for business on March 1st 2014, from 11am to 3pm. Look forward to seeing you.

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My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



This year brings about the seventieth anniversary of D Day, and the battles in north west Europe. With that in mind, I have returned to the start of proceedings that took place on Sword Beach 6th of June 1944. What better than this, by one of our officers, with courage that surely should have merited a VC?

An introduction by Lt A Heal. R.E. C de G.

Tuesday, 6th June, 1944 was to be, for me and many others, a defining moment. Our first taste of active service face to face with the enemy, and life would never be the same again. It was the climax of months of arduous training, mainly in the north

of Scotland, often in atrocious weather conditions. During numerous amphibious exercises, I was invariably seasick. I could hardly realise my good fortune that I was one of the very few who was not sick on D Day, despite being tossed about in a L.C.A. on the run-in.

I was further pleasantly surprised having moved off the beach and inland towards Colleville-sur-Orne to find myself and my party of Sappers still in one piece. Before embarking at Southsea we had been told that casualties on the initial assault were likely to be very heavy.

My unit, 246 Field Company, R.E. 3rd British Infantry Division, was scheduled to support 8 Brigade in its assault on Sword (Green) Beach. The company provided each of the three battalions with small teams of four or five sappers and I found myself in command of mine clearance teams supporting 1 Suffolk, landing at 08.25 hours. Each team carried mine detectors, plastic H.E. and grenades. Two of my colleagues, Lieutenants Edwards and Trench, gave similar support to the assault battalions 1 South Lancs and 2 East Yorks respectively, with mine clearance and demolition teams.

1 Suffolk's principle objectives were the clearance of the village of Colleville-sur-Orne, and the capture of the two German strong points, code-named Morris and Hillman. The day's events have been well documented throughout the years, particularly by Lt.-Col. Lummis, an officer in the battalion on D-Day in his 1 Suffolk. On D-Day Morris surrendered very quickly, but the initial assault on Hillman having failed, I was ordered (in the nicest possible way) by the C.O. of the battalion, Lt.-Col. Goodwin, to clear a path through the perimeter minefield so that tanks could enter the locality.

During training in Scotland I made sure that we could all recognise and disarm any mine we were likely to find. I was therefore disconcerted that I could not identify the first mine that I uncovered. It turned out to be an obsolete British Mk. I anti-tank mine left behind at Dunkirk in 1940. However, lying flat on the ground, and with the help of covering fire and smoke from the tanks of the Staffordshire Yeomanry and the assault company, this was achieved by the early evening. The final clearance of Hillman is described in Norman Scarfe's Assault Division as a grisly business. It was only much later that it was appreciated what a formidable obstacle Hillman had been. Now, more than fifty years on, I feel great pride in having played a very small part in what is now recognised as the greatest combined military operation of all time. Pride is tinged with sadness at seeing so many friends killed and wounded, in many cases before even

reaching the water's edge. For example, Eric Lummis, 1 Suffolk records that of the 43 officers and warrant officers in the battalion on D-Day, 13 were killed and 26 wounded by the end of the campaign.

I am also privileged to have played a small part in the restoration of Hillman to provide a permanent memorial to those of the battalion and supporting arms who lost their lives on D-Day and subsequently. There is now a strong continuing link between the village of Colleville-Montgomery and the Suffolk Regiment, which is formalised by regular exchange visits and by the naming of the road leading up to Hillman as Rue du-Suffolk Regiment. Events on D-Day show yet again, that in time of war ordinary individuals perform extraordinary deeds.

CITATION - CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER STAR

W.S. / Lieutenant Arthur HEAL, 259749, 246 Field Company, ROYAL ENGINEERS.

During the attack on Colleville-Sur-Orne, France on 6th June 1944, it was necessary to clear a forty yard lane in the perimeter minefield to enable tanks to enter the locality. The gap was under enemy small arms and mortar fire. This officer commanded the assault engineer platoon supporting the attacking Battalion. He organised and personally carried out the clearing of the gap under very heavy mortar and machine-gun fire, from short range.

During the whole of this period the work had to be carried out lying flat on the ground. It was entirely due to his work that the tanks were able to enter the locality and destroy the enemy. Throughout the operation he set a splendid example to all ranks, his exceptional courage and determination in this action being a major factor in its ultimate success. 246 Field Co. R. E.

Among the Third Division's own Engineers, 246 Field company, R.E. affiliated as usual to 8th brigade, landed one Assault demolition team with each of the Assault companies of infantry, and a mine clearance team with each of the reserve companies of these two battalions. It was one of the platoons of 246 Field company landing at H plus 10, that made the first exit off of 'White' Beach with a 'borrowed' bulldozer, before proceeding, according to plan, to search, clear, and mark a forward route to Hermanville (it all sounds so matter of fact, doesn't it?).

246 Field R. E. was to be the first of the Assault companies ashore, split into three Assault teams, led by Lieutenants M. Edwards. R. A. C. Trench. and R. A. Fields. There was another small recce group with the task of getting to, and securing the lock gates at Ouistreham. These three groups were made up as follows; Assault mine clearance teams armed with 'Beehive' explosive charges for demolition purposes and flame-throwers if they were needed. A platoon from this company was the first to open up a path to the lateral road beyond the beach and then proceeded to open a path to Hermanville. Later, the Assault mine clearing teams of 246 R.E. were used to force open two gaps through the mine fields in front of the Enemy strong point code named 'Hillman'. This was inland from the beaches and entailed clearing a path for the infantry under close enemy fire. Later another path was cleared, an 8yd-wide, mine-free path, this time, for the passage of tanks, again under heavy fire. These were the tasks entrusted and set for the leading Assault teams of 246 Field Co. R. E. All were successfully completed. Later still, elements of 246 R. E. were engaged in rafting tanks across the river Orne and Canal sites (Pegasus Bridge) between the 6th Airborne and Third Div, having to break off now and then to defend the site from determined enemy attack.

The above was compiled from official R. E. records. The route forward dedicated with great respect to those who gave their lives for our freedom and all that we hold dear as a nation.

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essence of our vision", said Andy Bowerman, Chair of the project. "She will be a great asset to the project and we look forward to welcoming her".

About becoming the Youth Development Worker at Not Just Sundaes, Lindy said: "This role is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the Wareham community and to work alongside the agencies already working to engage with the young people of the town. I am really looking forward to immersing myself in the community life of Wareham and will be moving from Swanage to Wareham to facilitate that".

All the trustees of Not Just Sundaes were very grateful for the funding support provided by The Dorset Community Foundation and The Talbot Village Trust, which has enabled the project to appoint this role at this time.

To find out more information about how we are getting on, contact us via our facebook page (Not just sundaes Community Café), and we look forward to seeing you when we re-open in the Spring!

New Face At Not Just Sundaes

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As we all settle into the new year Not Just Sundaes are pleased to welcome the arrival of Lindy Cameron to the project team, as the new Youth Development Worker. Officially starting her new role at the end of March

this year, Lindy comes to the community project with a long and varied background in youth work, supporting young people from primary to post-secondary age.

"Lindy has great experience in this area and at interview she presented a well thought out development plan that all of us thought captured the

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The Swanage School

Visits Commonwealth WWI Cemeteries and Memorials



On the 7th January at 5am, the Year 9 students of The Swanage School left for France and Belgium to visit Commonwealth WWI cemeteries and memorial sites.

In Belgium we visited a preserved trench system; there we saw the many shell holes and tunnels preserved - as a reminder of the battles that were fought and the lives that were lost. Next, we left to see Tyne Cot Cemetery where the youngest soldier buried is only 14 - we felt a deep sadness for their patriotic sacrifice.

Whilst at Tyne Cot, we searched for the names of some of the soldiers commemorated on the Swanage war memorial, and we found the three names on our list. After laying Remembrance crosses

we then headed to Langemark - a German cemetery.

A third of the cemetery was dedicated to school children who died during WWI. In the evening we visited a traditional Belgian Chocolate shop before heading to Menin Gate for the Menin Gate Ceremony. On the Menin Gate there are over 55,000 names of soldiers with no graves. Two of our Year 9 boys were given the honour of laying a wreath during the ceremony, which was very moving.

The next day we had breakfast then left for France and our first destination - Newfoundland Park, a huge area commemorating Canadian soldiers lost in the war. We then visited the Lochnagar crater in France. Twenty tonnes of Royal Engineers explosives created the Lochnagar crater and it is said that the bang could be heard in England!

Once everyone had paid their respects we left for our last stop - Thiepval Memorial. At Thiepval there are over 72,000 names of soldiers, again, with no known graves. Also at Thiepval we found the last of the Swanage soldiers on our list, and laid a wreath whilst one of our students read a poem.

It was a great trip because it made the events of WWI come alive for us and it made us feel part of the history that affected our ancestors.

Written by Lily Wyer and Jeanne Lejeune - Year 9, TSS.

Pictures: Top left: Students find a Swanage soldier at Tyne Cot.

Left: At Menin Gate, Lily Wyer found her Great-great-Uncle.

Right: At Menin Gate, Malachi Sebege and Marcus Smith lay a wreath.



Through The Keyhole Swanage Town Council

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



Swanage Town Council Meeting. 3 February

Concern for the safety of Swanage's children linked two contributions from members of the public this month. Mr Jack Daniels alerted the Council to concerns at the gas exploration site and Panorama Road which leads to it. His objection is not to the site itself but to the dangers inherent when numbers of large and heavily laden vehicles start to use a road unsuited to it. (The massive increase in traffic movements by large industrial vehicles has been a consistent objection of anti fracking activists around the country).

Mr Daniels reported an example of what he sees as an imminent danger to children, schools' parties and others when he observed a large articulated lorry heading for the site having the greatest difficulty climbing the hilly section of the road. The lorry in fact stalled and then ran back for some distance down the hill before the driver was able to halt it. In conversation with Mr Daniels, the driver said that he would be telling his employers not send vehicles like his to that site again – certainly not with a single driver. His submission will be considered at the next meeting of the Transport Committee as this road is the Town Council's responsibility.

Readers will recall that the proposed puffin crossing at the site of the new Swanage School on the Valley Road was discussed at some length last month but it seems the matter is far from decided. Residents continued to complain about not being consulted on the crossing and, though neither DCC or PDC had responded, Swanage Town Council had prepared a consultation document which would soon be with residents of Benlease and the High Street. It was the view of Cllr Suttle that it was not too late to change the mind of the planners; his own view being that a puffin crossing was not the solution – a roundabout at the bottom of Benlease being more likely to solve the reality that there would, whatever the planners say, be more vehicles now entering the area. (He noted that in respect of the new St Mary's School on Northbrook Road while the planners assumed children would be walking to school, parents would actually determine that matter).

Lots of hard-hat activity along Shore Road. In spite of record rain (December and January taken together constituted by far the wettest two month period since local records began) and its effect on the mud in which the stabilisation crews are having to work, the site is on schedule to complete, as planned, in June. As well as working in the worst possible conditions the workers have been delayed by finding two separate ancient gas mains not shown on the maps. Meanwhile (and this is something over which the Council has no power) work is starting on the site of the long since demolished multi roomed Shore House Care Home. Who in a rational world (and in a world, especially, of rapidly increasing numbers of octogenarians and nonagenarians) would knock down a care home?? Its replacement? Naturally - 'Luxury' apartments. How many of these will be 1) left unoccupied, a gold-plated investment parasitically (and profitably) tied to continually rising house prices or 2) occupied for a few weeks a year as a second home? What they won't be is affordable to anyone who has to live on the wages paid in East Dorset).

The Pier Trust has requested the Council's support, financial and otherwise, for the preparation of a Pier Regeneration Plan needed to support its bid for a substantial Heritage Lottery Grant. As anyone who has been involved in applying for public money for arts, heritage or sports projects knows the process gets ever more cut-throat and expensive by the day. This era has been an El Dorado for highly-paid fundraisers, advisors and consultants and a nightmare for amateur volunteers. Cllr Trite spoke for the Council in arguing the centrality of the Pier to Swanage's Victorian Seaside Resort allure and Mayor Patrick recommended a grant of £4000 towards the initial costs of the bid.

In recognition of an artistic milestone which will take place in July this year the Mayor was presented with the prototype commemorative mug (value £5, so no corruption involved) of this year's 25th Swanage Jazz Festival. A photo of the Mayor supporting last year's Festival features on the mug so the presentation (made by Mr John 'Coltrane' James), was singularly appropriate. Let's hope the Swanage Jazz Festival brings its usual wonderful mid-July weather to town this year. We certainly need it.

News From Wareham Town Council



Town Clerk Rod Curtis reports on Town Council Meeting of 21st January 2014

Update on Wareham Railway crossing/ pedestrian foot bridge - Mr Paul Richmond, Commercial Scheme Sponsor for Network Rail and South West Trains Alliance, attended the meeting.

He provided further information on the railway level crossing closure and reported on progress with the construction of the pedestrian footbridge as follows:

Railway level crossing closure: 50 - 100 people attended a public consultation event on 16th January in the Town Hall. Work on a draft Right of Easement was in progress between Dorset County Council and Network Rail which would create an enforceable access right for the Council. This would be transferable to a subsequent body should either party to the agreement be replaced in future years.

It was confirmed that the documentation would refer to the consideration of the issue of reinstating level crossing access should it be needed at some future point, e.g., if the railway line/bridge were to become redundant.

Construction of pedestrian footbridge – a timeline for this was given and it was noted that the final phase would see a weekend closure in September 2014 whilst the bridge was completed. There had been a need to return to the planning process due to the discovery of a mainline sewer, the need to ensure the prohibiting of access to the signal box roof and to remove a brick wall which had been considered as unnecessary.

Council's Budget for Financial Year 2014/2015 – this was confirmed after discussion and adjustments, with a precept request (share of the Council Tax) to be submitted to the District Council of £124,813.00.

Worgret Road Development– Developer Contribution for Play Area - in accordance with Standing Order 8.11 (Emergency Procedures), there was no discussion on this item. It was resolved to note the decision taken between meetings with regard to the future management of a proposed play area to be built as part of the Worgret Road development by Bloor Homes.

Planning Permission for Mill Lane Premises - Council received a Recommendation from the Amenities Committee that plans be submitted for a ground floor extension to the premises at 2 Mill Lane by Wareham Town Council to Purbeck District Council at the earliest opportunity, for planning permission and for listed building consent for a Grade II building. This was agreed..

First World War Centenary 2014 - Council received further information on local events currently being planned to commemorate 100 years since the start of the First World War, to support decision making on whether the Council should stage or participate in an event.

It was highlighted that there was a further planning meeting to be held by interested groups in February and that the Deputy Mayor would represent the Council at this meeting. It was decided to await information on the outcome of this meeting and this item would be brought back to the next meeting of the Town Council for further discussion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 7.00 pm, public welcome to attend.

Stop Press: Wareham Public Toilets Refurbishment – The long-awaited refurbishment of Howards Lane public toilets, now owned by the Town Council, will commence on 24th February, followed later on by the Quay Toilets.

Please bear with us during the inevitable closure periods as we strive to give Wareham the toilets it deserves, complete with baby-changing facilities, both fully open and operating in time for the main tourist season.

Rod Curtis, Town Clerk



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Brownsea Nation's Favourite!



As birdwatchers and other visitors prepare to take up the chance of a rare winter visit to Brownsea Island, the National Trust owned property has just been declared the country's favourite nature reserve.

The island, which opens at weekends from 8 February, was nominated for the award by the BBC's Countryfile Magazine and came out top of a public poll. It was up against stiff competition from the likes of the RSPB's Ouse Fen in Cambridgeshire, the Farne Islands in Northumberland and the Bass Rock, Scottish Seabird Centre in East Lothian.

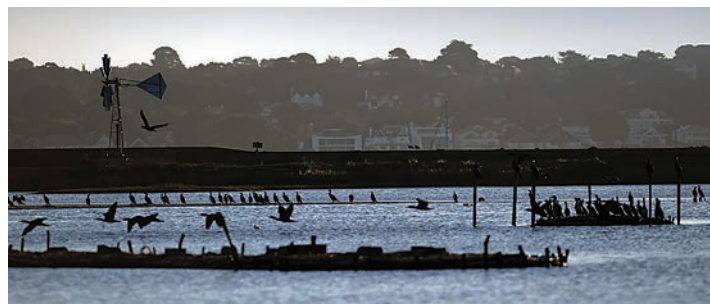
For the last 50 years since Brownsea was opened to the public, Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) has managed its nature reserve on the island.

DWT Reserve Manager, Chris Thain said, "We are absolutely delighted to have been selected for this award. Winter is a particularly spectacular time to come to the Lagoon as you see not only a huge diversity of birds, but also in large numbers. In January this year, we have counted 1,973 black-tailed godwits and 1,181 avocets. The Lagoon is vitally important to over-wintering wildfowl and waders, and the flocks of birds are a very impressive sight – especially if you're a keen photographer."

The National Trust is opening the island on weekends from 8 February until 16 March, allowing birdwatchers and other visitors to be able to make a rare winter trip to Brownsea. From 22 March, the island will be open every day until 2 November 2014.

Pic above - thanks to National Trust.

Pic below - John Millar



'The Swanage Railway returns to Wareham'

Talk and discussion led by Peter Sills, Swanage Railway Company Chairman

Tues 11th March 7.30pm in Wareham Town Hall

Wareham Town Trust AGM

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Locality management

Since her appointment in December 2013 our new Senior Locality Lead for Purbeck and East Dorset Nikki Hislop has been making the most of her time, getting to know the area and visiting local GPs in order to get a real understanding of the health needs of the area.

As part of her work she met with the Community Hospitals team during February to help develop relationships and reinforce partnership working across the locality.

As you may know the Purbeck locality is part of the Mid Dorset Cluster which means we work closely with our colleagues in Poole and East Dorset. Recently, GPs and managers from the cluster met with the Interim Chief Executive for Dorset HealthCare, Ron Shields, to talk about continued joint working and making best use of current facilities across the area.

We are really pleased that we have been able to carry out these meetings as they really do help strengthen existing relationships and offer benefits for everyone in the area.

Alcohol

As we have mentioned previously, partners across Purbeck are working hard to address issues around the misuse of alcohol. The work of the Purbeck Integrated Health Wellbeing and Social Care Forum continues fitting in with that of the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board.

Group members have undertaken Brief Intervention Training to support the work the locality is doing around alcohol misuse. Brief Intervention is a short opportunistic counselling session and has been found to be effective in reducing excessive drinking or achieving treatment referral for problem drinkers. It has also been successfully used when encouraging people to give up smoking.

Be Clear On Cancer

Knowing the signs can help you get treatment sooner – that's the message from the national Be Clear On Cancer campaign which aims to raise awareness of some of the most common forms of the disease. An advertising campaign will run on local radio during March to raise awareness of symptoms, encouraging people to visit our website for more information.

Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for The Future

Full updates on the project are still being made available via the Purbeck locality page of our website.

**Maggie Hardy Principal Locality Lead
Mid Dorset Cluster (including Purbeck)
NHS Dorset CCG
maggie.hardy@dorsetccg.nhs.uk**

Swanage Town Twinning Update

We began the New Year with a highly entertaining evening with the Rev Stewart Timbrell on Discovering Dorset. He has an amazing repertoire, holding us all in fits of laughter as he meanders his way through hidden corners of Dorset. This was followed by a Supper, each member bringing a plate of food to share. The evening was very well supported with new members attending.

Next month we will have our Annual Dinner, moved from November to March, we hope this will be more popular with members. Jan Ratcliffe has arranged a very extensive menu for a modest price at the Village Inn. Ulwell.

Our next fund-raiser will be a Beetle Drive on Saturday 12th April at 7pm at The Catholic Hall with refreshments; a lot of laughs with no brain work involved.

We are planning our forthcoming visit in June to our twin town of Rudesheim am Rhein, Germany. Members must have joined the Association six months before we make the visit. We stay with families in Rudesheim and anyone making the visit should be in a position to return the hospitality received back here in Swanage.

We look forward to meeting members at our next meeting, plus any new members wishing to test the water before committing themselves to joining. This is always welcomed. The 2014 programme is available to view on our website: www.swanagetowntwinning.co.uk

Janet Enoch. Vice Chairman & Publicity Officer.

Wareham Town Twinning Update



The Wareham-Hemsbach Society began the month with a dinner and dance at the Dorset Golf and Country Club. This is about three miles down the Puddletown Road.

We spent about half an hour socialising at the bar, then we went to our seats with cards showing our names and menu choices. We all made each other feel welcome with people sharing bottles of wine and engaging everyone in the conversations. Lena, our secretary, congratulated Myrna, last year's chairman, for winning the volunteer of the year award at Wareham.

Pat and Christine sold raffle tickets for prizes and these included bottles of wine and flowers. Karl Latimer played the music and some of the guests did an excellent display of dancing.

Our next event will be the AGM at the Carey Hall at 19:00 on Monday 3 March. We are already making detailed plans for entertaining our guests from Hemsbach at the end of August.

Robin Brasher, Publicity Officer of the Wareham-Hemsbach Society

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Nursing Care Provision approved!

We are delighted to announce that as of 17th February, Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home will be able to admit residents requiring higher levels of nursing care in the newly refurbished nursing wing of the care home.

Gainsborough's dual registration has just been approved by the Care Quality Commission and is now registered to provide both residential and nursing care. The newly refurbished nursing care wing can accommodate up to 20 nursing care bed places. In addition to recruiting trained nurses, our existing care staff are undergoing specialist training to enable them to assist with caring for residents with specific physical conditions and needs.



Refurbishment Programme Completed

With the completion of the extensive, £½ million pound refurbishment programme, Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home is now registered for 45 people, comprising of up to 20 nursing care beds and 25 residential care beds places.

Affordable Residential and Nursing Care

Our philosophy is to provide good quality care at a fair price. We know what we're doing (we've been doing it for over 26 years) and we're part of a large private group based in Weymouth which benefits from economies of scale. Also, with no bankers or shareholders to satisfy, we can keep our fees low and plough our returns back into the quality of the business. No compromises.

New Minibus; Trips and Expeditions Galore!!

At Gainsborough we are fortunate to be getting a minibus within the next few months, which is to take our residents out and about, whether mobile or relying on wheelchairs. This has been kindly donated by an existing resident and his family. We are all very grateful as this will allow trips to the beach and summer picnics.

Activities

Planning ahead, we will be having an open day fete in June so fingers crossed for some sunshine!!

We have also celebrated Dignity Day with a digni-tea afternoon. We had coffee and cakes and built a dignity tree with our residents. We feel it very important to get our residents' views and find out what dignity means to them.

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Swanage Firestation Monthly Report



Hi and welcome to February's look at what's been happening at Swanage Fire Station. Since my last report in January we have attended 18 emergency calls; these have included two flooding calls (neither caused by the recent bad weather) two vehicle fires, one fire involving a wheelie bin and a push bike and two further wheelie bin fires in different areas of Swanage.

We attended a chimney fire at Kimmeridge with our colleagues from Wareham, two further calls involved people trapped in broken down lifts. Whilst attending a breathing apparatus training session at Poole fire station we responded to a road traffic collision near Corfe Mullen with two other crews from Poole and Westbourne.

This incident involved a collision between two vehicles and on arrival we found one person trapped in each vehicle. Whilst we got to work to release one of the drivers, the other crew worked on the second vehicle. Both drivers were then taken to hospital for further treatment. Other incidents include false alarms and one where we were called to assist our

colleagues from South West Ambulance to evacuate a casualty who had suffered a bad injury.

That's it for our emergency calls, but I would like to tell about the unsung heroes of our service and the four teams that make up our fire control. They work in a control room in Dorchester and answer about 15000 calls a year.

At times when it is busy they work under intense pressure ensuring that the calls are taken and the nearest appliances are sent to deal with incidents.

They have to be calm and professional even when taking calls from people that are in a stressful situation, whether they are inside a building on fire or trapped in a crashed car, they sometimes stay on the line giving safety advice until the fire appliances arrive. Without these teams our jobs on the ground would be so much more difficult.

Please remember Test It Tuesday - always test your smoke alarm every week (on a Tuesday if it helps you remember!) and ensure that you have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home.

Stay safe! Phil Burridge, Station Commander

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PURBECK'S RAILWAY

Victorian 'T9' steam locomotive is to haul passenger trains to Corfe Castle for first time since the early 1960s.

History is to be made when a unique Victorian T9 class steam locomotive returns to Swanage Railway (courtesy of the National Railway Museum and Bodmin and Wenford Railway) for the first time in more than twenty years.

The steam locomotive will haul passenger trains to Corfe Castle for the first time since the British Railways' days of the early 1960s.

During its time in Swanage the T9 will star in a London and South Western Railway Weekend on 15th and 16th March and take centre stage at a Spring Steam Gala planned for the weekend of 5th and 6th April.

Purbeck Railway Circle

On Friday 14th March Roy Watts will present a slide show entitled 'The Bluebell Railway and its connection to East Grinstead'. In March last year the first passenger trains ran over the northern extension of the Bluebell Railway to East Grinstead.

This marked the end of a 41 year project and provided a link back to the National Rail Network. Roy Watts, Chairman of the Bluebell Railway Preservation Society, will describe this huge project, the challenges the Bluebell faced and the opportunities it has presented.

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7:30 pm

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

For further information regarding the slide show and/or the PRC please contact the General Secretary. tele: 01929 554765 or email: gordonjakes21@btinternet.com

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LSWR Weekend 15th - 16th March

- Guest Engine - LSWR T9 Class 4-4-0 no 30120 - Courtesy of The National Railway Museum and the Bodmin & Wenford Railway
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STORMY PURBECK



Above: High Tide on 3/2/14. The Parade, Swanage



Above left: Storm Ruth, 8/2/14. A monster wave hits cliffs at Durlston. Above right, after Storm Ruth (9/2/14) at Durlston Country Park - seas still rough, but of normal height.



Above left: Locals watch Storm Ruth roll in at Peveril Point 8/2/14. Right: Flooded fields in East Stoke, 15/2/14



Above: 12 noon, 5/2/14. Swanage Seafront



Above: Residents survey the floods from the River Frome at the carpark of the King's Arms, Stoborough. January 2014.



Above: Wareham residents cut-off from Stoborough & the Isle of Purbeck - at Wareham Causeway. January 2014.

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Locations:

Purbeck CAB, Mill Lane, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4RA

Swanage Town Hall, High Street, Swanage BH19 2NZ

Surgeries:

Wareham: 14th and 28th March, 11th and 25th April, 9th and 23rd May

Swanage: 3rd, 17th and 31st March; 14th and 28th April, 12th and 26th May.

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We now have over 100 volunteers in the area so there will be someone who lives close by who will be able to give you a call back and arrange to lend you a hand. All we ask is a small donation, a minimum of £2, to help with our expenses.

Some of the tasks we have completed so far this year are moving furniture so a room could be decorated, helping a lady clear out a lot of stuff and take it to the charity shop before she moved to a smaller flat and replacing a collapsed shower curtain for someone in Swanage.

We were very pleased to accept a donation of £400 from Swanage & Purbeck Rotary Club in February. This amount will go towards our printing costs which is the largest expense for us. This is because all our advertising is sponsored by the Purbeck Gazette and Westover Motors who are the most community minded organizations and can see the good our Purbeck Good Neighbour volunteers are doing.



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Swanage Area Senior Forum

Forum shows the way to have fun – And to keep informed on important local issues.

In recent weeks Swanage Area Senior Forum has been proud to host two well-attended events that have shown the contrasting aspects of our activities.

On 29th January, thanks to a generous grant from AGE UK, we organised a coach party of fifty people to go on a grand tour of Wimborne, visiting the historic Minster and the Priest's House Museum, before having a home made lunch at the cafeteria there. A great time was had by one and all, including Olly, our delightful guide dog!

Then, on 12th February, despite atrocious weather, over one hundred local people braved the elements and packed out Swanage Forum's "Community News Fair" at the Emmanuel Community Centre.

We featured speakers from four organisations that are involved with crucial aspects of Swanage life. The topics were Swanage Bay and its coastal protection, The Swanage Railway, the future of The Swanage Community Hospital and The Purbeck District Council's Swanage Plan consultation process.

This excellent evening highlighted a vibrant question and answer session following each speaker. Afterwards, many people expressed their delight

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We hold regular meetings (although no date for March) and have an excellent range of speakers. Watch this space for our next meeting!

ALL WELCOME

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at such an interesting and educational programme of important local news. Ideas for topics for future sessions were sought from our attendees, so watch this space in the Purbeck Gazette for the details of our future meetings.



Don't forget - we now publish DAILY news on our website!

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The Food Bank can be accessed by a referral from a Social Worker, by contacting any of the Ministers from the churches involved, the Citizen's Advice Bureau or Surestart Family Services.

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Boat, anyone?! Bestwall, Wareham. By Phil Kimbrey



Oystercatchers in flight, near Arne. By Donna Derreck



Corfe Castle Middlebere Heath by Ben Buxton



Swanage RNLI on the water, by Brian Case



December sun over Wareham Floodplain, by Geoff Curtis

Mothering Sunday In Purbeck



Mother's Day is swiftly approaching, giving us the opportunity to spend quality time with those who have cared for us since the day we were born. Mums put everyone else first, caring for their families first and foremost.

Mothering Sunday offers gives us the chance to show our appreciation for those special mums, thus giving something back, even if just for one day.

Over the following pages, we give you some ideas from our lovely Purbeck businesses for giving your mum a treat this Mother's Day.

Take a look as you'll be sure to find something to suit your Mum - be it a new designer outfit, a make-over or a delicious meal out.

Look after Mum - you only have one!



Mother's Day is the perfect occasion to shop for that extra-special treat to spoil your mum. Be it a piece of handmade jewellery, a vintage treasure, or perhaps a hand-carved wooden stick for her walks, all mums deserve something thoughtful.

Your mother might love a piece of local art by Swanage Illustrator, Janine Drayson.

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Mother's Day At Clavells



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Sunday Afternoon Tea Treat?

This is bookable from 4pm onwards and includes Scones with local clotted cream and jam, assorted finger sandwiches and a selection of homemade cakes and biscuits, together with a pot of loose leaved tea or coffee. A glass of Champagne is also available as an extra for any Mums who prefer more than a cup of tea!

We are now open every day and back doing Fish & Chips on a Thursday and open for dinners on a Saturday.

At the end of March we will be launching the new summer menu, though at present summer seems along way away with all this dreadful rain. We have been fortunate that we have not seen such floods as in Somerset, and can only hope that it will improve.

At this time of year all our cattle are housed inside so they are quite happy, but the sheep and our first batch of lambs are experiencing the full force of nature and we are having to move them more often and give them an extra feed to cope, but they seem to be managing okay.

We are all looking forward to seeing some sun and feeling some warmth. In the meantime, please call in - a warm welcome and a friendly smile is assured!

Emma, Annette & Gillian

Seventhwave For Mums



2014 has begun as a hit for Seventhwave, with even the miserable weather not keeping the customers away. In fact what better way to experience this amazing weather than to sit in the warm whilst enjoying some homemade treats and watching the waves in Durlston Bay crash against the rocks?

Just take care on the terrace as we don't want you to blow away!

With twelve weddings already booked in for the year ahead, an array of functions and more spaces still being filled, the Seventhwave team will be kept on their toes in the year ahead.

The latest exciting news is a new kitchen team starting over the half term break, being led by a new head chef. The newly designed menu, due to launch in March, means new tastes and produce to excite our taste buds.

Mother's day on the 30th March coincides with Durlston's Wedding Fayre and each mother of the bride will be presented with a 10% voucher to use in the restaurant up to a week after the event, or why not join us on the day and treat your mother to a tasty meal or cream tea?

See you all soon! The team at Seventhwave.

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Advisory – this usually falls into two camps – a managed service or advice on individual sales and purchases. For the advisory managed service you would normally have your own dedicated advisor and they would need to have comprehensive information on your financial circumstances, attitude to risk and your objectives. This information needs to be updated on an ongoing basis. Your advisor would keep an ongoing eye on your portfolio and would advise you when they felt that any changes were advisable. They also need to ensure the suitability of your investments for you at all times and will provide regular reviews. Because of the work involved in maintaining this level of service for a client, there is likely to be an annual management fee and commission on sales and purchases (although this could instead be incorporated into a higher annual management fee). The non-managed advisory service is usually cheaper as, although the advisor is likely to advise on the suitability of any individual sales and purchases, they are not necessarily advising on the portfolio as a whole and do not need to ensure ongoing suitability of your portfolio. They are also not keeping an ongoing eye on your portfolio or providing regular reviews. However, your advisor does still need to keep comprehensive information on your financial circumstances and update this regularly, in order to demonstrate that any sale or purchase is suitable for you at that time.

Discretionary – this is a managed service whereby your advisor looks after your portfolio and makes changes as and when they feel it is sensible to do so, without prior reference to you. They do, however, have to provide the rationale behind any sale or purchase and this can be as and when they deal or, at the time of your regular review. Like the advisory services, your advisor requires comprehensive information on your financial circumstances, attitude to risk and your objectives and needs to ensure that this is updated on an ongoing basis. Your advisor needs to ensure that any transactions are suitable for you and that your portfolio remains suitable at all times. The charges for this level of service are likely to be very similar to the managed advisory level of service and again can be a mixture of an annual management fee and commission or purely an annual management fee.

Some advisors will provide all the above levels of service and some may decide to offer only some of the services above. As mentioned earlier, what level of service is best suited to you really depends on your individual circumstances.

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Capital Gains Tax on Home Developments

Your main home is exempt from capital gains when you sell it, but only if you bought the property with the intention of living in it on a permanent basis, not as a project to renovate and sell. People who are required to live in job related accommodation, such as prison warders and church ministers, can have a separate tax-exempt home without having to live in it.

Some taxpayers who have taken on renovation projects have found the gain on their property doesn't qualify for the tax exemption, because they can't prove they occupied the property on a permanent basis while it was being renovated before the sale.

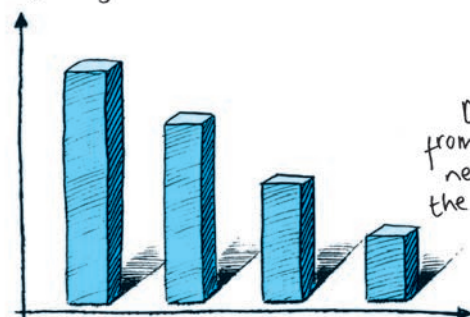
For example, Jason Moore bought a property with his girlfriend in December 1999. He claimed to have lived there while he renovated it in the period to late February 2000, when he returned to live with his girlfriend. The property was then let to tenants until it would sold for a profit in June 2004.

Jason had no documentary evidence of his time at the property in the three months to February 2000, so his claim for the tax exemption failed.

The MKL Partnership,
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Swanage Rotary

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In some cases this is after a problem has occurred – for example the recent typhoon in the Philippines. However, whenever possible Rotary tries to focus on helping prevent problems rather than dealing with the aftermath.

Local examples of this are supporting Purbeck Good Neighbours with a grant for publicity, the local Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to purchase tents and the local Impact group for helping young people in the town.

Swanage Rotary President Neil Hardy is very conscious that we need to balance the work we do locally with the wider international community. "After the recent problems with rain and flooding, it's difficult to imagine that people are dying through lack of water to drink and grow crops" said Neil. Rotary International has recognised the need to help address this problem and is working to provide a sustainable water supply to people in sub-Saharan Africa. "Many Rotary clubs are responding to this appeal which will provide water to communities for many years in the future. Their contributions are combined and provide the resources to take on projects such as this".

Swanage Rotary has been collecting already and is in sight of raising the money we have committed to the project and had some fun doing so. "Swanage Rotary is holding a barn dance at Corfe Castle Village Hall on Saturday 1st March in aid of the Sand Dams appeal" explains organiser Deirdre Selwyn. "We are trying to raise £2000 this year as our contribution towards helping people in Africa build a sand dam which will enable them to irrigate crops when droughts occur"

So why not come along on the 1st March. Tickets are £7-50 each which includes a ploughman's supper and are available from Deirdre on 01929 480279 or via the Swanage Rotary website at www.swanagerotary.org. There is no bar but you can bring your own drinks.

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Rights and Responsibilities

by David Hollister

The government will make it a criminal offence to smoke in cars in England when children are passengers. MPs voted by 376 to 107 in favour of an amendment which empowers, but does not compel, ministers to bring in a ban. As an ex-smoker and a parent, I'm totally in agreement with their motives. But surely responsible parents won't smoke with their kids in the car – will they?

Problem for me is that I find myself wondering how much further the 'police state' will go with regulations about what you can and can't do in your own car; hand held mobile phones are a 'no no' but sat-navs – equally distracting – as fitted as standard. Yet the anoraks are trying to get a ban on total mobile phone use – even using hands-free blue tooth. It's going to be difficult for the police; there's me, whizzing by, and they have an instant to establish a) have I got a cigarette going, b) have I got a child in the car, c) am I on the phone, d) have I got my belt on, e) is my car taxed, f) am I drunk, g) am I going in excess of the speed limit..... I do hope they have good eyesight! Or will they rely on the all-pervasive cameras?

On the subject of which. The Borough of Poole has a camera car LG11VHW with a roof-mounted video camera looking out for "parking infringements". So they can record your number and send you a fixed penalty. Be warned – and keep out of Poole. This is Enforcement gone mad; a totalitarian state against the like of which our parents and grandparents fought in two world wars. Are there no depths to which these money-grabbing councils will not sink?

But of course there's one law for them and another for us. Out patrolling for motorists contravening highway laws, the driver was trapped by the safety camera car operated by Dorset Police. The "spy car" was allegedly exceeding the 30mph speed limit by 6mph in Banks Road, Sandbanks one morning in January. The driver is believed to have received a speeding ticket for which he will probably get fined £100 and three points, but a £110 driver awareness course may be offered!

But last week, the vehicle was seen jumping a red light! The witness has been told by the Borough of Poole that they are "not going to do anything". But surely its own video camera would have clearly captured this offence – and sent itself a penalty notice!

The Borough of Poole are quoted as saying "While it is not council policy to comment on individual matters such as this, we would expect all staff to drive safely and responsibly while on council business. We have spoken to the individual concerned about this matter." I'd hope that this conversation included the issue of a P45.

Residents have complained that a Dorset Roadsafes camera van was parked in a 'dangerous' place on the Fleetsbridge flyover section of Dorset Way, on the asphalt at the side of the 50mph dual-carriageway. Yet Dorset Roadsafes refuse to comment as to what penalty we would face if our own cars were parked there.....

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Car drivers, we expect these people to be examples to other drivers, rather than be able to flout their own laws. And we expect contravention of these laws to be dealt with in a fair and even-minded manner.

A few editions ago, I mentioned cyclists and cycle lanes and was subject to a torrent of abuse both in writing and on the local 'Facebook' sites for my 'anti-cyclist' attitude. The 'real cyclists' made it clear to me that the standard of the cycle lanes current being built at our expense was simply not acceptable. I did suggest that the DCC should consult cyclists rather than 'planners' before wasting any more of our money, but they clearly haven't done so as there's more work going on in Sandford as I write.

Yesterday, travelling between the Bakers Arms and the Sandford roundabout, I crawled in a line of cars behind a cyclist who was riding on the carriageway, just far enough out from the kerb to make it dangerous to overtake him. Totally ignoring a perfectly good cycle lane, over a yard wide, clearly marked, and completely empty.

I stopped at Sandford roundabout and politely asked him why he wasn't using the cycleway. I will not print his reply for fear of offending my lady reader (and my lady editor) but it had something to do with sex and travel.

Last week I was driving through Harmans Cross and came upon a group of cyclists – two and sometimes three abreast – doing about 15mph. There was nothing coming the other way so I politely 'tooted' to let them know I was there, pulled out and overtook them with a very wide berth, noting as I did so the upraised fingers.

Come on, cyclists, we all have to live together, and it's that sort of attitude that widens rather than narrows the gap between us. Yes, you have rights. But you also have responsibilities. As do all of us who use the roads.

I've been bleating on about puddles in this column for the last five years, and still nothing's been done. The pool at the foot of 'St Michaels Hill' remains a danger to cars and especially to motor-cycles; the water continues to sheet across the A351 just before Crack Lane; I have been promised that the incredibly dangerous puddle in Harmans Cross – causing pedestrians to walk in the middle of the road over a blind brow – will be fixed 'shortly'; all it needs is the drain to be re-laid properly. Watch this space. But with the seasonal weather deteriorating, we need more permanent solutions rather than temporary fixes. God knows, we pay enough to be on the roads so the least we can expect is that our county's roads are safe and fit for purpose.

Dorset County Council has fixed about 3,200 potholes since October 2010. Its highways team is now using an infra-red 'Nu-Phalt' cooker which repairs roads more quickly with less waste. This is a superb piece of kit. It provides an instant and seamless repair, with the minimum of staff and the minimum of traffic disruption. It mends surface defects by recycling the existing macadam, giving a permanent repair. Maybe if they spent less on their own infrastructure they could buy another of these machines and fix ours!

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Breakfast Muff Pies



This month the two great British traditions of the cooked breakfast, and glorious pies, collide in a shamefully easy recipe. A really great recipe for roping the kids in: It's hands on and a bit crafty, and fun. And like all good recipes, it's easily tweaked to your own tastes.

One of the greatest things about facebook is seeing what my friends and customers are cooking. I have seen all sorts of things, including a Hawaiian recipe where you dig a hole in the beach, get a fire going in the pit, wrap a pig in Palm tree leaves, pop it on the fire, and then cover with sand. They didn't mention the tide, but that could really mess it up.

Today's recipe is a British tweak on a recipe presented by Danish friends, where they used Parma ham, and tomatoes.

Yeah, good healthy ingredients, but I remember the first recipe I ever took on by myself was out of a comic in the 1970s, and was very similar to this.

Imagine it; little grubby Charlie, only eight years old, armed with a can of beans, bread and sausages. I made a pie for me and my chums. And it worked! "Wow... I can cook!"

Things would never be the same again.

Here's what you do:

- Get a muffin tin.
- Brush melted butter around the inside of the tin.
- Lightly fry some bacon, and then chop into 3cm sections.

- Line the muffin tin with sliced bread with the crust lopped off. Working with triangles seems to work well.
- Line the sides with the bacon
- Dollop a dollop of baked beans in the bottom (or chopped fresh tomatoes if you are Danish)
- Crack an egg into the middle.
- I also put some cheese on top too.
- Brush any exposed bread with more melted butter.
- Pop in the oven, middle shelf, about 180, for about 20 minutes, or till the egg white looks right.

And did my 'chums' like it this time?

Well it is no longer the 1970s, no one uses the word 'chums' nowadays, I don't have any eight-year-old mates (I have loads that behave like eight year olds) and the standard of cooking has changed a lot in thirty years.

But one of my daughters really liked it and said "eating it was as easy as pie", and asked for it again tomorrow.

But she has not seen the surf forecast. It's an early start for me and cornflakes for her!

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By Hester Viney



Hats off to them, even in hailstorms and with gale force winds thrashing at their gazebos, a few stalwart producers turned out for February's market. Fearing for their safety as well as their sanity, I nipped down to see how they were surviving Britain's wettest winter for 250 years.

First in line, wearing his usual cheery smile, Phil Samways. "The pigs don't care about the rain" he laughs, "It's the cattle who are looking fed up." With sodden fields at Eastington, Phil's feeling fortunate to have plenty of silage for the cows. After a very dry summer, many farmers haven't been able to store enough feed to see them through. "The grass never really got going last year, so we started them on silage in August" Phil says, "It's going to be a long winter."

Next to Phil is Kath Best with her lamb and mutton. "We brought the sheep in for lambing a bit early. They don't like the wet at all, it's no good for their feet" she says. "The fields are waterlogged, but compared to the Somerset Levels we're ok; you can't complain really."

At Ashley Barnes' stall I bumped into Regi Wright, who perhaps unsurprisingly wasn't able to offer any fruit or vegetables for the market. "Nope, there's nothing I'm afraid" she shrugs, "but what do we expect? It's February!!". Some of her greenhouses are down, trees are over, the mud is up to her knees, but there is hope. "It looks like a disaster zone, but the polytunnels are coming to life" she says.

Ashley was selling the last of the season's pheasant and told me stalking's been slow. "In all this wind and rain the deer don't come out - I don't feel like going out much either" he smiles. He had a good run over Christmas and is optimistic for the early spring. "I should have plenty of venison, pigeon and rabbit available, plus the odd frozen pheasant" he says.

Last but not least on Jurassic Cottage Foods' very attractive stall is Tina. She and Gary have been battenning down the hatches and getting on with cooking their jams and chutneys. "It was a great Christmas for us" Tina says, "now we're just focused on keeping our regulars happy".

I left the market as the sun came out, feeling a positive glow from our producers. What can you say, we're British! The weather can't keep us down. As Kath put it "We just keep going, that's what we do."

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for Gill and her husband, Gareth, both ex-Royal Air Force officers. They bought the Riverford Home Delivery Dorset business, moved to Cheselbourne and started making deliveries in February... some six months from take-off to touch-down.

Air traffic controller Gill said "We both recently left the RAF after twenty seven years service and the 'Plan' was simple – Find an opportunity to do something completely different but still strive to 'make a difference', put roots down in a community and find a better life balance. I was online researching for a job interview, when I decided to change our Riverford order and noticed that the Riverford Dorset franchise was available."

Personnel support officer and keen offshore sailor, Gareth said "On leaving the RAF in 2012 I was extremely lucky to get a job skippering ocean-going yachts for the services, but this opportunity even trumped that! We jumped at it – it is perfect for us – and we haven't looked back"

Big time 'foodies' and fans of seasonal organic produce, Gareth and Gill relish spending time cooking, home-curing meat (Gareth produces great organic bacon!) and foraging for goodies that they can turn into jams and cordials. Neither can walk by a hedgerow now without checking nature's larder! "It makes for some delightful – if somewhat slow, walks – with our stoical canine companion, Ruby. Even Gill's elderly horse, Bea, is familiar with our penchant for harvesting and makes a fabulous – and surprisingly patient – platform for hard to reach goodies."

Riverford customers for over eight years they found the produce to be superb and it kept fresh to the extent that no shop bought veg was able to match. "We consider ourselves very lucky to have fallen in step with Riverford. Gill's foray online last summer opened up an opportunity that just had 'serendipity' written all over it."

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Having spent their RAF careers on the move, they are delighted to have settled in Dorset and are overwhelmed at how wonderfully welcoming and supportive their adopted village of Cheselbourne has been.

A fun-loving, can-do couple, Gareth and Gill are looking forward to meeting their customers on rounds and at local shows throughout the year and sharing their passions for supporting British organic farmers and producers through a love of good quality and, of course, great tasting food.

You can follow them on facebook at [HTTPS://www.facebook.com/dorsetriverford](https://www.facebook.com/dorsetriverford) or just call to find out more on 01258 837586. Also checkout the Riverford website at www.riverford.co.uk

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In praise of the humble leek.

With the whole of February having been taken up with leaks of the watery kind (at the time of writing many parts of the country are still baling out) we thought that for March, to mark St David's Day, we would turn our attention to leeks of the tasty kind.

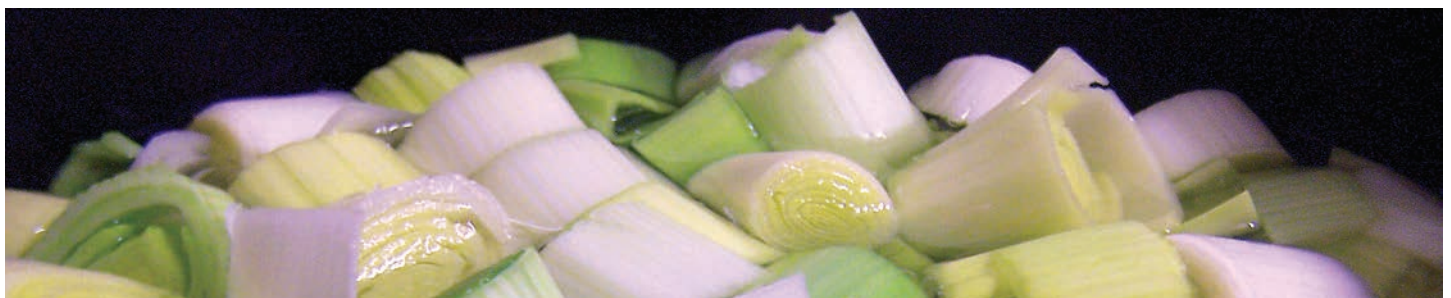
The leek is one of the national emblems of Wales, worn along with the daffodil on 1st March, and according to legend King Cadwaladr of Gwynedd ordered his soldiers in a battle with the Saxons to wear a leek on their helmets to identify themselves.

Leeks are one of the original health foods, and in the Middle Ages, was considered to have extraordinary qualities. High in fibre, it was thought to be good for purging the blood, keeping colds at bay and healing wounds. During this period this humble vegetable also acquired mystical proportions and it was claimed that girls who slept with a leek under their pillow on St David's Day would see their future husband in their dreams.

Like garlic and onion, leeks are a member of the allium family, but have their own distinct flavour, delicate like a mild onion but with a hint of sweetness.

The two best known recipes for leeks are probably Scotland's cock-a-leekie and France's crème vichyssoise, but they are an amazingly versatile vegetable and work well in any number of savoury dishes.

A quick trawl through your recipe books or a search on the internet will give you a whole host of ideas for both side dishes and main courses – so don't delay get some leeks today!



Natural Matters

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Durlston Nature Nursery

We are delighted to announce that registrations for the Children's Nature Nursery at Durlston are now open! Probably the only nursery in the country with panoramic sea views, the nursery will be situated within the former Visitor Centre as part of the development of the new Learning Centre.

This intimate nursery combines a beautiful classroom and a kitchen with an outdoor area surrounded by the National Nature Reserve.

Open all year from 8am – 5pm for children 2½ - 5 year-olds, the nursery will follow the Kids Love Nature Approach, a unique approach for early years education developed by its founders Ben Walliman and Alex Shepherd. Ben and Alex explained:

"Our mission is 'to connect children and families to nature' to set them out on a journey that will last them a lifetime.

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aspects of early years practice taking on our inspiration from the Danish Forest Kindergartens, Montessori and Reggio Emilia. We do this through being completely child centred in everything we do allowing children the time and space to become absorbed into their learning."

The founders will be hosting a 'Parent Day and Tour' event on the 29th March (10am-3pm). The event includes many activities for families and young children, a viewing to showcase the facilities and outdoor area as well as a prize draw for a registered child to win a 'Free Place for 6 months'.

It's a great opportunity to meet some of the practitioners and ask any questions. Please RSVP to durlston@kidslovenature.co.uk indicating name and number of adults and children attending.

Children's Nature Nursery at Durlston has two Ofsted 'Outstanding' sister nurseries located at Avon Heath Country Park and Lymington.

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Not Making Birch Wine And Other Springtime Pursuits

By John Garner



March is a month when things start to really happen in the natural world. Longer days waken up slumbering twigs and buds and generally naturalistic activity hots up as birds and animals charge around trying to make nests and get fat and things like that.

The first few weeks of the month are, apparently, a good time to tap into birch trees to collect sap for making beer or syrup. This is something I've never done and have only seen done on television programmes about getting out into the wild and making the most of the world we often hide from within the cosy confines of our living rooms, something that's always struck me as being somewhat ironic. Not only

have I never tapped birch trees for sap in March, I have never even intended to tap birch trees for sap in March. It's the fact that this seasonal change gives one the opportunity to run out and tap birch trees for sap and is a reminder that spring is in the ascendancy.

There are a great many things I plan to do in the dark, dreary months of the winter that I never actually do, but then that's not really the point for me. I can easily do these things in the spring because nature allows me to, if I have the will to back up the intent. Spring could best be defined as a time of year when you have the opportunity to do so many things you can't do in the winter, but don't actually do them. Because you can't do them in the winter, you yearn to do them all the more during the gloomy months either side of Christmas.

People moving out of London often mourn the cultural loss they relinquish as they exit the metropolis. That they never went to the theatre or museums when they lived there is of no concern. At least there were those options should they wish to take them up.

One thing I am going to do, however, is swim even more in the open air. Well in the open water. I have been swimming two or three times a week in the local pool over the winter and have a recently purchased a swimming specific wetsuit ready to go. I hesitate to call outdoor swimming 'wild' swimming because that sounds quite edgy. I prefer to refer to it as 'swimming the way most people used to before chlorine-filled swimming pools were invented'. Not catchy, but you know where you are, I feel. Although, back then they never had the benefit of wetsuits and so swimming was primarily a two or even single season activity.

Now some of you could and probably should construct an excellent argument for effective painkillers or penicillin being the most important inventions of modern times. And you'd have a very strong case. Jenner's work on vaccinations and the subsequent eradication of smallpox years later may also sit securely at the top of your list. I am all for you if that is

the case. But in terms of improving our leisure time, I herald the invention of the wetsuit as an indispensable piece of equipment if you're going to brave the aquatic elements in any months either side of June, July and August in these chilly northern European climes.

Jack O'Neil is credited as being the originator of modern wetsuits back in 1952, when he began gluing neoprene rubber together and flogging the results out of his garage in southern California. I'm very pleased he did. Wetsuit production is now a worldwide multi-million pound industry making decent wetsuits affordable to almost anyone. Here are the basic wetsuit buying rules: You can go for very warm or very flexible. Actually you can have the third option of not very warm and not very flexible, but why would you? If you spend the money you can have a decent combination of both, but one will always compromise the other to a degree.

My favoured choice are snuggwetsuits.co.uk. British made and made-to-measure with outstanding craftsmanship and performance. They're also made from environmentally friendly limestone-based neoprene and therefore have less of a detrimental environmental effect, important if you're going to be swimming within that self-same environment I think. My current wetsuit is in its third winter and I use it all the time. It looks like it's been worn twice!

My swimming-specific wetsuit is very much an entry level suit and time will tell whether I should have spent a bit more on a better one, but I was counting the pennies at the time and this one was on offer. Scant justification for wrecking the natural world I know. Hopefully, it will allow me to brave the waters outside any time now and I can relieve myself of the itch and irritation my skin always feels for hours after my pool swims. Swimming outside, as previously noted, is to my mind a far more enjoyable experience although there is something semi-hypnotic about toiling up and down the pool and it's good for your fitness no doubt.

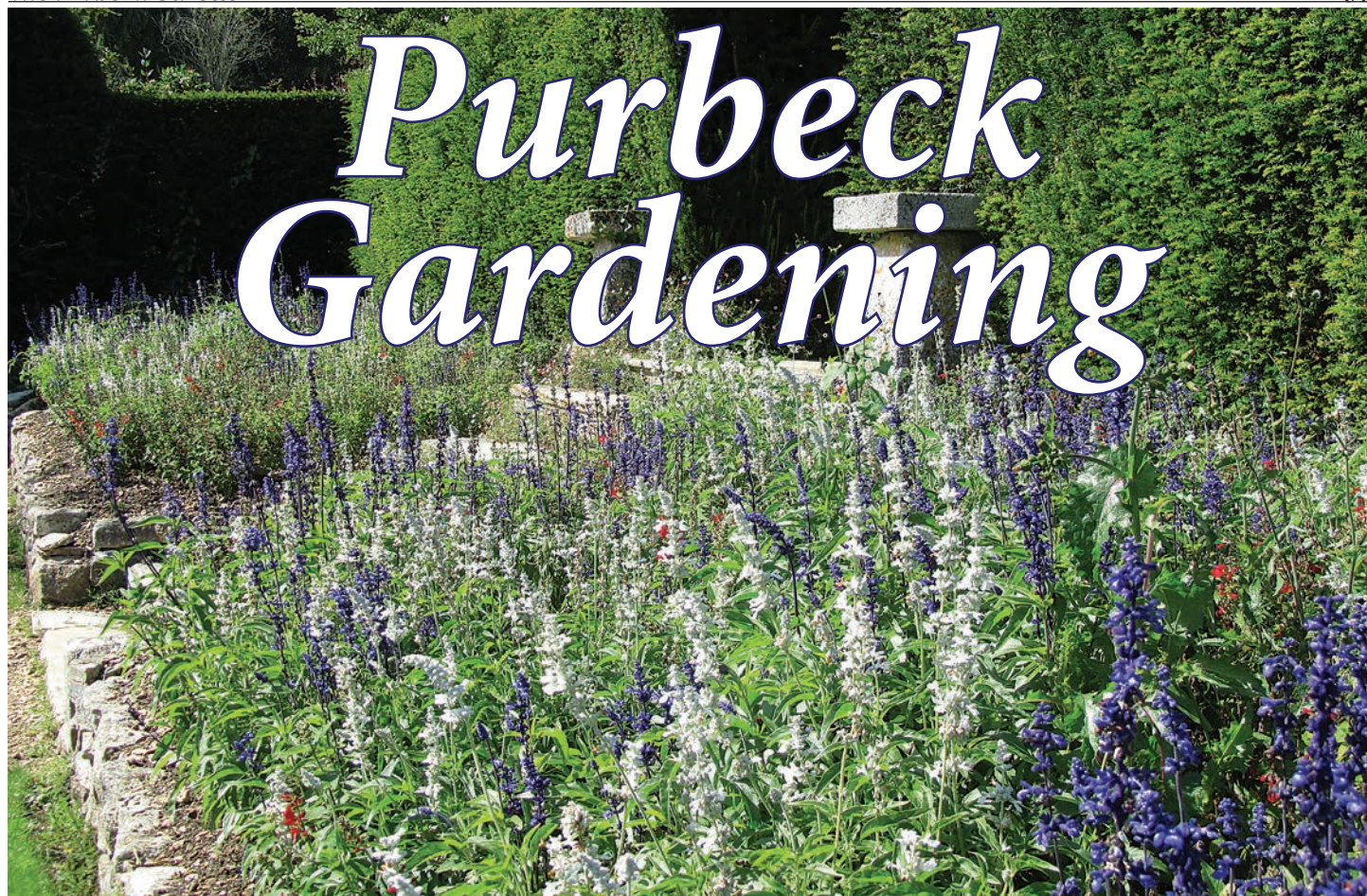
Exercise in water creates something like seventy times more resistance than the equivalent exercise in air I read, although trying to swim in air will probably get you noticed for all the wrong reasons.

Swimming-specific wetsuits apparently have a different buoyancy to surfing wetsuits. You need to get your legs higher to add to your streamlining and a surfing wetsuit doesn't align you correctly so I've been led to believe... by the swimming-specific wetsuit manufacturers, primarily. I'm not sure it will make a great deal of difference at my level, but I'm a sucker for a new piece of kit so I'm looking forward to gliding through the water like a dolphin in my smooth skin neoprene.

I have a vague plan to try to swim the Dorset coast (in manageable sections) over the next few years. Let me know if you want to join me on any of the sections. It's a solitary business and that can be both good and bad. Then again, this vague plan might end up as another something that I can do because it's spring, but probably won't.

Which brings me back to harvesting the sap of the birch tree. Someone, somewhere will be doing it and good luck to them. It almost definitely won't be me. I'll be concentrating on my spring swimming pursuits. It's just comforting to know that the time is right to do or not do both or indeed neither of them.

Purbeck Gardening



Go Wild in Your Garden!

Whether you have a window ledge or a generous patch of green you can live it up by encouraging dozens of fascinating creatures to share it with you. Consider it from the wildlife's point of view - they need food, water and shelter and there are easy ways to provide these.

Select plants carefully. Choosing berry-bearing, or nectar rich shrubs and flowers will naturally provide food for a range of 'mini beasts' and birds. Species that are native to the UK are often hardier and cheaper than foreign varieties. Native plants host many more insects which then provide food for our lovely garden birds and small mammals or reptiles. Putting out a bird feeder will give you hours of pleasure spotting which birds turn up for a snack.

Water is essential to all living creatures and a must for every garden. No space for a pond? Make a pond in a bucket – it really works! Can't afford a

fancy bird bath? Use an old washing up bowl with a rock in it (for creatures to climb out if they fall in.) Whatever you choose, please regularly clean food and water supplies to prevent diseases.

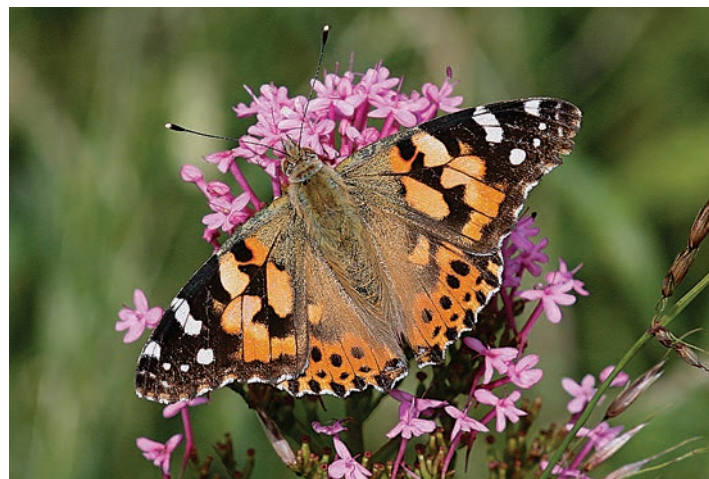
Places to nest, hibernate or just shelter from the British weather occur naturally in gardens and you can boost these by training climbing plants up hedges and fences. If you have a dead tree, cover it in honeysuckle and let the beetles demolish it naturally. Bird, bat and hedgehog boxes are all easy to build or buy.

Be as 'organic' as you can, pesticides kill predators that would eat the pests. You can save money and effort by letting natural processes take their course. Make your own compost – free fertiliser and a wildlife haven combined. Most importantly, get out there, observe and enjoy!

For further information contact Briony Baxter 01305 264620.

Article by Dorset Wildlife Trust. Photos, below: Left, Goldfinch. Right, Painted Lady. Both by Ken Dolbear, MBE.

Turn over for information on Purbeck Gardening groups, businesses offering gardening-related services and goods, and advice on what to get cracking on during March!



'Pop-up' Allotment Shop & Potato Day



Lytchett Matravers Allotment Society – in association with Pennard Plants – is holding a 'Pop-Up Allotment Shop and Potato Day' on Saturday 1st March 2014 from 10am to 2pm, at Lytchett Matravers Village Hall, Poole, Dorset BH16 6DF.

As the main exhibitor, Pennard Plants will be offering 80+ varieties of planting Potato, for sale by the tuber, plus their Heritage Vegetable and Flower Seed, a good selection of Garlic, Onion and Shallot Sets, Herbs, Fruit Bushes, Rhubarb and much more.

There will be other stalls, a free Potato-Cuts Corner for children and Lytchett Matravers W.I. will be providing refreshments and a cake stall.

Peter Cantwell, the Society's President, said "We held our first Potato Day last March and it was a great success, with approximately 200 visitors in the four hours we were open. We hope to build on this at our second such event, on 1st March."

For enquiries, please contact the Society's President, Peter Cantwell, on 01202 632631 or email 1mallotsoc@yahoo.co.uk



Owermoigne Flower Club



In May this year we will be celebrating our 21st Annual Festival, the title being 'Rhythms of Life'. This will be a five day event. We are very privileged to be able to hold our big event in Athelhampton House. Members love having a chance to decorate spaces much larger than usual. This year we will also be staging some arrangements/flowers sculptures in the grounds. This will enable some talented ladies to go to town with some striking displays.

Most members take part in helping. All the tips and training gleaned from club meetings are used in the displays we use to decorate the house and gardens. We start to plan our arrangements several months in advance. This year's theme is 'Rhythms of Life'. We dig deep into the internet, libraries etc. to research possible titles. It always amazes me that a common theme can be portrayed in so many different ways using a variety of many different styles of arranging from traditional to modern and with worldwide influences.

There is a terrific atmosphere whilst we are staging the show. The flowers arrive from the wholesalers very early three days before the show opens. They are then sorted and allocated to each arranger as requested (quite a job in itself). Then the ladies arrive full of enthusiasm and ideas, set to and arrange and tweak until they are satisfied.

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What we do

The content of club meetings is very varied, from floral demonstrations by professionals and members, to visiting speakers, organised visits to gardens and flower shows, club competitions and very popular workshops. Members often decorate their village churches and halls for festivals and weddings. We also put displays in the Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Bovington and the Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival. We have members who are active flower arrangers and some who like to come and watch. We also enter competitions both locally and regionally sometimes as individuals and often as a group entry. (Dorchester County Show, RHS Malvern Spring Show, NAFAS Dorset and Guernsey Area Show, and National NAFAS competitions.) **Alison Chick**

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Swanage Garden Society

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16th April: New Zealand by Jean Smith. A different look at a glorious country. Herston Hall at 7.30pm

17th May: Plant Fayre at the Catholic Hall 10-12pm
Get that different plant all the way from a private Somerset nursery.

23rd May: David Boag, 'The life of a wildlife photographer.' See the inside working of a professional photographer. Herston Hall at 7.30pm

18th June: Plant Swap
Bring that plant along and swap it for another, or perhaps buy something different. Glass of wine and nibbles available (£1). Herston Hall at 7.30pm

19th July: Summer flowers in full colour. At the Methodist Church at 2.30pm

17th Sept: Rockeries, by Neil Lovesey. A good talk by a West Country expert. Herston Hall at 7.30pm

15th October. 'Smugglers Tales & Trails' by Rod Curtis. Learn about what went on behind our backs (or was it?!). Herston Hall at 7.30pm

12th November: AGM. Plus cheese and wine. Herston Hall at 7.30pm

10th December: Christmas Buffet (£10) at Herston Hall at 7.30pm

Why not join us? All the above for only £5 per year! We are a happy crowd, and while gardens are what we're about, you can see from our diary it is about friendship and enjoying ourselves once a month on a Wednesday. See you there!

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Chairman of Wareham in Bloom and helpers at the new Saxon Magic Corner garden

WAREHAM FLORAL GROUP has had to close due to the lack of volunteers prepared to stand for committee at an Extraordinary General Meeting held in December 2013.

The club was formed in 1958 and in June last year celebrated 55 many happy years of flower arranging. The funds remaining have been donated to Dorset Air Ambulance £200, Friends of Wareham Hospital £200, Wareham in Bloom £100 and 1st Sandford Brownies £59.80.

I would like to say 'thank you' to all the members and friends who have supported the club over the years.

Christine Marley (ex Chairman)

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Thoroughly incorporate as much compost as you can. You can use well rotted material from your compost heap/bin or you can buy Eco-mix, an excellent, graded compost produced locally and available from your local garden centre.

Now the fun bit ... choosing the plants. It is better to plant in bold blocks of fewer varieties than in ones and twos of lots of varieties. You will need about six to eight plants per sq metre. (Under £12 / sq m if you plant 9cm plants like those pictured) I recommend you pick a colour theme such as yellow and blue or pinks, silvers and purples etc.

You might go for a secondary theme such as a 'good for wildlife' as well. Other things you need to consider are how exposed the site is, how dry/wet the soil is, height and when and how long do the plants flower for.

When you plant, firm the soil well around the roots of the young plants and water them in well. I also add a further thick mulch of Eco Mix to help condition the soil, reduce weeding and conserve moisture.

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March tasks –

- Start to harden off young seedlings sown in February
- Apply an organic Fertilizer to your borders such as Pelleted Chicken Manure, to replace the nutrients washed out by the excessive rain
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Arts & Entertainment

Purbeck Strings



We think we are really bringing a great treat to Swanage and Purbeck audiences this year with the first performance of Vivaldi's Four Seasons Concertos in this area.

The amazing Four Seasons, composed in 1723 and rediscovered in the 20th century, has become one of the best-known and loved classical works.

It has been constantly in the Classic FM top twenty Hall of Fame listings for the last ten years.

The Festival Strings Orchestra conducted by Ian Pillow, on Sunday the 16th March at 3.30pm in St. Mary's Church

Swanage, will deliver an electrifying performance with violinist sisters Laura and Eleanor Stanford bringing the solo parts vividly to life.

To partner the Seasons, there will be a performance of another most popular work, Peter Warlock's Capriol Suite. Composed in 1927 the English composer freely adapted seven attractive pieces from a collection of French dance tunes published in 1588.



Festival March 2014
The Four Seasons
Concerts at St Mary's Church, Swanage

Concert by Candlelight - Stanford Quartet

Beethoven: Opus 18 no.1, Webern: Langsamersatz

Borodin: Quartet no.2

Saturday 15th March at 7.30pm - Tickets £12.50

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Another use of an old tune by a modern composer is the Adagio for organ and strings, again freely adapted by the Italian Giazotto in 1958 from Albinoni 1708. Whatever the truth is about this music, it has become famous through its use in films such as The Sopranos.

The Festival opens Saturday 15th at 7.30pm with the Stanford Quartet concert in St. Mary's.

The quartet will delight their audience with a programme of outstanding classic and romantic string quartet music.

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Pictured: Two of the Stanford Quartet, Eleanor and Laura.

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Somewhere Under The Sea - at L'Artishe

Somewhere 'Under The Sea' has been a project in the back of my mind for some years. I am absolutely passionate about underwater photography, but the truth is that I take the pictures and they live on my computer.

Last year I entered eight images into The Guardian Eyewitness for an underwater feature and they accepted all of them and published them on The Guardian Eyewitness site.

This prompted me to think maybe other people might want to see them. I had a gap in the gallery calendar so I decided that I'd fill it with my photographs. It is a departure from 'Naked Birds' but I like to think



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they're not too distantly related.

The photographs are from various international locations and I hope show the diverse nature of what lives 'Somewhere Under The Sea'.

The gallery is open 6 days a week from 11.00 - 5.00.

Wareham Music Festival

Advance Gig!

Saturday 22nd March at 7.30 pm sees the debut at Wareham Town Hall of one of the most interesting bands we have ever showcased, says Rod Curtis, chairman of the Festival Committee: "Come along to this gig prepared for a good night out and I guarantee you will not be disappointed".

The band is Sheelanigig, who have played at countless clubs, theatres, pubs, art centres, European street festivals and the UK festival scene, the latter including Glastonbury, the Green Man and Beautiful Days.

Sheelanigig play intricate, rhythmically complex arrangements of original and traditional works in a Balkan style. Their exciting and intensely live performances will have you dancing your socks off, and there are elements of story telling, street theatre and even acrobatics that can, according to their website (www.sheelanigig.co.uk), 'provoke a frenzied reaction... expect mayhem, a lot of laughs and some great music'.

You have been warned, prepare to have a great time! Tickets for the show are £12, from Farwells, 8 North Street, Wareham or online at www.wareham-music.org.uk Catch Sheelanigig on You Tube.

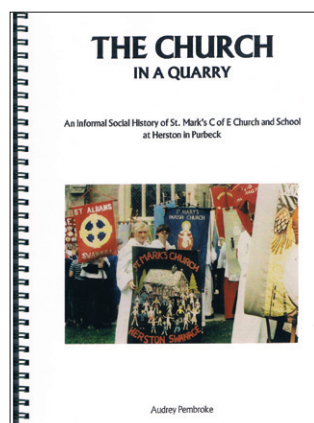
On Friday 4th April at 7.30pm Wareham Music Festival is proud to present folk duo Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin, one of the most exciting duos to appear on the folk/roots/acoustic scene for many years. They are regulars on the Festival circuit, including Glastonbury and Sidmouth Folk Week, have played everywhere from Maida Vale studios to the Royal Albert Hall and recorded in Nashville.

Publicly voted best duo in the Spiral Awards 2013, they play guitar, dobro, beatbox harmonica, fiddle and banjo, giving a performance that spans many genres – traditional British Isles, Indian classical and American blues. Their latest album is called 'Mynd'. BBC broadcaster Mike Harding calls it "One of the most exciting albums I've heard in years" **Website: www.philliphenryandhannahmartin.co.uk and see them on You Tube. Tickets: £10, available at Farwells or online - Music Festival website.**

Book Review

'The Church In A Quarry'

By Audrey Pembroke



Audrey Pembroke has spent the last few years deep in research for her new publication: 'The Church in a Quarry. An informal social history of St Mark's C of E church, Herston in Purbeck, incorporating Herston School.'

Audrey has absolutely crammed every page with fascinating detail about the area and the people who have lived there over the years. Starting in 1849 with John Mowlem's purchase of Herston House, Audrey tracks the progress of the area in great detail, from the 'leading inhabitants' donating the money to build the Wesleyan Ebenezer Chapel in Bell Street, through both sets of war years, to the current day.

The book title may lead you to believe that this book focuses on such a small area that it is unlikely to be of interest to you unless you're a 'Herstonite' - you'd be wrong. The book covers so much social, local and national history it's like an A4-bound treasure trove. The sheer amount of information included is amazing, with Audrey bringing to life the characters of the past who feature in the history.

Many recognisable local names are included in the historical details, such as Keates, Tones, Moles, Higgins, Legg and Enoch. Photographs accompany the text, along with detail about those pictured, bringing to life local folk who put a lot into the community, but who have long since gone.

As a Herston girl myself, I was somewhat taken aback at my ignorance of the local history of the place of my childhood, and very quickly became absorbed by the great detail which Audrey has managed to gather together.

'The Church in a Quarry' is available from Knapp Stores and the Purbeck Gazette office, priced at £9.95 per copy. You can also purchase directly from Audrey on 01929 424810, email: audrey.pembroke@bt.net.

All proceeds go to St Mark's Church. *Nico Johnson*

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Steve Darrington writes:

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More information in the Festival Programme, price only £2, which includes a section on other Swanage Festivals and an Art Gallery trail too.

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You can phone me on 01929 422338 (mobile 07445 261037), email info@swanage-blues.org or drop me a line at Swanage Blues, c/o TIC, Shore Road, Swanage BH19 1LB. The website is www.swanage-blues.org

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Please note all times are approximate and subject to change

FRIDAY 7 MARCH 2014

2.00pm, Red Lion, Open Mic with Martin Froud & Johnny Sharp

6.00pm, Seventhwave, Steve Brookes

6.00pm, Tawny's, Tommy Allen & Johnny Hewitt

8.15pm, Tawny's, Tommy Allen & Johnny Hewitt

8.15pm, Seventhwave, Steve Brookes

8.30pm, Grand Hotel, Zoe Schwarz Blues Band

8.45pm, Black Swan, Will Killeen

9.00pm, White Swan, The Jawbreakers

9.00pm, Red Lion, Pete Harris & Ray Drury

9.00pm, The Legion, Riotous Brothers

9.00pm, Crow's Nest, Back Porch

9.45pm, White Horse, The Mustangs

SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2014

11.00am, Railway Station, Assorted Buskers

1.00pm, The Legion, Stan's Blues Jamboree

2.00pm, White Horse Jam Session with Robin Bibi Band

2.00pm, Red Lion, Open Mic with Martin Froud & Johnny Sharp

3.00pm, White Swan, Devil Drives

3.00pm, Grand Hotel, Saiichi Sugiyama Band

6.00pm, Tawny's, Pete Christie

6.00pm, Seventhwave, Steve Brookes

8.15pm, Seventhwave, Steve Brookes

8.15pm, Tawny's, Pete Christie

8.30pm Grand Hotel, Saiichi Sugiyama Band

8.45pm Black Swan, Will Killeen

9.00pm White Swan, Back Porch

9.00pm Red Lion, Fabulous Fezheads

9.00pm Crow's Nest, Blue Touch

9.00pm The Legion, Chloe Christmas and her band

9.45pm White Horse, Robin Bibi Band

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2014

11.00am Railway Station, Assorted Buskers

1.00pm Red Lion, Open Mic with Martin Froud & Johnny Sharp

1.30pm Black Swan, Will Killeen

3.00pm White Swan, Blue Touch

3.00pm The Legion, Tommy Allen & Johnny Hewitt

3.00pm Grand Hotel, Festival Finale – Matinee – Steve Darrington, Steve Brookes, Hugh Budden with Dan Sowerby Band

5.30pm Crow's Nest, Pete Harris R&B Allstars

5.30pm The Legion, Northsyde

6.00pm White Horse, Jam Session with Robin Bibi Band

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Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

Hello again from Swanage and Wareham Hospitals!

Spring is nearly upon us. After all the rain, the gardens need more than a little attention. With this in mind I would like to take a moment to focus on the wonderful garden at Wareham Hospital. This really is one of our most valuable assets.

The garden is such a great resource to us and is very well used. Users range from patients, their friends and family members to volunteers and staff able to relax whilst taking a break from busy duties. The garden has many seating areas for everyone to sit and relax in. Also the garden features a lovely summer house situated in the centre, bought a few years ago by the League of Friends. Throughout the summer the garden is alive with so many colours from all the flowers in the beds. The fountain and patio areas add extra detail to the surroundings.

We have had so many positive comments from patients, friends and family members who have been able to take their relatives out into the garden. With spring here and summer coming I am sure that this resource will once again be heavily used.

This has all been made possible by the help of many volunteers; in 2011

the whole garden had a makeover by Scottish Southern Electrical, who did a fantastic job. How to maintain it was going to be the issue, or so we thought. Then I was contacted by the Older People's Mental Health team.

They needed an outdoor activity for patients living in our community who have early onset dementia and so our beautiful garden is now maintained throughout the spring, summer and autumn by a local group who really enjoy coming and helping to create such a welcoming space. Last year they built some new raised beds and we have been able to use some of the herbs grown in our cooking.

This is such a valuable rehabilitation tool for the group members to use that we are now hoping to extend their time with us into the winter as well by creating some space within one of the outbuildings for planting, potting and birdhouse making.

So let's hope we will all be able to enjoy a lovely spring and a glorious warm summer this year.

Until next time, take care, Matron Jane



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Sport

Swanage Sea Rowing Club



The continued spate of appalling weather, high tides and lashing gales hasn't let up through January and into February and has continued to curtail our time spent rowing on the water.

Cornish Pilot Gigs are extremely seaworthy boats and can be rowed in most conditions (although common sense and a modern attitude to health and safety means that the Club doesn't take unnecessary risks with our members or equipment) but it is the launching and recovery that are the difficult points of a row.

The beach area by the stone quay is notoriously changeable, with tides and storms scouring out the sand or leaving a scree of pebbles, and the beach level also rises and falls. Members have to expect to get wet during a launch or recovery, but an improvement in the concrete surfaces there would reduce the risk of injury or damage to the gigs significantly.

The weather will have had an impact on most clubs' rowing in the southwest this winter, but the option of using the rowing machines (known as an ergo) has been a great help to keep fitness levels up.

The Club is now looking to build on the facilities offered by the Boathouse to develop our junior section. Swanage Sea Rowing Club is organising a junior indoor rowing course in March; the course is aimed at juniors to develop an understanding of the terms used in gig rowing and how to handle the gig equipment and resources effectively and safely - including the lifejackets, fenders and oars.

Juniors will also complete an ergo rowing induction course and get coaching on how to get the most benefit from the rowing machines, learn about exercises to keep rowers fit and to develop and strengthen core muscles used in rowing.

The course costs just £10 for 4 weeks on Monday evenings starting on Monday March 3rd between 6pm - 7:15pm. Juniors who join the Club will have the cost deducted from the £20 Membership fee: juniors are 10 - 16 years. Please telephone Brian Norman 07780841365 for more information.

The first races of the season are imminent with a new veterans' event at Appledore in February and the Three Rivers Race in March, followed by several regattas and the World Championships, before SSRC's own regatta on the 24th May.

To give as many aspiring rowers the opportunity to experience the thrills of a race, SSRC will be holding inter-club races on the last Friday of each month, weather permitting. For those members who prefer a more relaxed approach to their rowing, Club Trustee Paul Meacham has promised to arrange more non-competitive events, such as rowing to Studland for lunch, or rowing from Wareham Quay.

Whatever your interest in rowing is, find out more at www.ssrc.org.uk

Report by Barnaby Quaddy



Swanage Bowlers

Despite the elements in an extraordinary January, we continue to enjoy our indoor game of bowls at the Swanage Bay View sports centre. Our Club competitions are now in full swing, as are our inter-Club bowling leagues. The men's Over 60's League is doing particularly well, at present at the top of the league.

Both Indoor and Outdoor bowlers continue to meet up at the Pavilion, Northbrook Road each month, our next social get-together will be on Saturday 15th March for a Race Night and Fish and Chip supper.

As always, any enquiries to meet us, contact Jean Thomas on 426795.

Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football Club



On the 4th of January nobody will be amazed that Swans first game after Christmas was postponed due to the floods, which affected the whole of the Wareham area, so the home game against third placed Sherborne was postponed until the 18th January.

The following week Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club welcomed Corsham to Bestwall for the visitors' first ever visit to Wareham. Having lost away to the visitors by one point in October, Swans were determined to avenge that defeat. Swans scored after ten minutes with a converted try by fly half Charlie Parish, which was followed by another score by winger Charlie Rowberry, following a penalty goal by Corsham. (12pts – 3pts).

A fumble under the visitors' posts by Corsham, had Swans' scrum half Jake Warren reacting quickly to touch down. Just before half time a break by winger Alex Parry set Swans' flank forward Will Corsie free to score close to the posts. Parish added the extras (26pts – 3pts) at the interval.

In the second half Swans continued to dominate the play with tries coming from replacement winger Karl Barton, and Swans' other wing forward Daffyd Wright, taking the score to 38pts – 3pts. Full back Darren Wilcox went clear setting up Karl Barton for his second try, and from a catch/drive move, club captain and hooker Robert Elford powered his way over the Corsham try line to take Swans up to 48pts. With the last move of the match once again Charlie Parish broke clear to add his second converted try to give Swans a very satisfying 55pts – 3pts victory.

The delayed game against Sherborne a week later was played in a gale force wind and rain, with Swans playing with the advantage in the first half. Charlie Parish kicked an early penalty goal, and after ten minutes Parish broke clear, linked up with winger Darren Wilcox who went in for a converted try. (10pts – 0pts). The play was somewhat even, but just prior to the interval, full back Callum Baird made a break, passed out to winger Karl Barton who passed back inside for Baird to score his first try for Swans this season. (17pts – 0pts).

Sherborne responded with a charge down from a Swans' clearance giving the visitors 7pts. In the middle of the half, a penalty to Swans took them down to the Sherborne 5 metre line. With a catch/drive move Swans piled over the try line with captain and hooker Robert Elford claiming the touch down. (22pts – 7pts). With seven minutes to go, another similar

move had Swans powering over the visitors' try line, with this time Swans no.8 Joe Desmond coming up with the ball, giving Swans a 29pts – 7pts bonus point victory.

On the 25th January, Swans had to travel away to second in the league, Trowbridge, and once again the weather conditions were similar to the game against Sherborne. Swans had the wind at their backs, but Trowbridge defended extremely well and it was not until the 18th minute that Swans scored with a penalty goal by Phil Graves.

The hosts could not get out of their own half with the wind causing all kinds of problems. It was not until the 30th minute that Swans scored a catch/drive move with ever present in Swans pack, John Sheldrake, going over for his first try of the season. Phil Graves landed another penalty goal giving Swans an 11pts- 0pts half time lead.

This did not seem to be enough, as with in the first five minutes of the restart Trowbridge scored two converted tries giving them the lead at 14pts – 11pts. However Swans responded, worked the ball up field and Phil Graves levelled the scores with a penalty goal. Swans were keeping the ball in the forwards, with a series of pick/drive moves, not letting Trowbridge have possession.

On the hour, Swans, from their own 5 metres line worked the ball all the way up the field into the Trowbridge 22, secured a penalty, which they put into touch. With another catch/drive move, wing forward Will Corsie claimed the touch down. Phil Graves added the extras, and then completed the scoring with another penalty goal to give Swans a 14pts – 24pts victory, giving Swans four consecutive wins on the trot.

Main Fixtures for March

1st March – No 1st XV game

Swans 2nd XV v. Salisbury 2nd XV league D/WI(S) Away 3p.m.

8th March Swans 1st XV v. Dorchester league SC(S) Away 3p.m.

Swans 2nd XV v. Warminster league D/WI(S) Home 3p.m.

Swans 3rd XV v. New Milton 3rd XV league D/W3(S) Home 3p.m.

15th March No games scheduled – reserve week

22nd March Swans 1st XV v. Walcot league SC(S) Home 3p.m.

29 March Swans 1st XV v. Wells league SC(S) Away 3p.m.

Swans 2nd XV v. Blandford league D/WI(S) Home 3p.m.

Final Vice Presidents Luncheon.

Prior to the home game against Walcot on 22nd March, Swans are holding their Final VP's luncheon of the season. As the previous one was over subscribed VP's and their guests should contact Rob Parry on 01929 553357 or on 07973400297 to make sure of your place at the luncheon, asap.

Ron Butler (Publicity Secretary)



Local surfers take advantage of the swell following Storm Ruth on 09/02/14, at Durlston Bay, Swanage

Swanage Football Club



Last month article's started with the opening sentence 'there hasn't been one game of football since the previous month', that is still the case, at least for the senior set. We think this has been the longest mid season break the club has endured in its 116 year history - more on this later. It's not a real concern regarding completing the fixtures by the end of the season (mid May), with only 13 games to go for the First team and 11 for the Reserves there are plenty of weeks left.

This is another benefit of ours at Days Park as the fact we have floodlights means we can play midweek evening games. These evening games played under lights take on a different feel and invariably a bigger crowd turns up. They are a great evening's entertainment. Look out for the posters around the town or check the website www.swanagefc.com for the forthcoming fixtures.

Eight weeks with no fixture, everybody associated with the club is missing the football. When we do resume it's going to have the feeling of a brand new season and although the players have been training every week it will still take time to get match fit.

We have had a small number of youth games taking place, most notably was our U12 side who took on Poole Town Wessex in the County Cup Quarter Final at King George's. The game was always going to be tough for the young Swans as Poole town are the current Cup holders and undefeated for two seasons. They proved a little too strong on the day as they ran out 4:1 winners, although Swans U12 manager Jamie Smith felt that on another day his team could turn the result around.

King George's playing fields is where all our youth teams play their home games and the Town Council are looking to build a changing room facility along with toilets and a kitchen area. Members from the Club along with Town Councillors are meeting with the Council to discuss requirements for this facility. This will make a huge difference not only to all of the football teams but also the public who use the play area and the playing fields at KGs. To be able to have showers and change in a brand new facility is something we've needed for a long period of time.

Regular readers of this article will recall our plea at the Football Club to piece together our past and this is starting to come together. We now have a record of every league table the Club has been involved in since the start of the 1957 season and every League game played since that same season and now we are trying to trace different Cup results. So, if anyone has any old programmes, newspaper cuttings, photos etc, either contact me by email at johnpeacock@swanagefc.com or leave in the letterbox at the club.

The Club has been looking for someone to take on the role of groundsman. After much consideration I have decided to take on the role myself and as soon as the pitch will allow I'm looking to improve the surface. The minibus fund is coming along nicely and our hope is to have the bus in place as soon as possible. The offer is still available to any individuals or businesses that would like to sponsor the bus to the tune of £500, this will enable you to have your logo on the side of this very worthwhile project.

So here's hoping some football is played by the time you read the next article! COME ON YOU SWANS!

John Peacock. Press & Publicity Officer

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Swanage Tennis

The Mixed first team have had a difficult start to 2014, meeting two strong sides in the very competitive third division. On Sunday 19th January the team, consisting of the first pairing - Jo Kiddell and Tony Saunders and the second pairing of Meg Mutter and Jamie MacDonald, travelled to Virgin Active and played a team who were demoted two divisions last season due to administrative issues. The calibre of their opposition was obvious and despite some close games and tie-break situations, Jo and Tony lost 4-6, 6-7 (and a tie-break) in their first match and then 5-7, 4-6. Meg and Jamie lost their matches 1-6, 1-6 and 0-6, 1-6.

The team were in action again on Saturday 25th, with Ian Marchant being the only change to the squad, partnering Jo Kiddell. The opposition this time: Sandleheath. Ian and Jo took a while to get into a rhythm, losing to the first pairing 2-6 in the first set, but came back to take the second 7-6 thanks to Jo's consistency and Ian's creative shot selection. The pair lost out in the tie-break but went on to claim a victory over the second pair, 6:3, 7-5.

Meg and Jamie proved to be tough opponents for both Sandleheath pairings and they took the lead in the first set of their initial match. At 5-4 up, it was a promising start for the Swanage pair, but long rallies and deuce games defined their meeting and eventually, victory was awarded to their opposition as they lost, 5-7, 2-6 and 5-7, 2-6. Swanage lost out to Sandleheath 1-3 rubbers but not without a battle.

Saturday 1st February saw the Swanage ladies team take on Virgin Active from Poole. 60 mph gusts had been forecast for that morning but when trying to find a slot amongst the persistent rain that this season has been delivering, you have to grab any opportunity to play!

Swanage' first pairing of Diana Dyer and Sue Large were a good match for their opposition with Large intercepting many of Virgin Active's attempts to whip shots cross court at the net. The Virgin Active pair were confident, and even in such demanding conditions were able to place the ball exactly where they wanted it. Many games went to deuce but Swanage eventually lost 3:6, 3:6.

Patti Sandham and Sam Christmas encountered a very determined Virgin Active second pairing on a wind battered Court 2. Without any shelter

from the clubhouse, the exposed second court made for an interesting and sometimes comical match.

Points seemed to be awarded to those who were able to read a shot as a forehand and then adjust to a back hand as the ball was swept eastward by the unpredictable gusts. Both sides were both helped and hindered by the conditions and the match proved to be tight. Sandham's ability to take the ball early with her unerring half volleys helped Swanage to secure a win from a match tie-break. 6-3, 5-7, 1,0.

Intermittent downpours led to the decision from both captains to stop after the first two rubbers with both sides splitting the points with one rubber a piece.



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 April is noon 10th Mar

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.

MARCH 2014

- Sat 1st
- 09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Ballard Stores, North Swanage for a figure of eight walk taking in Ballard Down, Studland, the Glebe, descending via Whitecliff Farm to the start. Ffi 01929 424462
- 10:00 **Table Top Sale** At D'urberville Centre & KOW Building Colliers Lane Wool. Fundraising for The New Community Room Cologne Road Bovington. Enquiries Sharon Palmer 07881533311
- 10:00 **'Pop-up' Allotment Shop & Potato Day** At Lychett Matravers Village Hall, Poole. 80+ variety of potatoes available by the tuber, their Heritage vegetable and flower seed, garlic, onion and shallot sets, and much more. Refreshments and cakes available. Ffi: Peter Cantwell on 01202 632631.
- 12:00 **Dorland's Delights** At Swanage British Legion. Raising money for Forest Holme Hospice, in memory of Terry.
- 14:30 **Bingo** at the D'urberville Hall, Wool raising funds for Wool Carnival on 21st June 2014 all proceeds to charity. Email: undysj@hotmail.com
- 20:00 **'Toy Hearts'** Live music at The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 2nd
- 14:00 **'Rob Heron & The Teapot Orchestra'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Mon 3rd
- 19:30 **Wareham-Hemsbach Society AGM.** At Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham. Contact Robin Brasher 427015
- Tue 4th
- 10:00 **Cottees Antiques and Collectables & General Sale** Antiques, Collectables and General Auction. To include a 'Wines & Spirits' 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
- 19:30 **'Melody & Mayhem'** At The Rex Cinema, Wareham. The Rex Players Present... Melody & Mayhem. Variety show entertainment Show runs 4 - 8 March 2014, 7.30pm start. Tickets on sale from Discover Purbeck Information Centre (01929 552740) priced £9.50.
- Wed 5th
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Heron Drove Car Park on north side of B 3082 opposite turn to Sturminster Marshall for a scenic walk in the Badbury Rings area. Ffi 01929 424218.
- 12:30 **Wareham Christian Aid Lent Lunches** At the United Reformed Church, Wareham.
- 19:30 **'Melody & Mayhem'** At The Rex Cinema, Wareham. The Rex Players Present... Melody & Mayhem. Variety show entertainment Show runs 4 - 8 March 2014, 7.30pm start. Tickets on sale from Discover Purbeck Information Centre (01929 552740) priced £9.50.
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "Through my Lens" with Jeff Morgan Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822
- Thu 6th
- 19:30 **'Melody & Mayhem'** At The Rex Cinema, Wareham. The Rex Players Present... Melody & Mayhem. Variety show entertainment Show runs 4 - 8 March 2014, 7.30pm start. Tickets on sale from Discover Purbeck Information Centre (01929 552740) priced £9.50.
- Fri 7th
- * **Swanage Blues Festival** 15 Indoor Venues, 30 great acts, 60 great gigs!! Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org
- 18:30 **Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group** Meets at Furzebrook Village Hall, Furzebrook Road, Wareham, BH20 5AR. Entrance £2, children 50p. For further information contact Terry Jenkins -07960 691479.
- 19:00 **Big Al Whittle and Friends** At Moreton Village Hall (DT2 8RE) Music and Supper. Al plays mainly acoustic guitar and sings folk, country, blues and jazz – frequently with a twist of humour! Also appearing are a very funny singer songwriter, Paul Openshaw; a lively five part harmony group, The Heavens; and folk icon Bob Kirkpatrick. Book early to ensure a seat! Tickets £8 to include a hot supper. Please bring your own drinks for the evening. Tickets from Maeve 01929 463221 or moretonvillagehall@talktalk.net
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- Sat 8th
- * **Swanage Blues Festival** 15 Indoor Venues, 30 great acts, 60 great gigs!! Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org
- 09:30 **Coffee, Cakes, Gifts & Crafts** At Harman's Cross Village Hall. Admission free, all welcome.
- 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
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Swanage Station for a walk through New Swanage and along chalk ridge to Corfe Castle. Return to Swanage by bus or train. Ffi 01929 422795.
- 11:00 **'Somewhere Under the Sea'** Exhibition At L'Artishe Gallery, 71, High Street, Swanage. An exhibition of underwater photography from around the world. Open 6 days a week, 11am til 5pm.
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- 19:30 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Dance** £3 Entry, raffle, coffee, tea and biscuits. Proceeds to local Macmillan Nurses Cancer Relief. Ffi: 01929 551 332.
- 20:00 **'Keith James'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 9th
- * **Swanage Blues Festival** 15 Indoor Venues, 30 great acts, 60 great gigs!! Ffi: www.swanage-blues.org
- * **'Freebay' Tabletop Sale** At URC Church, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments available. To book a table and ffi: Elizabeth on 01929 422406.
- * **Fun Quiz** At The Conservative Club, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423600 or 422310.
- Mon 10th
- * **Mother's Day** at Corfe Castle Join in the fun at Corfe Castle on Mother's Day. Family trail, guided tours and even Lady Bankes teas in our tea rooms.
- 20:00 **Free Pool** At Sandford Labour Club, Keysworth Drive, Sandford. Ffi: 01929 552298.
- Tue 11th
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "Workshop Evening" Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822
- 19:30 **Wareham Town Trust AGM** At Wareham Town Hall. 'The Swanage Railway returns to Wareham' - Talk and discussion led by Peter Sills, Swanage Railway Company Chairman. All are welcome. £2 admission (free to Wareham Town Trust members). For more information please contact Hilary Evans, Hon Secretary, Wareham Town Trust hilary@eaststreet.plus.com 01929551828.
- Wed 12th
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Stroud Bridge CP on Wareham to Bere Regis Road for a walk through Wareham Forest track to Woollbarrow Fort. Ffi 01929 426926.
- 12:30 **Wareham Christian Aid Lent Lunches** At The Methodist Church, Wareham.
- 14:00 **Stoborough WI** At Stoborough Village Hall. West Dorset Women's Refuge - Molly Rennie.
- 19:30 **Studland WI** Meets at Studland Village Hall. Mrs Anne King. "Stoned in Purbeck". Competition: Picture of a pub.
- 19:30 **Swanage Evening WI** Meets at the Mowlem Community Room on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm. Mike Read, 'Wildlife of a Working Forest'. Guests welcome.
- Fri 14th
- 14:00 **The Purbeck Society** 'The History of the Tank in Dorset' - Chris Copson, Education Officer, The Tank Museum Bovington. Held at the Community Room, The Mowlem, Swanage
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a slide show entitled "The Bluebell Railway and its Connection to East Grinstead", by Roy Watts. Doors open 7pm. EVERYONE WELCOME. No admission charge; donations welcome. Ffi 554765.
- 19:30 **Swanage Stamp Society** Meets at the Queensmead Community Centre, Swanage. New and experienced collectors welcome. Ffi: John 01929 450293
- Sat 15th
- * **LSWR Weekend** At Swanage Railway. The first appearance of a T9 engine at Corfe Castle for 50 years. Ffi: www.swanagerailway.co.uk
- 10:00 **Books, Coffee and Cake** At Moreton Village Hall (DT2 8RF) 10am to 12 noon FREE ENTRY Huge selection of books for just 25p a book. Home made/grown produce and crafts too. Donation of books always welcome. Ffi contact Maeve 01929 463221 or moretonvillagehall@talktalk.net website: www.moretonvillagehall.btck.co.uk
- 10:00 **Table Top Sale** In the Town Hall Wareham. Please come and support Wareham Scouts and Guides. Raffle, refreshments and white elephants.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Bush Park off East street in Winterbourne Kingston for circular walk through Coll Wood and Charlton Down. Ffi 01202 684135.
- 14:30 **Bingo** At the D'urberville Hall, Wool raising funds for Wool Carnival on 21st June

- 2014 all proceeds to charity. Email: undysj@hotmail.com
- 19:30 **Purbeck Strings 'The Four Seasons'** Concert at St Mary's Church, Swanage. Concert by Candlelight - Stanford Quartet. Tickets £12.50. Ffi: 07964 410443. Email purbeckstrings@hotmail.co.uk
- 20:00 **'Abramson Singers'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 16th
* **LSWR Weekend At Swanage Railway.** The first appearance of a T9 engine at Corfe Castle for 50 years. Ffi: www.swanagerailway.co.uk
- 14:00 **'David Miles'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 15:30 **Purbeck Strings 'The Four Seasons'** Concert at St Mary's Church, Swanage. Festival Strings - Conductor Ian Pillow Tickets £8. Ffi: 07964 410443. Email purbeckstrings@hotmail.co.uk
- Tue 18th
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
- Wed 19th
10:00 **Swanage Walking Group Meet** at Affpuddle Heath car park situated just off B3390 Crossways to Affpuddle road for a circular walk through woodland and heathland to Affpuddle. Ffi 07950 164877.
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a short AGM to be followed by a 1948 film, "A Letter From Goathorn" made by the Rev Brian Hession. All welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "Convergence" with Mark Rigler Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822
- 19:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At Herston Hall. RSPB Garden Birds and how to attract them. Join for £5 per year.
- 19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meets at Wareham Town Hall. Talk by Dr Jon Murden - 'Treasure? - New acquisitions at Dorchester Museum'. Visitors welcome, £2.
- Thu 20th
14:30 **The Purbeck Assoc of the National Trust** At Carey Hall, Wm. Illustrated talk 'The Cyril Diver Project' - David Brown of the National Trust will talk about this pioneering ecological project in Studland, which is of national importance. All welcome. £3.00 incl refreshments Ffi 01929 427300.
- 19:00 **Cottees Collectable Toy & Model Railway Sale** Online sale only. Catalogue online www.cottees.co.uk For further information contact 01929 552 826
- Fri 21st
* **Open Day with Guy Ryder** At The Bay Skin and Body Centre, Tilly Whim Mews, Commercial rd. FREE 20 minute consultation, book early on 01929 766008 to avoid disappointment.
- 19:30 **George Willey** - a celebration at Swanage Conservative Club. Come and celebrate the huge contribution that George Willey has made to our region!
- 20:00 **'Ron Trueman Border'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 22nd
10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in NT car park at Knoll Beach for a linear walk back to Swanage via Studland Heath, Ballard Down and Ballard Estate. Ffi 01929 424462.
- 18:30 **Murder Mystery** At The URC, Swanage. 'Murder on the SS Titanium' and three course meal, raffle, evening dress optional. Bring your own drinks. Proceeds to Swanage RNLI boathouse appeal and the Church Fund. Tickets £8 per adult in advance from Ruth Newton on 01929 422785.
- 19:30 **Sheelanagig Wareham Music Festival** at The Corn Exchange. Ffi: www.wareham-music.org.uk
- 19:30 **Bryan's Saturday Dance** At Furzebrook Village Hall. Enjoy Sequence, Ballroom, and some Line Dancing. Tea, coffee and biscuits. £3 entrance. Ffi: 01929 551332.
- 20:00 **'Mambo Jambo'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 23rd
14:00 **'Seznec Brothers'** Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Tue 25th
19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "SPF PDI Competition" Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822
- Wed 26th
09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Studland Village Store for a walk to the Fishing Barrow, the Agglestone, the Puckstone and Knoll Beach. Ffi 01929 450164.
- 10:00 **Swanage Stroke Club** Awareness Morning at The Grand Hotel. Tea, coffee, biscuits, raffle and light lunches from noon.
- 19:30 **Bryan's Saturday Dance** At Furzebrook Village Hall. Enjoy Sequence, Ballroom, and some Line Dancing. Tea, coffee and biscuits. £3 entrance. Ffi: 01929 551332.
- Thu 27th
19:30 **Langton Matravers Preservation Society** Meets in Langton Matravers village hall. Reg Saville will give an illustrated talk on Langton Matravers and the first

World War. All Welcome -- members £2.50 ; non members £3.50

Sat 29th

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Easter Egg Trail at Corfe Castle It will be fun for the whole family as you take part in an egg-citing hunt for tokens around the castle to claim a chocolate prize. supported by Cadbury.

10:00

Durlston Nature Nursery Parent Day & Tour Day includes activities for families and young children, a viewing of the facilities, and outdoor area, and a prize draw. Please RSVP to durlston@kidslovenature.co.uk indicating name and number of adults and children attending.

10:00

Swanage Walking Group Meet at Corfe NT Castle View car park for a circular walk via Scotland Farm and Norden Heath. Ffi 01929 425165.

14:30

Beetle Drive - fun for all ages At the D'Urberville Hall Wool, raising funds for Wool Carnival on 21st June 2014. £4.00 per Adult which includes a buffet tea. Email: undysj@hotmail.com

Sun 30th

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Easter Egg Trail at Corfe Castle It will be fun for the whole family as you take part in an egg-citing hunt for tokens around the castle to claim a chocolate prize. Supported by Cadbury.

10:00

Durlston Castle Wedding Fair. Free admission. Ffi, email events@bluebayevents.co.uk

20:00

'Arlet' Live music at the Square and Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

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 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

Swanage Youth Club. School year 10 and upwards. Till 9.30pm

19.00

Whist. Come & join us at the Reading Room, Church Hill, Swanage. Ffi, call 07984 968733

19.00

Purbeck Chess Club. Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle. Ffi, call 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

DARTS at the RBL Club, Sw.

20.00

Sw Conservative Club WHIST & DARTS. Sw. All welcome

20.00

Herston Hall Management C'ttee Bingo

EVERY TUESDAY

09.00

First Steps Toddler's Group. Swanage Methodist Church till 10.15am. Ffi: Tom Bullock on 421767, office hours, or tom@swanagemethodist.org.uk

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

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

Swanage Walking for Health Group starter walks (15-30mins). Start from the Mowlem Shelter on Swanage Seafront. Get back into the swing of things gently! Ffi: 475692

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

11.00

Guided Church Tour at Bere Regis Parish Church. Volunteer-lead tour of this wonderful medieval church. No charge, but donations gratefully received.

13.00

Baby and Toddler Group at Harmans Cross VH.

14.00

Swanage Walking for Health Group. Walks of 60-90mins, various locations. Walks are very social, for a range of abilities. Walks start from car parks at Studland, Corfe, Arne, Durlston, Langton, Acton, Worth and Kingston. Ffi: 475692.

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, Ulwell, Sw. All singers welcome! 423350
- 20.00 **Sw Regatta & Carnival Assoc Bingo** Herston Leisure, Herston Yards Farm, Sw.
- 20.00 **Sw Conservative Club Bingo, Pool & Snooker.**
- 20.00 **Carey Hall, Wm Bingo**
- 20.00 **LEAGUE POOL** at the RBL Club, Sw.
- 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 **Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 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 out 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
- 14.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 16.15 **Swanage Football Club U-7s Training** til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 **Swanage Football Club U-9s Training** til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 **Swanage Youth Club.** School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 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
- 19.30 **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.** 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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- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts.** URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jan on 01929 480471
- 09.30 **Pottery Classes** held in Wareham. Till 11.30am. For details contact Rachel 01929 480455 to book 15pw.
- 10.00 **PEEP for 2 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. A six week course in early childhood learning. Please call to book a place on 552864. Till 11.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club** Drop In Coffee Morning. Arts Centre, Commercial Rd, Sw. Til 12 noon. Come see find out what the Arts Club does.
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Associate Club Session. Til 11am. 426312
- 10.00 **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 **Volunteer Centre Drop-In** at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.30 **Harman's Cross Village Hall Chinese Art Group**
- 10.30 **Mid-Week Market Morning Service** URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 13.30 **Under 1 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.30 **Sw Badminton & Table Tennis Club** Afternoon Club at Swanage Methodist's Church. Till 3. 423429.
- 13.30 **Toddler Group.** All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 14.00 **Life drawing classes** at Harmans Cross Village Hall from 2pm till 4pm. For further information, ring 427621.
- 14.15 **Sw Over-60s** Meet in the URC Hall, High Street, Sw. All Welcome.
- 15.00 **Guided Church Tour at Bere Regis Parish Church.** Volunteer-lead tour of this wonderful medieval church. No charge, but donations gratefully received.
- 17.45 **Swanage Youth Club.** Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 **Five High Singers,** United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.15 **Sw Cricket Club** Practice till 9pm
- 18.30 **Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training** at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 **Purbeck Gateway Club** meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: Lewisbell1@aol.com
- 19.15 **Wm Town Band** Brass & Woodwind players welcome. 551478/01202 242147
- 19.30 **Short Mat Bowls** in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682
- 19.30 **Sw Conservative Club** Line Dancing
- 19.30 **IoP Arts Club Choir** meets till 9.30pm at Swanage First School (NOT Dec 14, 21, 28, Jan 4, Feb 22, Apr 5, 12) till May 10
- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club Youth Action** (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 **Swanage Conservative Club Shove Ha'penny.**
- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 09.00 **Stay & Play** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 10.30am. Ffi 552864.
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- 10.00 **Sw Country Market** at Community Room, The Mowlem, Sw. Till 11.30 Free. New producers / growers always welcome.
- 10.00 **Table Tennis Club** Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 425175
- 11.00 **Toddler Time For Under 5s And Carers.** Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 14.00 **Pottery Classes** held in Corfe Castle. 2 - 5pm. Call Rachel 01929 480455 to book. £10pw
- 14.30 **Short Mat Bowls** at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 **Purbeck War-Game & Model Club.** Lower Salvation Army Hall, Kings Rd East, Sw. 426096 (shop hours)
- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre Club** 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Senior Club Session. 426312
- 18.15 **Sw Bridge Club** Mowlem Community Room. 423497
- 19.00 **Sw Youth Centre Seniors Club Night** (Yr 9+) Till 9.30pm.
- 19.00 **Swanage Scouts** meet during term time at the URC Church Hall, Sw. Open to boys & girls aged 10-14 years. Ffi: swanagescouts4th@hotmail.co.uk
- 19.30 **Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club.** All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.
- 20.00 **BINGO & TEXAS** Hold'em Poker at R.B.L. Club, Swanage.
- 20.00 **Sw Youth Centre Live Bands** (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre Late Session** (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free)
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- 09.00 **Sw CC U11 - U15 Practice** till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket** till 10.30
- 10.00 **Men Behaving Dadly - Group for Dads/Grandads/Male Carers & their children** at both Wareham and Swanage Children's Centres till noon. Bacon sandwiches available! Call 552864 to find out what's happening where this week and to book a space.
- 10.00 **Tea, coffee and home-made cakes** in the Parish Hall on Wareham Quay during the Community Market. Til 2pm. Bric-a-Brac stall weekly. Christian bookstall .most weeks. All welcome for a warm-up and a friendly chat.
- 20.00 **Herston OAP Committee Bingo** at Herston Hall, Sw
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- 09.45 **Skyscrapers Children's Group** at Swanage Methodist Church Hall. Including a cooked breakfast, games and fun bible stories, ages 0-11. Ffi: Tom Bullock on 421767, office hours, or tom@swanagemethodist.org.uk
- 10.00 **Arts and Crafts Market** at the Mowlem in Swanage. A wide range of local art for sale, including pottery, glass, cards, fabric and much more! To book your table, or for more information, call Tony on 01929 421321.
- 10.30 **Stoborough Emmanuel Baptist Church** meet at Stoborough First School, Stoborough. All very welcome.
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- 13.15 **Sw Conservative Club** Members Draw



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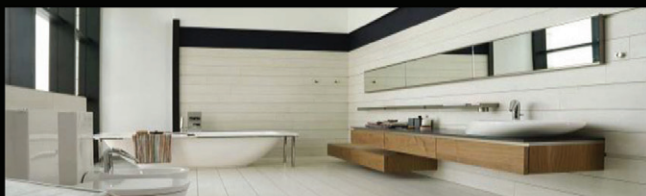
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