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**W**elcome to the July edition of YOUR Gazette! It's SUMMER!

We've had a few weeks of nice weather now, so it's safe to say that summer is truly here at last!

July is the start of the tourist season for many in our region, with visitors flooding to the south coast to enjoy our fabulous surroundings. July brings us both Wareham and Swanage Carnivals, as well as the start of the Wareham Wednesday's season of events. We have details of both carnivals and the W.W. events for the summer in this edition, so check-out the Arts & Entertainment section for more information.

This edition also brings you our 'Purbeck, for your golden years' feature, packed with information on local clubs for seniors, retail and service providers who are here for you, local care options, retirement and nursing homes and more. If you've recently retired to the area, take a look and see how you can make friends and get involved in our highly-active senior community.

The rest of the July edition is jam-packed with your news, views, updates and events. Following the June edition's feature 'We will remember', we dedicate a few more pages in this edition to remember those who fought for us in two world wars, and we bring you some more historical pictures - do you recognise anyone? Have a great July - get out and enjoy the sun! See you out and about!

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#### Peveril Ledge, Swanage

	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1	--	--	06.44	12.14	19.00
2	--	00.26	07.14	12.42	19.32
3	--	00.53	07.47	13.12	20.08
4	--	01.25	08.27	13.49	20.52
5	--	02.08	09.10	14.38	21.45
6	--	03.06	10.01	15.42	22.49
7	--	04.28	11.21	16.58	--
8	00.01	05.44	12.34	18.06	--
9	01.08	06.44	13.37	19.05	--
10	02.07	07.38	14.33	19.52	--
11	03.00	08.28	15.26	20.50	--
12	03.53	09.17	16.17	21.39	-- FM
13	04.41	10.05	17.05	22.27	--
14	05.28	10.52	17.51	23.15	-- ST
15	06.13	11.39	18.37	--	--
16	--	00.04	06.59	12.07	19.24
17	--	00.53	07.46	13.16	20.14
18	--	01.45	08.38	14.07	21.09
19	--	02.39	09.37	15.02	22.11
20	--	03.40	10.45	16.03	23.21
21	--	04.49	11.52	17.15	-- NP
22	00.27	06.07	12.56	18.36	--
23	01.30	07.18	13.55	19.46	--
24	02.26	08.13	14.49	20.39	--
25	03.15	08.58	15.36	21.21	--
26	03.59	09.36	16.19	21.57	-- NM
27	04.40	10.11	16.59	22.29	--
28	05.17	10.45	17.35	23.00	-- SP
29	05.50	11.17	18.07	23.30	--
30	06.20	11.45	18.35	23.54	--
31	--	--	06.48	12.09	19.04

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

#### Swanage Town Council Meetings - July 2014

General Operations	Wed 2nd	7pm
Council	Mon 7th	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 21st	7pm

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Planning & Transport	Mon 21st	7pm
Amenities	Wed 30th	7pm

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Overview & Scrutiny Group	Tue 1st	9.15am
Audit & Governance Panel	Tue 1st	5.30pm
Council	Tue 8th	7pm
Policy	Wed 16th	7pm
Planning Board	Wed 30th	9.15am

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**AUGUST edition deadline: 12 noon 10th July**

## Spot The Cyclists

Dear Gazette,

It seems Dorset County Council has plenty of tarmac to construct a new cycle/pedestrian path, while our roads are full of potholes and rough surfaces.

It is important to protect cyclists who have every right to venture out on the roads. However, my wife and I regularly motor along the main A351 through Sandford and notice the very few cyclists on the new tarmac cycle path.

When our children were young we kept them amused in the car by playing 'I spy' etc.

Now we have an adult version 'Spot the cyclists on the new path'!

At the Bank Holiday Sunday just passed we saw just two on the path. Later when we returned there were FOUR cyclists on the ROAD, causing traffic to slow.

I wonder who decides priorities!

Mike Killingback, by email

## Blind Cats Everywhere

Dear Gazette,

I am grateful to Mr Hollister's column in June, especially with the explanation for the missing cat-eyes on the valley road.

It will be a great improvement to have the road re-surfaced after all this time. I assumed, wrongly it would seem, that Dorset County Council had removed their cats-eyes in a fit of pique because of David's vitriolic comments of late!

Or maybe someone thought they would save electricity!

Regards, Peter Wakefield, by email.

## Marathon Misunderstandings

Dear Gazette readers,

It has come to our attention that there is some misunderstanding about the status of the Purbeck Marathon.

For clarity, we would like to inform your readers that this event continues to be organised by a committee of unpaid volunteers who are very ably assisted on the day by a huge number of generous volunteers from the local community, organisations and businesses. We are passionate about putting on the best race for our runners whilst championing everything local, thereby supporting, and being supported by Purbeck and Dorset based businesses and charities.

A Company, Limited by Guarantee, has been formed as the first step to protecting the Purbeck Marathon for the future as a charitable community event, it also serves to protect the liability of those involved with the organisation of the event.

The Purbeck Marathon donated £4000 from the proceeds of the 2013 event. It was a huge success amongst the participants and was subsequently rated No. 1 Marathon by Runners' World Magazine.

We continue to need the support of the local community and have recently held an open night to keep people informed of these developments and also to let everyone know how they can become involved in this fantastic community event and help us to build on our success.

Further information can be found on our website - [www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk](http://www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk) or email us on [info@thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk](mailto:info@thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk)

Many thanks, The Purbeck Marathon team



## LULWORTH RANGE WALKS & TYNEHAM VILLAGE OPENING TIMES

The Lulworth Range Walks and Tyneham Village are open to the public every weekend with the exception of: **14 - 15th June**

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## Message In A Wallet

Dear Readers,

Message in a Wallet.

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Pauline Wisker (Welfare Assistant, Swanage Lions)

N.B. Should you take advantage of having one of these cards, please remember to keep your details up to date.

## Thank-You Party For Adam!

Dear Nico,

Please may I thank a few people through your letters page?

On Saturday 31st May, a fund raiser and welcome home party I had organized for Adam Crisp was held at The Legion in Swanage, and ended up with a total of £700 being raised for Cancer Research Dorset Trials and Heroes Haven, the proceeds being split 50/50.

I'm sure most readers are aware of what Adam has achieved, completing an epic journey of 10,000 miles cycling from Swanage to Bangkok, and this was my way of saying thank you to him.

First of all I would like to thank Mandy Bower, who tirelessly contacted various businesses and friends for donations towards our raffle and auction. A big thank you to the many who did donate a prize. I should thank my wife too, for putting up with me getting stressed out while planning this event for the last three months!

Also, Elmo and the staff at The Legion for the venue and the following people who gave up their time and services for free; Matt and Jay of Scooby Crew for keeping the kids entertained, Callum Hooker of Hitzblitz discos for DJ-ing with me as I was injured, local band The Replays for playing a couple of sets, and Claire Richards of Swanage Tyres for taking over 100 photos!

A huge thank you must also go to the many people who turned out and spent money on raffle tickets and bid on the auction. I'm so happy that the cuddly 3ft polar bear that was kindly donated has now moved out of my home!

Overall a great night and I hope everyone enjoyed it.

So, on behalf of Adam and myself, a huge thank you. It was very much appreciated.

Kindest regards, Wayne Cartridge, Top Sounds Disco, Swanage

## Public Apology Demanded

Dear Readers,

The below letter, which I requested be copied in the Purbeck Gazette, has been written as a result of many local folk having to endure two weeks of the level crossing gates at Wareham being closed through a fault by NWRail and their contractors to address the crossing lights and audible signal, to let pedestrians cross safely.

The upgrade should have been included during the extended rail closure of four days (15-18 May), to upgrade and commission the new signalling from Poole to Wool including Worgret Junction which DCC/PDC had





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committed £3 million some years ago now. Thankfully, the fault has been addressed, and I understand, for other crossings along the line also affected.

**To: John Elliott and to whom it may concern (given by hand on 4.6.14)**  
NW Rail/SW Train Alliance

Wareham Railway Level Crossing Closure – prolonged hardship to locals. This is a serious complaint to Network Rail/SW Trains Alliance. As the County Cllr for Wareham I am very concerned that the two week closure of the pedestrian crossing, up to Saturday 31 May, has been ineptly handled causing frustration and real hardship to many frail and infirm locals.

The situation was not communicated to any local authority or station staff or gate keepers and escalated into a shambles on how to cope with the crossing throughout the two weeks. The Crossing Closure notice was put up with the metal gates locked. Therefore everyone was expected to cross the bridge. The gate keepers were not offering help willingly or giving help to those who asked for assistance; and the wait to cross when the gates were opened was lengthy and very frustrating.

No notices or information informing locals, of what and how long the closure was to be, were given. I and others suggested a notice and a flyer be made available for handing out, during the first week; no action was taken!

The shop keepers in Wareham saw a notable drop in their customers during this fiasco. Folk were using the bus to go to Poole instead of walking into Wareham to shop. Also lots of the cyclists with small children were cycling over the flyover (A351) to get into Wareham.

The Gate keepers had help from NW Rail employees to contact Basingstoke for info of trains; but this took an inordinate time and no consistent arrangements were being put in place! Therefore the Gate keepers received a lot of angry, unhappy locals wanting explanations.

Eventually after many irate and stressed locals had emailed and 'phoned, Paul Richmond of NW Rail arranged to meet with Wareham Town Council on Friday 30 May. The community welcomed this meeting, and the subsequent fixing of the Level Crossing Lights, working by Sunday 1 June.

The whole community feel let down and totally devastated that NW Rail/SW Trains Alliance subjected more than 500 people per day, over 1,000 footfalls, to crossing the bridge; whether well, with pushchairs, infirm, those on buggys or cycles.

The only taxis available the first weekend, and not offered after, were not DDA Compliant to carry disabled folk. Not acceptable, when Wareham Taxis have that capacity; none were asked to be included in this exercise. We need a public apology and assurance of lessons learned that the situation does not occur again.

Cllr Beryl Ezzard

DCC Wareham Division, PDC Wareham St Martin Ward

Cc Annette Brooke MP; Debbie Ward CE DCC; Wareham Town Council, Purbeck District Council.

## 'Silly' Sticker Saves Lives

Dear Editor,

Like Nellie ('Not on your Nellie', June 2014), I too used to mock the 'silly' Child on Board stickers in car windows.

That was until it was pointed out that, far from signalling a smug or poor parent-driver, these stickers can help save lives.

If there is a car accident, emergency services will prioritise their efforts to rescue the most vulnerable occupants. I know! It really made me stop scoffing at the stickers too!

Best wishes, Lorna Russ (Acton), by email.

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## Too Much Censorship?

Dear Editor,

It is hard to strike a right balance on matters of censorship. But, with several examples coming to light recently, one may be excused wondering if we are in danger of going too far on the road to political correctness. At least it should be beneficial to raise openly the subject in mutual respect and tolerance.

A football high-up makes, in a private communication, a somewhat tasteless sexist remark.

The accusation of racism is levelled at an unneighbourly remark to illustrate a possible reaction to unrestricted immigration.

The 'N' word, whatever it signifies, is prohibited for being offensive to someone.

It is easy to exaggerate either way, and one apologises in advance if genuine offence is carried. But it will indeed be a sad day if our national sense of humour is curbed.

Comedians are rightly concerned. The degree of freedom of the press that we enjoy at present must be guarded. Big Brother is watching.

Name and address withheld.

## Rob Owen Seagull Update

**Father Gull made the nest on his own, and took-on feeding  
Mother Gull (her leg remains broken) on the garage roof.  
They have now successfully hatched three chicks, with father  
Gull doing all the work to look after the family.  
We watch them daily, and keep our fingers crossed for the  
whole family. Thanks to those who support us!**

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## Civilisation At Risk

Dear Editor,

We have recently read in Another Publication the dangers that wind turbines pose to airliners and the coastal cliffs. Well, the danger may be much bigger than any of us have ever realised. Our whole lives and even civilisation itself may be at risk from these machines.

In the USA, the coal industry has recently released an advert warning that so many wind turbines might blow the earth out of its orbit around the sun leading to the end of civilisation. They have also raised concerns that too many solar panels may be sucking all the energy from the sun. Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0UkH8INMT0>

In a similar vein there is a fear that so many turbines all spinning in the same direction may affect the earth's rotational speed. In a ground breaking UN deal, the nations of the southern hemisphere have agreed to make their turbines turn in the opposite direction to those in the north to ensure that the rotational effect is counter balanced.

It has been suggested that the effect of so many turbine blades all spinning at the same time can cause a gravitational wave in space, leading to satellites being pushed out of orbit. GPS satellites are particularly affected. We are already seeing this where large lorries are following faulty satnav directions down footpaths and country lanes. NASA are so concerned of this effect on the International Space Station that they recently released a documentary highlighting the danger. You may have seen it, it was called Gravity.

The NFU are very concerned about the effect of spinning turbine blades on cattle. It would seem that cows are becoming mesmerised watching the spinning blades, becoming dizzy and then falling over. They are so busy watching the blades spin that they forget to eat the grass, leading to lower milk yields.

With dangers like these threatening us, we must fight for more coal-fired power stations to be built as soon as possible, preferable a long way from the south coast.

One useful feature of offshore wind turbines is their ability to control the local wind speeds. Sailors will no longer be able to be complain about not enough or too much wind, they can simply get the turbine speeds altered and, hey presto! Perfect wind conditions every time.

David Postlethwaite, by email, Cluny Crescent, Swanage

## Wind - A Waste Of Money

Dear Editor,

Most people in our wonderful country, irrespective of age, are struggling to make ends meet. Who would have thought that young children would once again go to bed using their school overcoat to keep warm because many families cannot afford to heat their home?

Could anyone have missed the calls from pensioners pondering on whether to eat or heat over the past decade? It's so bad now amongst our elderly, some have given up the will to live and have publicly stated they wish to go to bed and never wake up!

So please allow me to explain why we waste so much money on renewable energy. Future governments will have no option but to explain the excesses of public waste for an energy that has been proven to never cut the world's CO2 emissions. But for the time being, I will give you one of many good examples of such waste.

Off the coast of Cumbria, Vattenfall has spent £500 million on building thirty x 5 megawatt (MW) wind turbines with a total 'capacity' of 150 MW. What they conveniently forgot to mention or choose to ignore is that these machines will only produce a fraction of their capacity (30% was the offshore average in the past two years). So their actual output is only likely to average 45 MW, or £11 million per MW.

Now compare this with the figures for Britain's newest gas fired power station, newly opened in Plymouth. This is capable of generating 882

MW at a capital cost of £400 million - just £500,000 for each megawatt. Therefore the wind farm is twenty-two times more expensive and could only be built with a 200% subsidy (£140 billion).

I don't have to add anymore, that explains it all.

I remain Editor, yours faithfully, Mike Fry. By email.

## Tilting At Windmills!

Another Windfarm Windbag!

As a regular contributor to the Purbeck Gazette Windmills to me are the worst evil yet.

So tall and so many, are they having a laugh?

They'll frighten the fish, they'll chop birds in half!

They'll blot out the sunshine, they'll light up the night

They'll stir up the sea, they'll sink the Isle of Eight!

You'll see them from space, they'll make a black hole

So don't hug a windmill, just cuddle some coal!

But enough now of windmills, I must write something new

I've still got three letters on fracking to do!

Martin Hobdell. Swanage.

## Last London Marathon?



Dear Nico,

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in this year's London Marathon, I was pleased with my result of 5 hours and 12 minutes. The last six miles were really hard work but I am sure it is the same for all the other runners.

With it being my last London Marathon I was more than happy to be running for our local charity Heroes Haven again, who I rowed for in the Great River Race in 2010.

This year's grand total is £1,646 plus gift aid, so a big big thank you to all the generous people who have supported me over the years that I ran the London Marathon.

Yours in sport, Charlie the Londonderry Hare



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## Slipway Closure Challenged

Dear Nico,

I feel I must challenge David Hollister's plea for us all to accept the closure of the public slipway in Swanage from the end of this summer until at least the autumn of 2015 (if the RNLI works are granted planning approval).

Although I am not aware of any official statement from the council about this rumoured closure, I have written to the Town Clerk asking for the matter to be reconsidered, as it will deny essential launch and retrieval facilities to many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of locals and visitors alike. This of course also includes the needs of a number of fishermen and other local businesses. It will also present insurmountable difficulties to anyone needing to retrieve their boats from moorings when dangerous easterly/south-easterly sea conditions are forecast. Apart from the significant inconvenience, it will also cause untold negative, and long-lasting, publicity from all visitors who may arrive (many after travelling long distances) to launch their boats only to find Swanage effectively closed for their purposes.

I understand the council took the decision to close the slipway owing to health and safety concerns, and to provide access for the inshore lifeboat. Yet I have been told the RNLI are not seeking closure of the boat park and that they believe there would be ways to provide the ILB launch/retrieval facility with only limited, temporary, disruption to users of the slipway when required.

I have suggested that it should be perfectly possible to provide adequate safety without imposing draconian restrictions on the local boating community and on visitors. However, if 24-hour access cannot be provided, I have asked that at least it should be possible to allow access to the slipway when construction work is not taking place, i.e. in the evenings, at weekends and on bank holidays, and to facilitate 'emergency' access for people needing to remove their boats from moorings during forecast adverse weather conditions.

Finally, if the council is not prepared to reconsider its decision, I have asked that it takes all reasonable action to inform residents and visitors in good time, both of the closure and of the proposed alternative options (and that such publicity should begin immediately once approval for the works is granted).

I shall let you know if or when I receive a response.

Regards, Mike Hadley, Swanage

## Rotary President Thanks

Dear Residents,

As I approach the end of my year as President of Swanage and Purbeck Rotary, I would like to give grateful thanks to all those who supported the organisation over the past twelve months. Without your help and generosity we could not have achieved any of our objectives and helped those less fortunate than ourselves.

Rotary is all about supporting communities and we take pride in providing opportunities for everyone to come together in Purbeck. We all enjoyed the "Children in Need" event and your donations to the victims of the

It was with great sadness that we discovered that one of our regular letter writers, Mr Helmut (Reg) Bitner, passed away on May 17th 2014 at the grand age of 91.

Our sincere condolences to his family.

*Rest in peace Reg, hopefully one day the world will get to grips with water wheels, as you have suggested on numerous occasions!*

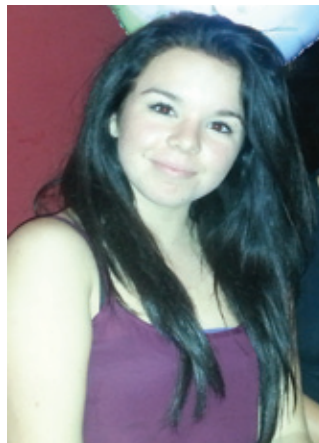
cyclone in the Philippines was extremely generous. Our own fete and the Santa's Sleigh collection was also well supported. There are too many organisations and individuals to thank for all we have achieved but without them we would not have been so successful.

Our next President, Bob Foster, wishes to concentrate his Rotary year on continuing to support local community projects, so I am sure you will see us around Purbeck helping where possible.

Once again many thanks to you all for your help.

Kind Regards, Neil Hardy, President, Swanage & Purbeck Rotary.

## Support For 'Team Connie'



Dear Nico,

Thank you for printing the article publicising 'The London Bupa 10K Run, re 'Team Connie' in aid of meningitis research.

The amount of money raised in Connie's memory for this event alone, is £16,400 to date!

So, a huge thank you to everyone involved in this and all of the other fund raising events.

The support we have received from so many has touched us deeply.

Sincerely, Maggie (Moore) Wilkinson, by hand.

## Flower Meadow Protected!

Hi Nico,

**Re: the meadow on the new sewage plant, Gazette summer 2013**

Thanks for the Gazette's assistance last summer - our Swanage flower meadow (Wessex Water plant) is now protected. There are now at least 250 bee orchids flowering and some pyramidal orchids too.

All can be seen from over the wall with binoculars.

Maybe it might be possible for some wildlife people to arrange a few little day-openings as well, so we can all have a look.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped, especially Wessex Water.

The early spider orchid is a Dorset special, so it is all good news!

Paul Rymer, Swanage, by hand.

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## UKIP - The Case For

Dear Nico,

### Poverty and the EU

Now with the MEP elections behind us, I trust we can have open debate and discussion on the EU, this most important issue in our lives. I suggest few would disagree that poverty is a destructive financial and social ill to affect a country's well-being.

The EU is a major producer of poverty in the western world. The EU produces no wealth as the EU is a consumer of money and is not a producer of money. The EU is a very large organisation in terms of its staff numbers and the money it spends. It spends a vast amount of money, quite apart from the cost implications of its over 30,000 rules and regulations, with the rising costs of food and energy bills being examples.

Its money comes from its member states who are in deep debt. It therefore builds up more and more debt within each of these states, viz. Britain.

The debt is in part passed on in the form of additional taxation to the population. The remainder adds to Britain's increasing national debt [net] which is now some 1.4 trillion pounds. This must be paid back in the future by our children and their children unless the government clears it in the meantime. Taxation is the means by which the government derives its finance from us. Taxation may be direct or indirect, with the latter being the larger amount, including VAT for example.

While taxation makes the country's economy poorer, it is the poor who are affected disproportionately making them in particular poorer and poorer. Taxation takes thousands of pounds annually from each family's budget. To the poor this can be catastrophic, creating poverty.

As an example at present there are some four million families in Britain on the verge of losing their homes due to a lapse in mortgage payment. How horrific for the families concerned and in turn what a burden this places on the state. I suggest the EU most certainly adds to poverty.

Alan W Smith [Swanage Fiscal Studies]

*Ed's note: We have to question your figures Alan. – The Council of Mortgage Lenders stated in May 2014 that there are 11.2 million mortgages in the UK, with loans worth over £1.2 trillion.*

*And at the end of the last quarter, 138,200 (or 1.24%) had arrears of more than 2.5% of the balance. This being the lowest level since the second quarter of 2008.*

## UKIP - The Case Against

Dear Nico,

UKIP's success in the recent European and local elections undoubtedly reflects a major change in Britain's political system. I think there are several reasons for this success.

First, UKIP has falsely claimed to be an "outsider" party, which rejects the undemocratic elitism of an alien political caste. In fact, in spite of Farage's 'common-man' image, so eagerly developed by the media, UKIP is in policy terms and general ideas undistinguishable from the right wing of the Tory Party. It is pro-economic liberalism, pro-privatisation, funded by millionaires and headed by an ex-City millionaire.

No surprise also that UKIP is committed to tax concessions for billionaires, plus much deeper cuts in public spending than those already implemented and proposed by the Coalition.

Second, and perhaps most important, UKIP has profited from and then developed the anti-immigrant scapegoating initiated by the Coalition and followed by the Labour leaders making anti-immigrant politics respectable, combined that with popular association of depressed wages and worsening living standards with the open labour market of the EU.

But immigrants do not cause the economic and social problems most people face. Capitalist societies in general face a serious crisis of profitability, and 'austerity' is the employers chosen solution. No surprise then that the Tory Party, the political front for employers in general and

the City of London in particular, are committed to this policy. But the Lib-Dems and Labour are for the most part committed to the same ideology of economic liberalism.

Cuts in living standards, local services, services to the sick, disabled and unemployed and further privatisation of the NHS are the major parties' chosen way of solving the problems of British capitalism. Popular attitudes are undoubtedly swayed by racism – given the overwhelming bias of the mass media, including most broadcasters, it is difficult to see how it could be otherwise. Most of the evidence, based on large-scale surveys, shows that immigrants contribute far more to the economy than they take out. Housing shortages are not caused by immigrants but by policies pursued by successive governments – the sale of council houses, refusal to allow councils to build, making housing dependent on the short-termism of a massively inflated financial system, treating houses not as homes but as 'property'.

The private sector will never solve the housing crisis. Low wages and year on year cuts in the value of wages and salaries are due to employers' policies and the relative weakness of working people's ability to respond. As for raising living standards, we need removal of the anti-union laws, which would put working people in a much better position to fight for wages and conditions and a statutory living wage fixed at least £10 an hour and an end to zero-hour and other forms of uncertain employment.

Third, UKIP has won over Conservatives who believe that David Cameron has "gone soft" or is not really a Tory at all. UKIP's propaganda exploits nostalgia for an imperial past of a lily-white Britain (which never really existed anyway) among many older people: no surprise that its support is greatest among the over-sixties, where changes in society have left many pensioners feeling at odds with multi-cultural Britain.

Finally, UKIP has gained because since 2011 there has not been an alternative pole of united national struggle led by the trade unions to give hope in collective solutions. The union leaders' wavering and betrayals, for example over the attacks on public sector pensions, have greatly assisted UKIP, whose politics of despair has filled a vacuum. There are alternatives to the Coalition policies of cuts and increasing poverty.

Public opinion surveys consistently show that a majority of people are open to much more radical solutions which benefit the mass of working people, which would include: A properly funded National Health Service, free of constantly changing organisation and targets and privatisation of services, which can only increase costs or reduce quality.

A government-funded and local authority organised and controlled housing policy, which builds several hundred thousand houses and flats a year for use (think back to the 1950s and 60s, when Britain was a poorer country). Re-nationalisation of the railways and other key public utilities, to end the chaos and constantly rising prices, combined with escalating subsidies to the private contractors.

How to pay for all this? We can start with taxation of the real incomes and wealth of the rich and an end to the role of the City as the biggest 'offshore' tax haven. Then we can cut out the massive waste in government spending – starting with the billions on any kind of renewal of the nuclear-armed submarine 'defence' and the massive subsidies paid to private landlords benefiting from the failure to seriously address the housing crisis.

Fred Lindop, Dorset Socialists, by email

## Angel Radio Transmitting

Dear Sir

### "Swinging the Lamp"

I would imagine that amongst your more 'Senior Readers', the above phrase has rung a bell with some of them and if I continue with 'Sippers', 'Hey diddle diddle who's got the middle?' and 'Crusher', whilst I have lost some readers, I have gained the full attention of those who served in the Royal Navy in the 1940s, 50s and the 1960s.

However, if the 'mystified' have a parent who served at that time and the



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above has been drawn to their attention, they will now start reminiscing about when they were serving and start 'swinging the lamp'; naval terminology implying that the story teller would feel at home again if it were a bit rough which 'made the lamp swing'.

But nearly always with a lamp swinging story, a very close shipmate is drawn into the story, inevitably with an 'I wonder where Old Chalkie is now?' Once a very close 'Oppo' who were almost joined at the hip in working on board and runs ashore. Getting into and out of trouble together. So where are the Chalkies and Nobbys and scurrs and all of the rest of them from those years back?

A local 'Community Radio' which also transmits on the World Wide Web is about to join in and find old shipmates in the following way. A.B. Joe Bloggs wants to be reunited with his old shipmate A.B. Fred Smith who served together on the Destroyer H.M.S. Rustybucket from 1951 - 1953. Joe has a picture of when the whole ship's company dressed up as Pirates and entertained the local children when the ship visited some foreign port.

Joe gives a 'Lamp Swinging' story of this which will be relayed over the airwaves, followed by a piece of music of the time. In this example, how about Guy Mitchell, 'She wears Red Feathers' which was number 1 in March 1953?

Angel Radio Isle of Wight transmits on 91.5 fm to the Isle of Wight and part of Hampshire and 'Wight Fibre' network, but is also transmitting to the world on [www.angelradioisleofwight.moonfruit.com](http://www.angelradioisleofwight.moonfruit.com). A 'nostalgic radio station', it will appeal to anybody who enjoyed the music of the 20's through to the 60s and we would like to transmit any 'Lamp Swinging' stories and reunite shipmates, no matter where they are in the world.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, many of a 'senior age' as well and some with experience of being reunited with ex-Royal Navy shipmates, the station is waiting for your story and details. The sooner we have your 'Lamp Swinging' stories, the sooner we can start transmitting on your own radio show, believed to be the first and get the two, or more, of our back together!

Email your story complete with name of the 'oppo' you are looking for, the ship or shore base and the dates to [mike.crowel@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.crowel@btinternet.com) or Mike Crowe, Angel Radio Sailors, 7 Heath Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 8PG.

And why not send your story to this newspaper for an extra bit of local publicity? Your old 'oppo' might be just walking distance away, that is one of the stories already at the microphone!

Mike Crowe, Isle of Wight, by email

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## Wareham Writes!

Dear Nico,

Greetings from Wareham!

With so much of the content of your esteemed organ seeming to focus on Swanage I thought it might be good to remind your readers that things still happen here in Wareham, although most of it is probably not as exciting or controversial as in Swanage (dog mess, wind turbines, parking in Shore Road, more dog mess, the great global warming hoax, phosphorus bombs and more). Of course, there was a minor hoo-ha a year or two ago now about our lovely new roundabout, when some folk inexplicably jumped to the bizarre conclusion that just because there was a large stone with a sword stuck in it it might have something to do with King Arthur. But the dust seems to have settled on that now.

So what can I report from this part of Purbeck? How about the new Sandford cycle path? This wonder of civil engineering continues to make steady (or should that be glacial?) progress, and I am reliably informed that barring any unforeseen delays it may even be completed as early as 2017. Surely at least a minor royal will eventually be invited to cut the ribbon and declare it open in due course?

Then we now have lots of lovely new signals around the railway station, which will also make it easier to get to Swanage by train one day. And if anyone hasn't seen the shiny new railings on the 'up' platform they should definitely make a visit to catch them while they can. (Please feel free to fall off the back of the platform anywhere else along its entire length, just not the couple of metres where the railings are.)

As to the future, we are looking forward to the new footbridge to replace our dangerous foot crossing. As people will be aware, Network Rail intend to do away with as many level crossings as they can, and like to frighten us with scary stories of near misses on such crossings.

Personally I feel very sorry for that nice lady whose photo is always wheeled out when we need to be scared some more about the dangers of our crossing - maybe she shouldn't have been there, but of course the train in the photo was standing quietly in the station and not going anywhere, certainly not bearing down upon her at alarming speed as we are supposed to believe, so she probably wasn't actually in much danger.

Anyway, the replacement for the crossing will be another engineering marvel, a true modern-day ziggurat. I'm told that it will contain more bricks than any other building this side of the British Library in London and if nothing else it will offer excellent views of the Red Arrows next time they are performing anywhere around here.

So, please don't forget Wareham - we can't promise you much dog-poo (can't remember the last time I saw any here, actually), unexploded ordnance (that we are aware of, anyway) and there isn't a wind turbine in sight (yet), but it's still worth a visit.

Warm regards, David Collins, Grange Road, Wareham

*Ed's note: Whoop! There are people reading and writing in Wareham! The folk of Swanage prove month after month that they're literate by sending in reams of editorial, as well as Swanage businesses paying to print most of the magazine with their advertising, so how about more Wareham-based clubs writing in, and more Wareham businesses advertising? Here's hoping! Get involved, or be left out!*

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## Goodbye Jurassic Coast

*David Hollister writes...*

**R**ight. It's now official. Unesco, the branch of the United Nations which awards World Heritage status to cultural and natural sites, has stated that this status could be withdrawn from the Jurassic Coast if a proposed wind farm goes ahead and has written formally to the government about the Navitus Bay project, which is planned off the coast of Dorset, Hampshire and Isle of Wight. It says the turbines would have an "adverse impact on important views".

Navitus Bay said it was aware of the letter but added the comments "contradicted the independent impact assessment already carried out". Well they would, wouldn't they? Our Jurassic Coast is the only natural heritage site in England and now seems to be possibly 'doomed' for purely commercial and spurious reasons. Unesco's letter says: "Any potential impacts on this natural property (the Jurassic Coast) are in contradiction to the overarching principle of the World Heritage Convention. The property will change from being located in a natural setting largely free from human-made structures to one dominated by human-made structures."

The government wrote to Unesco in February saying the impact was minimal. The final decision will be made by the government's planning inspectorate. Well, that's us over-ruled, then.

In our February edition I wrote "It's time that all this nonsense about 'Challenge Navitus' was brought to an end. I have christened it "the turnstiles at the entry to the Jurassic coast". But let's bring the argument to an end - because the campaign's a waste of time and effort. The Wind farm scheme is so ridiculous, so expensive, so illogical, so unpopular, so environmentally damaging and actually so inefficient that the only reason for them to go on with this project has to be that someone, somewhere, has made "irrevocable commitments".

And one could also be forgiven for believing that large amounts of money have already "irrevocably" changed hands. So they WILL build it; 250 massive memorials to the death of democracy".

I make no apology for quoting from that article, which was written straight from my heart, and repeating - we have no say in the matter, we're going to be screwed and our children's children will have to put up with this monstrosity all because stupid and corrupt politicians can't get their heads around the fact that there are many other ways of generating CO2-free energy. There WILL be turnstiles - but no Jurassic Coast.

A few years ago, the Government encouraged us to install rooftop solar panels; not only did we get enough free electricity to power our own homes but also made a substantial contribution to the National Grid. Many homes had them installed. And then - probably after pressure from the 'industry' - the 'feed in tariffs' were substantially reduced putting the solar panel installation out of the range of normal people's pockets.

How much better it would have been if the Government had legislated that every single new house that was built had to incorporate solar panels at least adequate to provide its own power. In twenty years, we'd all be used to it. And the CO2 problem - if you believe in it - would be substantially alleviated.

It has been suggested that the Wareham Link Trains may not be stopping at Harmans Cross, when the service starts next year! After many years

of voluntary work and support, the residents of Harmans Cross deserve better from Swanage Railway. The new regular service would be a lifeline to many as we do not have a credible bus service. So - Swanage Railway - let's have a statement and a denial of what we all hope is an unfounded rumour.

The new NHS Chief Simon Stevens has signalled a marked change in policy by calling for a shift away from big centralised hospitals. The health service chief executive said there needed to be "new models of care built around smaller local hospitals" especially for older people who could be treated closer to home. But then the NHS said he was "not suggesting the return of 50s-style cottage hospitals". So what the hell was he suggesting, then? Or did he inadvertently open his mouth and put his foot in it?

A 90-year-old friend has over the past few weeks been taken into Dorchester Hospital several times with a recurring knee problem, which has been exacerbated by his age and by the other treatments which he is being given. They kept trying to send him home, unable to walk, to the care of his wife who's in her eighties. It took a huge amount of argument to get him into Swanage Hospital, where he stayed for just a few days before going home. Surely Swanage and Wareham Hospitals are ideal for patients who aren't ill enough to 'block beds' in main hospitals but who actually aren't well enough to come home, especially when the carer at home is elderly and fragile? So why was it so hard to get him into Swanage Hospital when - so I am told - there was only one other patient in the men's ward?

Could it be that by turning such patients away and leaving the wards half-empty, the NHS will say "Swanage and Wareham Hospitals are under-used so let's close them on the grounds of economy"? Tell me I'm wrong, someone.

Good to hear that the 'Herston Fields' campaigners are making progress with their attempts to get Village Green status for this pleasant piece of land which is threatened with development. Yes, we need homes, but this is probably the least suitable location, potentially ruining the superb views on the way into Swanage, and on a flood plain anyway. Good luck to the campaigners!

And finally. Good news for all the other residents of Harmans Cross. Dorset County Council have finally agreed that subject to all the legal wherebepores and heretos, there will be a 30mph limit through Harmans Cross before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. Well done to Councillor Ron, who's probably the best thing that's happened to our village in recent years. He's still working on the missing bits of pavement, the bad road surface, and lots of other stuff too. I am aware that I'm probably the only one in the village who was against this new limit. No pedestrian has been killed or seriously injured in our village in living memory. After the initial flurry of camera vans and traffic police, no-one will enforce it regularly. We have a 40 limit that's never enforced, even though we have plenty of hedges for them to hide behind.

The village residents will be lulled into a false sense of security by the 30-limit and stop being so aware of the traffic, most of which will just bash on through the village regardless, like it does at present. Then someone may well get hurt.

Far better for the DCC to provide the proper pavements so pedestrians don't have walk in the road in the first place. But I guess the 30 limit is cheaper.



## Benefit Fraud Prosecution

A former Purbeck resident has pleaded guilty to falsely claiming benefits, following cooperation between Purbeck District Council and two Police Forces. Mr Duncan Charles Oliver (48) of no fixed abode pleaded guilty at Bournemouth Magistrates Court on Thursday 29 May to the charges brought against him by Purbeck District Council through the Crown Prosecution Service. The defendant received a twelve month conditional discharge and was ordered to pay £85 prosecution costs. In addition he will have to pay back the £3,730.53 that he falsely claimed in benefits.

The investigation started when the District Council carried out a data matching exercise in 2011. This found that Mr Oliver, who had been claiming benefit in Upton for bed and breakfast accommodation since May 2011, failed to tell the Council that he had moved out after just one month. Still receiving the benefit payments to which he was no longer entitled, he was tracked down by Council investigators to a property in Reading who confronted him at the town's Job Centre.

During interview under caution, the defendant confirmed that he had not notified Purbeck District Council of the change of circumstances and accepted that an over-payment of £3,730.53 had been made to him. The defendant was later summonsed to attend Bournemouth Magistrates on 19 February 2014 but failed to attend the hearing, so a Warrant Without Bail was issued for his arrest.

Council officers alerted the Police that they were in pursuit of the defendant. Using this information, the Police arrested the defendant at Gatwick Airport on Wednesday 28 May, where he was just about to board a flight to Orlando. He was carrying \$7,000 USD in cash which was seized by Sussex Police. The defendant was kept in custody overnight and taken to Bournemouth Magistrates Court on Thursday 29 May, where he pleaded guilty to benefit fraud.

Councillor Mrs Ali Patrick, Social Issues Spokesperson at Purbeck District Council said: "Benefit fraud is not a victimless crime; it affects all council tax payers and those in receipt of council services. This case shows that Purbeck District Council will do whatever it can to track down people who exploit the welfare benefits system."

**Anyone who knows of someone committing benefit fraud should report it directly on 01305 211938 or at [fraud@westwey.gov.uk](mailto:fraud@westwey.gov.uk)**

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## **Not on your Nellie...**



**N**ellie and I have to inform you that we harbour a veritable anachronism in our town centre, a relic of the sixties, possibly even the fifties, which refuses to die. We are talking about the Wimpy Bar, or just plain Wimpy as I believe we are now supposed to call it.

The first Wimpy brand was imported, needless to say, from the US by the Lyons Corner House group who recognised a burgeoning demand for faster food.

The first one opened in their Coventry Street branch in London in 1954, and was as popular as most American

imports have proved to be. They are named after a character in the Popeye cartoon series, and I believe the appendage 'Bar' came about because the food was ordered and taken away to be eaten as opposed to consumed on the premises. That is still the case in some outlets such as motorway services but others, such as ours, operate as restaurants.

Following a variety of ownerships Wimpy are currently in the hands of a South African consortium and are, indeed, very popular in that country. They have survived all this as well as various onslaughts from voracious competitors such as Burger King and Macdonald's, and still bounce back. They even survived the horsemeat scandal!

It is to be admitted they are now a little thin on the ground, with one to the east of us in Southsea, and the nearest to the west of us in Newton Abbot. There is a sprinkling on the coast of Sussex and several survive in London. Clacton and Southend each boast one

You might be forgiven in thinking that Nellie and I are riding a wave of nostalgia here, a sentimental relic of our lost youths, a little bit of Britishness which has stood firm against the foreign onslaught, the seaside Wimpy fighting them on the beaches. Nellie even gets a little lightheaded at the thought of a beefy, burgerish bulldog straining at the leash, snapping at the heels of the thin, moustachioed pastamonger running for the sea. The truth is, Wimpy is as British as coca-cola and reflects the worst aspects of both cultures. I have no wish ever to set foot in one.

I've been called a snob, I probably am, but I will eat better food and sip finer wine in much nicer locations because of it. Just this week we learn that British girls under twenty years of age are the fattest in Europe, the fattest out of a twenty-two nation league; no prizes for spotting the junk food link.

While I'm know the staff of our local Wimpy are fine hardworking people, what Nellie and I would really like to see is for it to fade away and close through lack of patronage and for a good local food business to open in its stead.

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### COP CALENDAR

This month's 'cop calendar' is PC Jason Cartridge (pictured below left, and bottom on Rib). He grew up in the Poole area and comes from one of the oldest families in the area. His family history dates back to the 14th century, with family members ranging from mariners, lifeboat men and fisherman to a Victorian prostitute and even a smuggler!

Before joining the Police, Jason worked as a seafarer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA), travelling the world and seeing active service in the original Gulf conflict.

On leaving the RFA he joined Sussex Police where he started out on foot patrol in Bognor Regis, eventually ending up as a medic on the divisional support unit based in Chichester.

Jason has had two passions in life: his water sports and his medical training. On transferring to Dorset Police Force in 1999, it wasn't long before Jason managed to get a position on the marine section based at Poole Quay

(yes that is him on the rib). Jason was one of the first officers in the force to achieve the highest medical training available to Police Officers called enhanced life support and is now an enhanced life support instructor.

Jason is now based in the Purbeck area and carries a full advanced first aid equipment pack. He has dealt with numerous medical incidents and has recently been involved with three cardiac arrests. Jason has received a number of commendations due to the lives he has saved. Jason is one highly trained cop, helping to keep you safe.

### UPDATES

On the crime front things are looking good in Purbeck. Crime is currently 33% less than it was this time last year.

**ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)** - The only issue on the rise (by a very small amount) is ASB. This could be due to the better weather or sometimes we get a little group of youths causing a disproportionate amount of problems.

However ASB is also recorded as noise nuisance or a smoky BBQ (and

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## Partners And Communities Together

yes people do ring the police about this) so its not all about young people. Please show some tolerance accepting young people need to socialise and meet up in public but don't hesitate to contact us if a crime is in progress or members of the community are being targeted.

**FREE RUNNING** - A recent concern we have experienced is that of 'free running'. This is where participants use the urbanised environment to show off their agility by doing stunts. Sadly some feel its ok to run on library roofs or the back yards of business premises. This can be dangerous; it is anti-social and can cause damage to buildings. If you are a person who enjoys this activity, do so responsibly. If you are not and see irresponsible practices, please let us know.

**CONTACTS** - To contact Dorset Police please call our police enquiry centre by dialling 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency when there is a risk of harm or a crime is in progress. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 (mobile phone tariffs may apply).

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## JULY - PC Jason Cartridge



## Museum Thanks And Old Newspaper Appeal

At the beginning of this year, local book-binding company, DJ Bookbinders of Harmans Cross, very kindly donated two sets of two bound tomes, each containing a year's worth of Purbeck Gazettes. A copy of each 2012 and 2013 was donated to ourselves at the Gazette, as well as a set to Swanage Museum. David Haysom came along to Gazette Towers to accept the donation recently (pictured, right). The books are now in Swanage Museum, should anyone wish to check back issues of the Gazette. Below, we have a statement from Swanage Museum, and an appeal for old, local newspapers.....

Swanage Museum is extremely grateful to DJ Bookbinders for their gift of bound volumes of the Purbeck Gazette for 2012 and 2013. These will be a welcome addition to our archive of Swanage newspapers and periodicals that are available for researchers.

At our Local Studies Centre at Marine Villas on Swanage Pier we have complete years of local newspapers on microfilm from the 1850s until 1936. We are also hoping to get original copies of the Swanage Times for the period 1940-48 transferred onto microfilm, a period not previously available anywhere, while there are no complete runs of this newspaper known to survive at all for the years 1937-39 and 1949-51.

However, copies of the Swanage Times from the 1950s onwards are also extremely difficult to access locally and many of the research enquiries that we receive relate to this period. The National Newspaper Archive

have 1958-83 available to view as originals in London, while a longer run from 1919-36 and 1952-83 was until recently held at newspaper offices in Bournemouth, but is now believed to have been completely destroyed.

By chance a bound volume of the Swanage Times for the year 1961 was found not long ago in an attic at Upton near Poole. Perhaps there are more volumes like this hidden away in attics and garages somewhere in the area. The museum would also welcome any individual copies of the Swanage Times from 1919-83 (or cuttings from the newspaper) either for copying and return or as a donation.

If you can help, please contact us by phone 01929 421427, e-mail: swanagemuseum@swanagemuseum.plus.com, or call at the museum in The Square, open daily during the summer season.

David Haysom (Hon. Curator)







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## Swanage Twinning Update

Recently we have had a request from Lorraine at our local Swanage Library, who runs a small group for children ages 7 to 11 years called "Chatterbooks" wishing to making contact with a similar group in our twin town of Rudesheim am Rhein in Germany, to exchange ideas, letters, post cards, books etc and who knows, maybe in the future a chance to do an exchange visit?

This link has been established with the help of Ute, the Chairwoman of Rudesheim's "Partnerschaft". We are pleased to have helped facilitate this link, to promote friendship and understanding between our two nations plus encouraging younger people in an interest in the idea of "Twinning".

Those going to Rudesheim on the exchange visit are getting very excited, looking forward to meeting old friends, to enjoying the beautiful setting of Rudesheim as it nestles in the Rheingau Valley amidst the Vine Groves and we hope, beautiful weather!

Don't forget our website [www.swanagetowntwinning.co.uk](http://www.swanagetowntwinning.co.uk) for more information. Janet Enoch, Vice Chairman and Publicity Officer.

Swanage Town Twinning

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## R.N.L.I. Crew Profile

### Dave Corben



**D**ave has been involved with Swanage RNLi for a staggering forty-four years, joining in 1970 as a launcher, working his way up to crew, radio operator, and then navigator. He says:

"My brother and I initially followed in our father's footsteps and joined the Swanage Coastguard Cliff Rescue Team. It was my brother who first joined the crew, and I quickly followed."

"I am now assistant Lifeboat Operations Manager (LOM) and Deputy Launching Authority (DLA). My role is to help with the smooth operational running of the Swanage station and also as DLA I am the first contact with the Coastguard when a launch is required. After receiving a

page, I contact Portland and depending on the type of incident, I decide which of the lifeboats to launch. I then have to monitor the rescue at the boathouse, and help any casualties who may be brought ashore."

"I manage to achieve all this whilst still trying to run an estate agency business. It can get very complicated at times, but I have some wonderful staff who've had years of practice in dealing with my son Anthony (a current crew member) and myself disappearing rapidly from the office."

"The comradeship of what I call the Lifeboat family is something I will always want to be a part of. When I first joined, it was for the excitement of the callout which got the adrenalin rushing, but one of my first rescues involved a capsized dinghy at Peveril Ledge. Three people were in the water, and we rescued two, but the third drowned. Dealing with the two family survivors was a very difficult situation and taught me a lot about the fragility of life. Anyone who has been involved with the saving of a life will know the feeling you get from being able to help someone in their time of need."

Dave was on the crew in 1996 when the Swanage volunteers took part in the rescue of a yacht called Be Happy in hurricane force winds, for which the Coxswain was awarded an RNLi Bronze medal. He was also very proud to be chosen as the RNLi Standard Bearer at the Queen Mother's Birthday Celebrations at Horse Guards Parade in 2000 and as a crewman on the lifeboat representing the RNLi at the International Fleet Review, off Spithead in 2005.

Dave's favourite part of Swanage is Durlston Country Park and the Townsend Nature Reserve, he says;

"I'm an early riser and I go for a walk every day, usually before 6am, up to the Anvil Point lighthouse before going to work. Then on a sunny evening, after a hard day in the office, I often go for another walk to unwind."

"I have been lucky to have been on a Shannon class lifeboat, the same lifeboat which Swanage will receive. I wish I was still on the crew to be part of this new exciting era. With a new lifeboat we will need a new boathouse, as the old one is coming to the end of its useful life. We have been asked to raise £200,000 towards the cost of the rebuild, and we have already been successful in raising over half this amount.

"I am proud that, in a very small way, I am able to help the RNLi and the Swanage Lifeboat Station with the continuation of carrying on the proud tradition of saving lives at sea off the Dorset coast."



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# Outsiders Set To Decide Future Of Our Region?

## 'Secretive' DCC Community Road Show Fiasco - By Nico Johnson

### Ask Dorset campaign – Dorset County Council

**W**ord from an inside source tells us that things are changing at Dorset County Council - the notion that the council works for us is finally sinking in apparently, and positive changes in the way things are run are afoot. Great news for all of us.

Some bright spark came up with the original notion of asking the electorate what they want, and a series of road shows were commissioned around the region. The idea was to ask the public what concerns were most important to them (affordable housing, the environment, and so on) and feed this information back to the council. Fantastic - we approve. Sense, at last. Or so you'd think.

On 19th May, nine days after the copy deadline for our June edition (of which DCC is fully aware, having worked with us to impart information to you, dear reader, for nearly fifteen years), Dorset County Council sent us a press release regarding their planned series of road shows (due to occur in June). No actual advertising for the event was booked - we knew nothing whatsoever about the road shows until after the June edition was printed - therefore, neither did you.

We did find some editorial regarding the road shows in the Stour and Avon Magazine, completely irrelevant to anyone in this area, and the BBC also announced the event on the day of the first road show. Not much help.

In the Stour and Avon Magazine, a quote from Leader, Councillor Spencer Flower was printed - "The county council has never undertaken such an extensive consultation exercise in this way. We need to make sure that what money we have is used effectively to provide services people need the most, and the council has to change the way it does things and become more customer-focused."

So, spend a load of already-scarce money arranging a series of 'road shows', keep it a secret, no one will turn up, and you'll be able to announce that we're not interested. Is that the plan? It seems very much to be the case.

I did attend the road show myself in Swanage on the morning of Tuesday 3rd June, along with a few elderly people who were down for 'coach day' (Tuesdays see several coaches dropping retired folk (non-residents) off in Swanage for a wander round).

Several members of DCC staff were in attendance, along with representatives from the council. Very few members of the public were there, and those who did stop and were asked to complete a list of the most important issues for them, were not asked where they lived.

No demographic information was taken from anyone whilst I was there, and others I have spoken to since were also not asked for any information, such as their place of residence.

With my own professional experience working in the field of market research whilst with the Gallup Organization Ltd, this lack of demographic information-gathering renders any results completely null and void - equalling an utter waste of DCC staff hours and money.

Twenty pensioners on a day trip to Swanage from Wiltshire may just have decided on 'the most important issues for people living in Purbeck' by being in the right place, at the right time on a drizzly, grey Tuesday.

Oh - but there was another chance to 'have your say' - the road show tent was in Wareham on 14th June, and in Swanage again on 17th June.

Missed it? Oh well. Possibly some passing tourists made the decision on what you want in your area for you.

I have since asked DCC which Methodologist dealt with the workshops, and what data analysis will be used. I have, as yet, to get a response.

**Come on Dorset County Council - it's all well and good coming up with acceptable ideas behind closed doors, but if you then waste OUR money on these ideas without actually communicating them to the public, then that is an utter waste of OUR money and we do NOT approve!**



## Through The Keyhole Swanage Town Council

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

### Swanage Council Annual meeting.

**A** dramatic mayoral announcement kicked-off of the annual Council meeting called to elect Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the many Council committees. That afternoon a cache of what turned out to be phosphorous grenades, buried, it is assumed, at the end of the war, had been unearthed by machinery operated by workers for the contractors R Brown who are stabilising the seafront. In contact with the air a hazardous poison was released.

The area was swiftly cordoned off, the bomb squad were quickly on the scene where a controlled explosion was authorised. Four workers, exposed to the gas, were taken to Poole hospital as a precaution though happily none were adversely affected. It would have not been surprising at this point if - in respect of the jinxed stabilisation effort - the council had changed its motto to whatever is the Latin for 'it never rains but it pours.'

Councillors, having sent their best wishes to the effected workers, no doubt awaited with interest to see if there are those out there who think they (and contractors R Brown Ltd) should somehow have known about these long-buried and unrecorded grenades. (They didn't have long to wait.)

In spite of a more than usually taxing year both Mayor (Cllr Ali Patrick) and Deputy (Cllr Steve Poultney) were prepared to stand for a further term and were elected unanimously and with enthusiasm. Both are full time workers in the local economy and give up not only a great deal of what they might laughingly describe as their leisure time but also, whether they (or, in the case of the Mayor, her employer), like it or not, work time too.

As both made clear, they could not have carried out their duties at all without the consistent assistance of the Town Clerk, Dr Martin Ayres and the ever willing staff at the Town Hall.

Another sandbagging for the Council in last month's letters to the Gazette, this time from a long time Swanage beach hut renter, resident in Colchester. Her thoughts on the seafront stabilisation scheme in general ('completely lets the town down') and the beach huts plan in particular ('a concrete monstrosity') were, if not concise, very much to the point.

As readers will probably know, the Council has a policy of not defending

itself when criticised like this - on the basis that a member (or members) of the public coming to its defence makes a more powerful advocate than any self-justification it might offer. But as even the most casual observer of local politics will know critics will always far outnumber defenders.

A couple of points, then, if I may, on the beach hut plan. The lady mourns the disappearance of the traditional wooden beach huts of her youth - and all things being equal Council members would, no doubt, share that view.

However things are not equal. A good number of wooden beach huts have in recent years been smashed to matchwood by high seas. The remaining privately-owned traditional wooden beach huts northwards of Ocean Bay are all threatened by cliff erosion and mudslides - some are already smashed beyond repair.

The lady asserts that beach huts are not that costly to maintain. This is simply not true and certainly not of the Council stock of wooden beach huts, all of which are in the late stage of their life and very expensive to maintain.

However the main point about the part that the new concrete beach hut complex plays in the sea front stabilisation scheme (and this the letter writer chooses to totally ignore) is that it is the new concrete wall PLUS the weight of the concrete beach hut complex which will stop the Recreation Field oozing downhill onto Shore Road.

A series of wooden beach huts, self evidently, could not do this. When we know that extreme weather events are our future - we have, after all, just experienced the wettest three month period since records were taken - it would be a criminally backward-looking Council which ignored this.

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## Crossroads Community Cafe Now Open



On Wednesday June 4th, Emmanuel Baptist Church in Swanage officially opened their coffee shop and community reception, 'Crossroads'. A large gathering of the congregation, members of the community and local organisations attended the grand opening ceremony.

The ribbon was cut by Tristram Hobson, Headteacher from the Swanage School. Tristram thanked the church for supporting the new school whilst the school building work was being completed, allowing the school staff and parents to utilise the new facilities at Emmanuel for meetings.

The new Emmanuel Baptist Church has ample room to host various community events, something which was much needed in the area.

On the day of the grand opening, there was an Art Exhibition in the main hall, showing works by the 'Emmanuel Art Dabblers', who are indeed a talented lot!

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# News from Wareham Town Council



Rod Curtis, Town Clerk writes:

## Annual Council meeting (Mayor Making)

At the Annual Town Council meeting on 14th May, Councillor Mrs Carol Turner was elected Mayor for the Civic Year 2014/15. She then read the Acceptance of Office, the modern version and the King James edition, as per Wareham tradition. Wareham has Mayors listed in its Council Chamber stretching back to 1336 and Councillor Turner's name will be inscribed into the leather bound 'Mayor's Book' - another Wareham tradition that has continued without fail since 1703, witnessed in writing by councillors present. At the same meeting, Councillor Mrs Linda Kenyon was elected as Deputy Mayor, and Mayor's Constables, Guide and Scouts were appointed, together with new Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Rob Naylor.

A reception for around eighty guests was held in the Corn Exchange after the meeting. In her speech, Councillor Turner mentioned that she considered it to be an honour and privilege to serve the people of Wareham and she looked forward to her special year in office. The Mayor announced her charities as Wareham and Purbeck MS, the Richard Ely Young Musicians' Trust and the Lady St Mary Church Organ Fund.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Malcolm Russell, presented cheques to his two charities as follows: £1030 each to the Mayor's Fund for Increasing Opportunities at the Purbeck School and to the Tenor Bell Fund, Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.



Above: New Wareham Mayor Councillor Mrs Carol Turner, and greeting guests at the Mayor's Reception in the Corn Exchange

## Town Council Meeting 20th May 2014

Reports by County Councillor and District Councillor - County Councillor Mrs B Ezzard and District Councillor Mr D Budd gave their reports to Council.

**Financial Matters:** - Financial statement dated 20th May 2014 was received and accepted together with cheques for payment in the sum of £41,372.47.

## Committee Reports and Sub-Group Reports for the following

# Priest's Way - Again!

On the 19th May pupils from St Mary's, Swanage, met up with Jonathan Kershaw from The National Trust, Peter White, the Chair of Langton Parish Council, and Ian Vaughan Arbuckle on the Priest's Way.

Ian kindly reorganised a visit for the children from St Mary's who missed the original Grand Opening due to bad weather back in January. The children had been so sad to miss it and were so glad to be able to use their medieval costumes they'd got especially for the occasion.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect when Ian, Jonathan and Peter met the children out at Spyway Barn to explain about how the Priest's Way had been restored, and to show them the commemorative stone that has been placed there showing all the people involved.

The pupils watched a presentation about the project showing how it had taken over two years to come to fruition, and also learnt about the dedication and passion needed to keep a project of this nature on track!

**committees were received and accepted:** Planning and Transport Committee, Amenities Committee, Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, Wareham in Bloom Committee. On the latter, Councillor Osmond highlighted that £510 had been raised by fundraising, that work had been ongoing at the Saxon Corner planting area although, sadly, a tree had been stolen.

**Royal Garden Parties:** Councillors Russell and K Critchley informed Council that they would both be attending Royal Garden Parties on 22nd May and 10th June respectively, having received invitations.

**Appointments:** Standing Committees/Other Bodies - Council appointed members, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the following Standing Committees for civic year 2014/15: Policy, Resources and Finance Committee (9), Amenities Committee (7), Planning and Transport Committee (7).

Re-appointment of Panels or Working Parties - the following were re-appointed: Human Resources Panel, Standing Orders Working Party, Premises Working Party, Public Convenience Working Party, Sports Pavilion Working Party, Mayor's Handbook Working Party. Membership of Museum Committee and Wareham in Bloom Committee: Councillors Mrs D Cleaton and Mrs S Cranshaw to serve on the Museum Committee and Councillors E Osmond and Mrs C Turner to serve on the Wareham in Bloom Committee. Representatives on Outside Bodies 2014/2015: Council reviewed the list of representatives on outside bodies and made various appointments and re-appointments.

**Revised Standing Orders** - draft Revised Standing Orders were discussed, having lain 'on the table' for six weeks since the last meeting to allow time for perusal by councillors. It was resolved that the draft be accepted with certain amendments.

**Town Council Open Day:** Update on a planned Town Council 'Open Day' event on Saturday 27th September 2014: Wareham in Bloom would have a table on the day, the Town Clerk would be available to give Council Chamber tours, the Town Museum would be included and Town Council tenants e.g. the CAB would have tables. A raffle would be held in aid of Macmillan Cancer charity.

**Trial of Staff Working Hours** - an update was given by the Town Clerk and Council accepted an alternative approach suggested by staff which continued the present public opening hours of the admin office at 3 hours per day, 5 days per week.

**Street Naming** - New Worgret Road Development - Council considered a request for suggestions regarding street naming at the new Worgret Road development. Names as follows were submitted: Worgret Approach, Baggs i.e. Baggs Court/Way, Piddle, Two Rivers, Court Leet, Hutchins, Alfred Best, Westerman, Pride or Tom's Pride, any headland and points names around Poole Harbour as the two rivers flow into it (Wareham Channel).

**Public Toilets Refurbishment Project** - The Quay - The Town Clerk gave a progress report on a project to refurbish the Town Council's public toilet facilities on The Quay. Anticipated completion date was 6th June with one extra week allowed for completion of any snagging works. It was hoped that the grand re-opening, with Press/Sponsors in attendance, would take place during the week commencing 16th June.

Full minutes can be viewed on the Town Council's website: [www.wareham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wareham-tc.gov.uk)

Rod Curtis, Town Clerk, Wareham Town Council





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# St George's Dedicated By Bishop



**St George's C of E Primary School, dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne.**

On Friday 13th June the Bishop of Sherborne visited St George's C of E

Primary School in Langton Matravers to dedicate their new school building. After months of renovation and extension works the governors, staff and pupils were thrilled to welcome Bishop Graham to dedicate their brand new modern building as part of their official opening ceremony. After the dedication service the Bishop toured the school chatting to staff and pupils, and blessing each room.

Mrs Anita Cubitt, Head Teacher, said: "The building of the new school has bought many challenges for St George's, however we finally have our new building and I am very honoured and proud to be Head Teacher of this wonderful school".

In the afternoon all the parents were invited in to the school to share in the festivities, and also to view a fantastic art exhibition in which each child had taken part. At the end of the school day the children were presented with a souvenir mug to take home as a memento of this special day.

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## Jurassic Jaunt Raises £1,500 For RNLI



The Dorset Golf and Country Club Lady Captain, Julie Jenkins, and her daughter Sarah Peyman have completed their 3-day, 65-mile, epic walk along the South West Coast Path in support of the Swanage Lifeboat Boathouse Appeal, the club's chosen charity for this year.

They started pounding the path at a rain-soaked Lyme Regis Lifeboat Station and covered a staggering 30 miles on the first day. The second stage covered the section from Ferry Bridge in Weymouth to Durdle Door. The final seven-hour long trek along the Jurassic Coast saw them successfully complete the challenge from Durdle Door to Swanage Lifeboat Station where they were met by Peter Foster, RNLI Appeal Fundraising Chairperson, together with family and DGCC members.

After completing in excess of 24 hours walking, Julie commented: "We found the adventure a test of endurance and stamina but nevertheless we were pleased to contribute to such a very deserving cause. We finished our walk at the Swanage Lifeboat Station where we were told that both boats had been called to help in the evacuation of an injured climber west of Anvil Point."

In a poignant reminder of the truly remarkable and worthy cause behind the fund-raising walk, the siren sounded for the second time that day and the all-weather lifeboat was requested to assist a 36-foot yacht that had become entangled in what appeared to be a very large cargo net, 15Nm south of St Alban's Head.

Julie later commented: "The sum raised was a valuable contribution to help those serving as volunteer Lifeboat crews who put their lives on the line 24/7 - we are proud to do our bit."

## The Swanage School Celebrates Its First Open Day



The Swanage School's open day on 17 May attracted hundreds of local people, all eager to see inside the new buildings.

Fabulous weather greeted parents, grandparents and children, who started to arrive just before noon. They were greeted by students and were treated to tours of the building and a visit to the sports' hall. Staff and Governors were also available to answer questions about life at the school, the new facilities and the experience of opening a secondary school from scratch.

As they toured the school, visitors were able to see the classrooms in action - students playing music in the music room, creating art in the art room, performing science experiments in one of the science labs

and baking cupcakes in the cookery room. The sports' hall proved very popular, with many younger visitors joining in with games of badminton and basketball practice.

The Swanage School PTA were on hand to provide refreshments, baking fresh scones in the school kitchen and serving teas, coffees and iced fruit punch. In all, the PTA baked and served 400 cream teas to visiting families!

The day was a huge success for the new school, who only moved in to the new buildings a few weeks before. Commenting later on the school's Facebook page, one parent summed up the impression that many were left with: "Had a lovely afternoon. The school looks amazing. How lucky my children are to go to such an awesome school."





# I'm Following Michael Gove's Career Path....

*Catlin Dyer (14) takes our current education system to task. Be warned, Mr Gove!*



From the way I see it, as I'm taking English for GCSE it means that I can have control of all the schools in the country when I leave university. I bet you read that through again...

Isn't that the way it works? From what I've read it seems pretty accurate. Especially seeing as the Secretary of State for Education did just that. He's called Michael Gove and became a journalist with a degree in English before uprooting and wiggling into the Conservative Party. It's actually quite funny really because Michael tried to apply for a job doing something Conservative (I don't actually know what) but was told he was "insufficiently political and Conservative". Unlucky.

But he still managed to get in, somehow, somehow; and now controls all the schools around the country. What a responsibility!

Although, I don't know how he's finding his job or whether people are mean to him (probably); I can say that we, as a nation, aren't doing so great in the international league tables. These league tables show how each developed country is doing in relation to exam results.

Recently Britain has been slipping and sliding down the league. We may not be at rock bottom just yet (sorry Peru) but we are clinging onto the middle spots by only the tips of our fingers, whilst the almighty Asians rise up to dominate like an Olympic badminton winners' podium.

I'm one of the 8.2 million children in school in Great Britain, and am going to be taking my GCSEs this time next year, with no idea what I want to do when I leave. Although I do know that I won't become a doctor or a vet – I don't like blood or Biology lessons, but that's another story.

If I'm honest, which I'm trying to be, I don't know anything about politics and why should I? But it does annoy me that I'm being taught lessons dictated by a man who I'd never even heard of, until choosing this subject to write about.

When I started my research for this article I thought to myself: "Cat, do you even know what GCSE stands for?" and answered, "No, I don't". So, using Google, I typed it in and found 959,000 results. Obviously, I picked the first website on the first page – I'm not one of those who goes to the second page of Google, few do.

GCSE stands for the General Certificate of Secondary Education, or, as a user posted on Yahoo! Answers: Giving Children Substandard Education.

Michael Gove created our most current national curriculum, which is followed by every state-funded school in the country. It's supposed to include knowledge and skills that society wish to pass onto its children and young people.

Personally, I want to learn how to engage in small talk (our form has requested it in our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons) but evidently, society doesn't wish for me to learn that – although they should seeing as I'm a seriously awkward person.

So, to put it simply, why are we dropping down the leagues? Why is our education system not working?

Michael Gove's plan is to have a whole new curriculum, brought into place this September, which will increase the expectations of children at a younger age. It's starting to sound like the methods in China, Singapore and South Korea.

South Korea is the fifth best education system in the world. Nothing matters to them more than good qualifications as they influence their social status, marriage prospects and obviously what job they'll get in the end. They go to school as normal; however, after the standard school day finishes, they then go to another private school until midnight. These are called hagwons. Hagwons are privately paid institutes many South Koreans attend to further their learning. According to the Telegraph, they're as common as pubs in Great Britain – and there are a lot of pubs where I live.

I'm not saying that this will be the next step for Britain, I definitely hope not, but the government is moving towards this approach with its more rigorous curriculum. Does it sound bad enough already? It gets way more sinister. Because of the humungous amounts of pressure on the students in South Korea (parents will pray for their children during exam times for good results); suicide is the largest reason for deaths of South Koreans under the age of forty (who said a good education came without a price?).

From understanding myself and my friends, I can say that school is stressful enough already. A lot of people in my year suffer anxiety and stress-related issues because they don't believe they're good enough to achieve the grades expected of them.

There are people at my school who will cry if they get an A instead of an A\* in their Chemistry test. Or because their friend (competitor) got 2% more than them, literally because the government have brainwashed us into thinking that results are the only thing that matters and to not be proud of ourselves if we get less than a B.

I got an A in my Biology test and was told that I could've done better. My teacher didn't even say well done just because there wasn't a tiny asterisk next to the letter.

We're being constantly pushed so the government can benefit.

But (there's always a but), it's not working as our highest position in the league tables is in the twenties and even some country called Lichtenstein is ahead of us – I've never even heard of it! So, maybe schools aren't criticising and helping us out enough.

I know, from my extensive research, that there have been two schools in the news recently because they've banned the marking of students' work in red pen. This is purely because they see red as a negative colour and don't want to damage the poor illiterate children's souls.

Move this into the world of work and if their CV has one mistake on it, it's ending up in the bin – there's no interview coming from it, end of. A sense of realism in schools is slowly filtering away. If students don't know what mistakes they've made, then how on earth can they learn from them?

My English teacher marks my work in pencil, which means that I constantly miss the comments when scanning through my work. Could I not just take a rubber to it and erase all her comments? Making it appear flawless and worthy of full marks. It would be easy! I don't do this by the way, just so you know...

I'm writing all of this so you know how I, a school student going through this, am not OK with the way our Department of Education is being run.

My first recommendation would be to introduce someone with experience into the Department, like Finland has.

Finland's Minister for Education is a man called Pasi Sahlberg, who amazingly used to be a teacher and has a degree in education. Call it a sixth sense, but I think he must know what he's doing.

The pressure put on teenagers should be lifted and thrown right into the Channel or the Thames, or wherever. Students need to know that their school is there for them to actually teach and educate, and not just there to endlessly push them.

Exam results shouldn't be the only factor that influences what place we achieve in the league tables (we're not pawns in the governments' international chess game), but do utilise them so we can see where improvements can be made – then make them.

Maybe Michael Gove can achieve this; but then again, maybe pigs will fly. They both seem unlikely.



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## Swanage Firestation Update



Hi and welcome to a look at what's been happening at Swanage Fire station during May and early June.

Operationally, we have attended the following calls:

- Four fires involving people's property - one of which was a high rise building in central Bournemouth where thirteen

appliances attended including the aerial ladder platform.

- Four small fires in and around Swanage
- The one that got the town talking was on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2.35pm when we were alerted to the 'ground on fire' at Shore Rd. On arrival it soon became apparent that one of the diggers working on the new beach huts had struck something that then ignited; on closer inspection Crew Manager, Keith Bragg, discovered that the digger had hit a case containing Phosphorus bombs that had been buried there since the war. The area was cordoned off and the bomb disposal squad were called. Three of the workmen that were present were taken to hospital by Ambulance for a precautionary check-up but were released later that day. On the arrival of the bomb squad, our conclusion was confirmed and a plan was made to move the rest of these devices to an area where they could be made safe by detonation. Our crew stood by to protect the bomb squad whilst they carried out this work. At 8.42pm the bomb squad made 18 Phosphorous grenades safe by detonation.
- Three false alarms.
- One standby move to Westbourne fire station
- Four fires involving heathland - One of which was at Lulworth ranges. This fire started at 9.43pm and nine appliances, four Landrovers and the Specialist off road Unimog appliance were soon mobilised to the incident. The fire was brought under control and extinguished and the last appliance left the area at 4.30am the following morning.

The weather is shaping up and hopefully it's going to be a nice summer. With that in mind, I would just like to take time to give some advice that may help cut down on fires and keep you safe when out enjoying our countryside:

- Avoid open fires in the countryside. If you have to have a fire, have it in a designated and safe area.
- Put out cigarettes and other smoking materials properly before you leave your vehicle.
- Do not throw cigarette ends out of your vehicle. They could start a fire and destroy surrounding countryside.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodlands. On some occasions, sunlight shining through the glass can cause a fire to start. Take them home, or put them in a waste or recycling bin.
- If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately. Do not try to tackle a fire yourself; usually they cannot be put out with a bucket of water. Please call the fire service and leave the area as soon as possible.
- Ensure you know your location or a landmark so you can direct the fire service. Check out the [Countryside Code](#) for more information or advice.

I have one date for your diaries and it's Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 10am till 4pm! It's the Dorset Fire Fayre, which is this year being held at our headquarters in Dorchester.

Why not go along and see all the demonstrations and plenty more? For more information on this and much more please visit [dorsetfire.gov.uk](http://dorsetfire.gov.uk)

That's all for now stay! Safe and don't forget to test your smoke alarms!

**Phil Burridge, Station Commander**

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**Melodies for Memories** Dorchester Age UK - Swanage. A fortnightly music session for people with memory loss and their friends at: Swanage United Reform Church, 112, High Street, Swanage BH19 2NY. For more details please contact Yvonne Cable: 07747 533252. Supported by Dorset County Council.

**Members of the T Set - Langton Matravers** Twice monthly meeting for Senior Citizens of the Purbeck Hills Parishes. Meet at Langton Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month from 2.30pm. Contact - Mary Bell - Chairman. Tel - 01929 427590 email marybell1327@hotmail.com

**Coffee Pot - Swanage** All Saints Church Hall. Tel: 01929 426454. Every Thursday morning between 10.30am and 12 noon. For fellowship and friendship over a cup of coffee or tea. 30p charge for drink and cakes.

**Cameo Lunch Club - Swanage** Victoria Hall, Victoria Ave. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month between 12.30pm - 1.30pm. For further details please contact 01929 427706.

**Emmanuel Church Drop-In and Lunch - Swanage** Victoria Hall, Victoria Avenue, BH19 1AX. Meets every Mon, Tues, and Thursday between 10am - 12 noon, for further details contact 01305 839579.

**Over 60s Club - Swanage** Catholic Church Hall, Tel: 01929 426141. Meets each Thursday from 2pm. Talks, outings, refreshments, £5 annual fee. Contact: Mr & Mrs Rossiter.

**United Reform Church Lunch** Swanage, United Reform Church. 137b High Street, BH19 2NY. Meets on the 1 and 3 Wednesday of the month, for further details contact Maureen Marriott on 01929 426325.

**St Dunstons - Upton** Tel: 01202 622253. Lunch club every Thursday 12 noon - 1.30pm. Contact : Rev Jean de Garis.

**Young at Heart Club** Upton Tel: 01202 623712. Meet every 2nd and

4th Thursday of the month between 2pm -4pm. £5 joining fee, 50p per visit. Tea and cakes, social activities, speakers and entertainment. Not open during August.

**Bere Regis Pop-In.** Lower Room, Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis. Tel: 01929 472261. Meets Monday and Friday between 10am - 12 noon. Transport is available. There is no fee although contributions towards refreshments are welcomed. Social events are organised for people of all ages. Everyone is welcome to pop in. Volunteers are welcome to help with the project. Contact: Angela Jones or Alison Bennett.

### **Sunshine Club - Wareham**

Masonic Hall. Meets on Mondays at approx 12 noon - 4pm. £2.50 annual fee, plus £1 per week for the provision of light refreshments. Outings, holidays and a range of activities are organised. For further details contact: Mrs Bassett on 01929 553943.

**United Reform Church Lunch - Wareham** Church Street, BH20 4NF. Meets every Tuesday at 12.30pm, for further detail contact Ken Bird on 01929 556976.

**Wareham Parish Hall Lunch Club** Parish Hall, The Quay, BH20 4LP. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, for further details contact Carol Turner on 01929 556761.

**West Lulworth Over 60's Club** Village Hall, Tel: 01929 400411. Meets 3rd Thursday of the month between 2.30pm - 4pm. £2.50 joining fee, light refreshments, tea and biscuits, guest speakers. At least 2 yearly outings are organised. There is a New Years lunch in January, cream teas in July. Bingo and other activities are also available. Annual holidays also organised.

**Bingo Afternoon Pop-In - Wool** Knowlewood Knap, Community Room. Tel: 01929 463691. Held on the 2nd Friday of every month 2.15pm for 2.30pm start. Contact: Julie Castle.



## PURBECK W.I. BRANCHES

**T**he Women's Institute is a wonderful meeting place for women of all ages, and for those of us whose children have flown the nest or are no longer working full time, a great way of getting involved in the local community and making new friends.

*Why not go along to a meeting at your local branch this month?*

**Bere Regis WI** meet at Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm.

**East Burton WI** meet at the Village Hall, East Burton, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7.15pm.

**Swanage Evening WI** meet at the Mowlem Committee Room, Mowlem Theatre, Shore Road, Swanage, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

**Stoborough WI** meet at Stoborough Village Hall, West Lane, Stoborough on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

**Studland WI** meet at Studland Village Hall, Heathgreen Road, Studland on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

**Ullwell WI** meet at All Saints Church, 26 Ullwell Road, Swanage, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2pm.

**Upton WI** meet at Upton Community Hall, Poole Road, Upton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 2.15pm.

**West Lulworth WI** meet at West Lulworth Village Hall, Church Road, West Lulworth on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

**Wool WI** meet at St Mary's School Hall, Folly Lane, Wool on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7.15pm.

*But I'm kind of comfortable with getting older because it's better than the other option, which is being dead. So I'll take getting older.*

*George Clooney*

*Age is an issue  
of mind over  
matter. If you  
don't mind, it  
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*Mark Twain*

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## Swanage Over 60s Club

**T**he Swanage Over 60's Club was formed in the 1950s, becoming a registered charity in 1981. We presently hold our meetings at the U.R.C. Church Hall every Thursday afternoon at 2.15pm.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> this year we will be relocating to The Rectory Classroom, every Thursday at 2.15 pm as before. We mainly meet for people to have a chat and a cuppa, and we have speakers who entertain us with a wide variety of subjects.

Sometimes we have a 'party', this usually means food and some form of entertainment. Our Christmas one is quite something! We have a Christmas Lunch in a local hotel, and we are hoping that once again this year it will be at the Purbeck Hotel, where we were so warmly received last year. We have a taxi service to enable people who find it difficult to get about to and from the club. This is provided at a minimum charge. We have a Christmas shopping trip, again at a minimum charge, and we are hopeful that if we get more members we will be able to run more coach trips.

Do come along and join our happy crowd. Just turn up and we will be only too pleased to welcome you. You just have to be over 60, both men and women, and our current ages range from 60 to 101!

We manage to subsidise many activities by obtaining grants from various generous groups, for which we are very grateful. The Meggit Fund and The Swanage Carnival Committee are just two from last year.

Mrs Margaret Brown (Treasurer) Swanage Over 60's Club.

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**W**ell, we have had some really nice feedback about our new logo and hope it creates the success in Upton and Lytchett that we have had in Swanage and Wareham!

We would like to thank two of our Coordinators for their help over the past year.

Unfortunately Sam is leaving the area and Janet has got other commitments but is still happy to remain as a Volunteer for Purbeck Good Neighbours.

We now have five Coordinators but are always looking for more help, so if you are interested just email [purbeckgoodneighbours@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:purbeckgoodneighbours@yahoo.co.uk)

Remember Purbeck Good Neighbours is here to help and if we are unable to complete the task for you we may know someone who can!

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**T**he Forum was launched in 2008, and has grown to over 560 members. We are dynamic, energetic and passionate. We are independent, democratic, non-party political and non-profit making.

We have fought successfully, working with others, to save the Swanage Day Centre, the Swanage Community Hospital, the recycling centre, the James Day Care Home, and increased NHS dental funding by 50%.

Our focus is issues for the over 50's, but many of the services and facilities we've saved have been for the benefit of ALL our community, not just the over 50s.

Our committee members have also launched successful initiatives with the Hopper bus, Purbeck Good Neighbours, memory cafes and have trained over 150 Seniors into the world of personal computing, enriching lives.

All these are flourishing and demand more of our current committee members' time. Over the last year, SASF has continued its involvement in the reviews of the provision of health services in Purbeck particularly the local NHS Reference Group, and our officers have played a leading role at the Swanage Area Health Forum.

To assist the local communities in monitoring our health, 'Healthwatch Dorset' has been set up and the Swanage Health Forum volunteered and has been accepted to be local watchdogs for all health and Social Care services. The SASF is also proud to be a crucial part of the Swanage Health Forum.

We consulted over 100 of our members at our News Fair in February, and asked what their preferences were for future meetings. Fracking, wind farms and Health and Care all topped the poll. Fracking has already been addressed, stirred a lot of emotion and caused an interesting divergence of opinion.

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STRONGER!**

**JOIN US - TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER**

We have yet to take a stand either way, but it will be a priority for the new committee. Watch out for notices and reports of future meetings.

However, the organisation is at a crossroads and needs to determine its future direction and role in the area.

We need fresh ideas and new blood on the committee. If you are passionate about the quality of life of our over 50s, please join us. If you are unable to join the committee, become a member.

That way you can stay close to current issues that affect the community and be ready to join the front line when local authorities, the NHS, or anyone else tries to cut services and isolate us from the rest of the UK. Join us.

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# Happy 100th Birthday Madge!



Swanage, York House, resident, Mrs Madge Gaskell, will be 100 years old on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Born in Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, Madge first arrived in Swanage in 1934. During the Second World War she worked in the War Agricultural Offices in Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester. After the war Madge returned to Swanage having married Arthur Gaskell (who taught at the Grammar School for forty years in 1940).

Madge was a Sunday School Teacher at Swanage Methodist Church for forty years and worked at the baby clinic, initially in the Church Hall and later in the newly-built High Street clinic for thirty years.

Madge will be away from York House on her birthday. However, she would appreciate any cards and visits – no gifts or flowers please – but if wished donations in celebration to be made to the Red Cross or to the Raise the Roof fund (for the repair of Swanage Methodist Church Hall roof) by forwarding them to Mrs V Wells, Swanage Methodist Church, Jubilee Square, High Street, Swanage, BH19 2LZ.

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There is an important question that most of us would rather avoid considering: who can deal with my finances, property and other affairs, if I am unable to deal with them myself through ill health?

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There are only two ways to authorise a person to assist you in the long-term. The first is very cost effective and straight-forward. This involves choosing an Attorney to act on your behalf under a Lasting Power of Attorney ('LPA'). You can do this up to the point where you lose the "mental capacity" to choose your own attorney.

After this point, your friends or family will need to make a lengthy and costly court application to be appointed as a Deputy. My firm frequently has to assist in such situations, but putting an LPA in place is the efficient way of ensuring there is someone appointed to help you.

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# Mobilty For ALL



It's five years since the birth of Purbeck Mobility in Wareham and they are still celebrating. Now established as the premier centre for the supply and servicing of most mobility equipment in the area, they are an integral partner with Social Services and Health Service professionals in the supply of aids to disabled living in Swanage, Wareham and the surrounding district.

Bob Richardson and his wife Sue greet customers to St Johns Hill, Wareham which boasts a vast array of items in stock and thousands more available to order. As part of the Community Equipment Dispensing scheme, they hold extensive stocks of vital equipment including trolleys, toilet frames, mobile commodes and perching stools to satisfy prescriptions.

There are many styles of mobility scooter available to try around the shopping precinct, from lightweight, easy to pop into the car, a small scooter with suspension which smooths out our ancient pavements, through medium sized to fetch the shopping, all the way to large heavy duty scooters at home on forest tracks and roads. They encourage customers to try their scooter at home to ensure that the right choice has been made.

Wheelchairs and powerchairs are supplied in all shapes and sizes, from ultra-light to specialist indoor/outdoor ones, with individually designed control systems.

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The main shop and office is situated on Kings Road East in Swanage and here you will find a comprehensive range of retail products that can assist you in your home –from zimmer frames and wheelchairs, to non-slip slippers and personal assistance items. If what you need is not in stock, we are always happy to order it for you if available.

The Right Hand also provides a chaperone service, should you need assistance in getting to appointments, as well as offering a full meal provision

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Nightingales has been helping the people of Swanage and the surrounding area for over ten years and is run by Caroline Rainsford and Alison Frater, together with their team of fifteen carers.

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# SWANAGE CARE NEWS

## Agincare

Caring in Your Community

## Gainsborough Care & Nursing Home welcomes new Registered Manager

Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home are delighted to welcome Allison Blackledge as the new Manager. Alison was the registered manager of a 40 bedded home in Weymouth and has previous experience of working within Agincare. Allison brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge in both management and nursing. Allison has been a registered nurse and has held her Nursing PIN for over 33 years.

Allison started at Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home on 19th May, following the resignation of Debbie O'Keefe who managed the home for over a year.



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### National Care Home Open Day

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If you are interested in viewing the new rooms or would like to talk about the care services we offer please call Allison Blackledge, on 01929 422500 or go to [www.agincare-homes.co.uk](http://www.agincare-homes.co.uk)



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# A Send-Off In Style



One aspect of life which we all share is the inevitable end. For those of us who are lucky, this comes after a long, fulfilled life. However it happens, death is something that we will all experience, and it will be left to those we leave behind to arrange our last goodbyes, and to send us off in style.

At this time, it is vitally important to be able to enlist the help of local businesses who are professional, sensitive and understanding, and who are able to offer the right services, at the right time.

When we lose a close member of the family or a dear friend, details such as funeral flowers are of such importance to those left to make the arrangements. These small

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Sympathy gifts such as bouquets and arrangements are also available for those who have lost a loved one.

Bloom has an excellent in-house portfolio, so if you have nothing specific in mind, you will be able to look through some beautiful images that may inspire you towards the right choice.

Being a local business, Bloom also has an unbeatable knowledge of local venues, and can assist you in arranging flowers to suit the chosen venue, if appropriate.

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The prices of our plans reflect local traditions and market conditions and can also be bespoke. Payments are made to Funeral Planning Trust,

a national fund that exists specifically to provide funeral costs. The trust has an independent custodian trustee, Capita Trust Company Limited and their accounts are monitored annually by independent actuaries and auditors. Funds can only be withdrawn from Funeral Planning Trust when the service has been provided or the plan is cancelled by the plan member.

A contemporary choice is for natural burials in woodland or meadowland, with no traditional memorialisation.

One of our plans is specifically designed for natural burial and now that Swanage Town Council has established the Meadowland Burial Ground at Godlingston these two facilities complement each other perfectly.

We are here to give professional and confidential advice on this sensitive subject whether you wish to prearrange and plan your own funeral, or whether you need our services to lay a loved one to rest, please call us to discuss your requirements.

*Photo: Malcolm, Derek and Mark at Godlingston Meadowland Site*

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The first important thing to note is that all shareholders of the same class of an offeree company (the company that is being bid for) must be treated in the same way by the offeror (the company making the offer).

The next thing to note is the disclosure of shareholdings in the offeree company which are relevant when a predator is building up a stake in a company by buying shares or following acceptances of a formal offer.

Under Company Law, shareholdings of 3% and above are classed as notifiable interests and are legally required to be disclosed by the holder to the offeree company, which then has an obligation to announce to the market. Such disclosures are required when a holding increases to above 3% and for every subsequent rise or fall in the holding which passes through a whole percentage point.

Between 15% and 30% there are other rules that restrict further acquisitions and which require further public disclosures. The effect of these restrictions is to slow down a predator's 'dawn raid' acquisition of shares.

Where a shareholding reaches 30% a mandatory bid may be triggered with the owner normally being obliged to offer to buy all of the other issued shares in the offeree company at the same price.

Where a shareholder has a shareholding in excess of 50% they have gained effective legal control of the company, as they will have the majority vote. However, in practice an offeror will make his bid conditional upon achieving a higher percentage of the shares in the offeree company (normally 90%), as under Company Law, an offeror with 90% of the shares can force any dissenting minor shareholders to sell to him, leaving him with 100% of the shares in the target.

It is important to note that where we refer to 'holders' of shares, this actually equates to the control over the voting rights of the shares, not necessarily beneficial ownership. Also, when adding up any individual person or company's 'total' holding, this total should include the holdings of all parties over which they have control. When getting to the higher percentages (10% plus) this may also need to include all connected parties as well.

There are a plethora of rules and these can be accessed via [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk) and these cover areas such as the timing of offers, obligations and documentation.

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### MARGINAL TAX RATES

What rate of tax would you pay on an additional £1 of earnings? If your annual income is between £41,865 and £150,000 you may think the tax rate would be 40%, but the peculiarities of the UK tax system mean you could pay much more.

To start with earned income above the 40% threshold carries a national insurance charge (NICs) of 2% so for every £1 you earn above £41,865 (for 2014/15) you will pay 42% in tax and NICs.

Child benefit is withdrawn from the highest earner in the family at the rate of 1% of the benefit for each £100 of income exceeding £50,000 per year. This translates into an effective marginal tax rate of 60% on income between £50,000 and £60,000.

When your income exceeds £100,000 your personal allowance is withdrawn at the rate of £1 for every £2 of income above £100,000. This is an effective tax rate of 62% including NICs.

From 6 April 2015 married couples will be able to transfer up to 10% of their personal allowance between them. This will allow up to £1,050 of the allowance to be transferred from the person who earns less than £10,500, to their spouse who earns up to the 40% threshold. Thus £1 of additional income that takes you over the 40% threshold will mean you lose the whole of that transferable allowance - an infinite marginal tax rate.

If you are able to control the level of your taxable income, perhaps because you run your own business, it makes sense to adjust your income to avoid those high marginal tax rates. Perhaps you could employ other members of your family, or take them into business with you as partners, to spread the business income.

Payments of pension contributions and Gift Aid donations can stretch your 40% threshold, so the higher earner in the family should making those charitable donations and pay pension contributions. We can help you plan to avoid the highest tax rates and make the best use of all allowances available.

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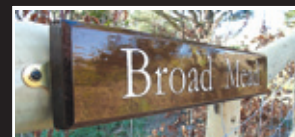
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# Trading Standards



## Through the eyes of a new officer

Say 'Trading Standards' and what springs to mind? My Dad, who prosecuted for trading standards when he was a council solicitor would say it means 'back in the day, when trading standards officers checked the quantity of goods sold, from coal to beer, from bread to petrol,' because the oldest form of consumer protection is the accurate use of weights and measures.

As a worker at a convenience store for many years, the answer for me was simple 'they enforce fair trading laws and conduct underage sales test purchases.' It is only now I have recently crossed the divide to work with trading standards that the true breadth of what they do has become apparent to me.

Yes, it is true that we do enforce retail law and yes, we still carry out the weights and measures duties of our historic origins, but that only scratches the surface. In the short time I have been with the service, I have spent time assisting vulnerable victims of scams, on animal health welfare and checking the safety of petrol stations.

This is on top of the day-to-day consumer complaints referred to us from the Citizens Advice Helpline, which may require further investigation or may contain details of a vulnerable consumer who needs more in depth support and help. It's fair to say I was surprised.

One day I was clad in a luminous yellow jacket helping officers check the safety of a petrol station, the next I was walking around a field looking for signs of fly strike in sheep.

In the few weeks since I started this job it has thrown up something different each day. So from stopping rogue traders to ensuring food standards, from testing product safety to monitoring farm animal movements, and from administering the Buy with Confidence trading standards approved trader scheme to providing free advice to businesses, I know there are still a lot of different days to come!

If you are a consumer with a problem, contact the Citizens Advice Helpline on 08454 04 05 06. If you are a business and need help or advice contact the trading standards business advice line 01305 224702.

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## NHS Continuing Care

It is well documented that we live in an aging population, and that the cost of residential care often requires those who've saved money all their lives to sell their homes and surrender assets in order to pay for it.

The current threshold for 'self-funding' is £23,250. If, therefore, on entering full-time residential care you have eligible assets over this value, you will usually be obliged to pay for the costs of that care.

Given that such costs can range upwards from £500 per week, it follows that, often, the value of a resident's estate can be reduced in a relatively short period of time.

If the care required is nursing care, however, rather than residential care, it may be that the patient is entitled to claim **NHS Continuing Care Funding (CHC)**. Broadly speaking, CHC should be granted where it can be established that a patient has a primary health need.

There is no legal definition of a primary health need, but it is established by reviewing the condition of a patient in numerous areas relating to their health and well-being.

Not everyone that requires an element of healthcare in their overall care package will be entitled to CHC, and it is not the case that certain health conditions will give rise to an automatic requirement for CHC. Each case must be assessed on its individual merits.

In cases where CHC is refused, patients or their representatives may feel that the refusal is unfair or incorrect and naturally wish to consider their options.

In order to apply for CHC, a patient or their representative must first apply to their local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who may agree to comprehensively review the patient's condition subject to satisfactory completion of an initial questionnaire.

Reviews are carried out by a multi-disciplinary team, consisting of healthcare professionals involved in the care of the patient and, if successful, a recommendation to the CCG for full funding will be made.

CHC reviews are complicated and involve detailed consideration of the patient's needs in a wide variety of categories, using all available evidence.

The solicitors at Humphries Kirk can assist at the outset by discussing the care needs of a patient with them or their representatives and ascertaining whether an application for CHC would be worthwhile.

If CHC has been refused, Humphries Kirk can also review the available evidence and assist in reaching informed decisions about whether CHC should be granted, and whether an appeal should be considered.

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# Just A Little Squirty

by David Hollister

I suppose it wasn't until Tina came home in some distress saying "the car is driving all funny" that I actually realised that, like so many other purchasers of recent small family saloons, I have been short-changed by Mazda when it comes to spare wheels. If Tina had actually recognised the fact that the 'funny' handling was down to a punctured rear wheel and stopped, she might have been able to change the wheel, telephoned me to come and do so, or at least recruit a passer-by to help. But as it was, having actually never experienced a puncture in thirty years of driving, she didn't recognise why the car was 'driving funny' and limped home, by which time the tyre was well and truly flat. So I tried to find the jack – there wasn't one. And indeed, neither was there a wheel brace. So I couldn't even get the damned wheel off to take it to Avenue Garage to get the puncture repaired.

If she'd recognised the puncture and called me I'd have gone and changed the wheel. But failed because not only wasn't there a jack and there wasn't a spare wheel either. Just a can of 'squirty stuff' which you're supposed to inject into your tyre and then inflate with a handy electric compressor which plugs into the cigarette lighter socket.

I know how these things work, and basically they don't. When the same happened to me in my MX5 about three years ago, in my business suit and in the pouring rain, by the time I'd spent ten minutes working on it, ruined my suit, read the microscopic instructions in poor light, and applied the squirty stuff, and then driven the squirty-inflated tyre to Cribb Tyres it had gone down again and that was another hundred-and-something pounds for a replacement tyre plus – the final indignity – the cost of a replacement squirty can. At the time, Mazda wanted about sixty quid for it (I gather that they have now gone down in price), so I bought one from Halfords.

Anyway, I digress. I had to get the nice man from Avenue Garage to come to my house with his jack, remove Tina's wheel with his wheel spanner, take it away. pronounce the tyre totally ruined due to a damned great split in the side which not even a gallon can of squirty stuff would have fixed, sell me a replacement tyre, fit it, bring it back to my house, fit it and take his jack away. At the time of writing I still haven't had the bill but I can imagine that a new tyre and half an hour of the nice man's time won't be cheap. (ps – just got the bill; I was right!). Every tyre specialist I have spoken to says 'don't use the squirty can – once you do, we won't be able to repair the puncture properly'.

Next call was to Magna Mazda in search of a spare wheel. "Yes", they said, "they do make the little skinny wheels and tyres, cost you £250 including the jack, wheel brace, and the nice little bolt to hold it into the boot - where I note there already is a suitable fixing! And no, we won't take your compressor and can of squirty stuff in px". I finally settled for wheel and tyre at £110, got my own jack, spanners and nice little bolt!

This isn't Magna's fault; it's my own for not checking when I bought the car. And now I understand that it's not only most small family hatchbacks that come similarly ill-equipped. A good friend has recently bought a brand

new £60,000 Jaguar; it too has no spare wheel and neither has James's M3.

I have contacted dealers for most of the main manufacturers and discovered that the same is true across most ranges, although some local dealers actually chuck in a spare wheel at their own expense because they understand that their customers can't deal with squirty cans. They're fine if you have the aptitude. Fine if you have the time to wait for the AA man to come and fix it for you. Fine if it's a nail hole and not a bloody great rip in the sidewall. Fine if you're not an elderly lady driving alone in the dark with no more understanding of how to use a squirty can than how to fly.

Message is simply this. If you have bought a new car in the last two or three years have a look in your 'spare wheel' compartment. You may be in for a nasty surprise. And my message to the manufacturers is simply to suggest to them all exactly where they can apply their squirty stuff. My commitment to readers is simply that from here on, every time I write a review of a car, I will include a mention of whether or not it has a proper spare wheel, so you can decide for yourself.

When I was but a child, diesel was for heavy lorries, smelly buses, and Uncle Bill's farm tractor. Over the years, the motor industry has adopted diesel as a 'clean fuel' because it apparently puts out less CO<sub>2</sub> than petrol. We put up with the smell and the clouds of evil-smelling black smoke fumes, especially from cars which weren't serviced properly and whose injectors needed cleaning. Usually old Peugeots. How, I wondered, can this be 'cleaner'? Look at the c##p coming out of that exhaust! But the government latched on and encouraged us all towards diesel. So I guess my simplistic and childlike opinions must have been wrong. Yet in fifty years and over fifty cars I have steadfastly refused to 'go diesel'.

It is only now that spokesmen for the Department of Health and for Kings College London have come out and told us the truth. Yes, diesel engines generate less CO<sub>2</sub> per mile. But they also generate thousands of other harmful pollutants, many carcinogenic, in particles small enough to penetrate deep into the lungs. The World Health organisation now admits that exposure to these particles – called PM 2.5's – can alter the way children's brains grow. Studies in the US show that adults regularly exposed to diesel fumes suffer a greater loss of mental faculties.

Since 2009, new cars have had to have 'particulate filters' and attempts have been made to clean up diesel fuel. But even with the new EU rules, diesel vehicles will still put out far more pollutants than petrol. "Which?" magazine has proven that you don't even save money, as many official mpg figures are distorted; the fuel costs more as does the new car, and – in their example – you need to drive a diesel Ford Fiesta for eight years to actually recoup the extra costs.

And now the W.H.O. has finally admitted that the tiny particles of soot in diesel exhaust are actually second only to CO<sub>2</sub> when it comes to causing global warming. After fifty years – I was right all along.

I'm looking forward to road-testing the new MG3 Supermini in early July, so watch for it in our August Edition!

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So, to help our very welcome 'outsiders' to make the most of their holiday time here in Purbeck, we've put together a few basic rules for you to follow to ensure your (and our) safety:

- Pedestrians **SHOULD** stay on the pavements for their own safety as large, metal vehicles known as cars, vans and lorries tend to inhabit the space known as the road. The pavement is the slightly raised area which generally tends to run alongside the area known as the road. Stick to it. In our villages there are often no pavements, so utilise your brain - walk on the **RIGHT**, facing on-coming traffic. Be sensible, be safe.
- Cars, vans and lorries are generally made of **METAL** (with the exception of the Reliant range). Humans are generally made of **FLESH**. If a human collides with a car, van or lorry, the likely outcome is that the human will lose. Do not take on a vehicle in its own terrain - the road. Avoid, avoid, avoid.
- If you **MUST** cross a road, utilise the muscles in your neck and rotate your head to both the left and the right, using your eyes to see if there are any heavy, metal vehicles coming your way. If so, do not move. Wait until the road is completely clear prior to stepping off the pavement to cross the road. Cross swiftly, dragging any screaming kids you may have with you. Do not stop mid-way to stare mindlessly into space.



*Institute Road, Swanage. A favourite spot for a bit of vehicle-baiting during the summer months. Don't do it - the car will win every time.*

- Country lanes may well have a speed limit of 60mph. They are also narrow, with lots of bends. Cyclists are plentiful in Purbeck, so unless you fancy messing with a group of cyclists (we'd advise not - they're a feisty lot), keep your speed down when driving our lanes. If you are a cyclist - no one enjoys being in a traffic jam whilst someone on a bike in front coasts along with no pedal action in evidence.
- If that's **YOU** on a bike with your chums, dressed in lurid lycra and holding up a long queue of vehicles, please pull over when able and let everyone past you. It's called politeness. Car drivers do it when engines/gearboxes and so on fail and they're crawling along at 3mph, so it's only right for cyclists to stick to the same rules of society.
- For **ALL** car drivers - we have things called Traffic Wardens. Be very afraid and utilise the car parks. You have been warned.

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## Chairman's News

**I**t was envisaged that the "Making Purbeck Healthcare Fit for the Future" Project should have been completed by now, but Phase 2 is taking the Project Team a lot longer than they originally planned. At one time Phase 3, the public

consultation, was going to begin in April or May this year but now we hear that "wider public engagement will begin in September or October".

However, one interesting piece of news is that there is now no capital money available in the short term for new buildings and so best use must be made of existing facilities. I think that means we can assume our hospital is safe from closure!

Phase 2 of the Project involves a Futures Group led by Dr Steve Horsnell, the Corfe Castle GP. They are looking at four strands of work: setting up an integrated health and social care team, support for carers, transport issues and crucially for the hospital, providing more services locally.

We know the excellent quality of care provided in our hospital and so we will argue that is where new services can be provided safely and efficiently.

The Friends will be looking to help with any necessary investment in upgrading the fabric of the building, providing additional space or equipment ready for the expansion of services we hope to see in the very near future.

You can find out more about the Purbeck Project by logging on to the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's website: <http://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk> and clicking on the Purbeck Locality page.

As a member of the Project's Reference Group I will continue to

champion the hospital and push for recognition not only of the excellent work that goes on there but also the community support which should translate into our hospital being a focal point for care closer to home.

Other news: as the Chair of the Friends I was invited to lead a small team to carry out an inspection of the hospital called the 'Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment' looking at 4 categories from the patient perspective: cleanliness, the condition of the building, nutrition, and privacy and dignity.

Needless to say the hospital passed with flying colours. The team were particularly impressed by the air of tranquillity they felt as they toured the building.

Last November a very successful Autumn Fayre was held at the hospital and in June this year our summer event, Afternoon Tea with stalls, tombola and a great raffle, as usual, attracted large numbers of enthusiastic hospital supporters who helped to make it a very special occasion.

The Belvedere Singers held their annual much loved Christmas Concert last December and donated the profits to the Friends. We are grateful to them and to all the individuals and groups who raise money for the hospital.

Throughout the past year we have agreed to spend considerable amounts of that money on all the different departments of the hospital. For example we bought equipment for theatre, the ward and outpatients, a new self-cleaning oven for the kitchen and special chairs for the ward and day room.

We will continue to support staff by providing funds for training and we are committed to doing everything in our power to make our hospital a great place to work, with the most up-to-date equipment and facilities to help them continue to provide us with the quality of care we are so proud of.

**Jan Turnbull**



*Swanage Hospital Theatre Staff with new monitoring equipment*

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## Membership Report

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Application forms are available at the Hospital and the Health Centre or you can ring Mike Ranger, Membership Secretary on (01929) 422040.

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# Annual Newsletter 2014



## Message from Matron



**T**his has been yet another incredibly busy year for Swanage Hospital. Despite the challenges of working in an NHS which has been criticised not just nationally but also locally in Dorset this year we continue to be proud of what we are able to achieve for our local patients for many reasons.

Although the hospital is described as among the smallest of the community hospitals in Dorset, it should not be forgotten that it actually hosts a Minor Injury Unit (MIU), a Day Surgery Unit (DSU), an X-ray department, a physiotherapy department as well as the busy outpatient department and inpatient services.

Members of the community rehabilitation team are also based within the hospital. This means that the breadth of services we offer are equal to and even greater than many of the other community hospitals in our area and all of these services are available to ensure that care is provided as close to home as possible.

National challenges have included recruitment of nursing staff and this has also been the case locally, not just in Swanage but across the whole of Dorset including the larger general hospitals.

In Purbeck we have tried to address this with several recruitment initiatives including Open Days, attending local nursing universities at Bournemouth and Southampton and even travelling overseas to Ireland and Italy where there has been a surplus of nurses trained.

We continue to be amazed at the level of support offered by our local community and in particular the Friends of Swanage Hospital.

On behalf of patients and staff at the hospital I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for all your support to date.

We are looking forward to working alongside you during 2014/15 as we continue with our vision to provide care all of us would recommend to family and friends.

**Jane Williams**

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## Treasurer's Comment

**A**nother excellent year for the friends financially. You have continued to trust us with your hard earned money and we have continued our policy of making sure it is well spent.

We have been very lucky this year that many of the items that would have come to us for funding have eventually been funded by the Trust thanks to our matron vigorously pursuing the hospital's needs,

We have spent £20,000 on ward bathroom improvements to ensure the facilities meet the current standards. A further £4,000 has been spent on special chairs to reduce pressure and reduce the potential for sore areas.

We have funded a kitchen equipment refurbishment to ensure all our patients and staff have access to good locally sourced and home cooked food.

The ongoing commitments amount to almost £150,000.

None of this would be possible without the goodwill and support of the local community.

The head of NHS England recently said that community hospitals are the way forward, all that remains is for the rest of the NHS to sing from the same hymn sheet then we can get on with the job of making our hospital a real centre of excellence for our community.

A big thank you for all your support.

**Terry Buck**

**AGM** Come and hear all the latest news at our  
at the Mowlem Theatre, Monday 6th October 2014, starting at 7pm.  
**See you there!**



*Swanage Hospital Afternoon Tea 2014*

## Great Quotes:

**NHS chief Simon Stevens:** "We need cottage hospitals. He says more patients should be treated in their own communities."

**"Small 'human scale' hospitals are the future,"** Norman Lamb the health minister says, "offering patients more personalised care."

**"We know Community Hospitals work and at last so does the NHS."** (Dr Helen Tucker, Healthcare Consultant)





Gentlemen seated left to right - Lee Wrake, Peter Lovett, Brian Guy, Stan Goodwin, Ray Wiseman, Cliff Brown. Also pictured standing are David Dees (RBL), Bob Alexander (RBL), Mike Ford (honourary Blue Spader) and Frank Roberts. Picture N.J.

## Veterans Honoured By Swanage Railway

**S**ix brave veterans from Swanage – five of whom took part in D-Day, the largest and most daring maritime invasion in history back in 1944 – have been recognised by volunteers on the town's award-winning steam railway.

Seventy years on from taking part in history, Lee Wrake, Peter Lovett, Brian Guy, Stan Goodwin, Ray Wiseman and Cliff Brown took a special trip on a steam train from Swanage to Corfe Castle station, on the re-laid Purbeck line, to view a new Purbeck at War exhibition.

Little more than teenagers seventy years ago, the veterans were welcomed at Swanage station by Swanage Railway Company Chairman Peter Sills and members of the seaside town's Royal British Legion, including one of its standard bearers.

After the official welcome, a minute's silence was held in memory of all those who lost their lives in the Second World War.

The six veterans (five of whom took part in the historic D-Day attack on Normandy on Tuesday, 6 June, 1944 – the largest and most ambitious maritime invasion in history) boarded a special carriage, normally used in the 'Wessex Belle' luxury dining train – for the steam train trip from Swanage to Corfe Castle. Arriving at Corfe Castle – after enjoying tea and cake on the train – the special guests were welcomed to the restored station by members of the village's Royal British Legion, including one of the branch's standard bearers.

Lee, Peter, Brian, Stan, Ray and Cliff were shown a new 'Purbeck at War' exhibition researched and produced by dedicated Swanage Railway volunteers.

With a Royal Air Force radar team, Lee Wrake landed with American forces on Omaha Beach. Lee was taking British Radar Equipment on D-Day to Omaha Beach for the Americans' use. Check out [www.purbeckradar.org.uk](http://www.purbeckradar.org.uk) for in-depth details of Dorset's contribution to D-Day.

Royal Navy sailor Ray Wiseman was a signalman launching landing craft filled with troops bound for the British Sword beach in Normandy.

Peter Lovett served with the British Army and took part in the D-Day landings on Juno beach, while Brian Guy served with the Royal Engineers clearing German invasion obstacles on Sword Beach.

Cliff Brown served on a Royal Navy minesweeper that took part in D-Day and with the coming of peace, became a signalman at Worgret Junction – the start of the branch line from Wareham down to Corfe Castle and Swanage. Stan Goodwin worked on Mulberry Harbour for D-Day and was conscripted into the Army soon after D-Day.

Swanage Railway Company Chairman Peter Sills said: "It was very moving and humbling to meet some of Swanage's veterans and a real pleasure to chat to them about their part in history."

"There can't be many small towns that are home to five D-Day veterans who all took part in the assault on the Normandy beaches on 6 June, 1944 – the largest and most daring maritime invasion in history."

"We wanted to mark the 70th anniversary of the historic invasion of Nazi-held mainland Europe and also say a big thank you to five very brave men who fought for their country at the time of its greatest need."

"The Purbeck area was a restricted area during the Second World War because of vital and top secret training by troops in the months leading up to D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied France."

"An important exercise for D-Day took place on Studland beach with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower and King George VI travelling to Swanage by train."

"Soldiers preparing for the top secret and crucial invasion of Normandy on Tuesday, 6 June, 1944 were billeted in the Purbeck area, with many troops coming to and from Swanage by train."

"The passing loop track at Corfe Castle was lengthened during 1943 so that the station could handle longer trains carrying soldiers and their equipment in the run-up to the D-Day invasion of France," explained Mr Sills.





## PURBECK'S RAILWAY

### Travel Behind Tornado

July is a particularly exciting month for The Railway as they celebrate 35 years of running trains with the Swanage 35 Gala on 12 - 13 July.

Highlight of the Gala will be the visit of Tornado Britain's "youngest" steam locomotive built in Darlington and in operation since 2008.

Tornado will be hauling trains, along with The Railway's own working locomotives and the Gala will give passengers the first opportunity to travel behind Tornado on the passenger trains.

There is also the opportunity for visitors to "Drive Tornado at Swanage" the cost is only £550.00 - see details and book on The Railway's website.

Details of locomotives in the Gala and the Gala timetable can also be found on the website [www.swanagerailway.co.uk](http://www.swanagerailway.co.uk)

19th July gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy a 5 course meal on-board our luxury dining train "The Twilight Tornado".

This is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity and at £42.95 is proving very popular so advance booking is essential. Either via the website or by calling 01929 425800.

### The Purbeck Circle

On Friday 11th July Michael Bunn will deliver a talk entitled History of Narrow Gauge Railways in France (including 60cm in WWI).

The Circle meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross at 7:00 for 7:30 pm. Tea/coffee/biscuits and a railway-oriented raffle as usual.

Everybody is welcome.

For further information regarding the show and/or the PRC please contact the General Secretary: tel: 01929 554765 or email: [gordonjakes21@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonjakes21@btinternet.com)

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# Information On Swanage War Pictures



With reference to the June article on WWI servicemen convalescing in Swanage....

At the peak, there were quite a few hospitals in Swanage during The Great War. There was Cluny House Red Cross Hospital, opposite a girls' school at the time. This is now the youth hostel.

There was a Canadian officers' convalescent hospital. There was also a hutted military hospital which had a capacity of 119 beds. Of course, there was Swanage Cottage Hospital and then there was a childrens' chest hospital. Only one survives today.

The ordinary soldiers who would be in hospital were given a roughly-fitting uniform in hospital blue. It was not at all popular as it carried no rank or regimental badges and did not look at all smart.

As we can see from your photos (June edition), the officers were spared this indignity. They wore their own uniforms and signified that they were an in-patient at a hospital by wearing a blue arm band.

Other interesting facts to note are that in the image of the three amputees, (reprinted, left) the left and central officers have two vertical stripes on their left forearm. One of these wound stripes was awarded on each occasion when a soldier was significantly wounded. These officers pictured have both been injured twice and returned to duty before later losing a leg. Brave men indeed.

One can also note that they wear their rank on their cuffs. A lot of officers stopped this practice and wore their rank on their shoulders to prevent them being a target for snipers. This was commonly known as a wind-up uniform and can be seen on the officer smoking his pipe.

The R.A.F. was only formed in April 1918 from The Royal Flying Corps and The Royal Navy air service. A lot of these officers are still wearing their army uniforms with R.A.F. badges and caps.

There are two ladies (pictured below) who are more likely to be V.A.D'S than nurses. These were ladies (and some not so) who volunteered to assist on the wards. In a way like a Nursing Auxilliary or Health Care Assistant would today.

Watch this space as I have another article on a chap who is remembered in the hospital to follow in a couple of months!

**Pete Lacey, Nurse Practitioner, M.I.U., Swanage Community Hospital**







*Dinah, Megan and Michael Johnson, with our Coastguard, Royal British Legion, Veteran Cliff Brown, Cannon John Wood and some of the attending children.*



## Purbeck Remembers



**P**urbeck celebrated the 70th anniversary of D-Day with a very emotional impromptu gathering at Fort Henry, Studland.

With no official gathering organised (events which had been planned were cancelled in Swanage due to the temporary loss of the War Memorial on the seafront), local children Megan and Michael Johnson (aged 7 and 9), asked their parents if they could do something to commemorate D-Day themselves.

Their mum, Dinah, contacted us at Gazette Towers and said that the family were planning to go to Fort Henry at Studland at 6pm on 6th June, and asked if we could help spread the word in case others wanted to join them, which, of course, we did.

Fort Henry was a bunker used by Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, King George VI, Supreme Allied commander Dwight D. Eisenhower, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery and Acting Admiral Louis Mountbatten as an observation point to witness the largest live ammunition practice of the entire war, on Studland beach. A suitable (and beautiful) place in which to commemorate the great sacrifice made on our behalf indeed.

After helping to publicise the event online and on social media, only a couple of days after the idea was mooted, well over one hundred people arrived at Fort Henry to pay their respects.

Our Coastguard attended in full uniform, our Police were represented by an officer in uniform and the Royal British Legion were in attendance, along with their standard bearer. Guests from local hotels, along with Michael and Sarah Ferguson of Studland also came. Local D-Day veteran, Cliff Brown (Navy - mine clearance on D-Day beaches) also attended, to the delight of those gathered, proudly displaying his hard-won medals.

The ceremony was overseen by the Rev. Tony Higgins (Canon John Wood had offered to take the ceremony, but was sadly delayed on the night). Poems provided by another local D-Day veteran, Brian Guy (sadly unable to attend himself), were beautifully read out by Dave from the Royal British Legion and Coastguard, Ian Brown, prompting a very emotional response from all.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial stone at the Fort. A minute's silence was held, and a verse from 'An Ode to Remembrance' was read out, before the gathering received a blessing.

A big thank you to all those who attended, and to those who made the effort to come along in uniform. Of course, a special thank you to Megan and Michael for starting the ball rolling, and enabling us all to pay our respects together, in such beautiful and historically-apt surroundings. As Cliff later said, it is the children of today that he and his comrades fought so hard for, all those years ago.

On Monday 8th June we were informed that, had they known, the Marines would have also attended. Contact has now been made, and in future years, this gathering at Fort Henry may well become a regular feature in our local remembrance of D-Day.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*



*D-Day veteran, Cliff Brown (Navy), Fort Henry 06/06/14*





# Thank You....



**"When you go home tell them of us and say: For your tomorrow, we gave our today"**

Dear Purbeck Gazette,

Please could you pass on our sincere thanks to all the people who came to Fort Henry on Friday 6th June to help commemorate D-Day with us, especially the Normandy Veterans who were able to join us.

It was very moving and so special to be there to mark such a poignant occasion with them. It will be a memory that will stay with us forever, that we will look back on and know we were a part of.

We are so grateful to everyone who came to our impromptu gathering, and thank you Nico for helping to get the message out there that something was happening in Purbeck and for contacting the right people - and for taking such lovely photographs.

So sorry to anyone who missed it who would've wanted to be there - it was only planned in the three days before, when we couldn't find anything on locally. We tried really hard to spread the word.

It would be lovely to put Saturday 6th June in the diary for next year to meet at Fort Henry, as we did this year. It was remarkable and special to meet Cliff Brown (pictured, left), and to honour all those poor souls that never came home, who died for us. With more time to advertise the event for 2015, we could make it bigger and let all sorts of people know. We could also ask what the local veterans would like.

With enough time, we could plan a whole day of events, hopefully working with the National Trust at Studland, the SBS Royal Marines, and the Tank Museum, then perhaps finishing with the Commemoration Service at Fort Henry late afternoon? It's an idea! We'd love one of the Town Bands to attend next year to play 'We'll Meet Again', and someone to play the Last Post - if you can help, please do contact the Gazette and let them know!

Thank you once again.

**We will remember them.**

Yours sincerely, Dinah, Scott, Megan and Michael Johnson, Priest's Road, Swanage.



*Dinah, Megan and Michael Johnson with our Coastguard, Cliff Brown, members of the Royal British Legion and Cannon John Wood.*



*The gathering at Fort Henry. 06/06/14*



# My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



**Lest we forget. The Depravity of the Nazi Regime.**

**W**ho would have thought it? The 20th contribution of this series of war-time memories already, coinciding with the recent seventieth anniversary of D Day. That marked the invasion of Normandy, and consequently, the lifting of the dark medieval cloud that had hung over the continent. Now at last, the people of Europe were free again. Free from the steel grip of that evil regime.

But most of all, perhaps it serves to remind ourselves of the sheer depravity of that regime of evil. As time slips by we tend to forget, or

perhaps, many are not fully aware of the sheer merciless cruelty of what took place under their rule. So this month I intend to halt the war-time memories for this one off 'Lest We Forget' special.

The below is an exact copy of an original report by the Medical Services attending at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Given me by my old, and very dear friend, Alan Westerman. Alan, who eventually suffered from Alzheimer's disease. Nothing has been added or taken away. The original document was printed on thin war-time paper and is now very old and worn.

**This is the original report of Belsen Concentration Camp, visited on 22 April 1945, six days after its capture by Second Army.**

"I was accompanied on my tour of inspection by RAMC officers who were engaged on relief work in the camp, and this constituted my authority for the few statements in this report which I cannot claim were the results of my own observations."

"The camp contained 60,000 political prisoners, and this population consisted of men, women and children. They were of various nationalities; Russian, Polish, Dutch, French and to a small extent, German. Jews were in the majority, all were accommodated in huts."

"It is obvious that the Germans did not intend that any of the prisoners should leave the camp alive, and the method of destruction which was chosen was death by very slow torture, i.e. by starvation. The rations given to the prisoners consisted of one cup of swede soup per day, and one loaf of black bread for every twelve persons, per week. In addition to this, the Germans ensured that by the deliberate withholding of adequate sanitation, diseases such as dysentery, typhoid, typhus and tuberculosis, should become seriously prevalent, and in this latter object they were highly successful."

"When they realised some weeks ago that the camp would be captured, the Germans ordered that no further burials would take place, and so there were found in the camp, lying singly, or in large or small heaps, no fewer than 18,000 corpses which had accumulated at the rate of 500 per day."

"The first thing which I saw was the washing of women patients who had been brought to the camp by ambulance car to the German barracks adjoining the camp. It was a pitiful sight. The washing was done by German nurses who had been brought from elsewhere. The prisoners' bodies were completely without fat, and muscle was negligible. Bones were on the point of breaking the skin, which in all cases was affected with bed sores, excoriations and disease. These women were completely helpless and screamed with pain as the nurses moved them."

"It was almost impossible to assess the age of these women. Their hair

had been cropped or cut very short, and they seemed little else but skeletons, clothed in skin. Their shrunken bodies, their shorn heads and the evidence of past and present suffering, made them all appear to be old. Their screams seemed to exhaust them. The contrast between them and the sleek and healthy German nurses who attended them, will not be easily forgotten."

"So light were these women that two were easily carried on one stretcher and there was still plenty of room. I visited the ward where the women were taken after being washed. The English Nursing Sister in charge spoke of the severe shock, which took twelve hours to show signs of abatement, in those patients who were expected to live. Here they were at least clean, and if they were to die, they would not die in filth."

"An adequate description of the camp is difficult. It covers many acres and strewn through out the camp were naked, or semi-naked corpses. Sometimes singly, sometimes in heaps of a dozen, or forty or fifty. These mounds of bodies appeared to occasion no concern on the part of the prisoners; the sight had become to familiar. All these people had died by starvation, by preventable disease or both."

"There was a huge pit 100yds long and 40yds wide, almost full of corpses, still unburied. I cannot give the depth of this pit, but there appeared to be about one hundred corpses therein. It is not known how many hundred lay underneath those I saw."

"Latrines, if they existed at all, were primitive, and prisoners of both sexes were seen defecating anywhere and everywhere. I visited a hut full of women. They were lying in bunks, two or three lying in one bunk intended for one person. Some could smile and talk, others lay there moaning or silent. Two or three were defecating into tins in the hut. Most of the women were too weak to leave their bunks, with the obvious results. The stench in the room was ghastly. None of the prisoners had had the opportunity or the strength to wash for weeks. Almost all showed the flush and bright eyes of fever."

"Another hut contained some women who were even more ill and with them were the dead and dying. All were accommodated on mattresses, one inch thick. Those who were conscious moaned with pain or weakness. One of them held her hand for my attention. A finger was swollen to nearly its double size with a whitlow, and she begged me to help her. Her agony must have been intense and her condition was such that the simplest surgery could have prevented it. This woman had on her right side a corpse and on her left, one who was unconscious and on the point of dying. When I left this hut I asked to see the Hospital which the Germans provided for their sick women prisoners. I was told that this last hut was the hospital. It had less right to the title of hospital than anything I have ever seen."

"In contrast to the prisoners who had been in the camp for months, or even years, there were those who had been fairly recently admitted. They were thin but they could walk and it was appalling to consider that the latter would inevitably would have become as the former, had the camp not been captured."

"I was told that I had not seen the camp at its worst and that already there was an improvement. Although very many cases, including those suffering from Typhus, had been, and were being rescued from the camp by RAMC personnel, it was quite certain that many so rescued were beyond hope of recovery. I do not know the total deaths in the camp, but I do know that there are still hundreds of men and women yet to die. Solely as a result of their being prisoners in Belsen."

**23 April 1945. Army Medical Services**

So Vigilance is the key to freedom.

Some time ago a very kind lady in Priest's Road, Swanage, let me take some cuttings of a genuine climbing Geranium. Greyish green leaves with white edges, and a pale single pink flower. The lady and myself have since lost it.

Does anyone know where it came from? Ten feet high or more.

**Brian Guy**

**Brian's book - 'Cameos of War' is available at Gazette Towers for £11, with all profits going to BLESMA (British limbless ex-serviceman's association). Well worth a read!**

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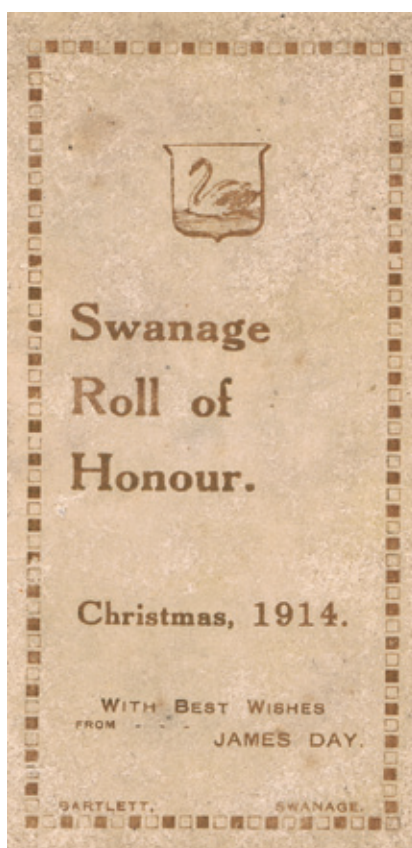
## Additional Local WWI Pictures

**B**ernard and Gordon Tomes have provided us with the photos on this page, after seeing our feature last month which included several pictures taken in Swanage in 1919. These pictures were discovered in an old box during a house move. The pictures are of Bernard and Gordon's father, Harold Cecil Tomes (below left, and below right, with friend). Harold is now buried in Langton.

Above, there is a picture of some of the 'Swanage Boys' who went off to war, also provided by Bernard and Gordon.

**Can YOU name any of the men pictured above? All local lads, so we're pretty sure that someone out there will recognise a face or two!**

**Do let us know at: [ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk](mailto:ed@purbeckgazette.co.uk)**





# Food

## The Gourmet Peddler



### The Bikemonger Cooks....



### Quick Chick' Fix

There are, quite simply, some awesome food combinations. You can't beat being totally raced out, suffering cramps, limps, sunburn, half drunk, bike racing thrashed and then having a beef burger with a dollop of chilli con carne. Hell, it's not great food, but after a twelve hour race, it was very welcome and what a race it was; a remembrance race for a dead bike journalist friend, who died whilst jogging. Huh? Bloody jogging? Really? One of the last things he wrote really put my industry (which often dwells up its own bottom) into perspective... *"And let's not forget at the end of the day it's just blokes messing around on bikes in the woods"*. No point dressing it up in Lycra and carbon fibre, it's just blokes messing around in the woods. Just like it's just a load of ingredients in a pan. No need for "parliament house fruit jus reduction", when "brown sauce" says it all.

The race: There was a compulsory cider stop half way round with a cracking chilli and ginger cider... and a sound system! My lap times were not world class but I was dancing in the woods to Captain Sensible and that counts for something. Surely it can't get any better... oh it bloody can. A mile away was an 80s revival pop festival with gusts of retro tunes riding the breeze up the hills into our race. So I got to ride to live music from my youth... Doctor and The Medics (not seen them live since 1987 when they supported Gaye Bykers On Acid). Second lap I got Boney M, then Visage, and my last lap where I was not super-fast, I got two live sets; T'Pau and then Belinda Carlisle. I will say it again; cycling has almost nothing to do with bikes, it's about kicks, friends, cider and laughs... Bikes are just a common occurring thing in cycling. Steve Worland will be missed. So good combinations, and a tired Charlie has to conjure up his article once again with his back against the deadline.

#### You will need:

Chicken breasts, one per person.

Pine nuts, mashed up using the back of a cleaver or a mortar and pestle (I don't own a blender). Or just smash the nuts with something. Look, I'm not here to teach you every detail, make it up as you go along, improvise, and smash stuff up.

Basil, lots of basil. You can't overdo the basil; a whole live plant from the supermarket is about right.

Cherry tomatoes, chopped in half.

Parmesan cheese, finely grated

Creme fraiche

***This is dead easy, and so damned nice:***

Fry the chicken breast in olive oil, in a frying pan, medium heat, for about 10 minutes, or until about 5 minutes away from being cooked.

Throw in your tomatoes and nuts

Give them 5 minutes

Gently chuck in the basil and cheese

Then a few generous dollops of creme fraiche

Give it 3 minutes and a good stir, make sure it's all bubbling away and looks great

Squish the tomatoes with a spatula if they are not getting squishy by themselves

***And you are done.***

Serve with chips and garnish with torn-up basil. A grind of pepper would be welcome. It's bloody marvellous. So quick, so easy, and a real crowd pleaser.

*Next month...* I have no idea. Let's see what crosses my hungry path. Would you be ok with a road kill recipe? I see a lot of road kill when cycling in the mornings. Does Sir fancy fox fricassee, badger broth, perhaps seagull stew?

**Charlie The Bikemonger: Queens Road, Swanage.**

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## France Comes To Swanage! (Sort Of!)



**I**n May, Swanage was given a taste of France when the Quayside restaurant at the Mowlem was transformed into the Café De France for the day.

The event was staged by Swanage French Circle, and customers, not to mention the people outside, were entertained by the writer, entertainer and performance poet, John Barclay, in the guise of a crazy French waiter (left).

Swanage French Circle organises informal social activities with a French theme, and is a member of the Dorset Twinning Association. It maintains links with the canton of Cerisy-la-Salle in Normandy, and welcomes new members.

If you are interested, please contact John Pounder on 01929 450386.

**John Kirwin**





# Purbeck Products

By Hester Viney

**D**oesn't summer in Purbeck smell delicious? Cut grass, sunshine on sand, sun-cream, the waft of vinegary chips, burning charcoals at sundown. It's the time to move life outdoors and when it comes to alfresco dinners, our producers have got everything you need.

For starters, Regi Wright has bountiful herbs for marinades and summer salads; basil, parsley, chives, sage, fennel and lovage.

There's borage and mint at Pimms o'clock. And of course you can't beat her lovingly grown organic veg; tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, lettuce, salad leaves, yellow courgettes and (late summer) aubergines.

Toby Hoad from the Green Wood Workshop has been making charcoal the old fashioned way in the woods at Brenscombe and it will be available this summer, so let's make it a barbeque!

While the coals get going, Jurassic Cottage Foods offer traditional lemonade and suggest their locally foraged wild garlic concentrate to coat the meat. Then there are dozens of pickles and chutneys available too.

On to the main event; go no further than Phil, Kath and Ashley for the meat! Sausages from Phil are in three delicious varieties - traditional, pork and leek, or cracked black pepper. There are also pork and apple burgers, chops and gammon steaks.

Kath has lamb with mint, spicy lamb burgers, kofta kebabs and lamb and mint sausages. For game, Ashley brings venison steak burgers, venison sausages, venison steaks and some lovely diced venison steak, perfect for kebabs. Nigel Dragon is our bread man, he'll have burger baps and finger rolls galore.

Finally, in case you're planning a fancy affair, consider artist Janine Drayson for a flyer? Just the job, I'd say. Sit back, breathe in summer, and feel smug that this is the place we call home.

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Well, this area of Dorset is home to a myriad of innovative artisan producers; everything from goat farmers and market gardeners to micro brewers, fishermen and ice cream makers.

So it was obvious, let's host a Food Fayre giving visitors the chance to sample the charms of a small traditional village with the bonus of all there is to eat, drink and enjoy at a Food Fayre (whilst also raising money for the village hall to get a new roof!).

With over thirty artisan stalls laden with locally-reared meat, wild game, fresh crab, line-caught fish, smoked seafood, cured and air dried charcuterie, savoury vegetarian tarts, seasonal fruit, vegetables, herbs, jam, chutney, honey, cheese, cakes, ice cream and chocolate, you won't be going away hungry.

We are also proud to be supported by Dorset Food and Drink, 'Wild Purbeck' and The Wildlife Trust.

There is lots to see and do with live cookery and butchery demonstrations from Lee at Dorset Charcuterie and the newly opened The Pig - on the Beach, chocolate workshops, cake decorating and lessons in fish filleting.

Or why not simply wile away the afternoon in beautiful countryside sipping Pimms or delighting in a Summer Pudding or traditional Dorset Cream Tea, the choice is yours, but one word of advice, it's best not to eat a big breakfast before you come!

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# Innovative Purbeck Ice Cream Scoops More Awards!

**P**urbeck Ice Cream has scooped not one, but two more awards winning the most innovative watercress product as well as overall winner of the Watercress Food Awards 2014!

The annual Watercress Festival held at Alresford each year is attended by those looking for quality and innovation in food – and in particular, the most wonderful watercress products!

Nicky Pretty, who was tirelessly scooping Purbeck Ice Cream at the festival, accepted the award on behalf of the Purbeck team saying 'I am delighted and extremely proud to accept this award for Dorset Watercress Ice Cream and am certain that the team will be thrilled.'

'Dorset Watercress Ice Cream may sound like an odd combination but, oddly enough it tastes lovely on its' own or served with smoked salmon and a crisp green salad.'

Peter Hartle, who founded Purbeck Ice Cream with his wife Hazel 26 years ago, had the idea to make Dorset Watercress Ice Cream whilst enjoying fresh watercress direct from the farm at Waddock Cross, near Dorchester.

The locally-grown watercress seemed too good an opportunity to miss, using this wonderful Dorset ingredient with the result that another award winning, and very different flavour was born.

With ChilliRED ice cream recognised as the innovative forerunner by Purbeck Ice Cream, the team continue to look for Dorset flavours that complement the naturalness of the ice cream and Dorset Blue Vinny ice cream launched last year, made with the world famous blue cheese, also scooped top spot attaining Gold for the coveted Casual Dining Challenge Innovation Award earlier in the year.

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# Natural Matters

## Barn Owls In Peril



**D**orset Wildlife Trust (DWT) is launching an urgent appeal to provide help for threatened barn owls in the county, after numbers have plummeted following their worst breeding season for 30 years, in 2013.

The barn owl was once a common sight in our countryside, but the UK population fell by 70% between the 1930s and the 1980s, with just 4,000 breeding pairs surviving by 2000. DWT is hoping to raise £27,000 to give the species a fighting chance to survive.

Changes in weather patterns and farming practices are the two most crucial factors responsible for the decline. DWT's Director of Conservation, Imogen Davenport said: "These iconic birds are under threat, having suffered four successive years of unusual weather, with long winters, cold springs and wet summers."

We must act now to improve their habitat, provide nest boxes which they readily take to, and raise awareness of their plight. 97% of the UK's rough grassland that harbours field voles and other small mammal prey and so is a preferred hunting ground of barn owls has declined; many old traditionally managed hay meadows have disappeared, and there has been a huge loss of their traditional nesting sites, such as hollow trees, old barns and derelict farm buildings."

Support is urgently needed to complete the project over the next two years. Part of the work will include constructing barn owl boxes in suitable

habitats, visiting landowners to offer advice about how to manage land to benefit the barn owl, and delivering educational talks and guided walks for schools and communities, to encourage recordings of barn owl sightings, so we can monitor their progress.

With just a couple of better breeding seasons, the population should rise again. 100% of funds raised will go towards this vital conservation work.

Dorset Wildlife Trust is fortunate in having a breeding pair of barn owls in an owl box at its Lorton Meadows Nature Reserve, which can be watched on its webcam: [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/webcam](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/webcam)

To help vulnerable barn owls, information about the project and donations can be made by completing the form online at [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/barnowl](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/barnowl) or by sending a cheque/postal order/CAF charity voucher, made payable to Dorset Wildlife Trust. You can also text HOOT44 followed by the amount you want to give (£...), to 70070.

Photos: Top: Barn owl © Stewart Canham, Right: Barn owl © Steve Davis



## Margaret Green Animal Rescue

### Dog Show and Family Fun Day

**J**oin us for our Companion Dog Show and Family Fun Day on Sunday 3rd August! Classes range from Pedigree to Novelty and include 'Best Heinz 57', 'Best OAP', 'Dog with the Waggiest Tail' and 'Best MGAR rescue'. With 17 classes throughout the afternoon, there is something for every dog!

But you don't have to have a dog to enjoy the day! Enjoy the dog scurry, browse the stalls, get something from the BBQ and sip on a cool glass of Pimms with all the extras! There will also be a bouncy castle, an old London bus and even a limo full of balloons – will you be the one to guess how many balloons!? The event will be the last chance to buy grand draw tickets before the winners are announced. Make sure you buy yours and you could leave with a cheque for up to £500! The event is open between 11am and 4pm and entry is just £3 for adults and £1 for children (12 and under). Join us Church Knowle Animal Sanctuary and Visitor Centre, Church Knowle, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5NQ.

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# Where Do You Think You're Going?

*By John Garner*



**I**t's summer believe it or not and your thoughts may well have turned to holidays. Cancel those subversive thoughts. I'm just about to save you a large fortune. Stay right where you are. Settle in and enjoy the summer surrounded by your own stuff.

Don't pack up and go somewhere remarkably similar to your current surroundings, but just a little more inconvenient for your summer holidays, because as soon as you do the sun will appear and all your friends who stayed at home will keep reminding you of how great it was for the two weeks you were away, when you eventually return worn out and frazzled. There are lots of other reasons to stay at home this

summer. Sit tight and I'll attempt to tell you why.

One of the first things you think about when you go on holiday is your accommodation. You have probably spent a great deal of your precious time, effort and money in getting your own home as comfortable as it can be. You may well have a favourite chair. You will have spent a heap of money on a mattress that only you sleep on (and as an aside and at the risk of sounding preposterously old - the price of mattresses these days!).

You know where all the stuff you have resides and can access a coffee pot or a jar of peanut butter in seconds. You will have to spend a king's ransom to replicate this on holiday. The convenience that is not the peanut butter. Unlike your average (and at best they're all only ever average) politician, I can tell you the price of a jar of peanut butter and it's relatively good value wherever in the world you are.

A few years ago, after a spectacularly awful camping trip, my wife said that enough was enough, which didn't come as much of a surprise, but it turned out it wasn't me she'd had enough of, it was bloody awful holidays. Actually it may well have been the combination of me and bloody awful holidays, but I am nothing if not an optimist and have rested the blame squarely at the feet of that hideous camping trip.

Thinking about it, the whole holiday thing may well be a bit of a smoke screen. Anyway, that's what she said and she went on to say more. She said she was never staying anywhere that wasn't as nice as her own house. It's a rule we've stuck to by and large and whilst we don't live in the proverbial lap of luxury throughout the year, it has resulted in a lot less holidaying, but more pleasant holidaying. And therefore less travelling when you really don't want to be travelling.

Less travelling in an age where lots of travelling seems to be the norm is a very good thing in my opinion. Travelling during the holiday season is rarely a pleasurable thing. So take this particular inconvenience out of your vacation equation. The absence of a summer holiday means that there is no need to spend hour after hour trawling the internet trying to get the optimum ferry crossing time or price.

You can spend your valuable time trawling the internet for other things you won't be doing or needing instead. Neither do you have to cram an improbably huge amount of stuff into a car that wasn't built for the job and then sit contorted in your seat with a fortnight's supply of your favourite bottled beer jabbing you in the back of your head every time you brake. Which you will have to do a great deal as stop start driving is very much the holiday driving mode.

And there are more benefits. No long queues outside busy airports, ferry terminals or just on the roads. The roads, of course, will be busy where you live, but they'll be busy because lots and lots of people spend lots and lots of money to come to the place in which you live for their holidays. At the best time of the year. And what do we tend to do? Bugger off to a similar and often inferior resort, lugging sacks full of cash around needlessly in the process.

And if you do go away, what will you do when you get there? Not meet anyone. Now not meeting people is some folk's idea of a great holiday and I understand that. Seeing your friends is also great and unless you've all lost your marbles, they almost definitely won't be waiting for you when you arrive at your holiday destination. Because if you've arranged to meet all your friends on holiday you could all save a stack of time and money together and buy a yacht or something and stick it in the harbour to sit on and drink expensive wine.

You'll probably want to 'treat' yourself on holiday with some slap up meals. Fish and chips is often favourite. We have some of the best fish and chips around here, so why bother? Ditto ice cream. Purbeck ice cream is as good as it gets. That honeycomb concoction being especially splendid.

You might want to visit another country. It will probably be for the heat. You'll arrive and immediately comment on how hot it is. You'll then spend the rest of the holiday trying to find ways of avoiding the oppressive heat and talking to people you don't know, who are also suffering from the oppressive heat, about how hot it is, which shouldn't necessarily have come as such a surprise if you'd done your homework.

Another country will also probably have another language, which you almost definitely can't speak. Or if you can it will mean that everyone relies on you wherever you go to do and explain everything. Not necessarily very relaxing.

So stay put. Pull up a deck chair on your favourite beach and look out at the splendid vista on show. For free. You might even imagine some windmills in the distance if you really want to. You might not have to use your imagination to imagine windmills in the distance if the 'experts' get their way, so make the most of the lack of windmills while you still can. Unless windmills are your thing, in which case there's even more reason to hunker down.

Make the most of your own backyard in your own time with your own friends and stay in your own house.

I am more than happy to discuss any of these ideas with any of you via the witchcraft that is email. Please send any enquiries to:

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# Gazette Gardening

## with Simon Goldsack



### ***Variety is the spice of life - Creating a wildlife friendly garden***

**H**ere in Purbeck we are lucky enough to live in one of the country's most wildlife rich areas. The diversity comes from the wide mix of environments found in a small space i.e. chalk downland, acid heathlands, water meadows, woodland, abandoned pits and mines, hedgerows etc. All of these habitats have been created by man and his use of the land, and the truth is that if man stopped managing the landscape the range of wildlife would diminish.

So to attract a wide range of wildlife to your garden you need to create a wide range of habitats for the wildlife to live, feed and reproduce in. However, remember it is your garden for you to enjoy, but that doesn't mean you can't achieve a wildlife friendly garden whilst providing you with a beautiful place to relax in, entertain friends, produce food, play games etc.

To do this the best trick is to grow plants wherever you can. For instance a hedge is more attractive than a wall or fence. For wildlife the hedge provides shelter, shade, safety, food, nesting sites and for the gardener

it provides privacy, demarcation, wind protection and a backdrop for other plants. The same can be said of trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and climbers.

In fact the benefits of plants are innumerable but of course some plants are better than others for attracting wildlife. Native or non-native is not the issue, what is more important is what they provide in terms of nectar, food and berries. For example, *Cotoneaster horizontalis* is native to China but its flowers attract bees and other insects like nothing else, its berries are a great food source for birds in midwinter and the autumn leaf colour is a deep rich burgundy.

At Holme throughout July there will be a display of garden plants specifically with wildlife in mind and knowledgeable staff will be on hand to help advise you. For more information visit the Royal Horticultural Society website <http://www.rhs.org.uk/science/gardening-in-a-changing-world> or the Butterfly conservancy

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/292/gardening.html>





# DURLSTON

## COUNTRY PARK & NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE



### Outdoor Theatre – ‘The Wife’ with the Rude Mechanicals

‘What do women really want? Is there one man who has not asked it?’

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, we will welcome back the amazing Rude Mechanical Theatre Company, who will be asking questions in their new show ‘The Wife’.

Hilarious but also poetic and tender, the play digs deeply into the nature of love, marriage and relationships.

When first performed, the play was included in ‘The Times’ top three outdoor plays of the year.

Tickets are available from Durlston and advance booking is recommended.

### ‘Charley’s War’: Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun

If you haven’t yet had the chance to visit our exhibition of the work of groundbreaking comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun and his ‘Charley’s War’ series, then do come and have a look.

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 until the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### ‘Saving Lives at Sea’: RNLI Timeline Exhibition

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the RNLI will be exploring the evolution of saving lives at sea, with a new exhibition in the Fine Foundation Gallery. The exhibition will be open every day and will feature historic photos and artefacts from the Swanage Station, as well as some spectacular photos of the RNLI in action around the country.

The exhibition will be open every day until the 25<sup>th</sup> August.

### Summer Kids Events

There is plenty for kids and families to do at Durlston this summer! Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays, families can drop into the Learning Centre to ‘Go Wild at Durlston’ and take part in free activities any time between 11.30am and 3pm.

Every Thursday afternoon at 2.30, the Rangers will be offering family events, with the chance to go bug-hunting, take part in a Pirate Treasure Hunt, or find out about Durlston’s dinosaurs. Booking is required for these events – for full details visit [www.durlston.co.uk](http://www.durlston.co.uk)



## Wareham In Bloom

Wareham in Bloom was delighted to take delivery of this season’s floral displays for Wareham Town Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The weather had been forecast as gloomy with heavy downpours of rain but luck prevailed, dark clouds turned to sunshine and the volunteers were able to install all the hanging baskets, tubs and pavement stands over the two days.

Wareham in Bloom Chairman, Councillor Eric Osmond MBE, said: “A big thank you to all our sponsors who make this annual event possible.

Although the displays are still looking a little green we are confident that by the time the judges arrive for the South and South East Competition judging on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July the town will once again be able to put on a magnificent spectacle of stunning blooms for all our visitors and residents to enjoy.”

“Volunteers to water the plants and do a bit of deadheading are always needed, so please let us know if you can help.”

The new Mayor of Wareham, Councillor Carol Turner, a member of Wareham in Bloom Committee was also out and about on Thursday encouraging the volunteers - showing them how to drill and screw a flower stand into the pavement!

Sue Elmes, Wareham in Bloom Publicity Officer. Pic (above) by Pam Bowyer-Davis: Mayor Carol Turner lends a hand



Above: The wonderful Wareham In Bloom team at a meeting at Wareham Town Hall, 2013 (Gazette mascot, Nellie, managed to get in the picture!)  
THANK YOU to all of you who work so very hard to make Wareham such a beautiful place for all to enjoy! We really appreciate it. NJ.

## Swanage Garden Society

18th July:  
**Summer Flowers in Full Colour**

At the Methodist Church, Swanage  
7.30pm  
All welcome!



# Arts & Entertainment

Swanage Drama Company presents

## It Runs In The Family

A farce by Ray Cooney, at The Mowlem Theatre  
Tues 5th - Thurs 7th July at 7.30pm

Tickets: £9, concessions £8, children £5

Swanage Drama Company will be performing their summer show "It Runs In The Family", a farce by Ray Cooney, at the Mowlem Theatre on Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th August.

This is a fast-moving production set in a doctors' common room in St Andrew's hospital in London. Just as Dr Mortimore is about to deliver a life-changing speech, an old flame from his antics in the sluice room 18 years ago turns up with his love child. His colleague Dr Bonney bears the brunt of Dr Mortimore's attempts to keep his wife and the hospital authorities from finding out.

As if this isn't complicated enough, young Dr Connolly is trying to sort out the annual Christmas pantomime complete with costumes while a police sergeant is on the trail of he's not sure what! A senile patient is wandering about unsure of who or where he is and Matron is trying to hold things together even though she is perched on a window ledge several floors up and at the wrong end of a syringe full of tranquillizer.

Book your tickets early for this hilarious medical, rib-tickling riot of farce.



## Swanage Town Band



**S**wanage Town Band's season is already off to a flying start!

Catch up with them at:

Langton Fete 12th July

Prince Albert Gardens on 9th & 23rd August at 2pm

The Lifeboat Festival 17th August

St Mary's Parish Fete 30th August

Swanage Drama Company  
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### Pantomime Workshop

For Guys and Gals aged 13-17 yrs  
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Mowlem Theatre Community Room, Swanage.  
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Email: v.r.jones@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 07887 524466  
The workshop is run by the Panto People of Swanage Drama Company

## BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS

Rumour has it that a show like no other will be coming to the good people of Swanage in October.

It is so different that no West End theatre was able to show it.

The stars are just so many that Simon Cowell couldn't count them.

Watch for next month's edition when you will be lucky enough to find out more and get your tickets booked before all the London folk get them!

Dorset Arts & Crafts Association

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# Swanage Jazz Festival



Swanage Jazz Festival 11-13 July

The Swanage Jazz Festival celebrates its twenty fifth year with a programme including over fifty bands that gives jazz fans in south Dorset the opportunity to enjoy a very wide-ranging programme of music.

The traditional jazz programme is headlined on Saturday by Keith Nichols' amazing Blue Devils, without question the leading band playing the early Big Band music of Duke Ellington. The band is joined by singer Joan Viskant, whose evocative rendition of early Ellington hits adds to the band's popular appeal. Headlining on Sunday is the Magnificent Seven, a new band that combines a wealth of experience with youthful exuberance, paying homage to the jazz masters of the early jazz period as well as the great bands of Barber, Ball and Bilk.

Topping the bill at the main marquee is the brilliant singer and comedian Ian Shaw and the Darius Brubeck Quartet, led by Dave Brubeck's pianist son. Top singers Tina May and Lee Gibson's "Sophisticated Ladies" features songs sung by the great jazz singers who have inspired them. Festival vice-pres Alan Barnes leads two top-flight bands on Saturday and Sunday nights, with the Reed Breed, a five sax line-up, and a special Festival all stars' band, featuring some of the much-loved musicians who have played at Swanage since the very early years – Don Weller, Art Themen, Bruce Adams and David Newton.

Preceding the Festival on Friday afternoon is the very popular Jazz Dance at Harman's Cross village Hall, combined with the steam train ride. Tickets (£15) are going fast but there are some still available.

Due to changes in regulations, the annual jazz brass band parade will start from the Tourist Information Centre, then Institute Road and High Street from the Square to Seymer Road, with temporary road closures roughly 10.45-11am on Saturday morning (12<sup>th</sup> July).

Full details and tickets for the dance and for weekend and day strollers are available from the Festival Office (01929 422215) and from the website: [www.swanagejazz.org](http://www.swanagejazz.org).

Fred Lindop, Artistic Director

## Ewan McLennan Serinades The Square

Mid-June saw UK Folk legend, Ewan McLennan (pictured right), winner of, among others, the 2011 BBC Radio 2 Horizon Award, serenade those lucky enough to catch him up at the Square and Compass in Worth Matravers.

Ewan's playlist focuses mainly on the folk music of his home country, Scotland, and includes several self-penned songs which are achieving critical acclaim within the industry.

On a sultry June Sunday afternoon, the stone benches were full in the pub garden, with locals, visitors and the usual gathering of canine companions relaxing in the sun whilst soaking-up the gentle, persuasive melodies presented by Ewan. Having studied classical guitar for several years, his instrumental talent is perfectly matched by his clear, soulful voice. A perfect combination, leaving those in attendance in no doubt as to why Ewan is hailed by those in the business as someone 'destined to become the UK's finest folk singer.'

Ewan's debut album, *Rags & Robes*, received glowing reviews, and was described as 'a collection of truly captivating songs'. It was chosen as a 'Top Ten Album of 2010' by MOJO. Word has it that Ewan may well be returning to the Square soon, so if you missed him in June, keep your eyes on the regular Square advert in our hallowed pages!

25<sup>th</sup> SWANAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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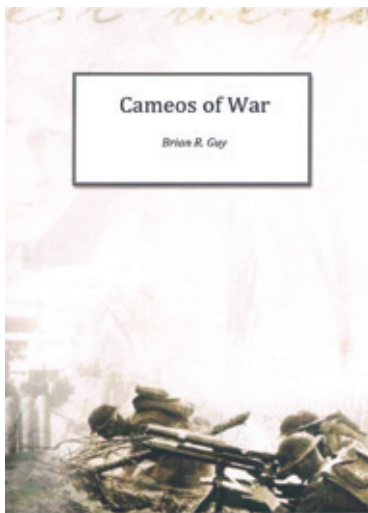
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# The Bishop Reviews

*Literary expert and our in-house Book Reviewer, David Bishop, writes....*



## **Cameos of War by Brian R. Guy**

**M**ost of you will be familiar with Mr Guy's reminiscences of WW2 from his monthly column in the Gazette which I, for one, have found riveting.

Without laborious reference I cannot be sure if he has reproduced the column verbatim or reworked it in any way, but it doesn't really matter as it deserves repetition and each episode can now be seen in context, as a part of his complete wartime experience. And the complete picture is pretty devastating!

What stands out is the description of the D-Day landing, and what remains in my mind are the references to the pervasive stench of death which goes unmentioned in any other book I have read on the subject.

The number of body parts the author either sees, trips over or runs over in vehicles is also memorable. Most veterans are shocked into silence by their wartime experiences but Mr Guy rises above this, despite the crippling wounds which have plagued his subsequent life, and gives us the unpalatable truth of war with humour and colloquial honesty.

A timely reminder of the huge debt we owe to men, and women, of his generation. No Pulitzer prizes I'm afraid, Brian, but thoroughly readable.

All proceeds over and above printing costs will be donated to the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association so, everybody, please do buy it; from Gazette Towers in Commercial Road, or from Brian himself - call on 01929 423406.

**David Bishop**

## **A Night Inn Hell by John R K Powell**

**H**e's young, prolific and local and I really, really wanted to like this book. What prevented this is that there is a very specific and practical purpose in the employment of 'good English', which is that the eye should skim the page unhindered and absorb the content effortlessly.

It should not be consistently snagged, as it is here, by spelling errors, poor punctuation and an apparent absence from the author's lexicon of the word 'syntax'.

Powell would have done well to employ the services of a good editor, or even a competent proof-reader with editorial experience, who would have culled around a quarter of it and rendered the remainder readable.

However, what does come off the page is an abundance of enthusiasm to tell a story, and a nugget of originality in the plot. I rather lost sight of the latter among the meanderings and digressions taken to explore, it would seem, various familial and spiritual relationships of the author's own, but again, good editorial work would correct this.

Having said this, I do not doubt that in a few years when Mr Powell has served his apprenticeship and learned his craft he will be the successful author he is determined, and probably deserves, to become.

If you are young and your use of English is confined to texting you may well love this book, which is available from Amazon at £7.99 incl. delivery.

Shortly to be stocked at Waterstones, Dorchester.

**David Bishop**



## Highest National Standard Achieved By Museum



### **Dorset County Museum Awarded Full Arts Council Accreditation**

**C**ongratulations to Dorset County Museum in Dorchester, Dorset, on achieving full Museum Accreditation status from Arts Council England in the latest round of awards.

This level of award is only given to museums reaching a set of nationally agreed standards including meeting users' needs and expectations, driving improvement forward and working with other organisations. The status is valid for three years, after which time the Museum will need to demonstrate that it is continuing to meet all the main management and service objectives whilst maintaining the highest levels of collections care.

"We are very proud to have achieved the high standards necessary for Arts Council Accreditation," said Jon Murden, Director of Dorset County Museum. "To improve the Museum even further, we are now working on a major new project which will result in the complete redisplay of our Archaeology Gallery – this will be a fantastic new resource for all our visitors and especially for our local residents, members and supporters."

Currently about 1800 museums in the UK are part of the Accreditation scheme which was established in 1988. Since then it has led the way in raising museum standards in the UK and has been used as a source of inspiration for similar schemes overseas.

## **WAREHAM RIVER RAFT RACE 2014!**

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**See page 60/61 for further details**





## Keith Moxon Performs



The local support group for Action for Children have arranged a return visit of popular organists Keith Moxon and Jennifer Woolley, who will be presenting and playing a varied programme of music at Swanage High Street, Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Keith and Jennifer, from Sittingbourne in Kent, perform regular recitals around the U.K. and are looking forward to returning to Swanage in support of Action for Children, one of whose local projects is Dorset Nightstop providing emergency accommodation for homeless young people, offered by volunteer hosts.

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The stellar bill is headlined by chart toppers Eddi Reader, The (still beautiful) South and Nizlopi, Turin Brakes, 80s singer songwriter Lloyd Cole, British folk legend Chris Wood and an acoustic show from recently reformed Scottish indie rockers Idlewild, not to mention the latest addition to the bill – Sally Barker from BBC's The Voice.

The four festival stages and large, easy-to-get-to bar are contained in the farm's covered barns, but outside there is a wealth of activities that all the family can take part in, including unique bushcraft workshops, a kids' activity pen, fancy dress parade, the hilarious beard-off contest, amazing art interventions, films, a poetry slam, great food and a beer festival with more than fifty local real ales and ciders, even a Dorset pils lager!

Weekend tickets for Purbeck Folk Festival are available at [www.purbeckfolk.co.uk](http://www.purbeckfolk.co.uk), or by phone on 023 8071 1818. A limited number of day tickets are also available.

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# WAREHAM WEDNESDAYS



## Welcome to our 4th year of fundraising...

Once again I am very excited to be Chairman of Wareham Wednesdays' and to be part of the fantastic team that brings you these fabulous events on Wednesday evenings. I am particularly excited to tell you about our 2014 summer entertainments.

Over the previous year we've learnt a lot and have had some great guidance from the local authorities to help us provide the people of Wareham with great entertainment whilst always making the events safe and family friendly.

Our ever-expanding committee of volunteers spend endless hours organising, advertising, talking, calling, running around, designing, emailing and the list goes on..... But without these absolutely amazing people, events just wouldn't happen!!! Therefore I would like to say a 'Big Thank You' to you all. Keep up the good work.

This year's events are going to be terrific and we need your support to enable WW to continue raising money to give back to the local community. This was of course the whole reason for starting these events in the first place.

One of our recent gifts was sponsoring the Wareham Rangers under 8s football shirts which we are very proud of. Good luck to them next year.

Our first 2014 event is helping out with the MS Family Day which takes place at Wareham Quay on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July – where we will be continuing the daytime events on into the evening with music from tribute band 'Abba Forever' and the usual gang serving you food and beers during the evening until our first firework display of the season.

Then our first WW evening crashes off on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July with a very big BANG, with 'Navi', our own very special Michael Jackson tribute band and Midlife Crisis as support band. Then, as always finishing the evening with a spectacular firework display.

I would like to thank all our sponsors this year for advertising in our first official programme and for supporting us so strongly, also everyone who has already spent endless hours organising the superb events that we

now have lined up.

Local sponsorship is also very welcome and goes a long way in helping some of the charities we support. So if you have a local business and would like to get on board then we would very much like to talk to you. We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist us with the events.

So if you are a local with a few hours to spare on a Wednesday evening we would very much appreciate your help and you too, could become one of the legendary 'Yellow Coats'.

Please give us your support this summer and please don't be shy to chuck a couple of quid into the buckets because without your support and money our events just wouldn't be possible!!!

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**Dave Burgess, Wareham Wednesdays.**



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# 2014 EVENTS!

Unless otherwise stated, all Wednesday events begin at 7pm on the Quay and are followed by live music and then the fabulous firework display at 9.45pm. We finish at 11pm.

## July - 19<sup>th</sup> July - MS Event

Wareham Wednesdays proudly supports the local MS charity by continuing their daytime event with a 70's fancy dress evening to Live Music from our Abba Tribute band. It's also The Quay Inn's Sue Brenson's 50th Birthday party with Bar, BBQ & Fireworks. Plus a variety of stalls and children's fairground rides. Music by: Abba Forever

## 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Grand Opening Night

He's back - the world's No.1 Michael Jackson tribute act live on stage at Wareham Quay - Arrive early to get your place! With support band Midlife Crisis, our bar, BBQ, stalls and children's fairground rides this will be a fantastic evening out for all the family. As always, our famous fireworks display follows. Music by: Navi and Midlife Crisis

## 30<sup>th</sup> July - The Legendary WW Tug-O'War!

Who will triumph this year in this mighty contest of strength and determination? Will the rope break and send two intrepid teams sprawling? With bar, BBQ, stalls and children's fairground rides it's a great evening out for everyone. Topped off with our famous fireworks display. Music by: Dave Griff & The Trouser Band

## August - 6<sup>th</sup> August Raft Race

The coolest event in Wareham - Get yourself a place in this hilarious Wareham tradition on the river Frome. Application forms available on the website or on the evening. Arrive with your raft and teams at 6pm for a 7pm start. Children's tractor slalom on Quay sponsored by Farmer Palmers. Also our classic rock covers band. Music by: The Other Guys

## 13<sup>th</sup> August - Food & Drink Festival with Tractor Races

It's our Beer, Cider & Food festival on Wareham Quay proudly supported by the Purbeck Brewery. Children's Tractor Races proudly sponsored by Farmer Palmers. With bar, BBQ, stalls and children's fairground rides for a fantastic evening out for all the family. Followed by our fireworks display. Music by: Where's Clive...?

## 20<sup>th</sup> August - Canoe Club Regatta with Barn Dance

Wareham Boat Hire & Wareham Canoe Club are arranging a canoe regatta along the Frome with a few twists! Followed by shanty singing from the Dorset Wrecks and then our Barn Dance on the Quay with the fantastic Black Sheep - come on down and do-si-do!! Fireworks to finish. Music by: Black Sheep & Dorset Wrecks

## 27<sup>th</sup> August - Grand Finale

Grand Finale with "The Great Pretenders" Queen tribute band. It's the big one!!

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**November Bonfire Night** - Torchlit procession from the crossroads to the Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club on Bestwall Road, where the bonfire will be lit and the party begins. The club bar will be open, along with food stalls, BBQ, rides for the kids, live music and an extra spectacular firework display. See website nearer the time for further details.



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There are lots of events during Carnival Week (7-13th July) including: a film at the Rex, Pet X Factor, Golden Bridge Awards, Cycling Walking and Car Treasure Hunts, Safari Supper, Ghost walk, all ending with our Grand Dance Procession and fun on Wareham Quay on Sunday afternoon, which will feature dance demonstrations, music, entertainment for all ages, great food, the annual Duck Race, Dog Race and much more!

For much more details, please, please buy a copy of the Official Programme Guide for only £1 – full of info on all of the events plus facts, stories, oddities and quizzes for the kids.

All proceeds go to worthy causes in Wareham. Available from several outlets around the town! Each copy has an individual lucky number so you could win a prize!

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**Wednesday 9th July**

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**Friday 11th July**

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**Saturday 12th July**

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**A CHANGE OF PLAN** - Carnival Procession this year will start at 3pm. We have had to alter the route slightly this year due to the extensive work taking part on Shore Road.

Once the procession reaches the Clock Tower it will take a right up to the traffic lights and turn left carrying on down through Station Road, continuing with its normal route from The Mowlem onwards. The theme for 2014 is Celebrate Britain, so gather you Union Jacks and line the streets to witness one of the biggest and best carnival processions on the South Coast.

**PRINCE ALBERT GARDENS** - The Main Stage will now be situated at Prince Albert Gardens. We want this to be thought of as a family-friendly

event where you can take a picnic and spend your evenings listening to some good music, with plenty of space for children to play while you relax.

Check out the all live music both on the Main Stage and Sandpit Field in the Programme.

**THE SHOW WILL GO ON, WITH A BANG!!** - Swanage Carnival is famous for its three award-winning Firework displays. However due to the building work taking place along Shore Road, your carnival committee have been working hard to find the most practical and safest solution for the loss of seating on the hillside of 'The Rec', where in past years thousands of spectators have witnessed our breath-taking displays!

Yet again your Carnival Committee has not let you down! This year the fireworks will be let off from a barge in the bay, a little further down Shore Road and north of the Jetty, opposite Walrond Road. This way we can invite all those who normally sit on 'The Rec' to join us on 'The Sandpit Field' and 'The Spa' for the best views, plus the road and beach will be accessible to all, to view these spectacular displays! Regrettably this has been an extra expense, totalling £6,000 for the barge over the three displays. That takes the cost of the three displays to nearly £20,000.

It was decided that this was a cost we were willing to cover to keep the true spirit of Swanage Carnival, alive and kicking. **SO IF YOU DO HAVE A EXTRA POUND COIN OR TWO TO PUT IN OUR BUCKETS ON FIREWORK NIGHTS, THIS WOULD BE VERY MUCH WELCOMED THIS YEAR MORE THAN EVER!**

**NEW FOR 2014** - We are thrilled to announce that our Headline Event at Carnival 2014, The Aerostars Aerobatic Display Team, is Europe's largest and most spectacular civilian formation aerobatic display team. With a unique brand of tightly-choreographed aerobatics, thunderous radial sounds and magnificent smoke effects, they are a not to be missed event.

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Swanage Carnival is always very proud of the funds we donate with the help of your generosity to charities and good causes every year. But we would like to remind the public that everything we provide Carnival week comes at a cost, a cost that has to be covered before we can give any funds away.

All we ask is that this can be remembered, when donating those pounds in the buckets you are investing in the future of your Carnival. Want to find out more? Programmes are available NOW throughout

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**Health experts' report 'a major step forward for e-cigs'**

The UK's leading brand of electronic cigarettes says a letter signed by more than 50 public health specialists urging the World Health Organization (WHO) to "resist the urge to control and suppress e-cigarettes" is a major step forward for the sector.

The letter, which says the devices - which deliver nicotine in a vapour - could save hundreds of millions of lives, is an enormously important vote of confidence in e-cigarettes, according to Nicolites. The open letter has been organised as international negotiations on tobacco policy approach later this year. E-cigarette companies and users, who argue the products are a low-risk substitute for smoking, fear they may become subject to reduction targets and advertising bans. The WHO is still deciding what recommendations to make to governments.

The letter has been signed by 53 researchers - including specialists in public health policy and experts such as Professor Robert West, who published research last week suggesting that e-cigarettes are more likely to help people give up smoking than some conventional methods. It says: "These products could be among the most significant health innovations of the 21st Century - perhaps saving hundreds of millions of lives. If regulators treat low-risk nicotine products as traditional tobacco products they are improperly defining them as part of the problem.

"Regulators should avoid support for measures that could have the perverse effect of prolonging cigarette consumption. We are deeply concerned that the classification of these products as tobacco will do more harm than good. "The potential for tobacco harm reduction products to reduce the burden of smoking-related disease is very large."

Nikhil Nathwani, managing director of Nicolites (pictured, above), said: "This letter from 53 leading public health specialists is a hugely important moment in the development of the e-cigarette industry. They have studied the products and their effects and concluded that they have the potential to save hundreds of millions of lives.

"It is not Nicolites, or any other e-cigarette company, making these claims. These are health experts who sincerely believe that e-cigarettes can bring an end to the misery caused to millions of people and their families by the smoking-related diseases that kill so many people every day.

"We welcome their findings and would encourage the World Health Organisation and governments who may be considering banning or imposing strict sanctions to think again."

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# Swanage Medical Practice Update



## Hello from Swanage Medical Practice

This month I, Dr Claire Lehman, have volunteered to take on the role of Purbeck Gazette contributor and so I thought I would share with you some developments at Swanage Medical Practice and also a view from the coal face of General Practice.

### News from the doctors

There have been a few changes at the surgery with Dr Sandeep Gwinnett and myself joining the partnership during the past year. We are enjoying the practice and hope we are positively contributing to the care we at Swanage Medical Practice provide.

It is with sadness that Dr Lepper will be leaving us from the end of September, we wish him well for the future. On a more positive note we wish Dr Gwinnett Congratulations since she is expecting twins! She will be on maternity leave from the end of July and we are appointing a locum doctor to cover whilst she is on leave.

### Your voice

All of the staff at Swanage Medical Practice wish to provide you with the best service that we can sustainably provide and have taken on board your comments regarding:

- Access to same day appointments
- Access to telephone consultations
- Seating in the waiting room

### Easier prescription service

#### Surgery improvements

As a result we have replaced telephone triage with the sit and wait surgery for urgent same day problems so that you can always see a doctor on the same day. We also provide advance appointments, including telephone consultations, for non-urgent matters so that we can provide preventive and pre-emptive healthcare.

We have rearranged the waiting room to provide more seating and space. The new electronic prescribing service provides an efficient and reliable way to obtain your medicines. Just ask at your regular pharmacy if you wish to register for this service and you can join the many other patients receiving medicines this way.

We are always seeking to improve our services and we would appreciate your support to achieve this so that we can provide excellent General Practice to Swanage.

#### From the coal face

Although the media suggests that practices are only open 9am to 5pm, the truth is that all general practices are responsible for your care from 8am to 6.30pm on weekdays. At Swanage Medical Practice you may well see the lights on later than this and at weekends, as your GPs strive to provide you with excellent health care:

Checking results of blood tests X-rays & other tests, Reviewing medications & prescriptions, Following up patients, Providing non-urgent care during our clinics on weekday evenings and Saturdays.

On an average day your GP will: see thirty patients in the surgery, undertake 2 to 3 home visits, perform around fifteen telephone consultations.

As you can see it is a busy day! I have become a dab hand at typing one handed whilst eating my lunch at my desk!

We are always seeking to improve our services and we would appreciate your support to achieve this so that we can provide excellent General Practice to Swanage.

Until next time, Dr Claire Lehman

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## Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



### Hello again from Swanage and Wareham Hospitals!

I am often asked what it is like to work in the NHS and so this month I thought it would be good to tell you all this inspirational story from one of our newly qualified Occupational Therapists; Nikki Crooks, in her own words.

"My Journey from Office Junior to Occupational Therapist ... In 2006 aged 19 and not really knowing what to do with my life, I decided to apply for an Office Junior post at Swanage Hospital.

I always knew I wanted to work in healthcare and work directly with people, so this was an ideal opportunity. I was successful and it felt brilliant. It was initially daunting, but I soon settled and was welcomed with open arms by the lovely caring staff who work at Swanage Hospital.

Years went by very quickly and whilst still working in an administration role I had started to realise that I wanted to work in the clinical area of the hospital. Fortunately for me I was offered a secondment as an Occupational Therapy Assistant and I very quickly realised that this was my opportunity to develop my career.

In a short time I'd moved from making cups of tea for my colleagues to assessing patient's functional abilities when making a cup of tea to enable a safe and effective discharge!

I realised I had found my perfect career and enjoyed every moment of enabling people to lead fuller more independent lives. With my passion, enthusiasm and all the support from my Swanage Hospital colleagues, I have now completed three years of training at Bournemouth University and have just been offered an Occupational Therapist post at Swanage and Wareham Hospitals!

Swanage Hospital has opened up many opportunities for me and enabled me to pursue my passion in Occupational Therapy.

am now looking forward to working with both hospitals to help carry on the wonderful services currently provided and to help improve the health, well-being and independence of our patients within the local community."

It is wonderful to watch as staff grow and develop and I hope Nikki's story reassures you all how committed we all are to providing the best care, care that all of us would recommend to our family and friends.

Until next time, take care.

**Matron Jane**



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# Sport

## Regatta And A French Exchange



Swanage Sea Rowing Club hosted our biggest ever regatta on 24th May with clubs coming from as far away as Bristol, Avon, Dorset and Hampshire. Although the weather looked unpromising, the day turned out to be better than expected to make some outstanding racing around the course in Swanage Bay, with SSRC's crews fighting for the top honours with local rivals Weymouth and a strong Bristol team amongst 9 gigs in total.

The racing started with some excellent competition amongst the Junior's rowing short courses, followed by mixed crews, veterans and through to the A crews. With only a few races to go the Men's B had to put in a good result to keep Swanage in contention and came second to Weymouth.

The Ladies' A raced in increasingly fresh conditions to beat Weymouth and Bristol, which meant that the Men's A crew had to win for Swanage to clinch the regatta. From the start the rowing was hard and fast, with Weymouth taking the first mark but Swanage beating them to the next. With Bristol's gig Isambard, all three crews came to the last mark almost together, with Swanage just getting ahead at the turn, before pulling away to take the last race with Weymouth third.

The spectacle was enjoyed by the crowd looking on from Sandpit Field, with the result all hanging on the last race and a well-deserved victory for the Club. In the evening there was the first opportunity to use the new Boathouse for a social occasion and several hundred rowers and guests enjoyed a hog-roast, bar and live music in a very successful event – there will definitely be more in the future.

Over the first weekend in June the Club also hosted 10 Rowers from Avirons Club Villennes Poissy, a river rowing Club near Paris, who contacted SSRC through the website to come and try some sea rowing in Dorset. As experienced rowers, they soon adjusted to the different rowing styles and enjoyed two long rows in fabulous sunshine along the Jurassic coast and over towards Bournemouth, pulling up on the beach for a well-earned break.

They were very enthusiastic and appreciative, and want to return next year as the beginning of a regular event; there has naturally been an offer to all SSRC members to visit them in return and row on the Seine.

We are also looking at developing a link with a German club at Rudesheim, rowing on the Rhine through the town twinning association – both these links reflect how far the Club has developed in the past year or so and wouldn't have been possible without the improved facilities afforded by the Boathouse, which was the subject of much envy from other rowing



clubs at the regatta!

If you would like to try a row in a Pilot Gig why not join us at the pontoon by the stone quay at 10:30 on a Saturday – rowing can be enjoyed at all levels and is a fantastic way to stay fit whatever your age.

To find out more visit [www.ssrc.org.uk](http://www.ssrc.org.uk)

*Pictured are Bridport and Lyme in Tempest and Dagger (above), French Exchange (below).*



## Swanage Cricket Club

Ian Booth's Saturday 1st XI have won 2 of their 3 games in the Premier Division 'Gold' to currently occupy 3rd place. There have been some fantastic all-round performances from Rob Hatchard, Ricky King, Matt Thomas and Jem Warner as well as some fine bowling by Elliott Baczala and Ryan Norman and batting by Mike Salmon.

David Haines' Saturday 2nd XI have won one game and lost one in Division 4. There has been some fine batting displays from Andy and Pete Baczala, Haines himself, Joel Lowe and Paul Norman. Whilst Pete Barker, Matt Beard, Binoy Devasia, Dave Morton and Andy Tillman have all performed admirably with the ball.

Both of the Sunday sides have struggled this season due to a vast majority of the players being unavailable due to University/School commitments.

Despite this, Ben Baczala, Mike Nash and Steve Kent have all made significant contributions with the bat in Pete Barker's 1st XI team, also, in Terry White's 2nd XI – there have been some excellent all-round performances by Roger Wilcox.

With regards to the Youth Section, the Under 11s, 13s and 15s all have all started their League/Cup campaigns with Sam Willcocks and Charlie Dyke excelling. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that Cameron Beard, Alex Woods and Tom Woolen have all made their debuts in a Senior Adult side. The club are also pleased to announce the addition of another major local sponsor – Suttles Stone Quarries to go alongside the Club's Principal Sponsor – Land and Wave. This is in addition to the club's long-standing



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Back row (left-right) - Mike Hernandez, Elliott Baczala, Jem Warner, Ben Baczala, Francis Kerins, Mike Nash.

Front row (left-right) - Mike Salmon, Rob Hatchard, Ian Booth (Captain), Ricky King, Ryan Norman.



# Swanage Bowls Club

Swanage Bowling Club is enjoying the new season with good wins for men's and women's bowling teams.

The women are third in division 2 of the Dorset Women's Bowling League and sixth in the Edna Paisley League. They lost the women's Top Club Competition to West Moors on Sunday afternoon (1<sup>st</sup> June) after a good fight.

The men are currently fourth in the Bournemouth & District League, second in the Percy Baker league and competing strongly in Division 1 of the Dorset County League.

However, bowls is not only about leagues, winning and losing. It is also about friendly roll-ups with friends you make in the club, friendly games against touring sides that come to our district on holiday and the social side of the clubs with eats and drinks.

We have a junior section too, so if you are strong enough to roll a ball on the green come and have a go – free! There is a bursary fund to pay your expenses while you are at school, college, or in full-time training for a job.

*So if you want to join a friendly club with free coaching, phone Mike Keats on 01929 423747 for a chat. You will be very welcome!*

## T.W.A.T.S. Success!



### Terry's Walking and Trekking Society (T.W.A.T.S)

The T.W.A.T.S. had their second event on Sat 6th June at 9am.

The T.W.A.T.S. walked from Bournemouth Pier to Swanage Pier and the family would love to thank all those involved; some of whom came as far as Reading and London to get involved and raise money for Swanage Stroke Club.

This was our second event for The Terry Dorland Foundation and we were once again blessed with fantastic support from family, friends and Stroke Club members themselves.

We are hoping to do another walk during the summer and make T.W.A.T.S. a regular event for future fundraising for local charities in Swanage.

We would like to thank Jonnie Love for coming up with the idea and helping with the organising, Mary, Margaret, Sue, Betty and the Tourist Information team for organising the raffle at the end, members of Swanage Stroke Club for getting involved and showing us how the walk should be done!

Pauline Dorland sent a message from hospital to say a big thank you to everyone. She was gutted she couldn't do it and sends her love and thanks to everyone who was involved.

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## Swanage Tennis

Swanage Ladies Team welcomed familiar rivals Winton to Beach Gardens, anticipating a close contest after encountering the calibre of Winton Ladies on many previous occasions.

The first pairing of Jo Kiddell and Meg Mutter excelled in both of their matches, denying the Winton pairs any chance of a rally or gaining any kind of foothold in the games. They swept to victory with ease in their first match (6-0, 6-0) and then waited whilst Swanage's second pairing of Bridget Burtwell and Sam Christmas also took victory in their first match (7-6, 6-1).

The strength of Swanage's first pair was even more evident in their second match, completely controlling the game and punishing any attempt that Winton's second pair, a mother and daughter team could muster, (another 6-0, 6-0)! Sam and Bridget cruised to victory in the first set of their second match against Winton's first team but their opposition suddenly seemed determined to salvage something from their trip away.

A battle commenced in the second but Swanage were able to do enough to avoid a tie-break, winning 6-0, 7-6. A 4-0 victory for Swanage.

Jo and Meg were in action again on the 14<sup>th</sup> May in a mixed match against East Dorset. The opposition posed more of a challenge on this occasion and yet the ladies, together with their partners, Tony Saunders and Mike Angell, managed another comprehensive victory.

Jo and Tony completely outplayed their opponents in terms of their power, shot selection and consistency. Meg and Mike also played well against a strong East Dorset team who were able to vary their style and mix their shot selection. Swanage won 3-1 rubbers and were unlucky not to have made it 4-0.

1st pair: Tony Saunders and Jo Kiddell - won 6-0, 6-2 then 6-2, 6-2.

2<sup>nd</sup> Pair: Meg Mutter and Mike Angell - won 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 then lost 6-3, 7-6, 0-1

Mixed 2 Results: Swanage v Mudeford

Paul Lurie and Margaret Needs lost 4-6, 2-6 and then won 6-4, 6-1

Gay Herd and Bob Needs lost 6-7, 3-6 and then lost 2-6, 4-6

A loss of 1-3 rubbers.



# Want A World Record? Sign-Up HERE - NOW!



**A** win at the inaugural SuperVeterans Pilot Gig Championships and a top 20 position at the Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Championships shows Swanage Sea Rowing Club is already making fantastic use of its new facilities.

The next big event hosted by the club will be the Regatta and Carnival Ultra-row, taking place in the Boathouse throughout carnival week (18th July – 2nd August).

The Ultra-row aims to get the people of Swanage challenging themselves and, with a bit of luck, put some more local names in the record books too (see the Carnival or SSRC website for more details and entry form).

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# Swanage Football Club



The curtain closed on Swanage Town and Herston FC's first season under manager Alan Lay on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May against Hamworthy Recreation on a beautiful sunny afternoon at Day's Park. Before the start of the game a Swanage win would see them guarantee a place in the top seven of the Dorset Premier League, a 100% improvement on last season's finish.

The match was a brilliant spectacle for the league with Swanage dominating for long periods and going 3-0 ahead with two goals from Richard Best and a penalty from Chris Woods. Despite long periods of accurate passing and forceful pressing from Swanage, Hamworthy showed why they are a top team and finished in the top four with two late goals, seeing the game finish 3-2 in Swanage's favour. The win finished off a really positive season for the first team and one that gives the whole adult section a confidence boost, a lot of hope and high aspirations that next season can and could be even better.

The result was very important in ensuring that the first team secured as high a league position as possible, but a high quality game was overshadowed by the pre match festivities. Alan, the coaching staff, and players took the opportunity to invite our under 11 and under 12 league title winners and parents to attend the game in recognition of their brilliant achievements.

All the young players were in attendance, decked out in their Swanage kit and track suits, alongside Jamie Smith, Dean Slavin, Phil Dyke and Bruce Jones and were welcomed onto the pitch by a guard of honour by the first team, Brian, Tim and Ben, with Lee Turner's under 9 team acting as mascots. Lots of photographs ensued and the youngsters had the opportunity to play on the pitch whilst the first team finished their pre match warm up. It was a brilliant occasion and proof, if proof were needed, that the football club is blossoming, can have a positive effect on the wider Swanage community and has the talent and potential to

be the biggest football club in Dorset.

To celebrate the end of a positive season, the adult section hosted their end of season presentation with a sit down buffet attended by 85 people, including Joe's Gym, sponsor of the first team's warm up kit, and many of our managers and coaches from the junior section of the club.

It was a fantastic evening with many awards given to some very deserving people for lots of hard work this year. Star of the show was Derek Marsh winning the coveted Gerald Makin award. The player's awards were all difficult choices because of so many fantastic performances this season, but Sam Beale ultimately stole the show with three awards; top goal scorer, player's player and supporter's player of the year. Captain Paul Best won Manager's Player of the year and Rowan Robinson scooped coaches' player of the year. The players also gave out their own special awards during the evening (see photo).

Next season is looking very encouraging for our Reserves as we have made a new appointment in the managerial role. Simon Kidby comes into the role with a wealth of experience in the game, having previously been Chief Scout at Ebbsfleet United. We would like to take this opportunity in thanking Lee Jossie James for all his efforts for last season as he stands down as Manager of our Reserves, and congratulations to Lee on the recent birth of his baby daughter Ella Louise.

Preseason planning is already underway for the adult section of the club with two confirmed friendlies; Bournemouth Poppies 9<sup>th</sup> July and Hamworthy United 16<sup>th</sup> July both under lights at Days Park. Training begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm sharp. Anyone interested in playing adult football is welcome to attend the preseason programme planned by FA qualified coaches.

## COME ON YOU SWANS

Alan Lay & John Peacock

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## DGCC Scoop The Legg Bowl

The Dorset Golf and Country Club Ladies have won the prestigious Legg Bowl at Didsbury beating Romsey Golf Club in the grand final. The silver pairing of Julie Jenkins and Pauline Henson lost a tight encounter three down but the bronze duo of Sarah Durell and Eileen Roper won their match with a stunning eight up margin resulting in the DGCC winning five up.

It is the first time that the DGCC ladies have won this competition, which has been played annually since 1996.

DGCC Lady Captain, Julie Jenkins said: "The Legg Bowl is a winter foursomes competition, this year 48 clubs from Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire contested for the silver bowl. This is the first time that the DGCC has been in the final but I sincerely hope it's not the last. It is a fantastic result for the team and for the club in this very exciting competition.

"Our team has performed very well through all the rounds during a difficult winter period."



Pictured left to right: Pauline Henson, Lady Captain Julie Jenkins, Sarah Durell, and Eileen Roper



# 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 August is noon, 10th July

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.

## JULY 2014

- Tue 1<sup>st</sup>
- 09:00 **Purbeck Produce Farmers Market** At Commercial rd, Swanage. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
- 10:00 **'Charley's War' Exhibition** At Durlston Castle. Exhibition of work by comic book illustrator Joe Colquhoun.
- Thu 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 19:30 **Open Air Theatre - Macbeth** At Corfe Castle. By Illyria. Booking essential, call 0844 249 1895 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup>
- 15:15 **Sandford St Martins Summer Fayre** Enjoy stalls, coconut shy, splat the rat, face painting, bungee run, horse rides, bouncy castle, demonstration from Dorset fire service, RSPB, National coast rescue, guide dogs for the blind, butterfly conservation, BBQ, beer and Pimms tent and lots more!
- 18:30 **Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group** Furzebrook Village Hall, Furzebrook Road, Wareham, BH20 5AR. Entrance £2, children 50p. For further information contact Terry Jenkins -07960 691479.
- 19:45 **Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting** At Wareham Day Centre, Bonnets Lane, Wareham. A meeting on the first Friday of every month to answer any questions about alcohol misuse and alcoholism. Professionals and members of the public concerned about family or friends are welcome to attend. Free. Ffi: www.westdorsetaa.org.uk
- 21:00 **Shelangig** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 **Studland History Group** are holding a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall with displays of memorabilia from WW1 and WW2. FREE Entry. Raffle. Ffi 01929 439245.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Knoll Beach Car Park for a 5 mile circular walk on Studland Heath including visits to Little Sea where possible. Ffi 01929 425165.
- 11:30 **Summer Fayre** At the Catholic hall, Rempstone road. Stalls plus tombola and plant stall. Grand draw £50 first prize, drawn at 2.15pm. Refreshments, all welcome, free entrance!
- 13:00 **Stoborough Primary School Village Fete** and Pig Roast Traditional stalls; refreshments; games; displays; Wareham Town Band and much more. Evening Pig Roast with Bar and Live Music commences 6pm. Everyone welcome !
- 19:00 **Supper Club** At Emmanuel Church, Victoria Avenue, with an American theme - Yee Hah! Tickets £7.50. Ffi 427706.
- 19:30 **'It Runs in the Family'** A farce by Ray Cooney, at The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £9, concessions £8, children £5.
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>
- 13:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Scotland Farm, near Corfe Castle for a 5 mile circular walk through flower meadows and along the Hartland Trail. Ffi 01929 425165.
- 14:00 **Jim Etherington** At The Black Swan Inn, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423846 www.blackswanswanage.co.uk
- 14:00 **Rev Peyton Big Damn Band** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 19:00 **The Occasional Singers Concert** A concert in the unique setting of the Chapel of St Mary, Lulworth. From the Tudor period with the great masters Tallis and Byrd but then followed by Thomas Arne who seems to have had a special connection with Lulworth and Samuel Wesley. There is music from the nineteenth century represented by Elgar and the more recent work of Lennox Berkeley. In addition there will be a chance to hear the fascinating original organ being played. Members of the audience are welcome to enjoy a picnic in the Castle grounds. Tickets priced at £10 will be available on the door or in advance from Harmony Music, The Forum Centre, Dorchester. All proceeds will be donated to the Weldmar Hospice
- 19:30 **'It Runs in the Family'** A farce by Ray Cooney, at The Mowlem Theatre, Swanage. Tickets £9, concessions £8, children £5.
- Tue 8<sup>th</sup>
- 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
- 18:00 **Poole Grammar School** Open Evening Experience the school in action and talk to the students and staff.
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>
- 09:05 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Northbrook Road lay by, Swanage for car sharing to Christchurch then a 8 mile walk around Christchurch harbour. Ffi 01929 480224.
- 14:00 **Stoborough WI** At Stoborough Village Hall. The Secrets of Sustainable Living - Tracey West.
- 19:30 **Studland WI** Meets at Studland Village Hall. Sarah Atkins. "English Oak Vineyard". Competition: Wine Glass.
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* **Swanage Jazz Festival** At various locations. For tickets call 01929 422215 or www.swanagejazz.org.uk
- \* **Festival of Brides** At St Mary's Church, Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset BH16 6BS. Bridal displays, flowers, music, competitions. Just Sing led by Kelly Perry (contemporary choir) - Saturday July 12th at 5pm - tickets £4 Opening times Friday and Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 12am - 4pm Evensong - Sunday July 13th Bell Ringing FREE entry More details contact Debbie 01202 632858
- 10:30 **The Summer Festival** St. Edward's Parish Church, Corfe Castle. Arts. Crafts. Music and Flowers. Free Admission. Refreshments available on the Church Lawns.
- 19:30 **Purbeck Railway Circle** Meets at Harman's Cross Village Hall for a digital presentation entitled "The History of Narrow Gauge Railways in France (including 60cm in WWI)", by Michael Bunn. Doors open 7pm. EVERYONE WELCOME. No admission charge; donations welcome. Ffi 554765.
- 21:00 **Pilgrim's Way** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup>
- \* **Festival of Archaeology** At Corfe Castle. A family trail every day and a variety of different living history displays.
- \* **'Freebay' Tabletop Sale** At URC Church, Swanage. Free table, free entry. Refreshments available. To book a table and ffi: Elizabeth on 01929 422406.
- \* **Swanage 35 Gala** At Swanage Railway. Visit from 'Tornado', Britain's youngest steam locomotive. Ffi: www.swanagerailway.co.uk
- 10:00 **Sale of a Thousand Books!** At Emmanuel Church, Victoria Avenue. 10 - 3 pm. Free entrance, refreshments all day long, including cream teas.
- 10:00 **Summer Exhibition** by Isle of Purbeck Arts Club At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. 10-5.30 daily. ADMISSION FREE.
- 10:15 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet outside the Fox Inn, Lower Ansty for a walk via Dorsetshire Gap to Lyscombe Hill. Return via Gap and Melcombe. Ffi 01929 422554.
- 10:30 **The Summer Festival** St. Edward's Parish Church, Corfe Castle. Arts. Crafts. Music and Flowers. Free Admission. Refreshments available on the Church Lawns.
- 11:00 **Purbeck Artists and Stallholders** At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, Arts, Cakes, Jellies, Jams & Chutneys, Flowers, Cream Teas, & Purbeck Ice Cream.
- 12:00 **St George's Summer Fete**, Langton Matravers Come Rain or Shine! Traditional Village Fete French Theme, stalls, games, music by Karl Lattimer & Swanage Town Band refreshments, children's entertainer, fun for all the family.
- 14:30 **Village Walk with Reg Saville** UNLESS RAINING-----Reg Saville will lead a walk through the hamlet of Acton and then south of the village Meet at 2.30 pm at Acton Car Park Cost £3 - Proceeds in aid of the Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society ..
- 16:00 **Swanage Town Twinning BBQ** In the Grounds of All Saints Church. Tickets (to include BBQ) £8, call Jean on 01929 424899 to book.
- 19:30 **Dorset Police Male Voice** Choir Charity Concert in support of the Dorset Blind Association at St Ambrose Church, 72 Westcliff Road, Westbourne, BH4 8BE. The choir has built a high reputation both locally and overseas. It is a very enthusiastic, friendly and sociable group with plenty of camaraderie and continues to promote male voice singing, whilst providing enjoyment for its members, supporters, audiences and the wider community. For more information about the , please visit their website : http://www.dorsetpolicevoicechoir.co.uk/ Admission £10.00 (£8.00 Concession) Order tickets via Eventbrite: http://dpmvc-efevent.eventbrite.co.uk/ Come along and enjoy the fun and the music! Contact us to find out more : 01202 712864 or jaya@dorsetblind.org.uk Email: jaya@dorsetblind.org.uk
- 21:00 **Sarah Jane Scouten** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup>
- 10:30 **The Summer Festival** St. Edward's Parish Church, Corfe Castle. Arts. Crafts. Music and Flowers. Free Admission. Refreshments available on the Church Lawns.
- 10:00 **Summer Exhibition** by Isle of Purbeck Arts Club At the Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. 10-5.30 daily. ADMISSION FREE.
- 11:00 **Purbeck Artists and Stallholders** At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, Arts, Cakes, Jellies, Jams & Chutneys, Flowers, Cream Teas, & Purbeck Ice



- Cream.
- 14:00 **Pantomime Workshop** At The Mowlem Theatre Community Room. For Guys and Gals aged 13- 17 years. Book a free place now! email v.r.jones@hotmail.co.uk tel: 07887 524466
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 **Summer Exhibition** by Isle of Purbeck Arts Club At The Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. 10-5.30 daily. ADMISSION FREE.
- 10:30 **The Summer Festival** St. Edward's Parish Church, Corfe Castle. Arts. Crafts. Music and Flowers . Free Admission . Refreshments available on the Church Lawns.
- 11:00 **Purbeck Artists and Stallholders** At Worth Matravers Village Hall. Crafts, Arts, Cakes, Jellies, Jams & Chutneys, Flowers, Cream Teas, & Purbeck Ice Cream.
- 21:00 **Mal Webb** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup>
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets at 2.30pm in the Village Hall with an illustrated talk on "Studland Residents and the Great War". Putting faces to the names on the Roll of Honour, Joyce Meates and Carlton Hobbs. All welcome. Ffi 01929 439245.
- 18:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Swanage station or Ballard Stores (18:25) for an evening walk through New Swanage and along chalk ridge to Corfe. Return by bus. Ffi 01929 422795.
- Thu 17<sup>th</sup>
- 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 18<sup>th</sup>
- 13:30 **Alexander Technique - Free Introductory Class** At Wareham Library. These classes are part of ITM Alexander Technique International Events Week. To book a place at one of these classes contact Kate 07798 791985
- 19:30 **Organ Recital** in aid of Action for Children At Swanage High Street Methodist Church. Free admission, refreshments available. Retiring collection for Action for Children. Ffi: 01929 480253.
- 19:30 **Open Air Theatre -The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** At Corfe Castle. By Chapterhouse. Booking essential, call 0844 249 1895 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle
- 19:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At The Methodist Church, Swanage. Summer Flowers In Full Colour. All welcome!
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup>
- 08:15 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Swanage station to catch 08:20 bus to Bournemouth station and onward train/ferry/bus travel to Isle of Wight for all day walk. Ffi 01929 427015.
- 10:00 **Books, Coffee and Cake** At Moreton Village Hall (DT2 8RF) 10am to 12 noon FREE ENTRY Huge selection of books for just 25p a book. Home made/ grown produce and crafts too . Donation of books always welcome. Make a morning of it in Moreton - visit Lawrence of Arabia's Grave and the beautiful etched glass windows in the Church. For more details contact Maeve 01929 463221 or moretonvillagehall@talktalk.net website: www.moretonvillagehall.btck.co.uk
- 19:30 **Outdoor Theatre** - 'The Wife' With The Rude Mechanicals. At Durlston Country Park. Tickets available from Durlston, booking advised.
- 20:30 **The Folly Mixtures** At The Legion, Swanage.
- 21:00 **Truckstop Honeymoon** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 **Church Knowle Food Fayre** In The Village Hall. Admission £2, under 16's free. In aid of Church Knowle Village Hall.
- 14:00 **Truckstop Honeymoon** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>
- \* **'Saving Lives at Sea'** RNLI Timeline Exhibition of artefacts and photographs from Swanage station. At Durlston Country Park.
- 10:00 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in Tolpuddle for a 6 mile circular walk taking in Weatherby Hill Fort and Obelisk. Ffi 01929 480224.
- 19:00 **Grand Opening Night** At Wareham Quay. Michael Jackson Tribute Act. Bar, BBQ and Fireworks.
- 19:30 **Murder Mystery** - The Case of Captain McManus Booking essential, call 0844 249 1895 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup>
- 09:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet at Swanage station for 09:40 X43 bus to Winfrith Newburgh. for walk to Lulworth Cove, via East Chaldon. Return to Swanage by bus. Ffi 01929 427015.
- 11:00 **Fossil Fayre** At The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.
- 15:00 **Afternoon Tea Party** At LANGTON MATRAVERS VILLAGE HALL - in the Hall 3-5 pm. £5 per head, children ½ price. Please come and join us.
- 17:00 **Swanage Carnival Aerostars** Aerobatic Display Team Europe's largest civilian formation aerobatic display team.
- 21:45 **Swanage Carnival Fireworks** (Amended launch site - see brochure for details)
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 **Fossil Fayre** At The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.
- 14:00 **Jim Etherington** At The Black Swan Inn, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423846 www.blackswanswanage.co.uk
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup>
- \* **Stone Carving Festival** At The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.
- 21:00 **Rob Heron & His Tea Pad Orchestra** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Tue 29<sup>th</sup>
- \* **Stone Carving Festival** At The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.
- 21:00 **Tom Kitching & Gren Bartley** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup>
- \* **Stone Carving Festival** At The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.
- 10:30 **Swanage Walking Group** Meet in Abbotsbury village for a circular walk over downland and with fine coastal views. Ffi 01929 228427.
- 19:00 **WW Tug-O-War!** At Wareham Quay. Bar, BBQ and Fireworks. Music by Dave Griff and The Trouser Band.
- 19:30 **Murder Mystery** - The Case of Captain McManus Booking essential, call 0844 249 1895 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle
- 21:00 **Mochara** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229
- 21:45 **Swanage Carnival Fireworks** (Amended launch site - please see brochure for details)
- Thu 31<sup>st</sup>
- \* **Stone Carving Festival** At The Square and Compass, Worth Matravers.
- 21:00 **Swanage Carnival Masquerade** Night At The Lower High Street, Swanage.
- 21:00 **Count Bobo** Live Music at The Square & Compass Pub, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### EVERY MONDAY

- 09.00 **U3A Table Tennis Group** meet at Harmans Cross VH.
- 09.30 **Notelets Music Group for under 5s** at Parish Hall, Wm.
- 09.45 **Toddler Club** URC, Sw. Till 11.15
- 10.00 **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'tee** 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's 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
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- 19.30 **Sw Conservative Club** Line Dancing
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- 19.30 **Swanage Youth Club Youth Action** (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
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- 20.00 **Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo** Sw
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- 18.00 **Sw Youth Centre** Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.00 **Sw Tennis Club** Senior Club Session. 426312
- 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
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