

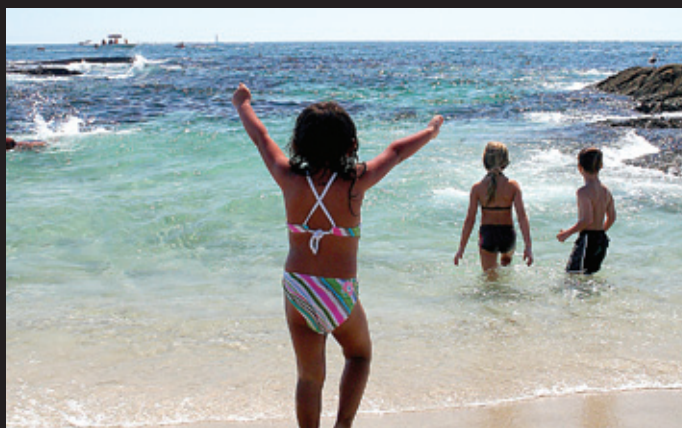
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Editor's note...

Welcome to the June edition of YOUR Gazette!

This issue is brought to you in celebration of the return of the great sun-disc!! As we go to press, the world outside the office is bathed in glorious sunshine, so this month we bring you our 'Here comes the sun' feature, letting you know all about the delightful summer offerings our local businesses have for you!

We also give over some significant space within this edition to remember those who fought and died for our way of life, over two horrific world wars. A visitor popped down to Swanage recently and brought some of his late father's photographs with him, taken in 1919, for publication in the Purbeck Gazette. We're delighted to be able to share these with you this month on pages 40-41.

As usual, the main magazine is filled to bursting with all of your news, views, events and opinions. Thanks so much to everyone who contributes to the paper each month - it's great to hear from you! We are beginning to wonder if there's an internet connection in Wareham, Corfe, Wool and Bere as we very rarely get anything sent in from these regions - if you don't send it, it won't get printed!

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Peveril Ledge, Swanage

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28	04.59	10.30	17.18	22.49	--
29	05.37	11.07	17.55	23.25	-- SP
30	06.12	11.42	18.29	23.57	--

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

Swanage Town Council Meetings - June 2014

Tourism	Mon 2nd	10am
Council	Mon 2nd	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 23rd	7pm

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Policy, Planning & Resources	Mon 2nd	7pm
Amenities	Wed 4th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 9th	7pm
Museum	Tue 10th	7.30pm
Wareham In Bloom	Wed 18th	7pm
Council	Tue 24th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 30th	7pm

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Council	Tue 3rd	7pm
Standards Committee	Wed 11th	2pm
Licensing Board	Thur 12th	9.15am
Policy Group	Wed 18th	7pm
Planning Board	Wed 25th	9.15am

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Foxes in my garden, by Fran Rennix

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JULY edition deadline: 12 noon 10th June

Locally-Loved Seagull Injured

We featured Robert Owen, aka the 'seagull whisperer', in several editions last year. Robert 'attended' a local seagull family whose chicks were showing signs of distress during last year's heatwave. Yes, Rob could have let nature take its course (as some readers suggested at the time) and sat back to watch the chicks fail and die, but instead he provided daily water and a small non-permanent shelter for the family (an upside down box).

The gull family was very grateful, openly accepting Rob as one of their own and greeting him when he climbed the ladder each day to fill the water bowl for them. The chicks eventually successfully fledged, and many of our readers were eagerly waiting to see if the same family would return to nest this year.

Well, they have indeed come back. However, since their last visit, some who are not happy with Rob's actions in providing water for the gull family last year have erected metal bird repellent strip on the garage roof.

When Rob noticed the birds had returned to the same spot, he first emailed us with the below picture, delighted that the couple had returned to nest in the same place again this year.

However, Rob was later horrified and deeply upset to note that the mother bird who had accepted him so openly last year had been fatally injured.....



Dear Readers,

The pair of 'gulls decided to nest in exactly the same spot as last year, when they raised the three youngsters. The photo above shows them settling down again this spring, although with the addition of a metal 'bird scarer' strip, in the left of the picture.

Sadly, as of 30th April (as can be seen from my photo, below), the mother gull has sustained a broken leg, and the 'Bird Repellent' strip, which was installed by the Management Committee of the flats, has become loose.

I wonder if mother gull trapped her leg under it, causing the break?

Yours, Rob Owen



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You Have Let People Down!

Dear Editor,

This is a copy of a letter sent to Dr Martin Ayres.

Dear Sir,

I write with absolute disbelief at the state of affairs on Shore Road. Having applied for a beach hut along there for this summer and your subsequent letter outlining why this would not be possible, I thought I would wait until I visited family in the town to see first-hand for myself.

How very disappointed I was when looking at the overall plan to see that they are not new beach huts but concrete/timber blocks with a coloured door. My definition of a beach hut is of a wooden design and we as a family are avid beach hutters.

We own a WOODEN one at Walton-on-Naze in Essex and when built properly and stained (as stain these days is much improved and there is the maritime variety!) I cannot see why the upkeep of these is too big a task for the Council, plus they are much more pleasing to the eye, and what a beach hut should be!!

As the architects you have chosen are from Wareham I would have thought their local knowledge would have created a far better plan to capture the quaintness and individuality that makes Swanage what it is, but apparently they could not manage this and instead come up with this concrete monstrosity. It also raises the question of the wooden beach huts on the Spa, are they to be obliterated too in the future?

Referring to the article in The Purbeck Gazette (and yes I am one of those who hadn't taken the trouble to gain more knowledge about this project), the following points occur to me:-

1. Why didn't your so called experts probe a little deeper/better to ascertain more in depth answers?
2. If the artistic impression was made available to the public, was it also available for visitors to see, because there are an awful lot of people who return for their holiday.
3. Referring to the gas main problem, I find it hard to believe that the Council were not aware of this as the seafront and town were lit up from gas lamps and it was my grandfather's job to light/extinguish them. There are old photos, one in particular of Shore Road, showing the lamps in the 1940's I believe!!!!!! Also the beach huts originally had gas rings in them so you could boil a kettle etc.!!! assuming the two are connected?
4. Looking at the plan, my immediate thought is how much space is there to arrange yourselves in front of the hut and access to them in the second row? Also the front row's space looks as if that has been considerably shortened?

I agree that nobody can predict the weather and yes it would delay matters, but I cannot understand why you have not had more workmen on the project till later at night once the evenings were lighter and at weekends, to get this project finished for this summer. I cannot believe that you are willing to forgo the hefty revenue that the 60 huts would provide, considering there is a substantial overspend and to say that it will not affect your summer trade is rather naïve.

Holidaymakers will visit for the day, but plenty will not book accommodation, as a beach hut is part of the equation, and go elsewhere.

I have been visiting Swanage all my life and will continue to do so till the day I die as it holds such great and fond memories, (Also refer to Gwendoline (Joanne) Thorn's memoirs of her time living in Swanage and now as a holidaymaker) but you, as the voice of Swanage, have completely let the town down as this project does not change the seafront view for the better.

Your opening statement on your website "Its mission statement is to maintain and enhance Swanage for the well-being and prosperity of present and future generations." certainly does not hold any credence and you as a body of authority have certainly let a mountain of people down local or otherwise.

Yours faithfully, Mrs Rosemarie Ward Colchester, via email.



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Missing Landmarks

Dear Editor,

Does anyone know what has happened to our Jubilee seat? Where is it? Surely it should be somewhere we can sit on it.

I would suggest that now that the war memorial is being repositioned, it would be a good position for the seat nearby – if it can be found.

By the way! Where is the Prince Albert memorial (once at Court Hill)? It should be at Prince Albert gardens!

Yours, Jennifer S Roberts, Swanage.

Society Survival In Doubt

Dear Nico,

PURBECK SOCIETY ON THE BRINK – AN URGENT APPEAL

As always David Hollister has his finger on the pulse! His concerns about the Local Plan and other local issues in the May Gazette are shared by the Purbeck Society. However at its AGM in April, I had to report that the Purbeck Society is on the point of collapse. The problem is inability to find enough members willing to serve as officers of the Society. Many committee members who have served the community loyally for many years have, due to a combination of advancing years and other commitments, felt it necessary to stand down.

The remaining committee members are frustrated by this situation and are searching for a way forward. We are agreed that Purbeck needs the Society more now than ever in its history. The current threats of inappropriate development in housing and renewable energy, plus a town plan, which many have said leaves much to be desired as alluded to above, will leave Purbeck without a civic and amenity society fighting its corner.

To enable the Society to function, we urgently need a secretary, treasurer and membership secretary and, if the Society is to continue its popular programme of talks and summer visits, winter and summer Programme organisers as well. Looking to the future, we will also need a vice chairman/CPRE liaison and further committee members to sustain the Society's planning and campaigning work. The Society has for many years been very fortunate in having willing and capable volunteers ably fulfilling these roles. Now, we are not short of ideas or what needs to be done – just a handful of dedicated people to carry them out!

If you feel that Purbeck should continue to be represented by a civic and amenity society to address the complex threats of inappropriate development while trying to influence change for the better, then please consider if you can play an active part in the Society. In which case please contact me on mikestollery@btopenworld.com or via the website www.purbecksociety.co.uk.

Purbeck needs its Society not only to survive but to thrive. Residents of Purbeck, it really is up to you.

Yours Sincerely, Mike Stollery (Chairman)

Calling All Residents

Dear Editor,

In the past I spent sixteen years as an Independent County Councillor in another county, supported by local Residents' Associations. So I was delighted to read David Hollister's article in which he states there is a clear need for a strong Purbeck Residents' Association. In my experience

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he is quite right that party politics have no place in local government. In sixteen years I can't recall when issues being decided involved national party policies.

These days Residents' Associations don't just have to act as a pressure group. By nominating candidates for local elections they can have a real influence in decision making. If associations are formed at Ward level, they will have a good idea of the concerns of local people, especially if they recruit a volunteer in each road to become a 'road representative'.

Their role would be to deliver newsletters and collect small subscriptions to cover the expenses of running the associations. These road reps would act as a conduit to the committees, passing on concerns and requests for action. When a RA committee writes to the council and can say that it has a large membership in the area, the council will listen.

Regular communication with residents via newsletters, and not just issued at election time, is a key to success. I do hope some residents get together and give it a go.

Chris Frost, Swanage

Switch on Swanage - Thank You

Dear Nico,

On behalf of Switch on Swanage I would like to thank Swanage Rotary for their generous cheque which was presented to Mike Dimarco and me at their April meeting (see page 23).

The festive lighting along Station Road and the Mowlem square has to be renewed in the very near future, as it has now been in place for several years and is becoming very fragile. Also with the new lampposts now erected along the seafront, we hope to be able to light up the whole stretch of road from the Mowlem to the Bull and Boat.

The Rotary cheque will contribute towards these costs and the Lights Committee cannot thank them enough.

Cherry Bartlett. Chair of Switch on Swanage



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It's Make Your Mind Up Time!

Dear Editor,

Don't let us be diverted for an instant by 'High Speed' lines, new 'Garden Cities', airport runways and the like. They are Red Herrings and controversial at the least (politicians play-things).

No, Purbeck has so-called 'Fracking' on its otherwise beautiful and peaceful doorstep. Let the experts say what they like – and within certain confines they may be correct.

Somewhere, back in the 1970s Arnold Toynbee, that historian of distinction was writing (as to) how technology forges ahead faster than it can be permeated morally and spiritually. Very true.

The people of Purbeck would do well to reflect on his words; the challenge now is to have the will and the courage to make up our minds, before the authorities make them up for us!

NB Before the authorities get there first.

David Barsley, Swanage, by hand.

Holidaymakers Horrified

Dear Editor,

We visited the lovely Isle of Purbeck on May bank holiday with friends, as we have done many, many times previously.

On walking (for the first time this year) over to Corfe from Swanage, we were saddened to see wind turbines in such a beautiful area. On the walk, we stopped at benches and chatted to other walkers, and the universal view was that they have harmed a lovely view and landscape (unlike all other tall structures or masts, your eye is constantly drawn to them because of their movement).

We also hope the terrible, enormous windfarm proposal is seen for what it is – a solely commercial exercise with little regard to a sizeable impact on tourism etc. Landowners and others who support these things for their own financial or selfish green beliefs are seriously misguided or in denial if they really think they do not adversely affect tourist numbers and the landscape.

Like France, even the night sky is ruined by masses of red flashing lights on top of each turbine. If the overseas big-business-owned wind farm happens, we and others will probably (and very sadly) go elsewhere to holiday by the coast.

Who, in all honesty, would actually choose to go to such an industrialised/vandalised environment to spend their precious leisure time?

We have young children and understand the need for clean, long-term energy and support solar farms etc, but not the industrialisation of world class landscapes by wind turbines.

The Gittins family, Basingstoke, Hampshire

True Cost Of Renewables

Hi Nico,

How to power the country - not by charging all users for renewables.

In the May issue of the Gazette the editor wrote that there were many letters against different forms of energy generation, but few giving what can, practically be used. Well in my opinion there isn't really much choice if we want to preserve our way of life and supply our population. The country needs power available at all times, not just when the wind blows or in daylight hours. I would advocate about 30-40% nuclear - ideal as base load to serve industry and services as it is reliable, will not suffer from sudden loss of fuel supply and produces no CO2. Most of the remaining energy needs to be supplied by gas as it is relatively cheap and capable of being varied rapidly to meet power demand surges; some is needed anyway to back our existing wind generators. We need to insure that

our sources of gas are independent - hence the interest in fracking. Of course we keep the existing wind generation and our very useful hydro power. Wind power can never be suitable as a major power source for the country, it is too variable and heavily subsidised by us. Burning biofuel uses too much valuable woodland and agricultural land. Householders, farmers, and businesses may find individual small generators useful but they do little to power the country and indeed, if there are too many, will cause problems for the Grid.

This brings me to the Godlingston and Knitson wind turbines. I agree with many of Sarah Bibra's comments (Gazette May). I am glad I live some distance away. In his letter to the editor, Mr Bowerman, the owner of the Godlingston turbine states that it will give a useful income as well as providing power for the farm and house. Now the income is not only derived from selling the unused energy to the National Grid but it is also paid on the energy which is used! (Have your cake and eat it).

The Godlingston turbine is designed to produce about 50 Kilowatts (KW) power but due to wind variation it probably averages about 15 KW. Taking the Feed in Tariff for all the energy produced of about 22Pence/KWhr* the annual income will be in the region of £29,000 per year fixed for the next twenty years (this does not include the extra 4.5 p/KWhr paid on the unused energy exported to the grid) The cost of the turbine will be paid off in a few years leaving the rest as profit. This income is obtained from an increase in the price per unit of all household electricity – i.e. it is paid for by all power users.

The same type of pricing applies to all other types of renewable energy such as rooftop photovoltaic units, but using different feed in tariffs. Although each of us pays only a small amount, I object to paying for that part of the renewable energy which has been used by the owners - it is as if the government is saying 'If you have the capital (or can borrow) the finance for renewable (green) electricity, it can be paid for by all those using nasty fossil fuel or nuclear based electricity.'

Having said all this, I do not blame people for installing renewable power supplies for themselves. I used the Godlingston turbine only as an example. Indeed some seem to think the payment comes from some deep government fund - not directly from other users. However I do blame various governments for producing such an iniquitous and stupid system - it seems to be the only way they can get renewable energy financed.

* www.fitariffs.co.uk

Derek Stevens, Langton Matravers

Last Chance - No Joke!

Dear Editor,

This will only be the second time in my life that I have felt the need to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) to write to the press. I must admit that when I first read the proposal for the Navitus Bay wind farm I thought it was one of your amusing April 1st jokes - the biggest UK wind farm just over eight miles off the coast of a World Heritage Site! This just wasn't possible.

However as I have attended the consultations and now a planning application has been made, I realize it could happen. People better qualified than me have listed their concerns, which are many. My main personal concerns are the visual aspect of what is an industrial site off our beautiful coastline and the devastating effect this may have on our wildlife, especially to the local dolphin pod and the many migrating birds, which use this area as their first windfall. This heavily subsidised project, paid by us, must also affect tourism and the local economy.

If you have any concerns, even if you have already expressed them, you will need to register with the Planning Inspectorate. You only have a window of a few weeks to do this so don't miss your LAST CHANCE. Ring 0303-444-5000 for a registration form or go to www.challengenavitus.org.uk and follow the link.

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Final Chance To Comment

Dear Nico,

The Planning Inspectorate will shortly begin its formal examination of plans to build the Navitus Bay windfarm.

The public, businesses and community organisations have just one last chance to influence the decision, by registering as an Interested Party.

Letters written previously are not relevant to this final stage, and so registering as an Interested Party is the only way to establish your right to have your say and be involved in the process.

The developers slightly changed their plans last year and so all submissions must address the final proposals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

All you need is a summary of what you think the main issues are. You do not need to be a technical expert but you may have valuable local knowledge. Just explain in your own words how this windfarm would affect you; the area, its economy, environment and wildlife.

Challenge Navitus says this is not about renewables. It's about this particular proposal. It's simply a bad plan in the wrong place.

We are assured that the Planning Inspectorate will take reasoned arguments from individuals and organisations seriously, but petitions or copies of identical letters carry little weight.

Registration must be on a form which can be completed online at www.tinyurl.com/nbayportal

or via a link from our website: www.challengenavitus.org.uk.

A paper copy can be requested by phoning 0303-444-5000.

Your form must be received by 23 June. There is no grace period, so don't miss out.

Yours faithfully,

David Lloyd, Challenge Navitus, Swanage

H.R.H. Responds

Following on from a number of letters in previous months regarding the Crown Estate, we are happy to publish a letter from Clarence House, which has been received by one of our readers.

Dear Sir,

The Prince of Wales has asked me to thank you for your letter of 29th March in connection with proposals for the Navitus Bay Windfarm.

His Royal Highness is most grateful to you for taking the trouble to bring your concerns to his attention.

However, I regret The Prince of Wales's position makes it difficult to become involved with planning decisions of the nature. However, the letters mention that the project involves land owned by Crown Estate. The Crown Estate is governed by an Act of Parliament.

Although the property managed is owned by the Crown, it is not private property of the Queen. The Sovereign is the legal owner but does not have any powers of management or control.

You may, therefore, wish to contact The Crown Estate with your concerns at the following address:

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I am so sorry I am unable to send you a more positive response, but trust that you understand.

Thank you, once again, for writing to His Royal Highness, who has asked me to send you his very best wishes.

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A Great Day Out!



Dear Nico,

A boat trip down the River Dart from Totnes to Dartmouth gave members of the Purbeck Society a chance to unwind after a coach trip from Swanage on Tuesday 6 May.

As I sipped a glass of red wine on the top deck of the Cardiff Castle we drifted along the calm, wide river listening to the fascinating commentary. Famous people like Dyson and the Dimblebys had homes at Dittisham while Agatha Christie had settled at Greenway House on the other side of the river. Sir Walter Raleigh lived here. Towards Kingswear they were filming the Onedin Line with plastic crocodiles in front of magnificent woodland representing the Amazon when a steam train sounded its whistle and ruined the day's filming. The interesting buildings included a boathouse and a Devon thatched long house.

After shopping for presents for our friends in Rudesheim, we had a cream tea at a Great Western Railway Station in Dartmouth which never had a railway before crossing the river to Paignton with its lovely pastel coloured houses.

Returning to Paignton on the steam railway we paid an extra £1.50 to travel in the Devon Belle Observation Coach, which is identical to the coach that runs on the Swanage Railway. From the railway were initially views of the yachts on the River Dart, then the train emerged from a tunnel, passed through Churston and then followed the coastline of Torbay.

Through the carriage window we could see the cliffs made of ancient Devonian sandstone, the sandy beach at Goodrington Sands and the grass covered headlands.

I would like to thank Frank Nicoll who organised the visit, the Purbeck Society and the coach driver for a wonderful day out.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher

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Drones - The Law

Hi there,

I was reading the Gazette last week and read the article regarding flying drones around Swanage. There is a lot of controversy regarding the use of "drones" or Small Unmanned Aircraft, as they are officially named, and there still seems to be a lot of confusion over what you can and can't do with these aircraft. I am the pilot for "Go Aerial Video & Photography" and am fully licensed and have permission by the CAA to undertake commercial aerial work. To operate one of these aircraft commercially or technically for "Valuable Consideration" the pilot in command has to hold the correct relevant license. Ultimately the Pilot is solely responsible for the aircraft and the safety of the public.

I hold the BNUC-S licence issued by the Euro USC. This involves a two day theory ground school. We then have to write a comprehensive Operations Manual detailing our whole operation and how we would control and act upon multiple issues regarding safety to the public and aircraft. Once this is completed you then have a practical flight exam. Only after all this is completed and you have achieved the qualification can you then apply to the CAA for permission for aerial work to operate commercially. The CAA have to know every single detail about the aircraft which is registered with them and the aircraft is given a serial number - exactly the same as a full sized helicopter or plane.

The aircraft also has to be fully insured with a minimum of £2 million Public Liability Insurance. Health & Safety at all times is the priority on every single flight. If the Pilot is not satisfied the flight can be flown within the following regulations then the flight will not take place. With every commercial flight with an SUA there are a list of conditions and regulations that must be adhered to as included in articles 166 and 167 of the Civil Aviation Publication 393 - Air Navigation Order;

This includes that only the qualified pilots employed or contracted by the company are allowed to fly that particular aircraft;

That all relevant permissions must be obtained by air traffic control if flying within their vicinity (yes that means we have to check air charts and if flying within designated airspace we must contact the relevant air traffic control for permission to fly),

We can only fly to a maximum of 400ft altitude unless we have permission to go higher from the CAA; The aircraft must stay within 500 metres of the pilot horizontally and must stay within their unaided visual line of sight,

The aircraft cannot be flown within 150 metres of any congested area such as a town, city or settlement (congested is outlined as 1,000 or more people); Must not be flown within 50 metres of any person, vessel, vehicle, or structure unless they are directly under control of the pilot,

All SUA aircraft must be fitted with a failsafe mechanism meaning e.g. it will fly home if it loses connection to the flight transmitter. Every flight must be logged detailing the pilot, batteries, time in flight as well as other details.

There are still further regulations but this outlines what we have to go through every time we fly one of these aircraft under a commercial operation. Many thanks, JJ Paine. Photographic Manager, via email.

www.ecpvideo.co.uk

Calling All Schools

Dear Editor,

Could your school 'Sow the Seeds of Hope'?

I write to invite local schools and indeed your readers to help the thousands of people in the UK living with the effects of Polio and Post Polio Syndrome (PPS) by joining The British Polio Fellowship's 'Sowing the Seeds of Hope' campaign and helping this project blossom this summer. The emergence of colourful flowers after winter has long been a symbol of hope so The British Polio Fellowship has adopted them for the 'Sowing

the Seeds of Hope' campaign. In April, star Julia Roberts helped children plant wild flower seeds donated at Christchurch school in Surrey to represent the 120,000 people across the UK affected by Polio and Post Polio Syndrome (PPS) and now we hope other schools will join our efforts as part of our 75th anniversary activities throughout the UK. PPS is a condition that makes life harder for those living with Polio and its impact will be felt in this country for many years to come, hence the need to 'Sow the Seeds of Hope' and the planting of seeds is a fun way of getting younger generations involved in an enjoyable and educational way. Christchurch school is using the activity as part of an ongoing growth project and we welcome other schools wishing to work with us in a similar way.

The British Polio Fellowship is calling on all schools across the country to get involved and support the 'Sowing the Seeds of Hope' campaign. If you would like more information about how your school could get involved with the campaign and or if you or someone you know would like to join The British Polio Fellowship then please visit www.britishpolio.org.uk or call 0800 018 0586.

Regards, Ted Hill MBE CEO, The British Polio Fellowship

Making Monkeys Of All Of Us

Dear Editor,

During my recent visit to Dorset by train, my companion, Mrs. Trellis, was startled by the erections at Wareham Station. An extension of Monkey World, we pondered?

The cages there don't look very substantial, at least not for apes or predators. Maybe small foraging creatures? Tapirs or very small wildebeest? Or some scaly creatures more appropriate for 'The Jurassic Coast'?

Some of the cages have already been stocked with branches and roots. So I await, with great anticipation, to see if there has been any progress on our next visit.

Or are Network Rail simply making monkeys of us all?

Yours in anticipation,

Eric Pode Croydon via email

Mummers Raise £1000



Dear Editor,

Here is a news item of possible interest locally as the money raised was from donations made in many local pubs, clubs and village squares, including many in Swanage, Corfe Castle, etc.

On Sunday 13th April, Purbeck Mummers presented Forest Holme Hospice with a cheque for £1000.

During December last, Purbeck Mummers toured Purbeck and the surrounding area performing a 200 year old traditional Christmas play. Following our performances, a collection was held for our nominated charity and we thank all who donated for their generosity.

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and pictured above are the Purbeck Mummers, Heather Campbell, (Landlady of the Rose and Crown) and Anne Currie of Forest Holme Hospice in Poole.

Watch out for us next December if you dare!!

Tony Kemp. The Purbeck Mummers.

Question Of Priorities

Dear Sir,

All over Wareham we have broken kerbs, potholes, no main storm water drains (soak-aways cannot cope in heavy rain, so very large puddles form, especially outside the fire and police stations and all the way along Monmouth Road, and no doubt others). We may no longer use tarmac dressing on drives or garden paths, as this prevents water from draining away.

Never mind. We have long sections of much under-used cycle paths under construction or completed. They are beautifully constructed with a high quality layer of tarmac to finish. For cyclists pretty useless.

Even single file cyclists cannot safely pass a double pushchair, wheelchair, etc. Social cycling, chatting together whilst cycling is completely out. Using the one along the A351 involves crossing and re-crossing the road, and the Bakers Arms route for cyclists is horrendous, much safer to use the existing roundabout.

Never mind. Under-used cycle paths will last for centuries.

Will the state of our roads and pavements be left as they are for the same time?

Who decides the priorities for road and pavement repairs?

Yours faithfully, Lyn Plumpton, Wareham.

Disgracefully Dumped

Dear Nico,

Mr Swanage – George Willey

I am so pleased that George Willey had a special evening on the 21st March. Unfortunately I couldn't be there due to another commitment, but I gather the evening was a splendid celebration of George.

George has been a brilliant asset to Swanage as a whole and it was quite disgraceful that he was dumped from the Swanage & Wareham Advertiser last year.

Let's be honest, most of us read that paper because George wrote in it! Frankly the paper isn't worth reading nowadays particularly as it includes the ramblings of two MP's who are frankly totally irrelevant to the day to day life of Swanage. So I say get George back to the Advertiser!!

May I finally add that the Purbeck Gazette gets better every time I read it so keep up your terrific work by bringing us real news of our wonderful area! Gerry Edwards, Swanage, by email.

Memories Flood Back

Dear Editor,

Early in March I was staying in Corfe Castle, celebrating my 52nd wedding anniversary when an old school friend gave me a copy of your magazine. The item 'Stormy Purbeck' on page 31 caught my eye, particularly the image of the flooded Stoborough to Wareham Road.

In my early teen years, from 1951 onwards, such a situation was not unusual. I was an apprentice agricultural engineer and rode a motor-bike from Corfe to Branksome and back six days a week (we worked Saturday mornings until midday in those days). Work started at 8am so it was always



an early departure from Corfe.

When the road was flooded, as in your image, we young lads, with no viable alternative, rode our motorbikes on the pavement (footpath) on the East side of the road. The fencing gave some idea of the depth of the water. It was a matter of feet off the footrest (to keep them dry) and keeping the engine rev-ing because the exhaust pipe was under the water and closing the throttle would suck water into and wreck the engine.

Arrival at the bridge over the River Frome meant we had no brakes and had to ride with them applied to dry them out. Of course the Wareham By-Pass was just a dream and any diversion through East Holme was a long way around.

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Regards, Brian D. Johnson

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Charity Auction Success



Dear Nico,

Above you'll see a photo of Lion President Paddy Rideal presenting a cheque for £2000 from the Swanage Lions Club to the Lewis-Manning Hospice, following a very interesting tour of the redesigned building

overlooking Poole Harbour.

The Lions also recently presented a similar amount to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust in Dorchester.

The funds were raised at the March Charity Auction co-hosted by the local RNLI Fundraisers, the RNLI's share of the event going towards the new lifeboat station.

I hope that you might squeeze this into your next issue!

David, Swanage Lions Club, by email.

Affordable!!!

Hi Nico,

Can I put my name down for the affordable(???) portion of the new flats at the end of the seafront in Swanage? Thought not!!

Regards, Peter Wakefield.

Disgusting Dog Bin



Dear Editor,

I wish to bring your attention to the disgusting state of the dog litter bin in Steer Road, Swanage.

My wife complained to the relevant authority that the aforementioned bin had not been emptied for some considerable time, expecting a response.

Five days later nothing had changed, so I decided to contact them.

I reminded them that a complaint had been made and pointed out that the bin was adjacent to a grassed area that children regularly played on, and not too far from the front gate of our town mayor.

At a time when we should be encouraging

responsible owners to clear up after their pets this is not giving out the right message.

We have also noticed that some ordinary litter bins seem to have been removed from strategic areas in the town.

Is there a plan to replace them with bigger bins or are we expecting visitors to take litter home?

Regards M.Buckland, Swanage.

And Finally...

Dear Nico,

I fear for Swanage if fracking is ever to happen. It seems most of the houses in the town are held up by scaffolding now!

Regards, Peter Wakefield.

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Purbeck Planners Strike Again

David Hollister writes...

I was very impressed by the Town Council report in the last Gazette on the progress and the problems on the seafront stabilisation. It's clear now to all of us that many of the delays were caused by the weather. We lost a week because they found an old gas pipe which had any of us found it, we'd have just cut it off, but because it was a Council Civil Engineering project it had to await the Gas Board to come and chop it off in accordance with the Regulations. It turned out that under the recreation ground they found not just subsoil but mountains of unstable builders rubble left over from the 1800s (and, at the time of writing, some munitions!).

Some of us might wonder why the expensive pre-project site survey didn't pick that up. Some of us might wonder why, knowing the urgency with which we needed to get started, PDC Planning Department dragged their heels for so long despite apparently having several pre-planning meetings with the Town Council.

The worst rain in two hundred years is understandable. Gas pipe and rubble less so. But delays in the Planning Process are totally unacceptable. If we'd been allowed to start earlier, we'd have been finished earlier and the businesses and Carnival would not have been so severely affected.

The War Memorial had to be moved before it fell down. Fact. So let's stop whingeing about the cost. Let's thank the team of experts for their efforts and let's hope that the main contractors – who could make little further progress until the Memorial had been moved – can make steady progress from here.

Full marks, however, to the sub-committee of the Town Council and to the Town Clerk, who have been handling this project on our behalf. Lots of sleepless nights, much tearing-out of hair, a thankless job which few of us would have had the will or experience to take on.

Inasmuch as this project was taking up so much time, it's a shame that the remaining Councillors – don't forget that there are twelve and only three directly tied up with stabilisation – could not have been delegated to sort out the Market fiasco which we highlighted in the last edition. Apparently a new tender has been accepted but the operators can only run a market on Fridays. Many of the stallholders who used to come on Tuesdays are already committed to Fridays elsewhere.

Actually, when they arrived on the first Tuesday, how much better for them to have been supervised by a Town Council employee just for the one day, than turned away and shoo-ed offsite, with their fresh produce going off and their overnight accommodation costs lost. I don't think that they'll be too willing to come back, Tuesdays or Fridays. Let's see how long it takes to re-establish a healthy working market again.

But back to stabilisation. I assume that you all are aware that the next piece of ground to be stabilised will be Sandpit Field, where the main Carnival events and so many other smaller events take place. Let's hope that the Town Council, forewarned of the potential delays caused by PDC Planning, get their application in during 2014-15 so they can start the work promptly on 1st September 2016. And thus hopefully get that part of the seafront open again before the following Easter.

The part of the seafront between the Mowlem and the Clock in Swanage has been closed off, sensibly, for the safety of the holidaymakers and their

children. For many years there has been no parking between the Clock and the Ocean Bay from May to September, again – sensibly – on the grounds of pedestrian safety. But now that DCC has realised that they can put their greedy snouts in this particular trough, parking will be permitted throughout the year.

We have already highlighted the problems this causes for larger vehicles passing in opposite directions, but now we have people trying to cross the road between parked cars, where their view of the oncoming traffic is obstructed and where the motorists' view of the pedestrians is similarly obscured. An accident waiting to happen. I call upon DCC to either close this part of the road completely or to sacrifice their parking revenue for six months on the grounds of safety, and I challenge a DCC Councillor or Executive to reply to this suggestion through our pages.

Much complaining about the Slipway, which apparently is to be closed for most of 2015. Oh dear, where will the visiting boats go? We're not too sure right now – hopefully other suitable moorings will be supplied. Not so convenient to leave the boat all season, agreed, but the slipways and boat park are being closed off for a very good reason – they're building a new Lifeboat Station and the last thing the builders need is stray tourists, sailors and indeed fishermen getting in their way.

So let's give them a clear, safe way ahead, and hope that they don't experience the worst weather conditions for 200 years. Again.

Isn't it a fantastic achievement for the new Swanage School to have opened its doors? Unfortunately I was out of the country on their open day, but I expect that Nico will have been along and will write about it in the next edition! For too long, Swanage was the biggest town on the south coast without its own school, and all those involved in the campaigns, the planning, and the installation process need huge bouquets.

I do wonder how it was that the Planners approved the designs; the front building might have been a little more in keeping if the face had been all Purbeck Stone, but I'm told that there wasn't a budget for this. Worse to look at is the Sports Hall, reminiscent of the new buildings on the Industrial Estate.

Wouldn't it be nice if some bright spark came up with the idea of painting some landscaping – plants, trees, maybe a window or two – on the front of it? There are 'school bus dropping off points' at a narrow part of the road into Swanage; it would make sense to put double yellows on the other side of the road at these points so that a combination of school buses and parked cars didn't act like a cork in this particular bottle. Let's see!

But these things apart, it's unreserved praise for the Swanage School, and best wishes from us for a rapid and successful establishment as a centre of excellence – for decades to come.

Not a lot in this column from Wareham this month; come on, Wareham, you must have Hot Potatoes too, so send your thoughts to me by email c/o The Gazette!

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On Thursday 5th June from 10am until 1pm, Not Just Sundaes Community Café in Wareham is working with the Volunteer Centre to help promote volunteering throughout Purbeck. This event is being held as part of Volunteer Week, which runs nationally from 1st - 7th June and celebrates the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK.

Ken Brearley, from the Volunteer Centre said, "People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. But what unites them all is that they find it both challenging and rewarding. Volunteer Centre's provide support and expertise within the local community, to potential volunteers, existing volunteers and organisations that involve volunteers."

Café Managers, Felicity and Alison added, "As a registered charity ourselves, we rely on the generosity and support of our fantastic team of volunteers. We are proud to promote volunteering as an activity, and understand their importance for a lot of charities in our area. We hope that this event will be a good place to start looking for volunteering opportunities in our local area. With the help of the Volunteer Centre, they can find out what you're interested in doing, and try to match you with a suitable volunteering role with a local charity or voluntary organisation".

To find out more information about what's on, call in and say hi or visit us at www.notjustsundaes.com. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Photo of Ken Brearley, from the Volunteer Centre with staff and volunteers from Not Just Sundaes

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Not on your Nellie...



Nellie and I are indebted to our colleague Mr Hollister for bringing to our attention the results of a recent study proving that children in cars are more of a distraction than the use of a mobile phone (see 'Driven to Distraction' in May). Without wishing to appear the slightest bit smug I cannot resist mentioning that, as my regular reader will confirm, I made this point some years ago when writing this column with my sorely missed chum, the Chug. It is, however, always gratifying when one's axioms are proved.

At the time, I was questioning what the display of those silly 'Child on Board' stickers were expected to achieve, and ventured to suggest it might act as a warning to other road users that the occupant would be distracted and should therefore be given a wide berth. Now I would go a step further and suggest it should be made compulsory for such stickers be displayed prominently on the fronts of vehicles, in order that they might be given an even wider berth. And can we please banish the even sillier 'Small Person on Board' which achieves nothing apart from engendering idle speculation that the occupant might be employed in a circus.

And speaking of smugness, have you seen the plump foxes and badgers strolling contentedly around North Swanage? Yes, they have learned how to open the brown food containers we so considerately leave out for them. We had the contents of two strewn over our road last week, left to be ground into the tarmac by passing tyres and ignored by the collectors.

A spokesman for Dorset Waste Partnership told me it is not their policy to clear up this potential health hazard, which is fair enough as they probably have a tight schedule, and recommended we place the containers on top of a wheelie bin or in some other clearly visible but inaccessible place. Speaking of predators, never forget that the contents of your bin can be a useful source of material facilitating identity theft and that nobody should open and look in your bin; not even the collectors!

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, we on the Isle of Purbeck should extend a huge 'thank you' to Wightlink and Red Funnel who run the ferries to the Isle of Wight, one of our competitors for the tourist trade in this neck of the Wessex woods.

As people who enjoy messing about in boats, Nellie and I only ever visit the Folly Inn, just upriver from Cowes, and Yarmouth; both of which are delightful. Imagine our shock when, forced to visit the island by car for the first time, we had to part with one hundred of our Wessex pounds to purchase a return ticket. We had a bit of a look around only to discover that, apart from the Folly Inn and Yarmouth, it is all a little downmarket.

Tourists therefore are going to weigh up parting with three of their upcountry pounds and fifty pence for the Sandbanks Ferry, and realise that by visiting Purbeck they will have an extra ninety-seven pounds and fifty pence in their pockets; even more if they venture through Wareham.



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CALENDAR COP

As promised, we aim to bring you a pen picture of a cop each month. Insp Gaffney was first with her mad physical challenges, PC Ashdown came in last month with his aim to canoe the channel (still waiting for a weather window).

This month we bring you PCSO Tara Ferrari who works with the Swanage Safer Neighbourhood team. Tara grew up in Purbeck from the age of five! Before joining the police, Tara worked as a Beach Warden in Swanage. During the summer months she saved all her money to help fund travelling the world in the winter months. Tara has been all over Europe and went backpacking in Australia, which is where she completed the Skydive from 10,000ft as shown in this month's picture. Tara has done white water rafting, abseiling and also made it up to Annapurna Base Camp at 13,500ft while trekking in the Himalayas. Amongst her many active interests, Tara listed one as "being mischievous!"

Prior to joining the police, Tara studied at Bournemouth and Poole College and holds qualifications in Advanced Motor Vehicle Engineering; she has a huge love for cars and FI. Tara joined Dorset Police in 2007 and has been a PCSO for around seven years. She worked at Winton and in Swanage twice. She loved it so much she wanted to come back. Tara loves getting out on the mountain bike and getting muddy. She claims to have calmed down since becoming a mum. We don't think so! We know that the local community thinks highly of Tara and she represents a true asset to the Purbeck team.

UPDATES

Crime reporting is looking very good, with almost all crime types sitting below last year's figures. Total crime came in at 118 crimes between 1st April and 5th May compared to 169 in the same period last year, a 30% reduction. Car crime sits at 9 compared to 21 last year and other thefts at 29 compared to 48. Calls to police regarding issues in Purbeck totalled 828 in April.

Looking forward to the summer sunshine, we are fortunate to have a very diverse coastline; Studland hosts some great beaches and of course our famous naturist area. Sadly on Tue 29th April in the naturist area, a male acted inappropriately whilst naked, in front of two female dog walkers. Dorset Police will not tolerate such inappropriate behaviour and positive action will always be taken if we identify any offenders. Our best chance of catching offenders is if you report the incident as soon as possible to police or one of the National Trust wardens who regularly patrol the beaches.

We made a successful bid some months ago to secure an All Terrain

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JUNE - TARA FERRARI

Vehicle (ATV) to assist us in our work within the Purbeck area. We had lots of fun testing out vehicles at the Bovington tank training grounds to ensure we picked the right one. This vehicle will provide proactive patrol on the beaches and dunes, assist with searches in off road locations and help with events such as Bestival (as well as any other excuse we can find!). We are getting quite excited as the vehicle is in the workshops ready to be fitted out and police livery applied. It should be ready towards the end of May.

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Purbeck Safer Neighbourhood Team

Wessex Car Show At Lulworth Castle



Wessex Car Rally Sunday 8 June 2014 at Lulworth Castle Park

The Wessex Car Rally will be revving up once again at Lulworth Castle Park on Sunday 8 June between 10am and 5pm; the inaugural event was a huge success with hundreds of vehicles and motorbikes attending from across the country and over £6000 was raised for their chosen charities.

This year plans to be bigger and better with more vehicles and motorbikes

on display, craft and charity stalls, an autojumble, entertainment for all the family, displays and live music plus discounted entry to Lulworth Castle. This is definitely a date for your diary!

John Brewster, Wessex Car Rally committee, said "At last year's show you will be very pleased to hear that we raised just over £6000 for our core charities as a result of the generosity of all those that attended."

He continues "This year we can promise you a fun filled day with end to end entertainment and also modes of transport of all ages, shapes and sizes."

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R.N.L.I. Lifeboat Station Update

Swanage RNLI have submitted plans for a new lifeboat station to house the town's next lifeboat, a 25 knot all weather Shannon class lifeboat.

The charity submitted the plans to Purbeck District Council for a new boathouse to replace the existing building.

In 2016, Swanage RNLI's current all-weather Mersey class lifeboat *Robert Charles Brown* will be nearing the end of her operational life. She will be replaced by the newest member of the RNLI fleet, a Shannon class lifeboat which offers improved speed and manoeuvrability thanks to updated design techniques and water jet propulsion.

The Shannon is larger than the station's current all-weather Mersey class lifeboat and will need to be housed in a bigger lifeboat station. The new plans are designed to offer the necessary extra space required to accommodate the Shannon class lifeboat. In addition it will provide much improved facilities for the volunteer crew including a changing and shower room, a fully-equipped crew training room, mechanics workshop, office space, and a base for the station's D-class inshore lifeboat. With detailed design still to be finalised, the RNLI are working towards a cost of £3.5 million for the build. A substantial legacy will provide a large contribution towards the cost of the building project, and local fundraisers are half way through their Appeal to raise a further £200,000 towards the build through local events and activities.

The lifeboat station has been designed by Dorset based team, architects Morgan Design Studio Ltd with consulting engineers, Smith Foster.

Richard Weeks, RNLI Divisional Operations Manager, said: 'The new lifeboat station plans were conceived not only to provide the extra space needed to accommodate the new Shannon lifeboat, but also to



Artist's impression of the new boathouse in Swanage

upgrade the volunteer crew's facilities to a standard befitting the next generation of lifesavers.

'The crew will have a superior space for interactive training, and they'll also benefit from a modern drying room for their kit, which will improve their comfort. The building will also utilise the latest eco-friendly technology, including a ground source heat recovery system.

Members of the public have always been encouraged to visit the station but the new building will ensure current or potential supporters who visit have an enjoyable and memorable experience. There will also be a small souvenir outlet in the new boathouse.'

Neil Hardy, Swanage RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager, added: 'We're very excited about the plans for the new station, although naturally we'll be sad to say goodbye to the current boathouse when the time comes. The building has a long and distinguished history, and it has certainly served us well over the last 138 years in providing a base for saving lives at sea in and around Swanage.'

Swanage Firestation Monthly Report



Hi and welcome to a look at what has been happening at Swanage Fire Station during April.

Operationally we attended eighteen call outs, these included:

- Seven false alarms
- One chemical drum washed up on the rocks below the Coastwatch lookout at Peveril Point

- One lift rescue where we released a mother and young child
- One bin fire at Day's Park
- One fire that started outside one of the units on Victoria Avenue Industrial Estate. The fire then spread to part of the building.

We stood-by at Wareham Fire Station to cover their area whilst they dealt with other incidents

On one occasion all three of our appliances joined crews from Wareham, Bere Regis, Hamworthy, Poole and Wimborne to tackle a large heath fire on the Lulworth ranges.

The first call was received by fire control just before 10pm and it took approximately four hours to extinguish. (I hear you ask who was looking after Swanage whilst we were fighting this fire? Well, please rest assured, you weren't left uncovered as Fire Control had alerted a Westbourne appliance to stand-by here at Swanage).

For my look at other areas of Dorset Fire & Rescue Service, I would like to give you an insight in to the Service's senior management. As a fire and rescue service we are a stand-alone authority that is governed by a Fire Authority.

This is made up of elected members from Dorset County Council and Bournemouth and Poole Borough Councils. Our Chief Fire Officer is Darran Gunter, he is responsible for driving the Service forward in a well-managed and modern way.

The Chief has three Assistant Chief Officers; Colin Chapman, Ben Ansell and Derek James. There are then Area Commanders who look after our two areas; one for Bournemouth and Poole, and one for the Dorset area. We then have Heads of Service who manage the many functions required to ensure that we deliver a professional service to the communities within Dorset.

If you would like to know more about Dorset Fire & Rescue Service and how we serve our communities there is lots of information, as well as advice and support at: www.dorsetfire.gov.uk.

Well, that's all for now so please stay safe and ensure you test your smoke alarms!

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Robin Awarded RNLI Gold



As part of the RNLI's 2014 Awards, the Trustee Board have awarded Robin Tiller a Gold Badge in recognition of his long and devoted service. Robin has been associated with Swanage Lifeboat Station over many years, initially as a committee member, then Administration Officer, progressing to Deputy Chairman, then Chairman of the Branch and finally Co-ordinating Chairman of Swanage. Swanage was being used as a guinea pig for the new Management Structure which was subsequently rolled out across all RNLI stations.

Robin led a very successful team of volunteers increasing the funds raised, year on year whilst Chairman and securing new premises for the Lifeboat Shop in the Square following the closure of the previous shop. In fact, he was always on hand to fill a gap, taking on additional work loads such as acting Branch Treasurer prior to recruiting a new volunteer, carrying out countless tasks behind the scenes and being instrumental in keeping everything flowing smoothly.

Robin entered the Merchant Navy at a young age, progressing from a Cadet Officer and passed all his Certificates of Competency before gaining his Master Mariners Certificate F G. He crisscrossed the globe on a variety of vessels including passenger, general cargo, freezer and container ships until being approached to work as Advisor to the Director General of Jeddah Islamic KSA (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). It was therefore a natural progression on returning to the UK a few years later that he became involved in a nautical charity.

Robin says that nothing would have been possible without the incredible support of all at the Boathouse, the dedicated crews giving so much time continuously upgrading their skills by endless training (the public are probably only aware of the rescues that they hear or read about), the many volunteers and committee members who give valuable time and effort in fundraising.

We asked Robin for the secret to successful fundraising. Robin answered: "Plan your event well in advance, be well organised, don't leave it all to the last minute! Keep everyone well informed, have a fantastic team backing you and a wife who totally supports you. Always remember to say thank you after the event!"

Robin's wife Ann was Chair of Swanage Guild, being presented with a Silver Badge by the RNLI in recognition of her fundraising in 2013.

Both Robin and Ann have relinquished their respective positions, the present Chairman being Peter Foster. Angela Morris heads up the Swanage Lifeboat Fundraising Team.

Efforts are currently focused on fundraising for the new Lifeboat Station to house the Shannon Class Lifeboat due on station in 2016. Fundraisers have already exceeded the halfway mark of reaching the target figure of £200,000.

Robin said: "It seems to me there is a great crew in Swanage - whether they're afloat or ashore, everyone pulls together."

Big congratulations to you Robin from us at the Gazette - Ann and yourself have both been justifiably commended for your wonderful work. We salute you!

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Minibus Adventures!!

The minibus which was generously donated to us by a resident's family is now ready and has already been used a number of times in the last month. A member of staff drove a number of residents down memory lane, as they revisited the streets of Swanage where some of them grew up.

"It was lovely to see the residents naming all the old streets where they used to live and the pubs they used to go to. They really had such a good time" said a member of staff. Gainsborough Care Home plans on having many more excursions in the future.

Activities

The residents and staff of Gainsborough Care Home celebrated Easter by designing their very own Easter bonnets and painting their own Easter eggs. This was a very fun day enjoyed by all!

National Care Home Open Day is on Friday 20th June and is just around the corner. Plans are in place for Gainsborough Care Home, which has different events booked throughout the day including; The Pastimers, cake stall, cream teas and other events.

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Through The Keyhole Swanage Town Council

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

Swanage Council Meetings. April 2014

As anyone from Swanage who travels to and from town for work their number one nightmare is a closed Valley Road (from flood or accident) during a winter period when the Sandbanks Ferry has been withdrawn for its periodic refit.

For ambulance drivers and paramedics heading to or from the Bournemouth/Poole conurbation's Hospitals it's nightmare plus. It was in this context that Cllr Suttle responded to a letter from the Bournemouth - Swanage Motor Road Co proposing consultation with the Council on future fare increases.

The Sandbanks route is, Cllr Suttle said, a matter of life and death for the town. Swanage Town Council is always consulted on proposed fare changes but now learns that the Company is looking to raise them again when next up for renewal. This is, in the main, to defray the costs of a new craft. (Why the current ferry is to have such a short life was not explained). Without a satisfactory resolution of the proposed fare increase, the Company warn they may have to withdraw the ferry service in 2022.

Cllr Suttle noted the Company's wish to raise its current profit level from 6% to nearer 10% and observed, with feeling, that that he knew of no business locally which was enjoying a 6% return on capital. Chance would be a fine thing. He suggested that if the Company was prepared to withdraw the ferry service, local Councils must be prepared to take the matter to Whitehall. The prospect of a physically isolated Swanage (reachable only by helicopter) made the matter of the greatest seriousness. (At an earlier meeting and before the arrival of this letter, Cllr Poultney who is well worth listening to on transport matters, made the point that, while the Council should always attempt to protect low paid locals from unfair increases in transport costs, current ferry pricing, when compared with the cost (after recent significant oil price increases) of the longer and more time consuming roundabout journey via Wareham, was, though expensive to daily users, decent value.

As readers of last month's Gazette will know, the Council took a considerable sandbagging on its handling of the arrangements for the weekly market. An organised protest of disappointed stallholders (arriving for a non existent market) and their comments about the Council's incompetence were given full coverage.

Your Council reporter was disappointed therefore that, at the meeting of the Council's Finance Committee, the public and press were obliged to leave before this matter of the market tender was discussed. (This is not unusual and is, in fact, beyond the Council's control. By law it is not allowed to discuss in public business matters which have still to be concluded - this avoids anyone who might be at a meeting gaining a commercial advantage over someone who isn't). However what was said by Councillors in closed session is now available to the public and a summary follows:-

A licence has been awarded to a Company (Markets JC Ltd) which has an excellent reputation for running small town markets in Dorset since 1981 and the market will be held on the main town car park (this year from Friday 30th May from 8am-5pm. The market will be organised to give advantage to local traders and will have regard to the highest trading standards rules and food hygiene.

The impression has been given that the reason the Council opted for a new tender is greed. In fact the monetary conditions of the market tender have not been reviewed (or raised) since 2003 - which leaves the Council able to plead not guilty to any charge of greed but plausibly guilty of not being greedy enough.

As usual damned if you do, damned if you don't. It was the dwindling number of stallholders over the last two years that led the Council to believe a change was needed - although the previous market operator, Ensors, did not share that view, believing that poor numbers was the natural consequence of the downturn experienced countrywide. Changes to coach drop-off points could also have been a factor.

Whether the Council should put the market out to tender or to operate it in-house has been discussed at length, but it finally took the view - particularly in respect of the need for expert knowledge on trading standards legislation and on current food hygiene regulations, that a professional and experienced operator would do a better job - particularly in the light of what the Town Hall had, and still has, on its plate.

Amongst these, the seafront and downs stabilisation, work on the RNLI lease and the changes needed to be made for its new boat-house, the changing facilities at Forres Field and the sea front wall and town hall damage.

P.I.S.S. Celebrates St George's Day In Style



Dear Readers,

To mark St Georges day wee members of Purbeck Independent Simpleton Society made our way to Corfe Castle to have our lunch at a local hostelry. We were joined by the great great, great, grandson of Dr James Wilberforce-Smyth (1762-1838) who gave us an after dinner talk. His name is Archie Penfold-Jones. He told us that Dr James, affectionately known as Jammy James to his friends, studied history and used to analyse the stories to see if he could ascertain the correct facts that lie behind them. Archie then read out the facts as analysed and his theory of the story regarding St George.

Dr James Wilberforce-Smyth had written that St George and the Dragon was a made up story, as dragons with flames coming out of their mouths

had never existed. He said that George was a drunken ex-soldier who had fought in the Crusades and then spent most of his time in public houses. After a few pints he started to see dragons. Today some people claim to see pink elephants after a few drinks.

George was having a lunch-time session at the Duck & Gluepot when suddenly the bar caught fire. George saw the poor young barmaid trying to escape. He rescued her by throwing his flagon of ale at the flames to douse the fire, then using his sword he killed the imaginary dragon. After the fire was out, the good people of the village asked George what had happened.

He explained about the dragon that had started the fire, but after George had killed it to save the young lady's life, the dragon was destroyed by the flames. The villagers were so impressed at how George had saved the young barmaid's life and killed the dragon they had three cheers for him.

Years later as the story was passed down from generation to generation, he was made a saint and the pub was renamed St George & the Dragon. He also became our patron saint. The doctor said that today he should be known as "St George on the Wagon" to stop people drinking so much, so they don't make up these stupid stories!

All of the members of P.I.S.S. were listening to the story, then Archie went on to say that Dr Wilberforce-Smyth's great granddaughter Elsie Ragwort also followed on with the doctor's theory and explained that Father Christmas was not a real person. When he said that to all the members of P.I.S.S. it broke their hearts and they had to have a few drinks to drown their sorrows. After we had paid Archie his fee he made a quick escape through the gent's lavatory window, without giving us a receipt. So that's the last time we will book him!

Unfortunately due to the wet weather we had to have our photo taken inside the public house because we could not go into the beer garden to wave our flags to the passing train drivers. But at least we did our part to pay homage to St George.

P.I.S.S. Spokesman, Hugh Elmes



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Arne Parish Neighbourhood Evening

Excellent attendance at Arne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Information Evening

More than a hundred people from Arne Parish crammed into Stoborough Village Hall on Thursday 24th April for the first Neighbourhood Plan event.

The meeting was designed to introduce the idea of a neighbourhood plan as a community-led framework for guiding the future development of the Arne Parish, which includes the village of Stoborough and the hamlets of Arne, Ridge and Worgret.

Guest speaker, Keith Childs, of Planning Policy, Purbeck District Council, informed the large and attentive audience that the national government's localism legislation should ensure that more decision-making is passed to local communities.

The neighbourhood planning process involves developing an inspirational vision, gathering evidence, conducting an extensive survey and seeking agreement through a parish-wide referendum. The plan should be in place by March 2016.

The meeting was interactive, enabling everyone present the opportunity to review and comment on seven different areas: housing, employment, environment, health, transport, crime and policing and education and recreation.

Post-it notes were used to collect hundreds of ideas and opinions for further analysis. This will give the steering group plenty to chew over in the next few weeks.

The session was chaired by Arne Parish Councillor, Ashley Pellegrini, and tea and cakes were organised by Stoborough VI.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Caroline Macleod, said "It was an enjoyable evening and a very good start to the project. It was very encouraging to see so many young people at the meeting. After all, it's their future we are focusing on."

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Lulworth Medieval Village Exhibition



Above: Roger Hills, Chairman of Dorset Castles Research Group, addresses the opening event

Castle Exhibition Opening Event Marked the Ending of Sixteen Months Research into the Little Known Medieval Village of East Lulworth

Around thirty people gathered together at Lulworth Castle on 23rd April to celebrate the opening of an exhibition dedicated to research undertaken by the Dorset Castles Research Group (DCRG) into the medieval village of East Lulworth, which was moved from the castle site in the late 1700s to the current East Lulworth Village.

An opening address was given by Wilfrid Weld of the Weld Estate, who expressed his gratitude to all those involved, noting that knowledge of the estate had moved forward as a result of the research.

Roger Hills, Chairman of the Dorset Castles Research Group, responded by thanking all the groups who had been active both in the field work and

in other forms of research undertaken.

The research was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and students from the Purbeck School were actively involved in geophysical surveys of the site. Students from the school were present at the opening along with members of the Lulworth Estate staff and others who assisted with the project.

The project, which began in October 2012, is expected to conclude within the next couple of months.

The exhibition, which comprises a looped audio visual display and exhibition boards, explains the background to the village, the earlier castle which existed in Lulworth, the 17th and 18th century ornamental gardens, along with the research undertaken into these features.

A booklet has been produced by the group to accompany the exhibition. The exhibition film was made by RedBalloon of the Bournemouth University Media Studies Unit.



Above: Students involved with the project

Seeking Information On Helen Galloway McNicoll



Dear Readers,

In the course of researching artists of the past for Swanage Museum, especially those who have visited, or lived in Swanage and the Isle of Purbeck, many interesting artists have come to light. One of these is the Canadian Impressionist, Helen Galloway McNicoll who was accompanied by another artist, much better known in this country, Dorothea Sharp.

Helen had been deaf since the age of two due to a bout of Scarlet Fever and died here in Swanage on the 27th of June, 1915, at the age of 35, from complications with diabetes. She is buried here in Northbrook Cemetery (pictured, left).

As next year will be the centenary of her death, I am trying to amass as much information about her as I can.

She and Dorothea Sharp most probably met at Julius Olsson's school in St Ives, around 1908, and they travelled together on the Continent and here in Britain and shared a studio in London. There are several pictures of the same subject painted by them both and obviously using the same models.

From 1909 until Helen's death it looks likely that they made regular visits to the Isle of Purbeck and that both artists used a particular family as models for their pictures - a mother and three children - an early teenage girl, a younger sister and a baby boy.

The background is usually farmland and it is possible that their accommodation was attached to the farm. I would love to hear from any family who has a family history of being used as models in paintings and who may have drawings, sketches or paintings still in the family (bobfield@btinternet.com).

Images of their paintings can be seen in the folders (the relevant ones are Swanage, Studland and Worbarrow Bay) that are on permanent display at the Museum.

Perhaps, a reader can help us with the identification of this family and pinpoint the place where these two artists stayed in their visits to Purbeck.

In the past we have had success with a different artist, Alfred Downing Fripp, who painted the great grandfather of a Swanage family in a painting called 'Young England' that is in the V & A. Having known about the painting, but not the artist, one of his great granddaughters found the picture in the folders. She has since been to the V & A and seen the original for herself.

I can be contacted either through the Museum or by e-mail at bobfield@btinternet.com **Robert Field.**

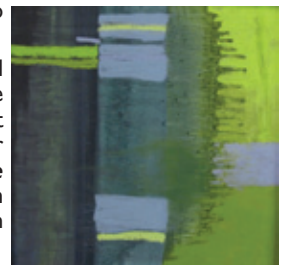
Dorset Artist Does Good!

A Dorset artist has had two paintings accepted to a prestigious London exhibition.

Judy Tate from Corfe Castle will have *On Edge* and *The Blues*, both oil and pastels, hung at The Society of Woman Artists annual exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London in June.

"I am cock-a-hoop to say the least," says a delighted Judy. "I have never participated in anything like this before so it is a whole new world."

The Society of Women Artists 153rd Annual Exhibition 2014 runs from Thursday, June 26 until Saturday, July 5 (close 3pm). It takes place at The Mall Galleries (Near Admiralty Arch) London SW1. **Private view:** Wednesday 25th June 10am – 8pm with the official opening and presentation of Awards at 11am.



Carnival Royal Court 2014



On Friday 28th March, local beauties of Purbeck attended our annual Swanage Carnival Queen and Princess competition at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park.

The standard as always was very high and a enjoyable evening was had by all. The judges selected the following girls to represent Swanage Carnival for 2014.

Carnival Queen: Lily Jane Rockett, aged 18, The Purbeck School.

Carnival Senior Princess: Tyler Gauntlett, aged 12, The Purbeck School.

Carnival Junior Princess: Charlotte Diffey, aged 9, Swanage Primary School.

The girls will be provided with their Royal Gowns, Crowns and Sashes ready for Carnival week 26th July-2nd August 2014.

Photo: This year's 'Royal Court'. Image - Swanage Carnival & Regatta

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National Coastwatch Exercise Proves Its Worth



The National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) watchkeepers at St Albans Head recently held a 'table-top' training exercise at Worth Matravers village hall.

Teams were presented with an invented scenario where a yacht had lost power and was drifting dangerously close to the shore, but the organisers of the exercise threw in other complications to test the watchkeepers to the full.

These included someone having had a heart attack on the coast path, so a member of the team had to go and use a defibrillator like the one which has recently been installed at the station and on which all watchkeepers have received special training.

One of those taking part said, 'Although the exercise was done a couple of miles from our lookout close to the sea, it is surprising how realistic it feels - including the pressure when the situation gets more complicated.

Certainly my team made some mistakes, but it was tremendously valuable to learn from them, and better to make them in that situation than in a real emergency.'

Photo: Watchkeepers Dixie Dean, Dick Bellis and John Newth get to grips with the NCI exercise

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By The Power Of Rotary, Christmas Shall Shine!



At a recent meeting of Swanage Rotary, President Neil Hardy presented Cherry Bartlett and Mike Demarco with a cheque for £900. This was the sum raised at the Christmas Market from the stallholders and the Club agreed to present this to the Lights Committee to assist them in their efforts to illuminate the Town as part of our community programme.

When presenting the cheque, Neil was keen to thank Mike and his team of volunteers who spend a lot of their time repairing and building the lights prior to installing them around the town. "We all appreciate their efforts" said Neil "and Swanage Rotary was keen to step in to help keep up their great work."

Cherry thanked Swanage Rotary for their donation which would go a long way to ensuring the lights would be installed again this year. Cherry explained: "The Lights' Committee is a small group of people who both raise the money for the town illuminations and fit them. They work tirelessly in the background to ensure a decent display both at Christmas and in the summer months".

The Town Council normally assists with the hire of the cherrypicker, but the cost of the lights and their rigging is met by donation and fundraising by the Committee.

When it appeared the Station Road Christmas Market would not happen in 2013, Swanage Rotary stepped in to organise the popular event. "It seemed appropriate for the proceeds to go to the town lights as they brighten up the town during the Christmas period" said Neil.

The Lights' Committee hold various events throughout the year, please try to support them whenever you can.

Mike Chapman, Swanage Rotary

Speakers For Gay Community Sought

Ricochet, the support group for parents of gay children in Dorset, is appealing to gay parents interested in attending one of its meetings to share the challenges of becoming a parent when you are lesbian or gay.

Ricochet founder Colette Hill said: 'Last summer we were lucky enough to hear from a lesbian couple who have three children. They were very generous and frank in answering all of our questions. We would particularly like to hear from a male couple whose challenges will of course be very different. Maybe they have adopted or fostered or gone for surrogacy.'

The support group meets in Hamworthy on the first Saturday of the month. Both fathers and mothers from across the county attend the sessions, a private time to share concerns over tea and coffee with people in the same situation. Topics covered include how to tell friends and family, how others may react to the news and gay boys' and girls' chances of becoming parents themselves.

Anyone wishing to attend should email ricochet.enquiry@gmail.com or call the helpline on 07803 309781.



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Swanage Primary School Art Exhibition



On Thursday 8th May many families attended, and were impressed by, an exhibition of children's art work displayed in the school hall.

In connection with Purbeck Art Weeks Festival, children from across the school contributed to a 'gallery' of Venetian Carnival themed art work.

There was a wide range of techniques, and mediums featured including; silk painting, oil pastel work, abstract canvasses, costume making and cushion covers.

Deputy Head, Miss Etherington commented "What a brilliant gallery! We are very proud of our fantastic pupils. The children were very impressed to see their work displayed professionally and can't wait for the next one!"

A representation selection of this work will be chosen for the P.A.W. festival exhibition at Rollington Barn, near Corfe Castle, on now!



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With the holiday season fast approaching we are hopeful that June will herald the start of a long hot summer. It's amazing how much better most of us feel when the sun shines!

Here in Purbeck we are blessed with some of the most beautiful scenery to be found in the U.K. and over the summer months we look forward to welcoming a whole host of visitors to our Isle, a number of whom will have been coming back to this area for years.

Once again for our June issue we are delighted to showcase a great selection of local businesses who know how to help you

get the best out of the long hot days and balmy evenings.

This year we are bringing you a super range of summer outfits and accessories, swimwear and beach wear and some useful hints and tips for summer hair care.

We also have some great ideas for days out, a whole host of suggestions for eating al fresco, and details of some beer gardens that you might not have discovered yet.

And finally, back by popular demand, our traditional Pimms recipe. So why not pour yourself a drink, get out the deckchair and sit and read our fabulous June feature!



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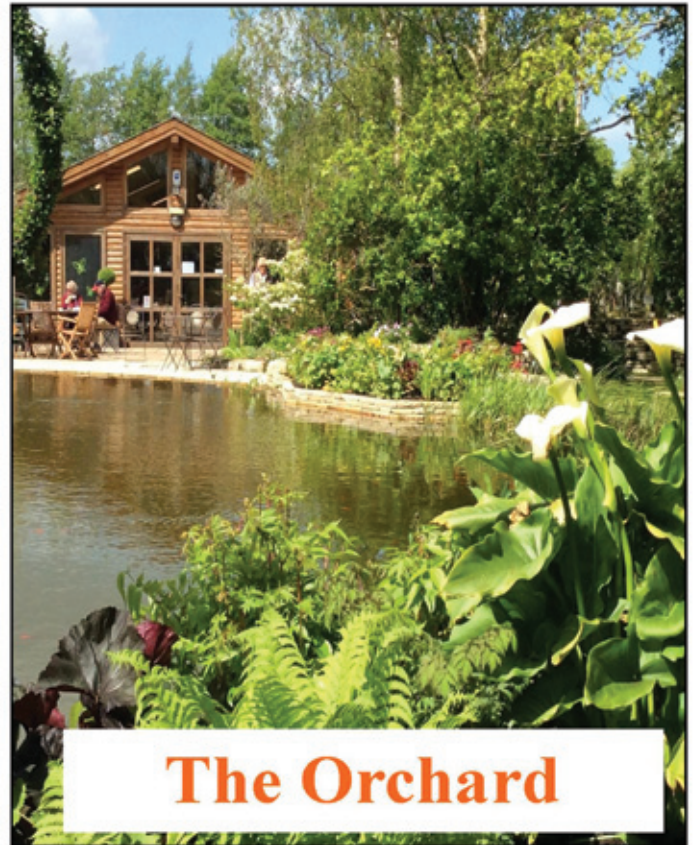
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The Orchard is a popular venue for a variety of events and can be hired for a special occasion. We are delighted to help any queries be it for a birthday party, wedding or anniversary.

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Our ethos is reflected in the menu - all lamb, pork, beef and venison dishes are lovingly made from meat that has been reared and butchered on our family farm, and some of the fish and shellfish are from Kimmeridge Bay. All other produce used is fresh and sourced locally wherever possible.

The day time menu is imaginative, relaxed and informal, offering an array of delicious meals from homemade scones and cakes for afternoon teas to the antipasto, beef bourguignon and homemade roulades for lunch. Our evening menu, available on a Friday and Saturday night, oozes culinary splendor from terrines and rack of lamb, to our famous Lobster Thermidor.

We are fully licensed with local beers and ciders, an excellent wine list, and a selection of soft drinks.

Every Thursday night is Fish and Chip night to eat in or takeaway. A simpler menu is in use but there is still a wide choice, from the farm burger to homemade fishcakes.

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

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

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It isn't only the sun that can damage the hair. Sea salt, chlorine and wind all do their fair share too. Sea salt has the ability to absorb water, causing it to get tight and dry - the same happens on the skin too. Chlorine is from the bleaching family - need I say more! Combine sea water, chlorine and sun and you have a potential hair disaster! Once damage has been done, it can't be repaired, so minimise the damage as much as possible by using products designed to help minimise this.

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For help or advice on hair care, just pop into INNOVATION where we'd be happy to help. Happy holidays!

Dresscode Fashion



Be prepared for the sun!

Well, with our summer approaching, you never know when the sun will shine and suddenly you wish you had the right attire!

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This year the action will centre around the 18th Century Mansion House, terrace and our stunning lake and gardens. From here you'll be able to enjoy the music, browse, the trade stands, buy locally produced food for lunch and watch displays from our Outdoor Adventure and Sports Coaching team. Chat to tutors and students about life and courses here at KMC and take a tractor trailer ride around the amazing campus to see all the other activities including farmyard tours, high ropes and zip wire, kayaking, animal handling experiences, dog show, equestrian competitions, pony rides and climbing wall.

Circus workshops, bouncy castle and soft play areas will be open in the Animal Park or enjoy a stroll through the beautiful gardens. For the perfect fun-packed summer family day out doors are open from 10am til 5pm - Adults £7, Concessions £6.50, Season Ticket holders **and children 16 and under are free!*** PLUS - Sign up for a course on the day and receive your entrance fee back! *see website for details.

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www.farmsunday.org

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On Sunday 8th June, Middlebere and Hartlands farms will be opening their gates for what promises to be an enjoyable day out for the whole family.

The farms, near Wareham, are taking part in Open Farm Sunday, a nationwide event organised by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), offering everyone the opportunity to find out more about where their food comes from and to meet the people who produce it.

This is the fifth year that Middlebere and Hartlands farms have been part of Open Farm Sunday and alongside firm favourites such as tractor-trailer rides, children's activities and farm safaris, this year there will be donkey rides and a few more activities for young and old alike, plus one or two stalls selling items grown or crafted in Dorset.

The Salt Pig from Wareham, will be selling locally sourced food and drink alongside Chilly White, with their ice-cream trike.

The farmer, grazier and conservation organisations that look after the farms and surrounding Hartland Moor National Nature Reserve will also be on hand to chat about farming and how it fits with wildlife conservation in such a special place.

Gates open 11am to 4pm. Admission free. Dogs welcome on leads.

Visitors are invited to start their visit at Hartlands Farm, Norden, Dorset



BH20 5DX (signposted from the Norden Park and Ride roundabout on the A351); the event is a short walk across the meadow from the car parking area.

Disabled parking available, please email philip.stuckey@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01929477322 to arrange.

Picture above: Credit Hannah Worthington. Below - Hartland Moor





PURBECK'S RAILWAY

Swanage Railway update!

Swanage Railway's beautifully restored trains running through the heart of the outstanding Purbeck countryside make the ideal way to access the huge variety of local events.

June is a particularly busy time for The Railway with lots of exciting, unique events designed to offer an enhanced day out for all ages and tastes.

On **June 7th and 8th** we welcome Peppa Pig back to The Railway. This year she is bringing her brother, George. Peppa Pig and George will be making personal appearances at intervals throughout the day over the weekend.

For more information go to www.swanagerailway.co.uk

It's all aboard the "Blues Train" on **June 21st** for a unique evening with the Robin Bibi Band, one of the UK's finest blues bands. Veterans of television and radio both here and abroad, this superb band will be playing at Swanage, Harman's Cross, Corfe Castle and Norden stations, giving the audience a night to remember.

The "Blues Train" departs Swanage Station at 19:30 and returns at 22:00. Tickets are £14. Advance booking essential online at www.swanagerailway.co.uk

Purbeck Railway Circle

Sunday June 22nd sees the Circle's annual summer outing this year it is to the **Bluebell Railway**. Coach leaves Swanage at 7:00 am with various pick-ups on route.

For further details and an application form please contact Gary Cox Cherry Tree House, St Martins Rd, Upton Poole, BH16 5NQ. Telephone No. 01202 624252

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Spectacular flying displays and beautiful birds of prey take centre stage at Corfe Castle throughout June as the past comes to life.

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Tudor falconry, June 21-22

Civil War falconry, June 28-29

Visit the mews tent and get up close to birds including kestrels, buzzards and peregrine falcons.

Watch them in action at spectacular flying displays twice a day when trained hawks swoop almost within touching distance and powerful falcons swoop from high above to snatch a lure.

Friendly falconers will meanwhile be on hand to inform and entertain with the story of a sport which once united kings and peasants.

Discover why Vikings were buried with their hawks,

Find out how a hawk could help pay the rent in the reign of William I,

Learn how the crusades spread new ideas in medieval Europe,

Meet the Tudor falconers from a time when the sport entered a golden age,

Learn how guns increasingly took the place of falcons in the hands of Civil War sportsmen and hunters.

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"For me this is about our common heritage," said Helen Rowland of Albion Historic Falconry.

"Almost everyone with deep family roots in this country can trace their ancestry back to someone who practiced falconry and we want to share that heritage with people today."



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Armed Forces Day In Swanage

Frank Roberts writes...

It is with sincere regret that I now inform you of major changes to the events planned to mark thirty years of the Royal Corps of Signal support for Swanage Railway, in conjunction with Armed Forces Day 2014.

You may be aware that in March 1984, Army Signalmen retrieved over thirty miles of telephone cable from Hampshire and some of it was then immediately installed between Swanage and Herston Halt. A few days later on Good Friday, following the visit by a Railway Inspector, public trains to Herston Halt commenced; the rest as they say, is history.

Over the years well over 2,900 soldiers have engaged in military telecoms, teambuilding, fundraising and ceremonial events. Exercise Topham Hatt successes have included the installation of the main 20-pair armoured underground cable between Harman's Cross and Corfe Castle in 1990 - indeed 90% of the cables used for internal communications and the signalling have been installed, or provided, by the Royal Signals.

Since 1997 the Army, together with Team Herston, have supported the passenger station and stores area at Herston; installing the new access steps and ramp (2004), replacing the wooden platform with a longer concrete version (2009) & then finally connecting the Halt to the National Grid in 2013!

In terms of cash, nearly 200 soldiers made payments to the Railway from 1991 onwards, offering a vital financial life-line at a time of major Railway financial hardship; indeed over 100 became Premier Life Members of the Swanage Railway. Since the Liberty of Swanage was offered to the Royal Corps of Signals, 3 (Harrogate) Squadron based at Blandford, has consistently supported efforts within Swanage, and members of all

three Armed Services have ran, rowed, cycled, pulled trains and walked thousands of miles for charities including Heroes Haven - Swanage.

I make no apology for focusing on the success of thirty years of worthy effort, as I now confirm that the planned Reunion and also the 11th (Royal School of Signals) Signals Regiment Liberty Parade, due to take place in Swanage on Saturday 28th June 2014, will not now take place.

I would urge you to support the national Armed Forces Day events in any appropriate way; in Swanage on Saturday 28 June 2014 we will focus on:

An exhibition of photographs depicting thirty years of military visits (Swanage Railway Station).

Free Swanage Railway travel for Veterans, also serving members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Decorating of shops and businesses in red, white and blue. <http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk>

40's Night in the Royal British Legion – see Club notices for details.

On Sunday 29th June, Veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces are invited to join the Mayor's Civic Church Service and Parade (Parade departs Prince Albert Gardens at 1430hrs).

I am confident that the Swanage War Memorial will be returned to Swanage very soon, following which I will be able to relay information on its re-dedication. I will post details on:

<http://swanagearmylink.org.uk>

Frank Roberts

WAREHAM - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

A flag raising ceremony will be taking place at the Purbeck District Council offices in Worgret Road, Wareham at 10am on Monday 23 June. Residents and visitors are invited to join local dignitaries at the ceremony when service men and women will be honoured.

Swanage Railway's Veteran's Train

In 2012, an American 1944 GI veteran (Wes Mullen, pictured right, in the centre) came over, with a delegation (all at their own expense), to revisit his Wartime billet in Swanage and thank the people of Swanage and lay a memorial stone to that effect

Swanage Railway now want to do a 'mini version' of a similar event for six 1944 British D-Day veterans, now all living in Swanage and most originally from Swanage. Some of the veterans set out on the train from Swanage to go off to war originally.

The day the Railway have chosen is 29th May 2014.

The Railway have arranged a private but normal carriage on a passenger train that will leave Swanage at 1.30pm on the 29th.

The five veterans, with their D-Day medals on show, will arrive on the Swanage platform and leave on the train for a commemoration of their dedication and efforts on D-Day, and beyond. They will take a short afternoon trip to Norden and back, with tea and cakes and a short statement will be given by Ali Patrick, the Swanage Mayor, thanking the five veterans.

All the Services on D-Day, Army, Navy and RAF will be covered, as there will be a veteran representing each service and the D-Day beachheads of Sword, Omaha and Juno.



My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



The Battlefront - the Smell of Death.

In the ensuing weeks before the capture of Caen the platoons were much in demand, engaged almost continuously within striking distance of the enemy, more often than not under shell, mortar, and small arms fire.

Most of our tasks were clearing mines and booby traps, and laying and lifting our own mines, very often out in front of our forward infantry and in close proximity to the German lines. Teamwork, and the ability to lay mines in front of the enemy without being detected, had been brought to a very fine art indeed.

At this point, I must say that we became very skilled in these "No-man's land" night operations. Lifting and laying mines under the nose of the enemy always incurred casualties, especially when trying to clear booby trap mines such as "S" mines and Schu mines; the very nature of these operations caused casualties and this had to be expected. Nevertheless, we learned when to stop and keep quiet under enemy fire and when to get going again.

Without this skilled teamwork I am sure that many more sappers would have had to get up and take the place of the fallen. One of my abiding memories of those times was one of exhaustion, we always seemed to be on the go! The duties of a sapper are very simple, they are required to take on anything that happens to come along. To this end the Company were often spread far and wide, much of the time under the direct gaze of the enemy.

A few sappers with the infantry, a few more out in front of the troops laying trip wires with explosive charges, another group may be off blowing up an obstruction to our advance. Other times, like the crossing of the Rhine, we had to prepare the river banks for the launch of the crossing while the enemy watched and shelled us. The battles for Overloon and Venraij that took place later, are a good example. In some cases opening up a path for infantry and tanks while at the same time trying to bridge a stream that was infested with Booby traps. Sometimes we would not get together as a Company for a considerable time.

Once in a while it was necessary to lift a minefield in broad daylight, and within sight of the enemy, in these cases casualties were accepted, there was always another sapper to put out his fag and take the place of the dead and wounded. It will come as no surprise to learn that for some of us, the opportunity to go out on a fighting patrol and get a bit of our own back was eagerly grasped. This period then, was a time when we were in great demand and continuously busy, a time when we had little rest, being constantly dragged out again.

It is difficult to recall all of the operations at that time, the Chateau de la Londe, Libesley wood, Cambs, Le Landle, I need go no further. We seemed to have covered the whole area in front of Caen and had taken part in all the operations in the approach to the city. Images of that period are as clear today as they were all those years ago. I can still see the events and places just like coloured photographs, sharp and clear. I do not think the images of Normandy will ever leave the Veterans, they are too deeply engraved in our minds!

The Doodle Bug. On its way back.

I know it's silly what we remember, some things that really are of no consequence at all, but for some reason we recall everything about that incident, in this case, because it was so bizarre. We were on high ground to the north of the city of Caen, that battle scarred area I have always looked on as the 'Killing Ground'. This was the high ground in front of Caen, here we could look out over the channel.

The site was incredible, I must admit to just standing looking at the thousands of ships of every description, spread as far as the eye could see; it looked as though it would be possible to walk back to England from ship to ship. I still have a clear picture of that view. What we saw next was a bit of pure theatre, a Buzz bomb (Doodle bug!) came throbber overhead, heading straight for England. Half the battle field stopped what they were

doing (both German and allies) to watch this bit of entertainment. No one fired at it, and as it approached the coast a spitfire dived on it at high speed and tipped its wing, to loud cheers from the thousands of watchers. It then chugged steadily away, back where it came from. On its return trip, all of our anti-aircraft guns started firing at it. Now, why for heaven's sake? Bizarre!

Death comes unexpectedly.

During my time in Normandy I saw death in all of its guises. I know that we soon learned to accept it, but even today I still have feelings of sadness that so many young men had to give their lives. We all got hardened to seeing dead bodies, some of them terribly mangled. Life would have been impossible without acceptance that in war people are killed. But I still found it upsetting when our troops were killed. The sad mangled bodies that were once lively young men, especially when we came across armoured cars and light tanks, where the burnt and blackened bodies of the crew were hanging over the side, half way out of the top, so near to escaping, but then overcome by the flames and burnt alive.

This is a scene that I have witnessed too many times. Other instances such as when a tank had burst into flames, trapping the crew inside, the men down in the bottom of the tank had no chance of escape. Later, when the tank was opened up, the crew were still sitting in the seats, the skeletons of the crew's bones burned white with the tremendous heat. Their tanks were also superior, the Mk4s-Panthers and Tigers were so much better than ours. The Germans called our Shermans 'Tommy cooks', when the tank brewed up it cooked the Tommies inside. Our tank men called them Ronson lighters, (the best cigarette lighter at that time!) guaranteed to light up every time! It seems we went for quantity, the Germans went for quality, and it showed.

Death does come unexpectedly, and in many cases without any warning. Sometimes all is quiet and the next thing there are bodies laying about in an area where just before there had been lively 18 and 19 year old young men.

The Battles round Vire. The Fluid war. The reluctant Heroes.

After the abortive Goodwood attack we were switched away from the death and destruction of the Caen front. Glad to leave that devastated killing ground, on August the 2nd we moved across Normandy to the American sector and harboured near St Honorine de Ducey, heading for the town of Vire. There was a great change in the general atmosphere, things seemed much brighter and not so menacing, a feeling that was soon to be dispelled.

We arrived along-side of an American unit to be greeted by the Yanks, who seemed were genuinely pleased to see the British. With their normal great generosity, as soon as we arrived they came over and gave us a large towel full of goodies! K rations, they made our food look like rubbish. We had never seen such luxuries; cans of meat, cigars, sweets, and chocolates - untold goodies!

After the soup and biscuits we had lived on, it was absolute heaven. The brown coloured American towel I kept for myself. It was so much better than the skimpy little white thing we had been issued with. Later, to get a right old dressing down for having a dirty towel, would you believe? So here we are with the Yanks.

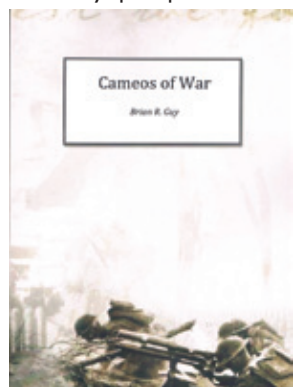
Next the Great Swan, he's running faster than we can catch him.

'Cameos Of War' Now Available!

Brian Guy's memoirs (see page 39) have now been made into a wonderful book, which is available to purchase now, either from us at Gazette Towers, or from Brian himself.

Any money made is going to BLESMA, the charity which is helping young men who have lost limbs in recent wars. Brian is a member of BLESMA himself (British Limbless Ex Service Mens Association).

Brian Guy spent part of the second World war with the Royal Engineers



Corps, The Sappers. Brian's book is the result of much research, as well as from his own first hand account. Brian vividly brings to life both the battles and the quiet times, as well as the struggles of life after demob.

In "Cameos of War" this veteran of numerous campaigns brings to life the horror, the camaraderie and the epic scale of the war in Europe.

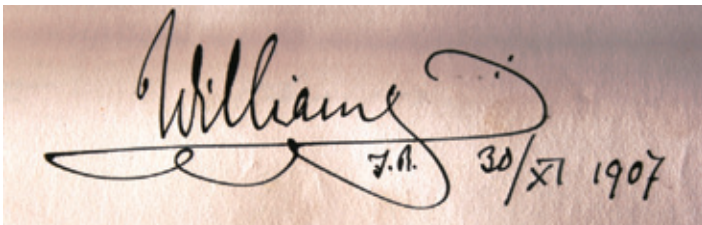
The book is priced £11, from the Gazette office, or from Brian on Swanage (01929) 423406.

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The Kaiser Visits Dorset



Kaiser and gamekeepers



In 1907, Kaiser Wilhelm II, the last German Emperor, and King of Prussia, was feted by the English aristocracy during a visit to England to benefit his health.

He was made most welcome at Kingston Lacey House and received a warm welcome from locals. Newspapers of the time tell us that school children throughout the area turned out to cheer his entourage.

At Critchell House, near Wimborne, Kaiser Wilhelm was hosted by Lord and Lady Alington. He enjoyed shooting at the estate, and is pictured with the game keepers as well as with his hosts. His signature can be seen

in the Critchell House visitor book, alongside those of many prominent Edwardians (pictured, left. Critchell House, below left).

In 1909, King Edward VII visited the Kaiser, his nephew, and they are seen in a photograph at a parade in Baden-Baden (below).

There were many pre-war Anglo-German links, and the Dorset History Centre also holds a menu from the dinner given at the House of Commons for the German Peace Delegation in 1913.

Documents relating to this period and an informative presentation are on display at the Dorset History Centre.

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Edward VII at Baden Baden

Home Guard Weapons Back In Action!



On Monday 12th May, Raymond Brown Construction Ltd were carrying out ground levelling works at Swanage beachfront as part of the £2.1 million stabilisation scheme they are currently undertaking for Swanage Town Council.

At around 3pm, whilst digging alongside the war memorial, Raymond Brown Construction's 20 tonne excavator unearthed what appeared to be a large number of bottles filled with a milky white substance. When exposed to the air two of the damaged bottles ignited and started to smoke.

Raymond Brown Construction Project Manager, Rob called the emergency services, whilst implementing a well-rehearsed evacuation procedure on site. The fire brigade arrived, followed shortly by ambulances, the police, the Royal Logistics Corps' Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and chemicals experts.

The bottles were identified as number 76 special incendiary or self-igniting phosphorus (SIP) grenades, which were used by the Home Guard during World War Two. After the emergency services had placed a 50-metre cordon around Shore Road, officers from the Royal Logistics Corps' Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment then worked carefully to excavate the grenades before transferring them to a skip where they were dealt with in a controlled explosion.

Rob Hayman and three other members of the Raymond Brown Construction project team were taken straight to hospital by ambulance as a precautionary measure, and after ongoing observations, were discharged later that night.

Rob Hayman later commented: "The bottles contained phosphorus gas which ignites when it comes into contact with oxygen. This could have been very serious. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the emergency services and the Royal Logistics Corps' Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment for their quick action on site yesterday."

"Smoke could still be seen coming from the area which remained cordoned off the following day, whilst the bomb disposal team returned. However, I am pleased to say that all of the project team are safe and we will now continue with the work on site."

The Mayor of Swanage, Ali Patrick commented: "The prompt response to the incident of both the members of the Raymond Brown team and the emergency services are to be congratulated. I am so glad that nobody was seriously injured and that the members of the Raymond Brown team who had been exposed to the smoke have been unaffected and are now out of hospital. Thank you to all involved in dealing with this worrying situation in a very efficient and professional manner."

Pictured above: after the detonation, picture by Adrian Wright of the High Street Cafe, Swanage. Right, The RLC Bomb Disposal Vehicle arriving on site



Local Tales Of T.E.L. Now Available!

Take a stroll back through history on a really local level with Hugh and Sue Elmes's new book, 'Local Tales of T.E.L.', a compilation of 'From a Camel to a Brough' and 'From a Brough to a Pushbike', previous books published in the Elmes's catalogue on the subject of the local history of T.E.Shaw, also known as Lawrence of Arabia. This new offering includes new information and additions to the previous two volumes.

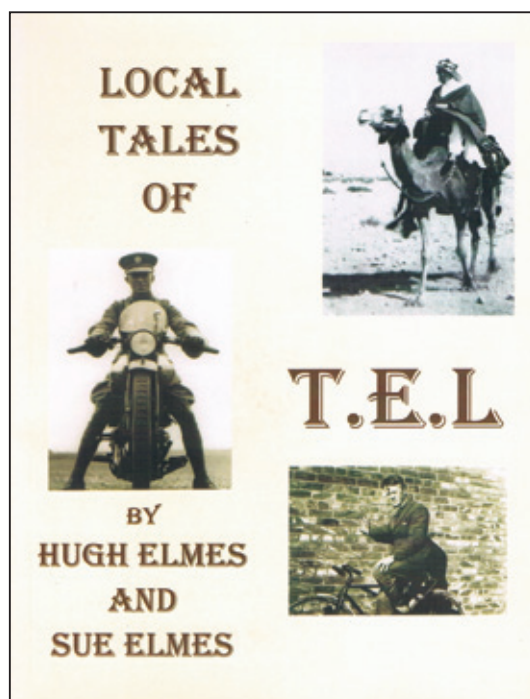
Hugh and Sue have dug deep into local history and have added flesh to Lawrence's time at Bovington (whilst with the Royal Tank Corp, as well as later at Cloud's Hill), with a bevy of tales from those who met, or who got to know him.

Assisted by writings of the time by contemporaries of Lawrence and an unpublished manuscript of Hugh's mother's on the subject (Lawrence once stayed at their B&B), the local tales add a companionable depth to one who has since taken on the status of a legend.

Written in true, unmistakeable Elmes fashion, it's a good read, and stirs in one a desire to get to know more about this heroic figure who was, of course, just a man - one who delighted in the beauty and freedom in Purbeck, and one who chose to make this area his escape, his bolt hole.

Peppered with information relating to local buildings, businesses and persons now long past, as well as pointing one in the right direction if on a hunt for Lawrence history for oneself, I'd say this latest offering is well worth the £6.95 requested.

Available now, from New and Secondhand Books in Station Road, Swanage.





A group of injured servicemen at the Vicarage in Studland, where they spent time prior to being moved to the Grand Hotel in Swanage. Mr Durie's father (just 19 years old at the time) is leaning against the wall on the right, and below.



James sitting and taking in the view at Ocean Bay, Swanage - with chums in the second picture.



Some of the men take a taxi to Corfe for a trip out, stopping in front of the Greyhound in the Square.

WWI Images

Mr Durie, from Scarborough, popped into our office recently whilst on holiday in Poole to provide us with copies of pictures that had belonged to his late father, a soldier in WWI.

His father, 2nd Lt. James Durie, was injured in WWI and was sent to Swanage with many other wounded servicemen to convalesce in the spring of 1919, when he was just 19 years old.

James was one of a five-crew bomber, which crashed in France on take-off in September 1918. James suffered a broken pelvis, shoulder and complications. There were 2 1/2 ton bombs on board, which failed to go off. James had only been on active service for a week prior to the crash (and the prayed for 'Blighty wound' - later called the 'million dollar wound' by the G.I.s). James was finally sent to Studland, and then on to Swanage in the spring of 1919, to recover from his injuries.

James's pictures show some of the sadly now-nameless men recuperating in Swanage after facing the unimaginable horrors of war.

Our sincere thanks to Mr Durie, for his efforts in getting these wonderful pictures to us to enable us to share them with you. Of course, if anybody recognises anyone, or has any information about any of the pictures here, please do get in touch!



Sitting on Swanage seafront, looking out to sea, with what is now K's Cafe and Amusements in the background.



Injured or not, there's always time for the ladies! We're thinking the ladies pictured were nurses from their uniforms. Do feel free to correct us!



A poignant image - three servicemen who have each lost a leg, in full uniform, smiling. The difference between the after-care of then and now is enormous.

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An Invitation From Communcare To Celebrate 30 Years Of Service

The Director, Links and Committee would like to invite all the people of Swanage to a Special Church Service to celebrate this occasion - and to take this opportunity of supporting us in our involvement with the town over all these years.

It will be held at 11am on Thursday 5th June at the new Emmanuel Church and Centre in Victoria Avenue, Swanage.

There is plenty of off-road parking and space behind the church. For any more information ring 01929 288092 or any of the 'Link' numbers in our pink cards.

Hope to see you there!

Jenny Lazenbury

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PURBECK GOOD NEIGHBOURS – MONTHLY UPDATE

We have been very busy lately and are pleased to tell you that The Beacon Project in Upton and Lychett have asked us to extend our Good Neighbour service into their area.

We have had some funding to produce a new logo – we hope you like the umbrella sheltering the community (right)! Our launch of the extended service is at 2.30pm on 26th June at St. Dunstons Lounge, Poole Rd, Upton, where we will be giving information to local groups and recruiting new volunteers in the area. Do come along and meet us.

We hope you like the new poster designed by local artist, Mon Hawley - we think it is so attractive that it should encourage more people join us as volunteers.

Meanwhile, Purbeck Good Neighbours have been doing what we always do. Our lovely volunteers have been out and about helping their neighbours with different tasks. A lady needed her winter wardrobe replaced with her summer outfits – someone wanted to get rid of some small pieces of furniture, which were good enough to go to BESOM, the charity which provides furniture to those who may have financial problems.

Also, volunteers were able to help Wareham Art Club set up their display stands at their last exhibition in the Town Hall, due to members of the club reaching an age when heavy lifting was proving to be impossible.

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Swanage Area Senior Forum

For the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Swanage Area Senior Forum we have invited Catherine Driscoll who is DCC's Director of Adult & Community Services to explain and update the meeting on the recent proposals to improve and integrate our health and social care services.

Following Catherine's contribution, plus a questions and answers session, we shall proceed to carry out the business of the AGM, including the election of our committee for the coming year.

The meeting will receive a report of the previous year's activities and discuss ideas and plans for the coming period.

Your attendance and contributions will be most welcome, for though we have not been in the centre of campaigns in the town as in previous years, our forum is still heavily involved in many aspects of our community life.

The campaigns to keep, improve or refurbish The Day Centre, Community Hospital, Recycling Centre, James Day Care Home and NHS Dental provision may have been won in previous years but vigilance in the future is crucial too.

So come along, listen and learn, participate and enjoy the evening.

We look forward to seeing you!

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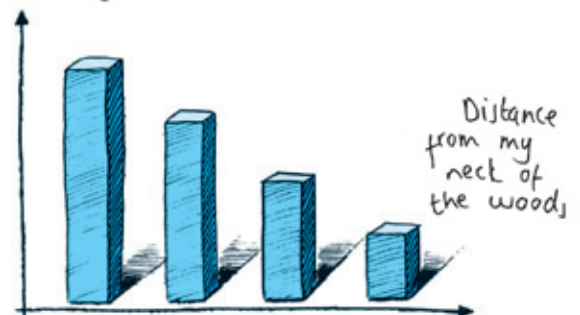
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An Ibiza In Iberia

by David Hollister

Hiring a car in Spain is like a box of chocolates – you never know exactly what you're going to get. On the basis that I loathe French cars, I always go for the Renault Clio because most hire companies still go out of their way not to give you what you've asked for. A couple of years ago, my Renault 5 metamorphosed into a very acceptable BMW 1 series; last year it was a Peugeot 20-something; I would have complained but we were only there for a week. This year's Renault 5 is a very acceptable little 5-door Seat Ibiza. Low miles, 5-door, white, manual, really not bad at all.

It's made me realise how close most 1.2 saloons are in looks, performance, and quality. The Ford Fiesta (coming to these pages later this year) and the Mazda 2 are built on the same platforms; the Seat and Skoda are basically VW Polos with different badging, and so on. I've driven the excellent Toyota Yaris, and Nissan does a Micra, all 1.2 5-door saloons. There's an equivalent Kia; Hyundai does an i-something. And I bet that most of their performance and economy statistics are within a few percentage points of each other.

So it's really all down to personal taste, then. And of course the price. The Ibiza about £13,400 but so is the Mazda 2. The equivalent Fiesta is about £1000 more.

To drive, the Ibiza suspension is quiet and supple, and the body is well controlled. It isn't as sporty as a Ford Fiesta, and the steering is a little woolly, but the car holds the road and rides well most of the time, too, but isn't happy over speedbumps. Not a lot of road noise but the wind noise is a problem at speed.

This model had a lot of goodies including cruise control, computer etc, pretty good for a cheap car. But most of the controls which you find on the steering wheel of the Mazda, Toyota and Fiesta are actually on this car on stalks inconveniently located just behind the steering wheel where you can't actually see the markings to find out what they do. Yes, I'm sure that when you settle down with your Ibiza they all become second nature but picking one up and having it for a week is a real voyage of discovery for your fingers whilst you're concentrating on the road ahead. And – don't forget this is 2014 – this car had no Bluetooth or hands free connection.

There's a fiddly but efficient cruise control – which I haven't got on the Mazda 2 (that's a real miss). But the Mazda 2 has the built-in sat-nav and entertainment system – which this hasn't. It has switched Traction Control but I can't for the life of me see why you'd want to turn off this safety feature.... So, as I say, you pay your money and you take your choice.

I tended to feel that the Ibiza was nippier than the Mazda but that's a mirage, as the 0-60 figure is published at a disappointing 13.5 seconds. But you don't buy a 1.2 hatchback to pull up trees, do you?

All in all, a pretty, efficient, pleasant little car with nothing particular to recommend it over its rivals. Nevertheless, a very pleasant week's hire for 101 euros from Budget (Spain) who are one of the few companies I will deal with over there because they operate a full-to-full fuel policy; you only pay for what you use.

Apart from the mind-boggling speed bumps and the too-long traffic lights, I love Spain's roads. Motorways and dual carriageways are virtually empty with not a speed camera in sight. Parking in town and near the beach is plentiful and generally free. No meters, no Enforcement Officers, no tickets. Either the Spanish have missed out on a golden opportunity to squeeze every penny from the motorists or – as I prefer to think – they have sensibly realised the value to the holiday trade of encouraging rather than penalising shoppers and tourists. UK PLC could learn a lot from it.

Saw a piece on the news last night suggesting that Cameron is now on the warpath against un-necessary clutter in roadside signage. Does that mean that we will lose the thousands of useless illuminated signs offering advice such as 'SLOW DOWN' or 'No Excuse' or 'take a break' ? Or



the proliferation of brown signs advertising the way to tourist attractions who possibly have back-handed the Council for the privilege? Or the much-hated 'roundabout sponsorship' signs which only serve to confuse ? No, it will be the Fetes, Gymkhanas, Car Boot sales and all the little people's signs which will be the subject of the Enforcement Officers, and no doubt a new raft of penalties. You can almost smell it in the air.

I see that Clarkson is on yet another 'final warning' for using an unacceptably racial word – even though it wasn't broadcast. Clarkson is like Marmite – you either love him or you hate him – but this is PC gone mad. This word was in common parlance and used in nursery rhymes fifty years ago when he – and I – learned them at our mothers' knees. If I have a private conversation with a friend and use a word or an opinion that society deems 'unacceptable', I don't expect to be fired from the Gazette; on that basis I'd have been fired three times a day for the last ten years..

But although you may well feel that I am Clarkson's biggest fan, I'm not. I enjoy his books and his newspaper columns which are usually witty nonsense. As regards Top Gear, I'm bored out of my mind with overgrown schoolboys blasting unaffordable supercars around their track, and even more bored with Z-list "celebrities" in the same 'reasonably priced car' each week. Their 'comedy stuff' is puerile. Yet their travelogues – Burma, Thailand, Africa and the like – have been superbly crafted and photographed. So let's have a few 'specials' each year and dump the rest of it.

Good to see the cats eyes removed along the A351 between Swanage and Corfe, hope it was done painlessly. And let's hope that the new tarmac for which we have been waiting for so many years is proper long-lasting quiet surfacing and not just DCC's usual trick of scattering loose chippings over wet asphalt, and leaving us motorists to roll it in ourselves with consequent tar-stains and chipped paintwork as our reward.

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A review of on-street parking schemes across Dorset has agreed that one size doesn't fit all.

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And now a new set of criteria will be used to consider whether on-street parking is right for an area, on a case-by-case basis. The county council is responsible for all public roads, streets and pavements, except for the major trunk roads that are managed by the Highways Agency.

On-street parking schemes can help to reduce congestion and increase the number of spaces available for visitors in busy town centres. The cross-party panel of councillors established that there were benefits from well designed schemes in appropriate locations. But they have agreed a number of principles for the county council to use when looking to apply on-street pay and display parking in a particular area.

The main condition is that paying for parking on the street will be used only when there is a clearly defined problem to solve. This could be traffic congestion, or issues with the availability of parking in the town.

Another key step is to make sure that local communities and councils are involved in the process, and that their needs and concerns are met by the scheme.

Cllr Bill Trite, chairman of the policy development panel, said: "On-street pay and display will not be introduced purely as a source of income for the council. There must be a distinct problem to solve, where pay and display would be an appropriate solution. To produce a scheme that solves a local issue, we need to understand local needs, conditions and concerns. One size does not fit all."



Each scheme will be reviewed after a year to make sure it has achieved the desired result. Alterations can be made at this stage to fine tune the scheme. Towns will now be evaluated and prioritised using this new set of criteria.

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It's also a very local dish with everything sourced within a few metres of the Red Lion in Swanage. I even got the inspiration for the recipe from the menu boards at Tawny's Wine Bar, thus proving that you don't need to travel far, or make a grand effort to find good food. Samphire is a sort of wild asparagus, and comes in two varieties; marsh samphire is found in fishmongers, and on the shores of Poole harbour, and tastes salty, intense and nice. Rock samphire can be found, yep you guessed it, on rocks, but also on sea walls. However it tastes like carrots and petrol.

Apparently once a Victorian delicacy, and like good Victorian trends (such as chimney sweeping) small children did the iffy bits of work; in this case it involved dangling children off cliffs. I now have a vision of Dick Van Dyke dancing along a cliff with a bad Dorset accent, singing songs about dangling "dang, dangling, dang, dangling, dang, dang, dangoo". But seriously, just get it from your local fishmonger, wading in deep mud in the harbour, singing songs whilst dangling your kids off cliffs is not worth the risk or bother.

Ingredients:

One bass fillet per person (my local fishmonger prepared mine for me, other white fish will be fine) butter, white wine, crushed and chopped garlic, ginger (about two stock cubes in size, chopped thinly - most recipes say a "finger of ginger". But since when has a part of the anatomy been a recognised measurement? Some people have little stubby fingers, some long and gangly. I don't know!), ground black pepper, samphire (about a handful per person).

To Cook...

I'm not going to tell you how to boil a few small potatoes, add butter and squish them. Hold on, I just have.

The fish takes only a few minutes, so first the sauce. Warm a good chunk of butter in a pan with the garlic and ginger, don't fry it, you don't want it to brown, slosh in a good slosh of white wine. Mrs Bikemonger did the shopping and apparently there is now a 5.5% white wine!!!





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You are aiming for a runny sauce, so keep an eye on it and add more wine, or more heat to adjust the thickness. The flavour you want is almost nothing more than a lightly flavoured garlic butter with a small smack of ginger, it should not be too intense.

Taste the sauce as you go and make adjustments. Pour through a fine sieve before serving to remove the chunks.

The bass is dead easy, in a frying pan with olive oil. I like to cook just one side, and put a lid on the pan, so the skin side is crispy and the flesh side is almost poached and unbothered.

Samphire: rinse it, remove any woody sections, lob in a pan with a generous "knob" of butter (oh look, here we are back to my complaint about anatomy measurements again), only needs two minutes, lid on, keep it moving.

To serve:

Stick it all on a plate and pour the sauce over the fish. Maybe serve with a "nose" of carrots, or a "buttock" of fresh bread, or any other random made up measurements of anything you like.

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By Hester Viney

New Traders

Would it be tempting fate to wonder whether summer is around the corner? After several days of sunshine and having bared my ankles at least twice, I can't help letting my hopes run away with me... So, with Purbeck silly season on the horizon, the stall holders have asked me to appeal for newcomers. It's an ideal time to test the water, with plenty of customers cruising Swanage in their flip-flops, cash in their pockets, waiting for a break in the clouds so they can get back to their windbreaks and sandy sandwiches.

While some of our traders make the markets a regular and staple part of their working week, others have come and gone. This is natural and sometimes a 'Good Thing'. It's a sign that they have moved on to pastures new, having grown their business beyond the ability to trade at a stall on a Saturday morning.

One such producer is Emily Strange. She came to the markets four years ago, when Love Cake was a fledgling business, with a goal to becoming an outdoor catering outfit. "I used it as a platform" she says, "it was a good taster to see what would sell and I found the customer base was ideal. Really friendly locals who gave you totally honest feedback". From our farmer's market, Emily has gone on to use Doris, her vintage pink ice-cream van, as a mobile catering unit. Her pies, cakes and quiches continued to sell from there, until the opportunity came to set up the Love Cake shop in Swanage. When I spoke to her she was preparing for a manic weekend ahead, with three nights booked out at the Love Cake restaurant, and five events running on a single day.

Another success is Louise Hesketh, owner of Iced Gems of Swanage. Making beautiful cakes had been a growing passion for Louise and the markets gave her a chance to test the idea of creating a business. "The Purbeck Products market was my first outlet for the business. It was a good form of advertising within the town and meant I built up a relationship with local people while showcasing my work" she says. Her clients now keep her so busy she can't do the markets, but says "I do miss them, they were a lot of fun with great people".

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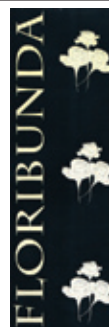
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Natural Matters

Great Dorset Beach Clean 2014



An incredible 692 people took part in the 26th Great Dorset Beach Clean on 27 April, filling 851 bags with rubbish from 25 beaches across the county. The annual blitz on the beaches is organised by Dorset County Council's coastal ranger team.

The number of bags collected this year is 23% more than during 2013's Spring Beach Clean, and 65% more than 2012's.

Families, individuals, community groups and local businesses joined forces to clear the beaches ready for the summer. A beach-master was on hand at each location to give out rubbish bags, gloves and instructions.

Volunteers were rewarded for their efforts with discounted refreshments at several local cafés, pubs and restaurants. There were a few odd items found amongst the everyday litter. These included big chunks of metal and a rather crushed bicycle, an iron girder, a burnt-out mattress, a plastic washing basket and a bath tub.

Jenny Penney, coordinator of the Great Dorset Beach Clean, said: "I'm overwhelmed with this year's response by volunteers. It's tremendous that so many people gave their time to help to clean up the beaches along the coastline. I would like to thank everyone for coming, despite some appalling weather, and for their fantastic efforts on the day. A special thanks also to our sponsors the Jurassic Coast Trust and Virador."

Dorset County Council Cabinet member for environment and the economy, Peter Finney added: "After the horrendous storms that hit our beaches over the winter the beach clean efforts of local people were even more appreciated than usual. Every bag removed from a beach will help restore our globally-important coastline to its full glory, for wildlife and people to enjoy this summer."

The Autumn Beach Clean will be held on 21 September. More details will be posted on dorsetforyou.com/greatdorsetbeachclean nearer the time.

Margaret Green Animal Rescue

When Bronte arrived at Margaret Green Animal Rescue he was very nervous. After months of rehabilitation work with our deputy centre manager Hannah, Bronte has gained confidence and will even curl up on a lap and purr loudly!

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Boot Camp

By John Garner



You may or may not be able to afford a super-fast bicycle. You may or may not be able to join a gym or engage a personal trainer to get your exercise regime kick started. You may or may not be able to kit yourself out in speedy, highly technical sportswear and attack the sport of your dreams. If you can and you're happy then that's great. If you can't, or even if you can, here's another option. Most of us will be able to tie up a pair of shoes or boots and walk. And in the next few meandering paragraphs I am going to try to encourage you to make a healthy investment. I'm not talking here about taking a long view on government bonds (whatever that might mean. God knows there's more than enough information and

advice on the TV and radio about what you should do with your money to last too many lifetimes. In fact if you needed any excuse to go for a walk it could well be to avoid 'experts' telling us we should put more of our already taxed wages into our pensions or insure our goldfish against the possibility of rabies or the need to make provision in some way or another for something that will almost definitely never happen, but will keep the insurance company in complimentary pens for a decade or two.) No. I'm talking about investing in a good pair of walking boots and doing with them what they were designed to do. This month's column is a plea to get you walking.

My walking boots are about five years old and despite the passage of time look almost new. And I treat them very poorly. Total and utter neglect. They deserve to be treated better, but are not likely to get treated better any time soon. They fit like, well a pair of well fitted boots and are a joy to put on. They are also a statement of intent, both for me and the dog. Boots on = we're going for a walk. Cue jumping up and down and howling and panting and slobbering and scratching at the front door in a frenzy of anticipation. And the dog gets quite excited as well. (Apologies for that last joke. Max Miller. Margate end of the pier show, 1931. Possibly).

In his excellent travelogue *'Walking the Woods and the Water'*, Nick Hunt retraces the trek across Europe completed by Patrick Leigh Fermor almost eighty years earlier using one pair of boots. Just as his predecessor had done Mr Hunt does the same in the boots and the walking and sleeping where he can department. Now I am not really here to advocate you sleep in a disused outhouse or hunting lodge or even in the undergrowth at the end of your stroll as both Hunt and PLF sometimes did, although you are the master of your own decisions and should act accordingly. But if you're quite close to your own house when you come to the end of your wanderings, you probably don't need me to advise you to go home and sleep in your own bed. If you are close to home and you do decide to sleep in a ditch I can't vouch that walking will be able to get you out of your emotional slump. A well-qualified physician is more likely what you need.

PLF's footwear were a pair of leather hobnail boots and technology has moved on in terms of comfort since then, so no need to be alarmed when

you go boot shopping, although I'd imagine hobnailed boots last pretty well and he seemed to fair pretty well in his. They're just not very practical if you want to sneak up and surprise someone on a cobbled street. However, if you have no intention of sneaking up on anyone on a cobbled street to surprise them, they may still be an option for you. That's if you can still get them. A quick internet search reveals that you can still get them, so go ahead if you want to. Whatever you choose, be they high quality leather uppers and clever soles or a combination of nails and cowhide, get the best you can depending on your budget. Definitely go for leather though. They seem to form around your feet rather than those fashioned from 'intelligent fabrics' which don't and wear out considerably quicker in my experience. The most durable and breathable fabric is animal hide. That's why most animals have not and will not evolve to have Gore-Tex skin as I think I may have mentioned before.

In *'The Songlines'*, Bruce Chatwin extols the simple meditative pleasure of putting one foot in front of the other and many accounts have been written on the therapeutic effects of the simple joy of walking, from merely getting fitter, to the social aspects of walking in a group, to the mental benefits as a means of staving off or helping to deal with depression.

Walking is a human paced activity. You're not racing to get from one point to the next as you can be on a bike. You're not just trying to survive to the end without ending up on all fours dry retching into the tarmac as I almost always used to on a run. You are in the scenery with your own thoughts, walking at your own pace.

You could begin by exploring your immediate area. There are 73 miles of coast paths in Dorset. Once you've done those you could head inland and start to tackle the thousands of miles of paths there. The signposted Purbeck Way is over 30 miles long. There's Wareham Forest, Studland and all the walks around Corfe. You can do Literary walks taking in Lawrence of Arabia's backyard and Thomas Hardy's rarely very far away on a Dorset walk. Wareham and Swanage town walks can be educational. Quarryman trails, smugglers routes. Even some moderately challenging peaks to puff up and down. If you want something flatter there's the Sika trail, which you can also ride, presumably named after all the deer you won't see on your walk, especially if you're wearing boots with steel nails in them. Anyway. You name it. Pretty much something for everyone on the walking front.

Experienced walkers could set themselves the goal of completing a certain terrain. Experienced walkers could also just carry on doing what they're doing. That is, walking because they enjoy it and recognise its myriad benefits.

So. Walking. Easier than running. Less technical than cycling. Accessible to nearly all. Largely free once your feet are ensconced in a good pair of boots. I'm two thirds of the way through a very active day as I write. Earlier, I cycled to the pool and did a few lengths and now I'm walking to the Chinese to pick up my take away. It's an MSG triathlon and without the walking bit, it just wouldn't feel the same.

Some written inspiration for your walking can be found below, but the best thing to do is just walk.

The Songlines - Bruce Chatwin.

Any of PLF's walking travelogues.

Nick Hunt - *Walking the Woods and the Water*.

Laurie Lee - *As I walked Out One Midsummer Morning*.



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Gazette Gardening

with Simon Goldsack



Rose Ramblings

June is the best month for the sweet scent and beauty of the rose. At Holme the gardens have over sixty varieties showing off this month, with many more varieties available in pots (entrance to the gardens is free). The benefit of buying now is that you can actually see and more importantly smell the flower you are getting, rather than purchasing from a label or catalogue where the colour can vary considerably from the real bloom and the description of the scent can never do it justice.

St Valentine's Day Massacre

On February 14th this year a combination of events led to massive foliage damage to evergreen trees and shrubs. High tides and wind in excess of 100 miles per hour created massive waves which lifted tons of salt spray into the air. This was carried miles inland, covering trees and shrubs.

Now the other unusual element was that although this was a very violent storm reaching hurricane force, there was very little rain associated with it.



Normally the fresh rainwater would dilute the salt and wash it off the leaves.

The salt and physical battering of the leaves caused severe scorch on the windward side of plants (pictured, below left). The damage only became apparent months later as the weather warmed up and the foliage started to desiccate. Even really tough plants such as Pine and Holme Oak were affected. Most plants will recover with old leaves falling and fresh new growth covering the damage. However conifer hedges such as Leylandii may have sustained damage from which they will never recover.

What you can do

Most plants that are going to recover will already be putting on new growth and this will quickly cover the damaged areas. On severely affected plants, prune out dead wood back to new growth and apply a general purpose feed to the soil to provide the plant with the necessary nutrients to aid its recovery.

On conifers there is little that can be done other than to replace the hedge with a more tolerant species such as Griselinia or Elaeagnus.

In future after a storm, immediately hose down evergreen plants with tap water to wash the salt off.

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Rose Rambling Rector, Salt damage on Evergreen Magnolia.



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Our popular seabird boat trips continue this month, with the chance to enjoy our fantastic local colonies of Guillemots, Razorbills, Kittiwakes and Puffins on a series of boat trips, guided by the Rangers.

The trips leave Swanage Pier every Friday evening at 7pm (weather permitting) and advance booking is highly recommended on 01202 467882 or online at www.citycruisespoole.com (10% discount for online bookings).

Tickets are £16 for adults and £8 children and the trips run every Friday until the 27th June.

Dorset Art Weeks at Durlston

Our flagship Dorset Art Weeks show continues until the 8th June, with the chance to enjoy and buy work by painter Frances Hatch, award-winning printmaker Robin Mackenzie, and metalworkers Wendy Nutt and Caroline Parrott.

All four artists have created brand new work, inspired by Durlston and the natural world, and Frances and Robin will be running workshops on the 4th and 5th June, if you would like to try your hand at painting with natural pigments, or printmaking (booking required).

The exhibitions in the Gallery and Belvedere will be open daily through Art Weeks between 10.30am and 5.00pm and the artists will be on hand throughout to chat.

'Charley's War': Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun

Starting on the 16th of June, we will be marking the WW1 Centenary year, with an exhibition of the work of groundbreaking comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun and his 'Charley's War' series.

The exhibition tells the moving story of a young man's experiences at the Front during the First World War, through Joe's incredible drawings and the words of Pat Mills.

Joe lived in Swanage and his daughter, textile artist Jane Colquhoun, has curated Joe's original drawings and will be creating her own work in response, as well as running an embroidery workshop during the exhibition.

'Charley's War' is open daily from the 16th June – 14th July, between 10.00am and 5.00pm.

Live Folk Music: 'The Churchfitters'

On the 27th June, audiences will be treated to live music from a folk band like no other! The Churchfitters feature a double bass made from a saucepan, heart-wrenching vocals and foot-stompingly fast fiddle, mixed with funk-rock rhythms and traditional tunes re-invigorated with jazz saxophone.

This band has gone down a storm at folk festivals, so this should be an evening not to be missed!

Tickets are £10 and doors open at 7.00pm

Wareham Digs Deeper



The last weekend in April was the occasion of the Wareham Town Museum 40th Anniversary "Digging Deeper" event.

During the afternoon there was a walk around the town and the picture captures the Mayor, the guide (Prof David Hinton), archaeologist Lilian Ladle, Ben Buxton (event organiser) and the group walking across Wareham's Saxon Walls during the conducted tour.

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Arts & Entertainment

Wool Kicks Off Carnival Season!



Wool Carnival was started many years ago as 'Wool Awakes' to raise funds to build the D'Urberville Hall.

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

A few years ago the committee decided to change the name to Wool Carnival.

It has grown over the years, with a parade around the village with floats, cars, walkers and majorettes.

We have lots of stalls on the field including a BBQ, donuts, bar, cream teas and ice cream van.

We also have arena displays from 12 Noon, including radio controlled cars, school maypole, majorettes, tug-O-war and this year, wellie throwing.



This year we have a local and very well-known singer, Donna Samways, performing in the evening, not forgetting the bar and hog roast.

The theme for this year's carnival is 'Countries that qualified for the FIFA World Cup'

Volunteers and donations would be gratefully received.

This year we are raising money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, prostate Cancer UK and the D'Urberville Hall.

We hope to see you there!



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Purbeck Sculpture



Living in the last house on Peveril Point, on the site of an ancient marble quarry, Carlotta Barrow acquired a passion for stone. With tuition from established sculptors, she has now evolved her own style.

Early life as a professional dancer and work as a designer in films, television and theatre have all contributed to her love of movement and form. 'Stone is an incredible medium, static yet ecstatic, constantly evolving', Explains Carlotta. She has exhibited nationally and internationally, with work in collections throughout Britain, France, Switzerland and the USA.



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On a recent trip visiting ruins in Turkey, Carlotta was impressed with the permanence of stone from ancient civilizations. All that remained on many sites were carvings in stone.

In Purbeck she is much involved with the Burngate Stone Centre, a wonderful place set in the heart of quarry land that is continuing the local tradition of stone carving.

Here she will be giving 'have-a-go' carving sessions for children at the Centre during the summer

Carlotta is opening Waterside Studio and its unique sculpture garden for Purbeck Art Weeks Festival (on now). Sculpture, paintings, prints and cards will be on display. Venue 2 in the brochure.



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There is much more – look out for the free Festival Brochure which lists all the artists and events and shows what is happening where, or visit our website for details. This year we also have a stunning Events Programme (only £2) that provides a wealth of information on our events.

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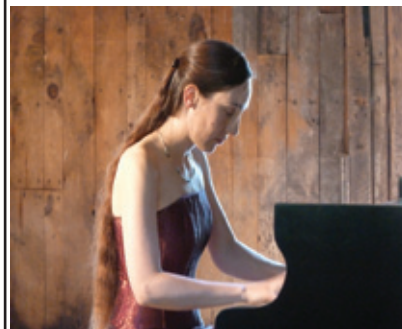
The Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival has celebrated art created in Purbeck for at least fourteen years, and Open Studios remains at the core of the Festival. This year's theme of "Venetian Carnival" will be taken up by visual, literary and musical artists all over Purbeck, drawing inspiration not only from the beautiful landscape but also from the presence of water and the special quality of light that has influenced so many artists both in Purbeck and in Venice.

This year over eighty artists will be opening their studio doors to show their work, some taking up the Venetian theme alongside their own work – they include painters, sculptors, stone and wood carvers, printers, photographers and jewellery makers. We have several exciting new young artists exhibiting this year, many encouraged by our innovative Bursary scheme. The showcase exhibition at Rollington Barn near Corfe Castle provides a unique opportunity to view examples of all participating artists' work. Parking is easy and the cafe provides light lunches and wicked cakes. This is a good starting point from which to plan visits to other venues – and take part in the Venetian Art Trail Competition (see details in the Festival Programme).

Local schools are also involved. 500 young artists from 12 schools across Purbeck have been participating in artist-led workshops to create art which reflects such themes as colour, light, reflections, ships and celebration – some of their work has been used to transform the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Swanage into a Venetian Palace, and Wareham Quay into St Mark's Square and the Rialto for the opening event (May 24)!

Venice has also inspired the new Festival President and visiting artist Philip Jackson (famous for his sculpture of the Queen Mother and the Bomber Command Memorial in London). He will give an illustrated talk (June 3), while one of his sculptures will be on display in the grounds of the Priory Hotel.

Tickets and programmes for all events are available from the Festival website www.purbeckartweeks.co.uk, from Corfe Post Office, tourist offices in Wareham and Swanage, and from the Festival's mobile box office – the PAW Van.

International Pianist
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On Thursday 19 June Dorchester will be treated to a special concert by an internationally-acclaimed musician.

Emilie Capulet made her solo debut at the age of 14 in her native France. Since then she has studied under eminent concert pianists in Australia and London, achieving her Masters of Music degree in

2001.

Recent engagements include a concert tour of Canada and France. She has also performed at Winchester Cathedral, Buxton Opera House and the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Emilie is regularly invited as guest artist on musical river cruises down the Danube and Rhine and on luxury cruise liners. In 2013 she gave several recitals on board Cunard's Queen Mary 2.

In addition to her distinguished solo career, Emilie has a strong reputation as a guest speaker, talking about the relationships between music, literature and painting. She has recently been invited to give pre-performance lectures by Glyndebourne on their current touring season.

Emilie has written many articles on Impressionist music, Modernism and the musicalisation of fiction and has just published a book on Virginia Woolf and Music.

The concert will feature works by Maurice Ravel and will last approximately one hour. Everyone is welcome and to cover costs, a small donation of £3 is requested. The concert will take place in the Museum's Victorian Gallery at 1pm on Thursday 19 June.

Images: Emilie Capulet

DCO Concert



Dorset County Orchestra concert, Saturday 21st June at 7.30 pm, St Mary's Church, Swanage; conductor: Ian Pillow

The Dorset County Orchestra has gained a reputation for its adventurous programming - featuring lesser known works alongside well known pieces. The concert on June 21st is no exception. As well as the popular New World Symphony by Dvorak, the orchestra will play movements from Shostakovich's Second Jazz Suite, and the beautiful Piano Concerto by the English composer John Ireland.

The soloist will be Duncan Honeybourne, a well-known Dorset pianist and an authority on John Ireland. The first two movements are sensuous and passionate, the last jaunty and light hearted.

Shostakovich wrote much film music, and some of it was recycled into several 'jazz suites' for theatre orchestra - not jazz as such, but with a strong influence of the music hall. The unusual orchestration of the second jazz suite calls for a piano and four saxophones.

This is Anita Hansen's last concert after many years as leader of the DCO. From next season she is promoting herself to the viola section!

Dorset County Orchestra

St Mary's Church, Swanage on June 21st at 7.30pm

Shostakovich: Jazz Piano

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Purbeck Folk Festival



More than 25 years after Song For Whoever hit the charts and just as beautiful as ever, The South play Purbeck Folk Festival this August bank holiday.

With a back catalogue of hits like Perfect Ten, Rotterdam, Don't Marry Her, You Keep It All In, Old Red Eyes Is Back and their classic number one, A Little Time, not everyone was ready to leave the party when time was called on The Beautiful South in 2008. Singers Dave Hemingway and Alison Wheeler duly slipped out of the retirement home and formed The South with original touring members Damon Butcher (keys), Gaz Birtles (sax) and Tony Robinson (trumpet), recording a new album, Sweet Refrains, that echoes the band's trademark pop melodies and caustic wit.

They're heading south to join Purbeck Folk Festival's strongest line up to date with chart toppers Eddi Reader and Nizlopi, 80s legend Lloyd Cole, British folk legend Chris Wood and the first mainland festival show from recently reformed Scottish indie rockers Idlewild. Also billed are Senegalese griot Amadou Diagne, Paris-based Cajun powerhouse Sarah Savoy and the masters of American gothic roots, Caravan of Thieves.

Additional entertainment includes comedy, films, art interventions and workshops, a fancy dress parade, poetry slam, kids' activity pen and a beer festival with 40 local real ales, 20 ciders and even a Dorset pils lager!

Weekend tickets for Purbeck Folk Festival are available at www.purbeckfolk.co.uk, or by phone on 023 8071 1818.

Health & Beauty

Abdominal-sacral Massage with Karen Richards

Abdominal-sacral massage was created in 2007 by Helen Rohlicek and, although the massage is still relatively unknown, it is rapidly gaining in popularity. It consists of deep abdominal and sacral techniques which address common complaints of the reproductive and digestive systems. It works by bringing the organs within the abdominal area back into alignment, releasing pressure and strengthening the surrounding muscles and ligaments.

This in turn will improve blood, nerve and lymph flow. The uterine massage will aid the uterus in getting rid of blood clots, help restore the correct position of the uterus, increase endorphins which help reduce pain and ease trapped nerves. In addition, the deep colon massage helps to loosen hardened debris and encourages a natural movement.

In the abdomen, all muscles, organs and connective tissue share the same nerve inputs so, for instance, if there is a problem with digestion, the pain can often be manifested in the back, abdominal wall or in the pelvic region and vice versa.

The reproductive organs are the only dispensable organs in the body, choosing to shut down if the body is not functioning optimally, to save impinging on the body's health. Therefore, to restore health to the reproductive organs, all other areas of the person should be addressed – physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Some of the complaints addressed by this technique include: - constipation, diarrhoea. IBS, bloating, painful periods, bladder infections, menopause symptoms, fertility problems, fibroids, stress, held in emotions and miscarriages.

After suffering stomach problems for a couple of years, Karen Richards, a therapist at Swanage Therapy Centre, had a taster session in sacral-abdominal massage and found it to be a deeply relaxing and healing experience.

Having discovered there were no practitioners in Dorset, Karen decided to learn the technique for herself and had the privilege of training with the founder of the technique and is now pleased to be able to offer treatment at the Centre.

An introductory rate is currently being offered and anyone interested in benefiting from this treatment should contact Swanage Therapy Centre on 01929 426506 or www.swanagetherapycentre.co.uk

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The Benefits Of Aromatherapy



In the last twenty years there has been an increased interest in alternative therapies such as aromatherapy, reflexology and acupuncture to name just a few.

These forms of treatment and knowledge of them stretches far back into history. Aromatherapy itself is a modern name for the ancient knowledge of healing and improving health using fragrant natural ingredients.

One of the earliest records is from around 2800 BC, when Egyptian manuscripts listed the

use of gums and oils.

Only nature can produce the whole essential oils used in aromatherapy. They are the tiny droplets contained in glandular hair sacs or veins of different plant parts, like leaves stems, bark, flowers and fruit.

There are two ways that essential oils can enter the body, through the nose or through the skin (the largest organ in our body). The skin helps regulate our body temperature by sweating to cool it and by shivering to warm it. Essential oils are easily absorbed via the skin into the bloodstream, affecting the nature of the circulation as a whole.

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Essential oils which are warming, affect not only the circulation system but also influence the inner organs. They can provide pain relief and relieve local inflammation.

A massage with essential oils soothes the body and mind and improves our general wellbeing. The release of tension in regular massage often enables the receiver to overcome long standing emotional turmoil. Mental and physical fatigue is relieved and chronic neck and shoulder tension can be released.

I choose the oils for every individual person on the day of treatment, and also make sure that my client loves the aroma, as this is a very important factor in massage with essential oils.

A full case history is taken on the first treatment so as to establish that person's need for massage and their medical history. Only then can the appropriate oil be chosen for the treatment.

I became a qualified aromatherapist in 1998, and my training required practical and written exams and a detailed knowledge of both anatomy and physiology, together with the completion of over 100 case studies (under supervision).

Edith Mason, Swanage.

Key To Hearing Celebrate Two Years!



This month sees Key to Hearing celebrate their two-year anniversary.

Established by Keeley (pictured, left) and Will Salmon, their passion is to provide exceptional independent hearing care across the local area.

Keeley Salmon, RHAD, MSHAA says, "We'd like to thank our customers for choosing us and personally recommending our services to others. Our customer care is really important to us and we are proud that we have been able to help so many people with their hearing."

With Key to Hearing, you can be sure your hearing is in safe hands. But don't just take their word for it,

see what their customers are saying: -

"The excellent service I have received from Keeley Salmon has been amongst the very best that I have received from anyone in the course of my long life". Harold Ankers, Swanage

"My hearing is now everything I wished for." Mrs Alford, Wareham

"The experience of dealing with Keeley Salmon was nothing short of inspirational." Mrs Reynolds, Wareham

To celebrate their anniversary, Key to Hearing are inviting Purbeck Gazette readers to have a complimentary hearing check on Wednesday 18th June at Shaylers Vision Centre, Wareham.

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Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column

Hello again from Swanage and Wareham Hospitals!

This month I am taking the opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers.

We are very fortunate to have a number of volunteers at each hospital who undertake several roles bringing tremendous value by helping us to enhance the patient experience. We are always very grateful to those who give their own time to help us.

Volunteers add another very personal touch to our day-to-day life at the hospitals. They do this by helping to serve patient drinks, meeting and greeting patients as they arrive for appointments and helping with patient activities.

Others simply visit patients on the wards to cheer them up when they have no one else to visit and some of our volunteers come in on a daily basis to arrange flowers for us.

Although volunteers do not perform any clinical roles, they are often able to gain valuable insight into what it is like to work in a hospital environment and to work alongside hospital staff.

There are of course many personal benefits to volunteering; People often say they volunteer because they've benefited from a service and want to put something back.

Some people say that volunteering has been a positive experience which helped them to develop skills that were useful in gaining employment.

Others have enjoyed the social networking and made friends or said that it was rewarding to see how their small efforts made a difference both to patients and to staff.

We are always keen to engage with new enthusiastic people who would like to join our teams by offering the special gift of their time which can range from a few hours for a day every week to as much as several days a week.

Please be aware that to become a volunteer with us you need to be aged 16 or over, there is no upper age limit as long as you are fit and healthy. You will need to provide two references and undergo a criminal records check, this is for safeguarding reasons. This can take several weeks to complete and we would therefore hope that our volunteers will make a longer term commitment of at least six months.

For more information please contact Wendy Rance at Swanage on 01929 475006 or Tom Tedds at Wareham on 01929 557572

If you are unable to support us by volunteering, but would like to support our work then why not become a 'friend' - details of how to become a member and what is involved are available from main reception.

Until next time, take care

Matron Jane



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Don't Get Burned!

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

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

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

- Remember the old adage – Prevention is better than cure.
- Hats with wide (4 inches) brims that cover your scalp, neck, and shade your eyes and ears are advised.
- Wear sunglasses with UV ray protection that helps to prevent eye damage that can lead to cataracts.
- Wear loose fitting, tightly woven clothing that covers your arms and legs.
- Use sunscreen on any exposed area. Follow the manufacturers' instructions carefully, and remember to reapply as often as recommended (usually every two hours) and don't forget to reapply after going into the water!
- Sunscreen protection is vital for babies and young children, and medical advice suggests that babies younger than six months should stay out of the sun altogether, and older children should have a sunscreen that if SPF 15 or higher applied to all bare skin.
- Don't forget those hard to reach places – we're talking about the back of your neck, backs of your knees, elbows and ears. If you are wearing sandals, flip flops or going bare foot then apply to feet as well – Speaking from experience – nothing worse than walking with burned toes!
- Finally – if you've already turned pink it's actually too late – you've done the damage and now you must suffer the consequences!

So what now?

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

Suggested remedies include:-

- Take Aspirin – supposedly the single best pain killer for sunburn, because the way it eases pain works better than any other painkillers for this specific type of pain.
- Use a menthol based lotion or an aloe vera gel on the burned area - either should help to soothe the pain.
- Avoid wool or synthetics next to your skin.
- Vinegar will make the stinging stop - but it's probably not a good idea to use this if you are going out!
- Drink plenty of water to help hydrate and replenish the skin.
- Moisturise to help stop peeling – peeling exposes new skin cells that haven't fully matured – give them time to grow back properly.



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Philip Mills is celebrating 30 years of hairdressing this June. Philip started hairdressing when he was 15, as an apprentice with Ron Wood, who was Bournemouth trained. After four years, he went to Bournemouth and worked for a large salon group and was based in New Milton for eighteen months. After returning to Andover he opened his own salon and started to work with an international artistic team, working in salons teaching and running seminars and doing platform work in London at Salon International, in Wembley.

Philip and Lyn Mills moved to Wareham in 2008 and haven't looked back since. Business is thriving and with Sarah, our other main Stylist, getting busier, we are now looking to get a new Junior stylist and a Saturday person. Carole is also part of our team, working as our Receptionist/Assistant and Jackie, our Saturday person. All of the team at Philip Mills are State Registered Hairdressers; Philip as a Mastercraftsman, Lyn a Senior State Registered Hairdresser and Sarah is a Registered Stylist. Being State Registered is very important for the industry and shows all clients what level a stylist is at in their career due to years of experience and training.

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Please join us for celebration drinks to mark this 30 year occasion on:

Wednesday 18th June between 4pm - 6pm.

All clients - existing, new and old are very welcome.

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Post-Natal Care Failings Highlighted

5 000 new mothers each week will develop serious long term health problems because of the poor post-natal advice and guidance that they receive. This is the claim of Barry Fowler, author of *The Kegel Legacy* (ebook gbp1.99), based on a new analysis of published data.

With around 60,000 births per month in the UK, it is widely acknowledged that a third of these new mothers will develop long term health problems such as stress incontinence and prolapse because they are not encouraged to follow an effective post-natal rehabilitation programme.

NICE acknowledges that the awareness problem is so bad that many women may wait up to ten years before seeking medical help.

Fowler, who has worked in the field for fifteen years, says this raises a fundamental question: "With so many sufferers, how do we arrive at a situation where the general perception amongst women is that they are unusual and alone with the problem; that there is no point in seeking advice and help from their GP; and that there is no effective treatment anyway?"

He believes that the answer is very simple. "In reality, there is a simple, clinically-proven and very cost-effective treatment that can be prescribed by all GPs and it costs just a few pounds. But instead, like generations of women before them, new mothers and existing sufferers are being offered little or no effective help and guidance. Our research shows that the

best most can expect is a suggestion that they 'do' pelvic floor or Kegel exercises. Some may be offered a locally produced leaflet. I have studied the medical literature going back fifty years and I cannot find one clinical trial that demonstrates that giving out leaflets confers any benefits. It is just not a clinically proven treatment."

He highlights the example of The PelvicToner™ exercise programme which has been available on prescription for nearly three and a half years.

"The PelvicToner is clinically proven to be as effective as a three month programme of physiotherapy yet it costs one tenth as much and does not take up scarce physiotherapy resources."

But The PelvicToner is another one of those treatments subject to a 'postcode lottery' imposed by local commissioning groups or medicines management committees.

"There are an estimated 7 million women living with the embarrassment of Urinary Stress Incontinence in the UK and potentially 60,000 new mothers join them every month. Most could prevent or cure their problem within a couple of weeks but instead they support a multi-million pound industry supplying designer incontinence pads that just did not exist thirty years ago. You would think that someone somewhere would grasp the nettle!"

Sport

Swanage Searowing Club At The World Championships



SSRC took part in the 25th World Pilot Gig Championships held in the Isles of Scilly over the first weekend in May. In 1989 there were just 19 wooden gigs entered but this year saw some 140 boats taking part.

The remoteness of this traditional setting for gig rowing was demonstrated on the Friday when the first races are held in the evening – fog had closed the airports and lots of crews were frantically trying to find replacement rowers. Both the men's and women's teams sent three crews, with some rowers experiencing the fantastic sight of so many gigs and crews rowing together for the first time.

Almost all the crews improved their places over last year with the women's C in 120th, B in 41st and the A crew in an excellent 20th. The men's C crew achieved 96th, B in 60th and the A in 24th – the highest ever placing for a men's crew. On the Friday evening Veterans and Superveterans race, the vets came 42nd in a field of almost 70 gigs, and the Supervets once again rowed with the best in the world to come a fantastic 4th, the same

placing as last year.

The weekend is not just about rowing – the female members made up an impromptu ukulele band and serenaded the crews in the pub after the racing, to the enjoyment of everyone present!

Everyone who takes part in this event finds it not only a gig-rowers paradise but a thoroughly social event and confirms what a friendly and pleasant activity it is. The Club will be holding its own regatta on the 24th May with around 15 clubs visiting the town, and planning for the rest of the year's events is under way.

The regular activities of Open Rowing on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings continue, with Junior rowing on a Monday evening. There are also non-competitive rows, with two gigs going to Studland last weekend for a picnic. If you would like to take part, find out more at www.ssrc.org.uk.

Barnaby Quaddy

Swanage Bowls Club

at the Pavilion Beach Gardens, Northbrook Road.

With a mixture of weather as is usual in May, our season is up and running with internal and inter-club leagues. The men played their first friendly inter-club game against Pelhams at home and very narrowly lost. Since then they have had some good victories in Bournemouth and District League winning against Knyveton Gardens and Kings Park Clubs. Unfortunately they lost to Shaftesbury in their Bowls Dorset evening game.

The ladies of the Edna Paisley League were rained off for their first game

with Broadstone (sharing points), lost to Blandford, and won against another Broadstone team in the Dorset Womens' Bowling League. With several members participating in the County competitions just starting, we will watch their progress with interest. Our Open Days were very successful with interested ladies and gents playing in bright sunshine and resulting in some new members. For first time members the joining fee is half-price.

Our club has a great deal to offer to its members. As well as a healthy moderately energetic sport, there is companionship and always fresh air available!

Come and give it a try at one of our friendly Friday Club Nights at 5pm and as always, for more details telephone Jean Thomas on 426795.

Swanage Croquet Club

The 2014 season is now underway and ten new members have joined us. Swanage players only play Golf Croquet and this is a very sociable and enjoyable game. Each game lasts about 45 minutes and this enables players to enjoy up to six games in a day if they choose. Croquet is a game that can be played by people of all ages and abilities including those with limited mobility. The club plays regularly from 10.30am till 5pm every Tuesday and Wednesdays right through till October. Also on some Friday afternoons members are able to play from noon. Many members come and play all day, having a picnic lunch with the club providing complimentary refreshments.

For those that are interested, matches have been arranged throughout the summer and currently two early games this season have seen Swanage victorious.

During the winter several members played at the East Dorset and Hampsworth clubs in competitions which are open to clubs and players throughout the country. Swanage players acquitted themselves very well and notable success was recorded by Tony Allen, winner of the November competition. Marion Ormerod was fourth in October, Sandra Allen third in December Tony Green and Keith Southern second and third in January. More recently, three members entered the level play singles tournament for high handicapped players and were placed second, fourth and sixth (Sandra Allen, Tony Green and Sally Fazecas) which was a better result than any other club.

Again this year the Club is putting on the RNLI Tournament for clubs and organisations throughout the town and is starting in May. The Cricket Club will be trying hard to retain the trophy. If you are interested in finding out what this 'cunning and devious' game is all about, come along to the Cricket Ground in Day's Park on Tuesday or Wednesday and have a go. You might get 'hooked' on the game! **Roy Smith**



Pier To Pier Challenge Success!

Report by Catlin Dyer (14)

Tuesday 6th May saw three Wareham and Purbeck Young Farmers start their tremendous effort to cycle 320 miles from Swanage Pier to Blackpool Pier in thirty hours (over the course of two consecutive days), with sponsors including NFU Mutual Wareham and C&O Tractors. Setting off at 8am, team members Josh Fincham (a local herdsman), Lucy Le Cocq and Pete Siviter (both Synergy vets), set off to Blackpool, hoping to make it in time for the Young Farmers AGM at the weekend.

This mammoth effort was in aid of the Amelia-Grace Rainbow Fund, which is a charity supporting children in Dorset with terminal illnesses. It is inspired by Amelia-Grace Cooper who contracted a very aggressive form of childhood cancer at the age of seven. Due to this, the charity was set-up to give other children the opportunity to create memories for other families to cherish.

On the Friday before they set off, Josh Fincham and Emily Gascoigne (who drove the support van alongside the cyclists) hosted a race night. It was held at the King Arms in Stoborough, and all proceeds went towards the charity.

On their first day they managed 140 miles with no punctures and rode into Herefordshire, where they were to stay with another Young Farmers Club. This was in exchange for free tickets to the Wareham and Purbeck Young Farmers Big Weekender (held in July and being headlined by The Wurzels and the Counterfeit Stones).

On the second day they continued up the A49, keeping everyone updated via their Twitter page: @Pier2Pier2014 as they went.

After a large hold-up resulting in the support team going slower than the cyclists through Warrington, they carried on through the northern rain and wind.

Posting a photo on Twitter of the three cyclists posing next to Bradley's Wiggins' golden Olympic post box with thirty miles to go, their smiles showed that they were still optimistic on the final leg of their journey.

Finally, they arrived at Blackpool Pier at 11:41pm after the 180 mile leg with not one puncture and only one crash into a soft, muddy bank. They celebrated with a bottle of champagne before going off to the nearest kebab shop.

Lucy Le Cocq described how she felt about their final push to finish: "We were so glad to see the tower and it felt like we hammered the last 18 miles."

They were interviewed by Radio Shropshire and were also featured in an article for the Farmer's Guardian.

The amount raised has not been verified (looking to be over £2500 so far), yet, but it will definitely be an impressive amount.

Well done to everyone!

Swanage Cricket Club

Swanage Cricket Club is delighted to confirm Land and Wave as the new sponsor of their premier league shirts for 2014 and 2015.

Chairman Peter Constable said "It's great to be sponsored by a local company that provides a wide range of outdoor activities in the area and has a lot of fun as well, as that is exactly the sort of belief we have at Swanage Cricket Club.

Their logo is very distinctive and we are looking forward to promoting Land and Wave this season."



Swanage Football Club



Club Chairman Mark Watson has asked me to thank a number of people who have managed to make this season one to remember.

Firstly to the coaching staff of the First team: Alan, Brian, Tim and Ben, and our Reserve management Jossie and Paul, for all that they have achieved this season and for their professional approach, which has gone a long way in getting the pride back in the Club and upholding our standing in the community. Also a big thank you to all our sponsors who have stuck by us when times were hard: 'Shiner Wright, Cottees, Budgens, SAT Taxis, Joe's Gym, Purbeck Valet and GHPM, also to Julian Wood for kindly choosing us as his charity in the Boxing Day Swim.

Last Saturday saw the first team complete their first season under the management of Alan Lay with a 3-2 win against cup winners and title contenders Hamworthy Recreation club. On a beautiful sunny day - on a Day's Park pitch that, thanks to our groundsman, looks and plays the best it has for a long time - the first team and u9's formed a guard of honour for the U11's and U12's who won their respective leagues this season. See above photo of our championship winning U11 & U12 with Alan.

The first team's final league position was 7th and regular readers of this column will know that, having been bottom for nine months, and with a new manager and coaching staff, to finish that high whilst consistently looking to play a passing style of football is a great achievement and the team has met all the preseason targets set by Alan. In fact the league position target this season was 10th so this is a testament to how hard the players have worked for each other and for Swanage football club.

Plans have already started for next season, with Alan fully expecting a lot of the youngsters from the U17's and U16's to join in with their first adult pre-season, a new manager for the reserves and a brand new set

of objectives to take the senior section to another level.

The Club would also like to thank Gareth Davis, for these past five seasons he has been the editor of our award winning match-day programme 'The Swan'. Gareth would have liked to have stayed on in his role, but this past season he has been helping AFC Bournemouth produce their match programme and has just recently been asked to increase his role in helping produce this quality programme. Gareth said he just doesn't have the time now to produce 'The Swan', sadly. As a lifelong Cherries fan, his local club, this is truly a dream come true and Gareth, to his credit, is still on hand for advice and has said he will write a weekly article for us, as we look to produce our new look programme for next season.

Next season is looking very encouraging at the Club, the First team, with their brilliant second half to the season, are already buzzing to get started next season. We are currently interviewing for a Reserve manager to work closely with Alan and his team. On the youth side, we will have 7 boys' teams from U8 to U18 and 3 girls' teams.

We also accommodate 5-8 year olds. On a Saturday Morning between 10am and 11am Coach Eddie Rainford runs our Mini Kickers. Eddie is also a valuable member of our ground-staff and gives up a lot of his time to do countless jobs in and around Day's Park.

If you feel your child would like to be a member of our Club and join in the fun with one of our youth teams your first point of contact is our youth Secretary Alison Newell 07545 762401

To keep up with all the goings on at Day's Park follow us on twitter @swanagefc and @swanagefcyouth also check out www.swanagefc.com

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Swanage Tennis Update

Swanage Men's Team (pictured, right) hosted Wimborne Tennis Club at Beach Gardens on a wind-swept 7th May. The club had played Wimborne a few months ago in the winter league so were well aware of their calibre.

Wimborne lived up to their reputation with a brother combination beating Swanage's number one pairing of Mike Angell and Jeff Veale, 6-0, 6-0. Although the scores were disappointing both sides produced some good tennis.

The Swanage number two pairing of Tony Saunders and Keiran Straiyce had a thrilling tussle but eventually lost, 5-7, 0-6. It was a baptism of fire for Keiran who, at 14, played on the team for the first time. He proved that he was able to hold his own with the support of his partner Tony Saunders.

The second set of matches saw Swanage's first pair lose 1-6, 5-7 and the second pair lose 1-6, 1-6. In spite of Wimborne's superior tennis skills the matches were competitive and encouraged some excellent tennis from all who played.

Club members battled between themselves on the 3rd of April for the coveted Garnsworthy Trophy. This doubles tournament proved popular with all standards of players and turned out to be a very competitive event.

The trophy was deservedly claimed by Angela Myerscough and Paul Lurie, who made a great team and demonstrated consistent and effective shot selection throughout.

Other match results

Men's NCL Team (Keiran Straiyce, Jeff Veale, Mike Angell and Mike Muir) 4-2 win against Dorchester 27th April.

Picture shows L-R: Mike Angell, Jeff Veale, Keiran Straiyce and Tony Saunders



Spotlight Event Diary

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

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

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- 10:00 **'A Dorset Woman at War'** At Dorset County Museum, Dorchester. 'Mabel Stobart and the Retreat from Serbia 1915'. Ffi: 01305 262 735
- 14:00 **Ewan McLennan** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk
- 14:30 **Highwood Garden Open Day** At Charborough Park, halfway between Bere Regis and Wimborne on the A351. Entrance through any of the three lodges along the park wall with the Stag Gate. Ample car parking. Tea and other refreshments, admission £4, children (6-16) £2. Only guide dogs permitted. Open in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Mon 2nd

- * **Medieval Falconry** at Corfe Castle Jonathan Marshall presents falcons, eagles and hawks demonstrating their spectacular aerial manoeuvres. Falcons dive from thousands of feet at speeds of over 100mph while eagles and hawks skim the top of your head.
- 10:00 **Art Exhibition** At Emmanuel Baptist Church, from 10 - 4 daily. Come and view the work of the Art Dabblers and enjoy some lovely home made cakes and coffee!
- 19:30 **Wareham-Hemsbach Society** Coronation Party. Carey Hall, Mistover Road, Wareham. Contact Robin Brasher 427015

Tue 3rd

- 10:00 **Art Exhibition** At Emmanuel Baptist Church, from 10 - 4 daily. Come and view the work of the Art Dabblers and enjoy some lovely home made cakes and coffee!

Wed 4th

- 17:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet outside the Mowlem theatre for an evening walk to Durlston Castle and back. Ffi 01929 421039.
- 17:30 **Swanage Coastal Change Forum** Spring Meeting 2014 At Emmanuel Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Swanage. Met Office Advisor, Penny Tranter will be giving a keynote speech on winter storms, how they came about and future projections for these type of weather events and longer term climate change with a focus on what that could mean for Swanage. Refreshments from 17:30. Please e-mail swanagecoastalchange@dorsetcc.gov.uk to book a place Email: swanagecoastalchange@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Fri 6th

- 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.
- 20:00 **Will Pound Band** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

Sat 7th

- * Peppa Pig at Swanage Railway Peppa and George will make various appearances throughout the day.
- 09:30 **Breakfast Bazaar** At Emmanuel Baptist Church, 9.30 - noon. Bacon rolls, croissants and jam and Bargains by the score! Everyone welcome.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at car park at Povington Hill Viewpoint on the Creech to East Lulworth road for a walk along West Purbeck Ridge. Ffi 01929 426926.
- 20:00 **Dylan Van Meurs** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

Sun 8th

- 10:00 **Wessex Car Rally** At Lulworth Castle Park.
- 11:00 **Open Farm Sunday** Hartland Moor National Nature Reserve: Middlebere and Hartlands Farms Parking at Hartlands Farm, Norden, Dorset BH20 5DX; signposted from the Norden Park and Ride roundabout on the A351. Join the National Trust, Natural England and friends for a fun family day down on the farm! Talks by the farmers, displays of farm machinery and tools, see the grazing cattle, donkey rides, tractor-trailer rides, Land Rover farm safaris, children's activities, some stalls selling local/heartland craft. Picnic area. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome on leads (livestock on site). This event is FREE and there is no need to book. Disabled parking available; please email philip.stuckey@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01929477322 to arrange. Visit www.openfarmsunday.org or www.greenmashed.co.uk for more details. Email: info@greenmashed.co.uk

Tue 10th

- 10:00 **Book Swap** In the Coffee Shop at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10 - 12. Bring

a book, swap a book and chat about books over coffee.

- 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 11th

- 14:00 **Stoborough WI** At Stoborough Village Hall. "Round the World without Flying" John Barclay.
- 19:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Worth Matravers car park for a circular walk to the top of East Man, and return via Winspit Bottom. Ffi 01929 425165
- 19:30 **Purbeck Open Lecture** At the Black Bear, South St., Wareham. 'From the Solomon Islands to Trafalgar Square' by Richard Carter. 7.30pm. Ffi: (01929 554039 A Salmon).

Thu 12th

- * **Steve Knightly** Wareham Music Festival at The Corn Exchange. Ffi: www.wareham-music.org.uk
- 10:30 **Just LOVE to Stitch** West Country Embroiderers, Dorset at The Gallery Upstairs, Upton Country Park, Upton, Poole BH17 7BJ. Competition: A6 embroidered book/book cover. Exhibits for sale, Sales table, refreshments in the cafe downstairs. Disabled access via the lift in the cafe. Entry is free.

Fri 13th

- 20:00 **John Langan Band** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

Sat 14th

- * **'Freebay' Tabletop Sale** At URC Church, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments available. To book a table and ffi: Elizabeth on 01929 422406.
- 09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers' Market** At Commercial rd, Swanage. Local produce, from local producers. www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
- 10:00 **Cottees Collectable Toy & Model Railway Sale** At Cottees Market, East Street, Wareham. Viewing Friday prior to sale 9.30am-5pm and morning of sale at 8.30am. Catalogue online at www.cottees.co.uk or call 01929 552826.
- 10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet by the café and toilets at Upton Country Park for a circular walk around Upton Heath taking in woodland and heath. Ffi 01929 422795.
- 11:00 **Piddlehinton Open Gardens Weekend** Five miles North of Dorchester on the B3143. Coffees, teas, lunches available at the Village Hall, Tickets £5 for adults, children under 16 free. Free car parking. Ffi: 01300 348835 or www.piddlevalley.info.
- 19:30 **St George's Singers** from Boscombe in a programme of sacred and popular music at St James Church, Kingston. Free admission, interval drinks and nibbles, retiring collection to help preserve this Grade I listed church.
- 19:30 **Organ Recital** by William Brown At Swanage High Street, Methodist Church. Free admission, refreshments available. Ffi: 01929 423586.
- 20:00 **Hatful of Rain** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

Sun 15th

- 11:00 **Piddlehinton Open Gardens** Weekend Five miles North of Dorchester on the B3143. Coffees, teas, lunches available at the Village Hall, Tickets £5 for adults, children under 16 free. Free car parking. Ffi: 01300 348835 or www.piddlevalley.info.
- 10:00 **Kingston Maurwood Open Day & Country Fair** Explore the college and have a fun day out! Tickets £7, concessions £6.50, season ticket holders and under 16's FREE!
- 14:00 **The Fugitives** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk

Mon 16th

- 10:00 **Monday Morning Market** In the Coffee Shop, Emmanuel Baptist Church 10 - 12. A Bring and Buy Sale. (You don't have to bring anything, except yourself, as there will be plenty to buy!)
- 10:00 **'Charley's War' Exhibition** At Durlston Castle. Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun.
- 10:30 **Harbour Cruise** to benefit the RNLI. Cruise from Wareham to Poole on Monday, 16 June 2014 The cruise, boarding at 10:30am, will leave Wareham Quay at 11am for a trip down the river and around Brownsea Island. While out, the RNLI will give a life saving demonstration on the water. Tickets are £20 per person and includes the cruise and your choice of either fish and chips, sausage and chips, or a vegetarian option for lunch. Ffi: Laura Marshallsay 01929 554204, Geoff Humphrey 01929 555 393, or Peter Booth 01929 550342. Email: laura.marshallsay@gmail.com

- Tue 17th
- 10:00 **'Charley's War' Exhibition** At Durlston Castle. Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun.
- 21:00 **Comedy Plug** At The Legion, Swanage. A great evening of stand up comedy. Ffi and tickets www.showplug.net
- Wed 18th
- 10:00 **'Charley's War' Exhibition** At Durlston Castle. Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun.
- 10:00 Swanage Walking Group Meet at Worth Matravers Car Park for circular walk to St Aldhelm's Chapel, then coastal path through Winspit to Seacombe. Ffi 01929 422795.
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets at 2.30pm in the Village Hall for "Swanage Pier. After the Storm". Visitors are welcome. Ffi the Secretary 01929 439245
- 16:00 **Celebrate 30 years of Philip Mills Hair Design** At 48, North Street, Wareham. Join us for celebration drinks!
- 19:30 **Studland WI** The Old Rectory. BBQ by kind permission of Mrs Pat Tillyard. No Competition.
- 19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History** Soc Meets at Wareham Town Hall. Talk by local archaeologist, Lilian Ladle MBE, Wareham and World War 1. Visitors welcome £2.
- 19:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At Herston Hall. Plant Swop, glass of wine and nibbles available (£1).
- Thu 19th
- 10:00 **'Charley's War' Exhibition** At Durlston Castle. Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun.
- 20:00 **Wareham Whalers Folk Night** At The Anglebury House, in North Street, Wareham. All are welcome to sing, dance, tell stories or just listen. No charge Ffi 01929 551979
- Fri 20th
- * **Dress a Crab!** Come & learn! At Swanage Bay Fish, High Street. £15 a person, all proceeds to the Fisherman's Mission. Take home your dressed crab, limited numbers so phone or call in and see Julia to reserve your place.
- * **National Care Home Open Day** At Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home, Ulwell road, Swanage.
- Sat 21st
- * **Strawberry Day** At Holme for Gardens. Come and enjoy everything to do with strawberries...With local crafts, music, PYO, and strawberry cream teas, a must for all strawberry lovers! Holme for Gardens, West Holme Farm, Wareham BH20 6AQ On the B3070 – 3 miles from Wareham www.holmeforgardens.co.uk
- 09:40 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at NT Visitor Centre in Corfe Castle for a walk up Sandy Hill Lane and then footpaths following the railway line to Swanage station. Ffi 01929 421039.
- 10:00 **Antiques and Collectables Fair** At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Dutch Pancake Cafe, Kids Art Station/ Play area, (raising money for The Swanage School) Stalls £5. Ffi: John 07956973072
- 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. For more details contact Maeve 01929 463221 or moretonvillagehall@talktalk.net website: www.moretonvillagehall.btck.co.uk
- 11:00 **Wool Carnival** Parade at 11am, arena events 12 noon. Raffle, bar, cream teas, BBQ, stalls, skittles, fun fair, entertainment, hog roast. www.woolcarnival.com
- 14:00 **Puddletown Open Gardens** Weekend Entry ticket and village map: St. Mary's Church Room. Adults £5, children under 12 free. New this year: Comical Character Trail. Cream teas available plus plants, preserves, cakes and tombola. Email: ann.williams@humbugpr.com
- 14:30 **Langton Walk** UNLESS RAINING---Reg Saville will lead a walk down through Langton Matravers, with Historical Photographs. Meet a 2.30 pm at Capstan Field bus stop at the top of the village--buses arrive there from Swanage at 2.20 pm and from Wareham at 2.30 pm. Cost £3 - Proceeds in aid of the Local History and Preservation Society. Reg will answer any queries.
- 19:30 **The Blues Train** With the Robin Bibi Band, departs Swanage station at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, advance booking only.
- 19:30 **Dorset County Orchestra** At St. Mary's Church, Swanage. Tickets £10 from door or Tilly Whims, Swanage.
- 20:00 **Chilled Cider** Live Acts at the Square & Compass, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229 www.squareandcompasspub.co.uk
- Sun 22nd
- 07:00 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Visit to the Bluebell Railway in Sussex. Coach departs Swanage at 07.00. EVERYONE WELCOME. Ffi 01202 624252 or 01929 554765.
- 14:00 **Puddletown Open Gardens** Weekend Entry ticket and village map: St. Mary's Church Room. Adults £5, children under 12 free. New this year: Comical Character Trail. Cream teas available plus plants, preserves, cakes and tombola. Email: ann.williams@humbugpr.com
- 14:00 **National Garden Scheme** At Greenacres, Bere rd, Coldharbour, Wareham. Admission £3, children free. Teas and plants for sale. Off road parking.
- Tue 24th

10:00 **Chocoholics Tuesday** In the Coffee Shop at Emmanuel! 10 - 12. Hot choc, swirly cream and marshmallows! Chocolate cakes, chocolate biscuits and even a chocolate quiz!

Wed 25th

10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in Osmington for a walk to Sutton Poyntz and up to White Horse Hill, returning via Pixon Barn. Ffi 01929 450164.

Thu 26th

10:00 **Jolly Jigsaws Morning** In the Coffee Shop at Emmanuel, 10 - 12. Bring a friend and come and put a piece in one of our jigsaws while enjoying the coffee too!

10:00 **Purbeck U3A 'Meeting Points'** At Harman's Cross Village Hall. The Spy from Tidsbury - a tale of intrigue told by Yvonne Varley. Non members very welcome. £2 on the door, to include refreshments.

Fri 27th

* **Armed Forces Weekend** Involving Swanage Railway. See magazine.

Sat 28th

* **Armed Forces Weekend.**

* **Tankfest** At The Tank Museum, Bovington. Ffi: 01929 405096 www.tankmuseum.org

09:45 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at at Knoll House Hotel and walk via Agglestone Rock, Godlingston Heath, Little Sea, Bramble Bush Bay to Shell Beach. Ffi 01929 421039.

Sun 29th

* **Wareham Whalers** 10th Anniversary Gig In the garden of the Quay Inn, Wareham.

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. 480093
- 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 **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 **Wm Swimming Club** Adults. All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Club Night (16+) Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 **Wm Home Producers** Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts. URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 09.00 **Swanage Painting Club.** Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jan on 01929 480471
- 09.30 **Pottery Classes** held in Wareham. Till 11.30am. For details contact Rachel 01929 480455 to book 15pw.
- 10.00 **PEEP for 2 year olds** at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. A six week course in early childhood learning. Please call to book a place on 552864. Till 11.30am
- 10.00 **Wm Parent & Toddler Group** During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.30 **Isle of Purbeck Arts Club** Drop In Coffee Morning. Arts Centre, Commercial Rd, Sw. Til 12 noon. Come see find out what the Arts Club does.
- 10.00 **Wool Country Market** D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Associate Club Session. 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 **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.
- 09.30 **Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation.** Till 10.30pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 09.30 **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 **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. 480093
- 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)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 09.00 **Sw CC** U11 - U15 Practice till 10.30
- 09.30 **Sw CC** U9 & U10 Practice & Kwik Cricket till 10.30
- 10.00 **Men Behaving Dadly - Group for Dads/Grandads/Male Carers & their children** at both Wareham and Swanage Children's Centres till noon. Bacon sandwiches available! Call 552864 to find out what's happening where this week and to book a space.
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