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Editor's note...

Welcome to the September edition of YOUR Gazette!

With the season now morphing into autumn, many of us are turning our thoughts towards the approaching winter months. Logs and kindling are being gathered, coal ordered and chimneys swept.

However, September often offers us a few glorious weeks of warmth and sunshine before the chill fully arrives, and with lesser numbers of visitors around, it offers Purbeck folk the chance to get out there and enjoy our stunning surroundings before winter begins to bite.

Our feature this month brings you a selection of 'pastimes and pleasures' to enjoy out and about in Purbeck - gather friends and family, and enjoy an afternoon or two out.

September also brings us Swanage Folk Festival, when the town will ring with the sound of jingling bells, Sandpit Field will be groaning under the weight of stalls and dancing feet, and we'll all be smiling with the sheer fun of it all! Enjoy - we'll see you there!

There's plenty on this month, and if the weather stays with us, then we should be in for a fantastic September. Next month we start the lead-in to that dreaded word - Christmas! So while the sun's shining, ensure you catch some rays and enjoy the best Purbeck has to offer before grey skies become the norm and hats and scarves make an appearance!

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Peveril Ledge, Swanage

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26	05.25	10.40	17.41	22.52	-- ST
27	05.55	11.08	18.11	23.20	-- SP
28	06.26	11.38	18.43	23.53	--
29	--	--	07.00	12.13	19.20
30	--	00.32	07.39	12.56	20.09

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

Swanage Town Council Meetings - September 2014

Council	Mon 1st	7pm
Policy & Planning	Mon 15th	7pm

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

Wareham Town Council Meetings - September 2014

Planning & Transport	Tues 5th	7pm
Council	Tues 16th	7pm
Planning & Transport	Mon 22nd	7pm
Amenities	Wed 24th	7pm

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Overview & Scrutiny Group	Tues 2nd	9.15am
Licensing Board	Thur 4th	9.15am
Council	Tue 9th	7pm
Policy Group	Wed 17th	7pm
Audit & Governance Panel	Tues 23rd	5.30pm
Planning Board	Wed 24th	9.15am

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Resting on Houns-Tout, by Michael Cooper

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OCT edition deadline: 12 noon Wed 10th Sept

In Memory Of Brian Brown

Dear Readers,

It's back! Brian's memorial seat!

Well done Swanage! You came up trumps when I wanted money to get a really good seat out of the original three seats that were made in memorial to Brian Brown, who drowned in the bay on 1st September 1964 (50 years ago) whilst attempting to save the life of another.

The work was carried out by Nigel Taylor, who specialises in carpentry and renovation, and I congratulate him on the finished job considering the amount of rot that was in all three seats.

The people who contributed to my 'seat fund' were: David Hollister, the Blanchards, Derek Marsh, Roger Marsh, the Wadkins, Mick Storer, the Burbidges, Corben's Estate Agent, David Curtis, Nick Gadenne, Yvonne Norman (ref Oscar who knew him well). Finally, I'd like to say a special thank you to Andree Turner, who was Brian's niece, for her donation, and co-operation. She is very pleased with the job that Nigel has done, also the first class position that the seat is in, which was agreed with the council.

Alan Houghton, by email.

Ed's note: see page 13 for further details and pictures.

Carnival WOW!

Dear Nico and Gazette,

One word for carnival week:

WOW!

W- for wonderful workers for charity

O- for organisers on this classy community

W- for winner!

Cheers, Paul Rayner. Swanage.

Zig Zag Path Reopens

Dear Nico,

You may recall that some years ago, after a long battle with various authorities, I managed to persuade Dorset County Council to agree to reopen the Zig-Zag path down to Durlston Bay.

Last year, I approached Dorset County Council about reinstating the southern extension of this path, across the old landslip, towards Durlston. Thanks to the County Council, Durlston Country Park, the South West Coast Path Association and help from local Ramblers' Association volunteers, this path is now open again.

I understand that suitable signs should be erected soon, and the top gate may be removed.

Regards, Mike Hadley

First Aid For Marathon

Dear Editor and Readers,

The Purbeck Marathon will be providing a FREE First Aid At Work course on the 1st Sept 2014. The places are free but are in exchange for committing to provide first aid cover on the 14th Sept for The Purbeck Marathon.

If you are an individual, a company or employer in the Purbeck district and would like to get further information then please contact Jason via email: logistics@thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk.

There are just twelve places available, so you need to be quick!

Regards, Jason Haiselden, Logistics Manager. The Purbeck Marathon



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: **27/28th September**

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

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Wind - Who really Pays?

Dear Nico,

May I please pose a question to your readers?

Has any business or corporation built a wind farm to provide electricity at a profit to themselves without any help from us, the people who use this electricity, i.e. the taxpayer?

Has Navitus Bay had any involvement with the anti-fracking league?

Yours, Xavier Padgett Boomes.

Tearing Heart Out Of Town

Dear Readers,

Why is nobody making a fuss about the proposed move of Cottee's auction house and the loss of Wareham's historic market place?

This is scheduled to happen later this year and rumour has it that the site will be turned into retirement apartments. Losing this facility will tear the heart out of Wareham. The auction and the market bring hundreds of visitors to the town who then patronise the local pubs, cafes and shops. Yet nobody seems to care.

Do people really want Wareham to become a town full of charity shops, estate agents and retirement apartments? The town is starting to die on its feet as we all sit back and allow our heritage to be destroyed. Please let's do something about it now before it is too late.

Mrs. A. Evans, Mill Lane, Wareham.

(Sadly Mrs Evans, as the plot/business is not publicly-owned (it's in private hands), unless someone comes up with the cash to buy it, there's not much anyone can do that we can see.)

Answers Please, Dr Ayres

Dear Nico,

Below is a copy of my most recent letter to Dr Martin Ayres of Swanage Town Council.

Dear Dr Ayres,

I am in receipt of two acknowledgements of my letters of the 14th June 2014 and 1st July 2014. It is now 4th August 2014, and as yet I have not had an answer. Is it that you cannot justify the 8p charge on Pay by Phone? How much is that going to cost the town?

I enclose an article from 'Your Money' in the Telegraph on Saturday which shows that Purbeck District Council has the sixth most expensive council tax in the country.

Of course, if your prolific use of our money from the precept continues in this way, 'only another £2.98!' we are never going to see the rates come down. Where are the savings being made? Or is it a case of not our money so it does not matter! The excuse that works on the seafront and the monument sliding down the hill in the bad weather is not a valid reason to subsidise visitors at the expense of local charge payers. A local with any historical knowledge would have observed that the spoil from Rempstone Road and Gilbert Road bulldozed to make the recreation ground in the late 19th century would have been unstable if disturbed and the job approached with that in mind!

As the article in the paper shows, it is possible to keep rates down in a diverse number of councils across the country. I am sure Westminster council tax payers get their bins collected, their roads kept in good repair and do not have to wander about without streetlights after midnight. Incidentally how much has that saved for Dorset County Council? Probably nobody will bother checking until there is an accident. I am sure the Chief Executive will look forward to an increase in salary next year on the back of the savings!

When are we going to see the bandstand re-instated to its glory and the wall rebuilt around the Garden of Remembrance at the War Memorial? Or is the council so short of money to do anything for the town? Hence 'only another £2.98!'

Regards, Peter Wakefield. Swanage.



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Nellie's Companion Vicious!

Dear Nico,

I feel really sorry for Nellie having to put up with such a vicious human companion who delights to use clever words to hammer our Wimpy. The staff are excellent and the food suits many a taste.

He claims to know the cause of our obesity epidemic ('junk' food) and yearns for 'good local food' - like Italian, Chinese and Indian, I suppose.

I would lay a large bet that Nellie would enjoy a feast at the Wimpy, especially if she could be rid of the person who purports to be her spokesperson.

Alan Cox, De Moulham Road

Wimpy Comments In Poor Taste

Dear Editor,

'Shame on you Nellie'

I have been coming to Swanage on holiday for many years and always look forward to reading your magazine. However, July's edition of 'Not on your Nellie' was in exceptionally poor taste (no pun intended). Surely you can do better than this or am I missing the point? Was it a spoof? A sort of country bumpkin's pick-on-your-neighbours corner? What on earth has the Wimpy Bar done to Nellie to provoke such an attack?

During my stays in the town I like to try out the various 'eateries' of which Swanage has many to choose. On the whole I like to think that most do a fine job. It is of course horses for courses. On value-for-money and choice, the Wimpy is as good as any and better than many of its independent rivals.

I have found the management and staff at the Swanage Wimpy particularly helpful and attentive, the establishment is clean and the food well prepared.

I have also noticed the extra care they give when customers request a birthday party or other celebration, with children and adults having a whale of a time in safe and affordable surroundings.

I think Nellie is talking through the top of their snobby hat and should indeed stick to whatever pretentious eateries he or she frequents. Hats off to your local Wimpy! Well done to the staff and management in such competitive times.

Yours faithfully, Mrs H Pomfet, Cheshire.

School Design - Student's Reply

Dear Editor,

Reply to David Miller's 'School Design Questioned' letter

I'm a pupil of the Swanage School. Whilst reading the last issue of the Purbeck Gazette I read David Miller's comment on the Swanage School. I was horrified at his comment of 'The only reason I can think of for the design of the Swanage School is that they have made allowance for the school failing within a couple of years'.

Whilst also calling our building an 'easy to convert to a commercial use' building. I cannot understand how you can expect the Swanage School to fail within a few years. My school is succeeding. Every student is happy there and I cannot see the school being shut down after how much success it has had.

It was only a few weeks ago that Michael Gove visited and was more than impressed with the dedication and the happy but hard-working atmosphere in the classrooms. Even as a student at the school I feel that the negativity

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that my school is receiving is the only thing that will ever bring it down.
We are a strong and hard-working school, which I feel Swanage is lucky to have.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Turner, age 13, by email.

Ed's note: I'm with you Joshua - I think it looks like, well, a school! It's fabulous that local children now have a choice in where they go to school, and a fantastic new well-equipped building in which to learn.

Purbeck Shorts 6th Year

Dear readers,

The Purbeck Shorts is a short filmmaking competition run by the Purbeck Film Festival (10 to 25 October 2014). This is our 6th year of Purbeck Shorts and our event is going from strength to strength, attracting films from the UK and internationally.

All entries should be submitted by 12th September 2014. A preliminary judging panel will put together a final shortlist of entries to be screened at our exciting Purbeck Shorts Competition night, being held at the Rex Cinema, Wareham, Dorset, on Friday, 17th October 2014.

Entrants will be notified of the shortlist results as soon as possible after the closing date, and all successful entrants will see their films on the big screen, being judged to the highest standard by our professional judging panel, who will announce the winners of each category at the Purbeck Shorts event.

Prizes will be announced on the evening and the Judging Panel will be announced shortly.

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Rudesheim - Wine And Cuddles

Dear Readers,

Our visit with the Swanage Town Twinning Association to Rudesheim in June consisted of a mixture of formal visits and free time with our hosts.

I stayed with my hostess, Ingrid, in Oestrich-Winkel which is about five miles from Rudesheim and is a larger town about 5 miles away from Rudesheim. Both Ingrid and Claudia, who were hosting Julie in Oestrich-Winkel, work in wine taverns as a hobby. The wine taverns open about four days a week. The owners do not have to pay duty provided that they do not serve beer. The wine is produced in their own vineyards and they serve a non-alcoholic drink other than water, and they serve local food.

Ingrid helps with the cooking at the Kaspar Herke Weingut and Claudia's partner owns strips of land in local vineyards and ferments the wine in the cellars. Claudia works at another wine tavern. During the visit we had meals at both wine taverns and Claudia's partner took us round the wine cellars.

Our German friends teamed up for breakfast. One morning we all had breakfast at Claudia's house. Another morning we had breakfast at Werner and Marion's house in Assmanhausen. This overlooked a vineyard and the town is famous for producing red wine from Pinot Noir grapes.

We also walked to the old crane, dating from 1745 and operated by a human treadmill, by the Rhine and the ladies had a paddle in the river. We had some grape juice and a snack at a stall by the river bank that also sold local wine.

We got on very well with our twinning friends and we had lots of cuddles.

Yours sincerely, Robin Brasher

Terrible Typo Troubles

Dear Nico,

Re: Letter from John Davis Issue 175 – Don't Repeat Past Mistakes

A small typo in the second line of this letter has reversed the writer's meaning!

It reads "it is" instead of "is it?"

Please will you correct this mistake conspicuously in September's issue of your excellent magazine?

Yours sincerely, Rona Smallwood, Swanage.

Women's Wartime Effort

Dear Editor,

There has been (justifiably), a great deal about the war recently in the media. We have heard about the army regiments, Navy and Air Force. It was without doubt a tremendous achievement, whereby the combined effort of all our brave servicemen including volunteers from abroad defeated Nazism in Europe.

But seldom do we hear of wives, sweethearts, sisters and mothers who kept the supply lines supplied during that war.

By the middle of 1943, almost 90 per cent of single women and 80 per cent of married women were employed in essential work for the war effort. Before long women made up one third of the total workforce in the metal and chemical industries, as well as in ship-building and vehicle manufacture. They worked on the railways, canals and on the buses.

Women built Waterloo Bridge, farmed the land, worked in munitions factories as well as in aircraft manufacturing.

No one has mentioned the WVS (later WRVS) who served tea and biscuits at railway stations to young men going or coming back from action with a smile. A small act of kindness, that was appreciated by all whose lives had been turned upside down!

Woman also served abroad as nurses and some were parachuted behind enemy lines in occupied France as Special Operations Executives (SOE). Their task was to spy for Britain and assist the French resistance, but if caught, they faced interrogation by the dreaded SS before being executed.

If one good thing came out of the war, it was that woman proved once and for all they were equal to any man. Their wartime effort was most certainly, without doubt, incredible.

I remain Editor, yours faithfully,

Mike Fry, by email.

Shocking Verbal Abuse

Dear Editor,

On Thursday 17th July during my drive home from work, my car broke down at Herston near Benleaze Way. I put on my hazards and telephoned for breakdown assistance. I then attempted to ring the 101 police number, when a very kind lady called Lesley Kennedy offered me help. She rang 101 from her home with no success.

I should like to report the many people who were extremely verbally abusive towards me for the inconvenience I inadvertently caused, due to the narrowness of the road and the fact it is always so busy.

I think it a shocking indictment on our society and 'modern manners' (or complete lack of) that people behave in such a way. Those concerned should be ashamed of themselves.

However, may I relay my thanks to those kind individuals who did offer help, namely Lesley Kennedy, Rachel Aplin, plus two gentlemen whose names I did not get.

I am most grateful to you.

J Groves, by hand.

Recycling Savings Question

Dear Editor,

I refer to the article in your August Edition entitled Dorset's Recycling.

Whilst the residents of Purbeck are to be commended on the increase in their recycling rate and consequent saving in landfill costs, the information contained in your article presents just one side of the picture.

I live in a small Purbeck village which includes a number of holiday homes and B&B's which qualify for Commercial Waste collections.

Under the previous refuse collection arrangements, we had two vehicle collections per fortnight for all household waste. Under the new scheme the number has increased to nine or ten depending on whether garden waste is being collected.

Through the good offices of the Purbeck Gazette, could Steve Burdis, Director of Dorset Waste Partnership be asked:-

1. What was the initial cost of setting up the new scheme in Purbeck (new vehicles, additional bins etc.)?
2. The new scheme has involved a 450/500% increase in vehicle collections; what are the additional financial and environmental costs of running the new scheme and are these costs fully offset by the saving in landfill costs?
3. Why, in rural areas, are the same vehicles not being used to collect both domestic and commercial waste (as was the case in the past), which would immediately save nearly 40% of the cost of collection?

Hopefully Dorset Waste Partnership can provide details in order to present a more balanced picture.

Hugh Cochrane, Worth Matravers, by email

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Death Of Last Gull Chick



Dear Nico,

End of the 2014 summer seagull saga

The 4th August was a sad day as it would appear that the bird haters have won this round of their 'Seagull War', as the last remaining of this year's three chicks on the lock-up garage roof of the Peveril Heights flats was killed during the night of the 3rd/4th August, perhaps by the metal strips put on the roof, or by a natural predator; fox or hawk (but they would have taken their victim to feed their young).

However, in this instance the corpse has been left to rot, for the crows or rats to eat. I have informed the RSPB and the Police who visited the site today and are looking into the incident (any information should be given to the Police at Swanage).

Thanks again to the many who have contacted us to offer their support for the Seagull family, and to those who have rescued and helped the chicks back onto the garage roof when they've 'jumped off' whilst learning to fly.

Regards, Rob Owen.

Gulls - Noisy And Aggressive

Dear Nico

Seagulls, an alternative view

I read with interest the "gull update" from Rob Owen in the August Gazette. Unfortunately, there is another side to these herring gulls. In recent years they have taken over from the smaller, quieter and docile common and lesser black backed gulls that used to enhance the Swanage landscape.

Herring gulls breed profusely and it is clear their numbers in Swanage are increasing year on year. Apart from being very noisy compared with the gulls that previously inhabited Swanage, more importantly they create a lot of mess and can be very aggressive.

Visitors to the town feed the gulls and are unaware of the associated problems. The Town Council has erected one small sign "Please do not feed the seagulls" adjacent to the square but this is either not seen or ignored. I did write to the council some time ago suggesting more prominent signage could be erected as in other resorts but no action was taken.

I realise there will be other views on this issue and I would be interested to read the comments of your readers.

Chris Walker, by email.

Desperate Housewives!

Dear Editor,

On Saturday 6th September two desperate housewives (Gaynor Wells and Gail Green) will be attempting to trek 26 miles, in a day, across Salisbury Plain from Stonehenge to Avebury. Why, you may ask yourselves? To raise money for Alzheimer's Research.

My mum Valerie passed away last year after suffering from this dreadful disease. Watching her fade away both physically and mentally was, at times, almost unbearable. Having seriously lost my "mojo" somewhere along the way and needing a new hobby, I took up walking. It soon became

compulsive and I decided to use it raise money for research into Alzheimer's Disease. So, catching my friend Gaynor in a moment of weakness, she agreed to join me and we signed up for the trek. We have since covered just about every path and trail around the Coast Path and Purbeck Way during our training.

Currently there are 880,000 people in the UK with dementia and this number is set to grow to over a million by 2021. Cancer research receives eight times the funding that Alzheimer's research does. On our travels we have chatted to many people, nearly everyone knows someone whose life has been affected by this disease. We walk for them and sufferers in the future, in the hope that the money we raise help to find a cure for this cruel disease.

If you would like to sponsor us (every little helps as they say), you can make an on line donation at www.justgiving.com/Gail-Green1/ or www.justgiving.com/Gaynor-Wells1/ alternatively, there is a sponsorship form in the Gazette office where Nico or Joy will gladly take your money!

Kind regards, Gail Green and Gaynor Wells



Mark's Ride Success

Dear Gazette,

Sorry I have not been in to thank you personally for the 'paper' space as Tuesdays and Thursdays are awkward for me, but will try to squeeze it in this week.

The ride went very well despite the weather, I finished in good time, but sorry I missed the two 'legendary' hills (Box and Leith).

There is so much hype about them, I wanted to compare them to the local hills that I believe must be much tougher ... Whiteways, Creech, Hardy's Monument, Bullbarrow - can't possibly be harder than the Dorset and Purbeck's hills - so maybe next year? Donations have come in but have not reached my target so banging out emails at the moment - but thank you for trying.

A big thank you to any who have donated anonymously as a result of your article.

Best wishes, Mark Luty



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A Plea To STC And Suttles

Dear Gazette,

Last month, David Hollister's article questioned the content of the STOP the gas rig leaflet. However, the information on it was drawn directly from the planning file and meetings with case officer Andrew Helmore at his DCC office. The current rig site is the size of three football pitches, although the total land area rented by Infrastrata from Suttles is about five times that, suggesting that this is the beginning of a huge and nightmarish development.

Accommodation for up to forty workers? What else would they be doing with the six porta-cabins on the plan? Storage of toxic chemicals? That would be reference to the toxic lining mat in the planning file. Razor wire? The secure and 24-hour floodlit perimeter fence? (with guard-dog kennels, by the way). Gas refinery? Yep – from the lips of Andrew Helmore – and no – he hasn't seen any details as yet. You think you can take gas from hole in the ground and put it straight into your cooker?

Significantly, Infrastrata have repeatedly refused to provide a **BINDING LEGAL AGREEMENT** that fracking will not happen here. Press releases are easily dodged by creating a 'new project' or by incorporating a 'new company' a few years hence. Southampton University's geological report states that the land under the sea between Durlston and Isle of Wight is deep shale, ideal for fracking.

It is in Infrastrata's licence patch and references to it are all over the file. Would you trust a Texan Oil company who cares nothing for Swanage to leave millions of dollars lying in the ground when they have already drilled to it? Come on!

Fortunately we are able to predict exactly what will happen next as we are ten years behind the US and Australia who are ruining the devastating effects that fracking has had to animals, health, property prices and shattered communities. Google 'harmed by fracking' and start reading!

As STC property extraordinarily forms part of the planning application site, they do indeed have sway over the implementation of that planning approval as the permission is attached to the land and not the applicant.

The same goes for Suttles of course, but I'm not holding my breath on that one. All checked with a planning consultancy - and detailed once to a staring blinking council to no apparent avail.

It's time to understand that this precious area is at huge risk and ask why residents are fighting against the rig. Why are they dedicating their time and resources in hard and diligent work for no reward?

And why oh why aren't the Town Council lifting a finger to save the town from this obvious blight when they have the power to do so!?

Andy Kirkwood, by email.

Closed Eyes Or Closed Minds?

Dear Nico,

I love reading the letters' pages in the Gazette, especially the increasingly strident and ignorant missives about gas exploration and the wind farm.

It would appear to me that many of your correspondents walk around

with closed eyes. For example; I would imagine that UNESCO took into account the massive oilfield at Wytch Farm, and the fifty year old Nodding Donkey at Kimmeridge before they awarded World Heritage Site status to the Jurassic Coast. Another gas rig would probably not make any difference (although the biggest offshore wind farm in the world probably would).

A lot of letters scaremonger about fracking. It seems to me that they don't want a few facts to get in the way of a good whinge. Perhaps they could access the Infrastrata website where the only mention of Fracking is preceded by **WE WILL NOT BE**.

As for the suggestion that wind farms have only a visual impact, perhaps a bit of research into how, where and from what they are made – which causes massive amounts of highly toxic pollution – would be advisable.

The main problem with wind of course, is that it is intermittent and it fluctuates, therefore, there always has to be some kind of back-up, to cut in at a moment's notice. At the moment some form of fossil-fuelled generation is the best available back up for the 65% of time (Navitus Bay figure) that the turbines are just sculpture.

Yours, Peter J Stokes, by email.

Put The Bus Stop Back!

Dear Friends,

It was interesting to hear of the fiasco with the Road Shows that Nico Johnson wrote about.

I would like to have voiced opinions about our missing bus stops.

About eighteen months ago there were road works in Kings Road, the work was done, the road put back, but the bus stop opposite Argyle Road was left loose in the ground and soon fell (or was pushed). It lay in the grounds of the old police station and then was moved to the local bus depot, where I believe it still languishes! I was told it was not their responsibility to put it back. I wrote to Poole bus depot, no reply.

So I approached one of the friendly councillors who I know has brought it up at council meetings.

Three months ago a new pole arrived, but no bus stop. Now our local bus drivers stop there, but in the summer we often get Poole or Bournemouth drivers.

There are bus stops going out of town, when I argued with one driver he finally stopped by the fire station.

Is it beyond someone in command to put our bus stop back? The one at the bottom of Church Hill is only a few yards from the station where the buses start. A lot of people use our missing bus stop, but it's no fun standing on a moving bus before it stops, when you're in your eighties, to remind them we want to get off where the empty pole is.

I know the council and the bus people are aware of the situation, but nothing else is done to replace it.

Give me the bus stop! I'll pay to have it put back, but please make it soon. We need it now! My time is limited.

Sincerely, June Appleton, Swanage.

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Not Guilty Of Drug Dealing

Dear Gazette,

I am writing to express my deep thanks to my family and friends for their support during what has been a very difficult time for me.

As reported in a previous issue of the Gazette, I was arrested by police on 2nd February 2014 and charged with being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

Your readers might imagine the upset that allegation has caused to me and my family, especially as I am a fitness enthusiast and would never, ever condone the use of such drugs by anyone at all, much less be involved in their supply.

I am therefore happy and relieved to inform your readership that in front of the Crown Court on 8th July 2014, I was found not guilty of all offences relating to the supply of Class A drugs.

I now look forward to rebuilding my life and getting back to the gym workouts, body building and amateur boxing that I have found very difficult to progress with while the shadow of local suspicion lay over me.

With sincere thanks to the many people who stood by me.

Yours faithfully, Daniel Lockwood, Swanage.

Dementia - Help Yourself

Dear Ed,

Reference article page 64 August issue - dementia sufferers

Do you know that the latest research recorded that 55% of people interviewed feared getting dementia against 32% fearing cancer?

So - are you doing anything about avoiding dementia? Walk, exercise, lose weight, give up smoking, drink in moderation, eat less red meat and processed foods, cut out sugar,

Laugh, joke, keep your friends, volunteer, interact and care for others. Heard it all before?

YES - for heart, strokes, diabetes, and cancer. BUT more importantly, it works for dementia too!

Face the fear of dementia by doing something positive about it. Don't stick your head in the sand and hope it will go away. A group of concerned people in Swanage are working towards making this town a dementia friendly community.

Be part of it - volunteer - in doing so you help yourselves!

Jean Gibbs, Swanage Senior Forum, Purbeck Good Neighbours

Off To Pastures New

Dear readers,

TIME FOR JANE TO FOLLOW HER HEART

Jane Williams, Matron of Swanage and Wareham Community Hospitals is leaving us. She is fulfilling a life-long dream of training to become a vicar. All we can say is Jane, you will be sadly missed - but we in the Friends of Swanage Hospital wish you joy as you follow your heart.

In the community, Jane's name has been synonymous with many of the good things we have seen achieved over recent years at our hospital, in increasingly turbulent times in the NHS.

Patients and residents openly talk about her with great respect and fondness: they have said that she has never been too busy to talk with them if they have had fears or anxieties.

It is also said that the wonderful, welcoming and caring atmosphere in Swanage hospital from the receptionist to the ward sisters, not forgetting the fabled hospital meals, means that people feel safe and cared for.

One patient said that "it's like being at home". Another said: "No matter

how pressurised the nurses and staff are, nothing's ever too much for them to try to make our lives better. They are so warm and caring. That comes from the top, that does. Jane Williams is a wonderful matron who looks after her staff and patients alike."

As Jane leaves us to embark on her new life, the future of Swanage Hospital is looking decidedly more certain and our vision for widening the use and scope of services provided in the locality seems to be moving closer to being achieved.

I am sure everyone will join with me in wishing Jane all the very best for the future.

Jan Turnbull, Chair, Friends of Swanage Hospital (pictured: Matron Jane)



What A Beautiful Place

Dear Gazette,

This is my first holiday in Swanage and what a beautiful place it is. I'm sitting here watching the boats go past, eating a lovely scone with homemade strawberry jam from a lovely local shop, it's so good to see local produce.

Kind regards, Julie May, by email

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Blooming Great!

David Hollister writes...

I don't often go through Wareham on my way out of Purbeck; the ridiculous town centre traffic lights do their job very well and divert us round the by-pass. A shame, because I would imagine that local businesses lose out. Recently we decided to go to the flower festival at Lady St. Mary's church and drove through Wareham where we were immediately astonished by the amazing floral displays in the streets.

Wareham in Bloom has to be seen to be believed. The displays are sponsored by local businesses and organisations; this year's theme was based on red, white and blue to mark the WWI commemorations. It's a huge credit to Cllr Eric Osmund, Keith Burt, Mark Underwood and John Smith, who install the baskets which are supplied by 'Fresh Acres' in Arundel and maintained by a team of 44 local volunteer waterers and dead-headers. For the rest of the season, I'm going to ignore the bypass and drive through Wareham just to appreciate the flowers.

And on the subject of Wareham - plenty of free street-parking; the meters haven't got there yet (don't tell Dorset Highway Robbery Department). Plenty of off-street parking at very reasonable prices. Adequate litter bins. And - when you walk around the streets, plenty of interesting shops to see - and very few boarded-up windows. Wareham should thrive. It deserves to.

I was taking a photo of yet another overflowing bin during Swanage Carnival week and someone said to me acidly "Well, at least they're trying to use the bins". Quite agree. Litter is a huge problem and I am told that the Council are "addressing it". Quite a number of litter bins and recycling units have been removed and not replaced. A number of black 'wheelie bins' have been installed for ease of emptying. A number of the old-fashioned bins - not so easy to empty - have remained and seem to reach capacity within hours. There are extra-large bins down at the stone quay; I was told that there was litter piled up all around them but actually not a lot inside them. Maybe they proved a bit too tall and the lids a bit too heavy for people - especially children - to use?

We are proud of Swanage and don't like to see negative stuff on Facebook or in the paper, about litter. So we hope that the Council will continue to address the problem and that the experiment which they have been conducting produces some good solid results in time for next season. Along with a few more bins!

In last month's column, I did my best to de-bunk the inaccurate and alarmist circular that had been 'doing the rounds' regarding 'fracking' in Swanage and challenged several Councillors to put the records straight. To their credit, both Gary Suttle and the Mayor, Cllr. Ali Patrick, contacted me almost immediately and after some conversation, agreed that the public had been totally misinformed about the proposed oil-and-gas extraction and also agreed to write a letter to The Gazette setting the records straight. At the time of writing - a few of days after the publicised copy deadline - still nothing has been received. Oh well.

Which local businessman allegedly has a high fence around his house, over a dozen CCTV cameras with microphones, and ANPR cameras? And indeed, why?

Which respected local businessman with a questionable past, that he would rather no-one knows about, has allegedly been - over the past few years - borrowing substantial sums of money from local people who trust him, and then refusing to pay it back?

St Ives has been named the most expensive seaside resort in Britain - with an average price tag of £123 per night. Tenby in Wales (£107) and Cowes in Isle of Wight (£94) came second and third in the top 20 list, compiled using the cheapest price of a double room in accommodation near a beach, rating three stars or higher, in August. Swanage (£81) came 10th (from Cheaprooms.co.uk) Glad to know we're keeping up...

Letters in 'Another Publication' have been fanning the flames of discontent between motorists and cyclists, just when I thought we were learning to live together. I cannot honestly believe that the rant about closing Home (sic) Lane to motorists was serious. But some people took it so

I understand from the Corfe Valley News that the residents of Church Knowle, and very possibly other villages down country lanes, are not best pleased with the increased frequency of cycle 'events' involving up to 2000 cyclists taking part in 'time trials' (a.k.a. races) along the narrow roads on busy summer weekends. The CVN suggests that these events, known as 'wiggles', are organised and sold by a private company in Portsmouth and the local Parish Council is so far unimpressed by any efforts which might be being made by the local constabulary to bring this to a halt. The next one is apparently on 15th November.

This isn't local cyclists out for a jaunt, it looks like someone making a lot of money by actually not giving a damn about the people they inconvenience. Once again, fanning the flames.....

And whilst on the subject, on three separate occasions last week, I watched in horror as cyclists sped down Swanage High Street past the Town Hall (which is one-way), through upcoming traffic, narrowly avoiding pedestrians and oblivious of any warning shouts. Yesterday, two cyclists were going the wrong way up Station Road. What planet are they on?

Obviously, not all cyclists are idiots (I'm one!), but they need to learn that the Highway Code and rules of the road apply to them, too. And it's the 1% of idiots who are spoiling it for the 99% genuine careful and considerate cyclists. Or, in the case of the Church Knowle 'wiggle', the other way round!

Many residents of Harmans Cross are up in arms yet again about the flagrant disregard for Planning Regulations in the fields known as 'Sunny Glade' adjacent to the railway. It's a matter of planning and enforcement regulations being applied fairly and even-handedly and in a timely manner. So watch this space.

And finally. In response to complaints of occasional traffic congestion in Worth Matravers, which member of their Parish Council suggested that the Square & Compass should put a two-year moratorium on any 'events' and music performances, so that the Square becomes less popular and attracted less customers? I see that no-one suggested that the Squire should close his camp site which attracts hundreds of vehicles into - and right through - the village each summer. Go for it. Charlie!!!

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Not on your Nellie...



I'm told the sea is the warmest it has been for fifty years, and Nellie and I have been swimming nearly every day up here at North Beach where dogs are welcome. We wouldn't go near the town beach, thank you very much, with its screaming children and paranoid mothers. It makes it difficult to imagine the sea at its worst as I have been trying to do while, for no good reason other than coincidence, reading a stream of books on maritime disasters.

Near to home would be Nick Ward's account of surviving the 1979 Fastnet race where a force eight gale suddenly became a full-on

force twelve storm which wrecked countless boats. Nick, a Hamble boy, was left for dead by his shipmates who took to the liferaft, and was lucky to be picked up, more dead than alive, at dusk the next day. Fifteen others were not so lucky. Nick expresses puzzlement at the poor reception of his book by his former shipmates against whom he claims to hold no ill-will. I think he is forgetting the title of the book 'Left for Dead' which does rather point the finger in no subtle way. Much nearer to home, and probably forgotten by many, is the wreck of the Halsewell of which a book of the same name is reviewed this month by our fearsome in-house book reviewer who gave me a preview of this new publication. You can read the review elsewhere so I won't give the plot away.

Of course, our Royal Navy has other stormy issues to cope with these days, such as the recent removal of the lady commander of HMS Portland following her alleged affair with a junior - both in rank and age - officer. Nellie rather crudely refers to it as the 'bonk in a bunk' affair and wonders if the Navy Board is completely stupid. Do they really think that libido is shelved and hormones put on ice when a ship leaves port?

As the theme for this month's Gazette is Pastimes & Pleasures I think I can mention in passing the various events organised by local folk singer Robin Plowman, who has a particular interest in the Halsewell. And I must not forget silken-voiced singer/songwriter Sophie Wright who has written songs about the Halsewell and can be heard at many of Robin's events. In particular I can recommend the monthly sessions at the Orchard Tearoom, Holme Garden Centre (from September), or the more local Who's Afear'd sessions.

Incidentally, there is a rock climb in the vicinity of Seacombe called Avenging the Halsewell (difficulty 7b). Perhaps for authenticity climbers should try it with no equipment, in a December snowstorm and having spent a wet night clinging to the walls of a sea cave.

Letter received this month....

Dear Nellie,
Principle not principal.
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Swanage RNLI Reach Target!

As the town's Lifeboat Week got underway on Friday (8 August), the volunteer lifeboat crew and fundraisers at Swanage RNLI were celebrating after reaching the £200,000 target of the fundraising appeal they launched just over a year ago. Yet, buoyed by the astonishing support from the community and other RNLI fundraising branches they want to raise even more towards the town's new lifeboat station.

Peter Foster, Swanage RNLI Lifeboat Station Appeal Chairperson says: 'The majority of the cost of the build has been funded by a substantial and generous legacy; however there is still £1.3 million to find. So while we have been successful in raising the £200,000 that was our original target, we are determined that we can continue to build on the enthusiasm and support for the crew and increase that figure. The more that we can raise through community fundraising, the better will be our new facilities ensuring that our crews can get to sea safely, and faster, in order to save lives.'

The Swanage fundraisers launched a two year fundraising appeal in June 2013 to raise £200,000 towards the cost of building a new lifeboat station to house the new, state of the art Shannon class lifeboat. As well as support from the local community, the appeal achieved overwhelming support from many of the other RNLI fundraising branches in and around Swanage and Dorset, including: Blandford, Sherborne, Yeovil, Ringwood, Blackmore Vale and as far away as Fordingbridge in Hampshire, so much so that they have achieved the original target a year early.

Neil Hardy, Swanage RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager says: 'I am extremely proud and delighted of both our community in Swanage and the RNLI fundraisers who have managed to achieve this phenomenal feat. What's more astonishing is that they all do this voluntarily, as do all the other fundraising branches from around the country that have supported our appeal. It's really honourable to know that they think us so worthy of



their time and hard work and we thank them so very much.

Building work on the new lifeboat station will start in the autumn and it will be great to see it come to life and the hard work that everyone has put in is realised.'

As well as being large enough to accommodate both the new Shannon class lifeboat and the station's current D class, the new lifeboat station will provide much improved facilities for the volunteer crew including a changing and shower room, a fully-equipped crew training room, mechanics workshop, and office space.

R.N.L.I. Crew Profile

Becky Mack



Becky Mack is volunteer crew on board both Swanage's D class and all-weather Mersey class lifeboats, joining the crew eight years ago in 2006. She is also the station's Press Officer, which is also a volunteer role and sees her liaising with the local media following on from rescues, and helps to raise the profile of the RNLI's volunteer crew amongst the local community.

Asked why she got involved with the RNLI, she finds it a hard question to answer, she says:

'It was more the fact that I had no reason not to join! I lived locally and enjoy spending time in or on the water. My younger brother James was already on the crew and I knew some of the others. I was initially asked if I would consider taking on the volunteer role of press officer and I asked if I could also join the crew.'

It's an amazing opportunity to give something back to the community. Every time we go out on a shout we don't know what we will be faced with, but we know that we will be helping someone who is in trouble at sea and hopefully bringing them safely home. It is always nice to see the look of relief on rescuee's faces when we arrive on scene.

There is always good camaraderie among the crew; I will always remember them performing a 'fish dance' as the Mersey was hauled up the slipway. The 'fish dance' being in honour (I use the term loosely) of my nickname, which derived from my surname Mack, to Mackerel to Haddock!

Becky is especially excited now that planning permission has been granted for the new lifeboat station, which will be built to house the station's new state of the art Shannon class lifeboat. Building work starts in the autumn, Becky says:

'We're all looking forward to the new and improved facilities that the new boathouse will provide, including the training area which will be a fantastic addition. The fact that we'll be able to reach casualties much quicker will be great.'

50 years on, Brian Brown Still Remembered



Fifty years ago, Swanage boatman/fisherman, Brian Brown (pictured, above), drowned in Swanage Bay after swimming out to secure a fishing boat which had broken its moorings. He succeeded in securing the boat, but after turning to wave at those watching from the shore, Brian sadly never made it back.

The town raised so much money to create a memorial at the time that not one, but three wooden benches were built in memory of Brian. Eventually, the condition of the benches became so poor that they were removed by the council (pictured, below).



Fifty years on, and spurred by the memory of his friend, Alan Houghton took it upon himself to get the three old benches (stored at the council yard) turned into one serviceable bench.

Alan raised money from townsfolk within a couple of days, and within a mere week, Alan had raised all the money to have the work done.

Local carpenter, Nigel Taylor, stepped up to help, facing the unenviable task of taking all three original benches apart in the hope of being able to create one good bench from the parts.

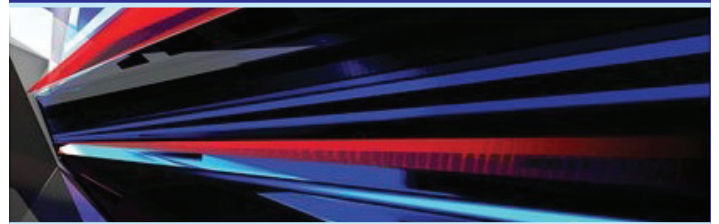
Thankfully, after much hard work, dedication and skill, Nigel managed the job, and one beautifully-restored bench is now complete.

Thanks to the work of both Alan and Nigel, the memorial bench was back in place in the lower High Street in time for Carnival week (pictured below, with Andree Turner, Brian's niece, taking a seat!).



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McMillan's get groomed for MacMillan - Dog groomer shaves two beautiful ladies to raise money for Macmillan cancer support.

On Sunday 10th August, Elizabeth McMillan (56) and Mary McMillan (23) of Furzebrook, Wareham, had their heads shaved by a local dog groomer after raising over £2000 for the Macmillan cancer support charity.

Karen Wallace, sister of Elizabeth and auntie to Mary, is battling cancer for the third time. Her hair loss, due to intensive chemotherapy, inspired the McMillans to show solidarity and have their entire heads shaved.

Professional dog groomer Taryn Lyndon at Hairy Hounds, Romany Works Business Park, Sandford, where Elizabeth takes her dogs, immediately volunteered to perform the close shave.

Friends and family gathered at their home near Wareham to witness the brave fundraiser as Elizabeth, a long-haired housewife, went first, saying "My sister is very brave fighting cancer, this is nothing compared to that."

Mary, a silversmith went next by tying her long, red hair into a dozen bunches and inviting those present to cut one off for a donation to the charity fund.

Mary said "I'm actually quite excited, especially as people have been so supportive and generous in donating, and MacMillan are such a wonderful charity that I'm happy shave my hair off."

Both girls said that they felt liberated by the hair cuts and are thrilled by the money pledged by sponsors. However, there is still time to support these selfless deeds by going to: www.JustGiving.com/Mary-McMillan



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This photograph was taken in the Anchor Inn, Swanage, in 1953, by famous American master-photographer, John Livingstone.

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Be Part Of Wareham's History!



Just as Britain was transformed by the declaration of war in 1914, so was Wareham.

The town, with a population in 1914 of just 2,000, suddenly grew to nearly 10,000 when the Wareham garrison was established to the west of the town on Worget Road.

These new citizens needed provisioning and entertaining, which was good for Wareham businesses. The newly opened cordite factory in Holton Heath meant jobs for local women.

These are stories we know. But for every one we know, there are thousands still waiting to be told. That is why we want to hear from you! Do you have an object in your home (military or civilian) from the 1914-1918 period? It need not be a bayonet or an array of medals, (although we'd certainly be delighted to hear about them).

These were pivotal times for the country and our town, meaning that so

many seemingly mundane objects suddenly gained new significance.

Your object could be a sign from the garrison or a delivery book from a local business; a camp stove or bundle of period magazines. Bring us the photo of your relatives visiting the troops, or of the troops in your great-grandfather's pub. If it left a mark on the town, we want to see it.

We are also collecting oral histories of life in Purbeck during the war period, so even if you don't have an object, but have a story, please come along – we would love to speak with you.

With the permission of the owners, the committee endeavours to create an exhibition about Wareham during the war from the people who live here, which will be on display during the Wareham Choral Society's memorial concert on November 15th.

If you are willing to loan items for the exhibition, please bring them to the Parish Hall on September 13, 10-2, where local historians will be on hand to view them and to request to borrow any at the time of the event.

We will not ask to keep anything in the meantime.

In addition to the exhibition and concert, Wareham Museum has a new display of Wareham in the War and the Wareham branch of the Royal British Legion is working on a book of Wareham's fallen soldiers.

For more information please call Laura Marshallsay, 01929 554204 or Bob Newnham 01929 459319.

Photo, above: Royal Engineers on the bridge they built as a training exercise at Wareham (photo: Wareham Museum)



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Not Just Sundaes Youth Project



Since reopening our doors at Easter, Lindy Cameron, our Youth Development Worker (pictured, below) at Not Just Sundaes has been busy behind the scenes working on the plans for the development of the Youth Project part of the community café.

Friday night is Drop-in night for our 15 plus age group, from 8pm until 10.30pm. Open to all whether at college, work, school or in an apprenticeship, to come down and join us at the Café. Choose drinks from our menu or order our ice-cream sundaes (and the first drink is always on us!)

Meet with friends and make new ones. Use our decks or play games on the wii or xbox using our new 50inch TV screen. Feeling creative? Then there's quality art equipment available too.

On Thursday the Café runs right through until 5.30pm so come and see us after school (all ages welcome). You could do your homework(!) or just enjoy some space after a busy day. Crafty things and board games always available.

Lindy has also been working well with a small group from the Purbeck School using the Café as a base. "It's great to have the opportunity to spend time with young people from the area in such a different space" said Lindy. "We have also been active under the banner of IMPACT this summer, carrying out detached youth work at Wareham Wednesday's events. We hope to be able to announce some more exciting news about this soon, as this part of the project develops in the Autumn".

If working with and helping young people in the area is something that you would like to get involved with, have a chat with Lindy to see what opportunities exist or e-mail youth@notjustsundaes.com.

To visit us, call in to Not Just Sundaes, South Street, Wareham and say hi, take a look at www.notjustsundaes.com or follow us on facebook.

Right: Photo of Lindy Cameron, Youth Development Worker at Not Just Sundaes



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Wareham - Hemsbach Farewell Myrna

Monday 4th August was dominated by a celebration of the life of Myrna Gomes-Maria, who had been the driving force behind the Wareham-Hemsbach Society for many years.

The service took place at St Mary's Church in Wareham. Led by Jenny Elmes, some of the members played The Lord is my Shepherd with hand bells. We then adjourned to the British Legion at Wareham for refreshments.

Doctor Juergen Kirchner, the Mayor of Hemsbach, Frau Connie Greiber, the chairman and Herr Walter Toewe, her predecessor, left Hemsbach at 03:00 to attend the service and the talk at the Carey Hall in the evening.

Here Nigel Spiller gave an interesting talk mainly about the history of the Wareham Fire Brigade on the 250th anniversary of the Great Fire of Wareham. Then most of the buildings were timber framed with thatched roofs and there was no organised fire service.

By the late 1930s Wareham had a Bedford fire engine with a Merryweather fire pump. After the War the running of the service passed to Dorset County Council.

Robin Brasher, Publicity Officer of the Wareham-Hemsbach Society



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Wareham Bids Farewell To A Community Star



It is with great sadness that the Wareham-Hemsbach Society report the passing of one of our most stalwart and hard working members, Mrs Myrna Gomes-Maria (pictured, above, receiving the Wareham Town Council award for volunteer of the year 2013).

Myrna had been a member of the society since 1995, serving as secretary for a considerable part of this time and additionally the role of chair for the last two years of her official service to the society.

During this latter time she was the leading organiser of the Wareham part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the twinning of our two towns, firstly in 2011 in Hemsbach, where the Wareham-Hemsbach Society presented a bench seat with commemorative plaque, sited close to the

Hemsbach Rathaus (Town Hall).

Right: Myrna fixing the commemorative plaque on the bench in Hemsbach.

In 2012, the members of the Hemsbach Partnerschaft, during their visit to our town, presented Wareham with an engraved stone bench which is sited on the south bank of the River Frome, opposite the quay. Myrna was most instrumental in seeing this project through and despite many setbacks, she never gave up, but resolutely brought it to its conclusion.

A service of celebration of the life of Myrna was held in Lady St Mary's Church, Wareham on Monday 4th of August and among those attending were the Burgermeister (Mayor) of Hemsbach, Herr Jurgen Kirchner together with Herr Walter Toewe who had worked closely with Myrna for our twinning organisations.

Also in attendance from the Hemsbach Partnerschaft was Frau Connie Greiber, the current chair of the Partnerschaft. During the service, Herr Toewe gave his own tribute to Myrna, adding that over the years of working with Myrna, a firm friendship had developed.

Myrna was a tireless worker for our society and only stepped down from office in April 2013, yet still continued to act as liaison between the Purbeck School and the Hemsbach Gymnasium (school). Myrna was a hard worker not only for our society, but for many other organisations in Wareham and will be sorely missed.

Right: Picture shows Myrna with Walter Toewe, past chairman of the Hemsbach Partnerschaft.



Out Of The Blue



Wow what a summer, we have certainly enjoyed it and it has certainly flown past. It may seem a long time ago, but Swanage Carnival week was a huge success. From a policing perspective it's been our best yet, with only one arrest and all but no disorder in 8 days of events.

Considering the number of visitors to Purbeck, this is a real achievement, so thank you for playing your part in making it safe and enjoyable for all. We certainly enjoyed ourselves, as did the many officers who came in from across Dorset to police the event.

The summer in Purbeck always puts a strain on resources, as it does across the county and officers have been working really hard to keep crime down and be as visible as possible. From the 1st April to 7th August, total crime across Purbeck is down 16.9% on the same period last year.

Operation Heathland is still in full swing, and is a multi-agency operation to prevent and detect Heath arson. Working in partnership with the Fire Service, we cannot stress enough how important it is to be sensible around where you BBQ, and that in large parts of Purbeck, you can only do so in designated areas. Unfortunately there are those who seek to deliberately ignite fires on our heathlands and in our forests, so if you see anything suspicious, call 999. "Enjoy it, don't destroy it!"

We have recently had a number of people portraying themselves as



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Although doorstep calling is not illegal, the law states that a trader who ignores a resident's request to leave and not return commits a criminal offence. Any trader that puts you under pressure by falsely implying that you have to make a decision there and then, may be committing a criminal offence. In this instance, trading standards should be informed by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

Follow our social media, Twitter - @PurbeckPolice and Facebook - facebook.com/Purbeck-Police, we really value your support and comments.

Purbeck Safer Neighbourhood Team

Throw The Editor From A Plane!!



At last, for all of those who've wanted to see the Editor 'take a flying leap' over the years, here's your opportunity to make it happen!

Nico Johnson will be hurled from a plane somewhere near Salisbury in the near future (27/28 Sept or 4/5 Oct), hopefully making it to the ground in one piece. She will be taking part in a charity parachute jump/skydive in aid of Children Today Charitable Trust, and is not only asking

readers for their sponsorship, but it also looking for jumping companions! If you've ever felt the desire to jump out of a perfectly functioning plane, here's your chance!

There are three types of jump available – an 'Accelerated FreeFall' where you can experience the thrill of skydiving solo from up to 12,000 feet, a 'Tandem Skydive' from 10,000 feet attached to a professional instructor and a 'Static Line' jump which is performed solo from up to 3,000 feet - and you can jump from any one of over twenty British Parachute Association approved airfields across the UK. Our closest participating airfields are Salisbury and Honiton.

The great thing about the sky diving is the dives happen on most weekends (weather dependent). A number of suggested dates are organised when you receive your information pack, so you'll have a select number of dates to choose from. If you are unable to jump on any of those dates, it will be possible to sort out jumping on alternative dates. No experience is necessary as all training is given and if you raise from £395 (depending on the type of jump you choose) you will receive your jump for free.

So if you would like to join the Editor and make a thrilling skydive from 10,000 feet or an exhilarating solo jump from up to 3,000 feet, please give Tom Williams a call on 01244 335 622 or email him on thomas@childrentoday.org.uk

You will be sent a full information pack and everything you need to take part in the experience of a lifetime. Put 'Purbeck Gazette' on your registration form so you can jump with other locals, if possible.

To sponsor Nico and ensure the Editor gets 'thrown from the plane', please donate as soon as possible in cash to the Purbeck Gazette office (17b Commercial Road), by cheque payable to 'Children Today' to the same address, or to the justgiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Nico-Johnson> if we don't get enough, she stays on the ground! **SO FAR: Ian Davey of Seventhwave, Zoe Molloy from the White Swan and Adam Ritchings from the Red Lion in Swanage are planning to jump in aid of Children Today with Nico, so please do sponsor this crazy Purbeck bunch if you pop into their establishments!!**

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The local tourism website Virtual Swanage is celebrating its 18th birthday!

Virtual Swanage launched in September 1996 with five pages of information about Swanage and the surrounding area and has grown throughout the years with regular updates and new features and through the support of local businesses and organisations.

Now on its 18th birthday the website has over 2,250 pages of events, photographs dating back to the 1800s, business listings, local information, interactive photo tours and much more. Smartphone owners can also keep up to date with our iPhone and Android mobile apps.

We would like to thank all the businesses, clubs and organisations who have supported us for our first 18 years online.



Through The Keyhole Swanage Town Council

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

Council Meeting, 4th August 2014

The Council's monthly meeting took place on 4th August and both Council and Public stood to observe a two minutes silence in memory of the 17 million who died in the course of the war that began on that day a century before (later that night much of Swanage blacked out for the same reason).

The meeting coming so soon after a highly successful Carnival, Mayor and Councillors were keen to acknowledge that the Council's workers and those from the Waste Partnership had done an outstanding job in keeping the town as presentable as possible given the tide of refuse which was the inevitable consequence of so great and welcome a number of summer visitors. Anyone who saw this workforce from early morning to late at night on streets, flower beds and parks will, no doubt, echo those sentiments. Thanks also to our visitors who clearly made big efforts to bring refuse to collection points and left beaches and green spaces in the main, free of litter.

An eloquent plea from a club who are putting kids and tennis together locally. The situation is this - Swanage Tennis Club has an average age of forty but is not content for that to remain so. It has attracted a talented young coach, Nathan Fowler, who has, since the beginning of the year, worked with junior players in all our primary schools (with Swanage School and its secondary intake soon to be included). Boys and girls are coming to the club now in good numbers. 100 gave the coaching an initial go and 56 stayed the course - an impressive percentage. Family memberships are increasing fast too - an indication of the growing interest.

In between coaching sessions Nathan is working towards further Lawn Tennis Association qualifications - for which he, himself, has to pay. Tennis has never had a problem attracting the wealthy (the golden line delivered from the French windows in stage plays of yesteryear was not, of course, 'Anyone for darts?'). The club is determined to attract all, not just well-to-do, local children, anyone with an aptitude for the game. And retaining this young coach in the town is the key. He would like to base himself in Swanage but, at the moment, and unsurprisingly, the finances don't stack

up. A coach has got to eat and tennis courts need to be paid for. Cllr Brown's Tourism Committee proposed (and full Council agreed) to waive court fees (it owns the courts) for a full year so that Nathan can coach youngsters for ten hours every week (during term time).

As to solving the problem of Nathan's wages, Cllr Bartlett raised the possibility of the club attracting sponsorship for Nathan - a hard ask in this financial climate. If there is anyone out there who could financially assist Club chairperson Sue Tyndall to fund the chap who might unearth a new Djokovic or Azarenka (and who will certainly improve the skill and fitness of a large numbers of junior club players), please get in touch with Swanage Tennis Club.

A member of the public who travels regularly to and from the ferry pointed out that the numerous work vans constantly parked all over the shop at the site of the half built St Mary's School were an indication of an accident highly likely to happen when that school opens. What, he asked, did DCC plan to do to make that road safe for the children?

The Mayor agreed that the matter was serious and promised to follow this up. The Deputy Mayor made the point that the school's policy was to encourage as many as possible of the older children to be part of 'walking trains' rather than arrive in vehicles - that welcome school policy, of itself, would reduce the chances of accidents.

The playground at the now redundant St Marks School site (and which is now the subject of a working party) was again discussed and Councillor Bonfield made the strongest plea that the site should be a green space and this view received unanimous agreement.

Peter Clarke yet again raised the matter of whether evening services (Route 40 and 50) were to be reduced and whether anything was known. The transport Committee had been told they would know only when the new time tables were published but that they expected cuts. This, a member of the public added, was the common view of Wilts and Dorset drivers.

Members of the public against drilling at California Farm asked that the matter be placed on the September agenda and this was agreed.

SWANAGE CARE NEWS

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Caring in Your Community

Busy residents enjoy the summer at Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home



Since our open day we have had some lovely trips in the Gainsborough minibus to local areas including: Studland, Swanage and Wareham, where the residents enjoyed ice cream in the hot summer weather. For those residents who didn't want to go on the minibus, they took advantage of the nice weather and made the most of the beautiful grounds that surround Gainsborough by having cream teas and scones in the garden.

Carnival week has been and gone and, as ever, Swanage did not disappoint. This year we took advantage of utilising the minibus by taking a number of residents down to the seafront where they got front row seats to watch the procession.

The weather was kind to us and some of the residents were able to visit the stalls on the Sandpit field and watch the other events throughout the week.

We would like to thank all families and friends who helped support the staff and residents in enabling them to enjoy the experience of carnival week.



Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home is very pleased to welcome Daniela Milia (pictured) to the nursing team. Daniela has worked as a General Nurse for just over a year, and brings with her a warm and positive attitude.

Daniela commenced her employment at Gainsborough on Saturday 26th July and, although she has been with us for just over a week she has already made a really good impact in the home.

Additionally, following a very successful recruitment campaign Gainsborough have recruited for a number of different positions and are very excited to have the new team members on board.

MacMillan Cancer Support

The world's biggest coffee morning

We are happy to be participating in this internationally recognised event and will be holding a coffee morning at Gainsborough Care & Nursing Home on Friday 26th September 2014 from 10am to noon which

is open to anyone in the community who wishes to support this great cause. All proceeds will go to MacMillan Cancer Support. We plan on having several cake stalls and a coffee stall selling a variety of different coffees from around the world.

MacMillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer.

Volunteers

If anyone in the local community has a couple of hours to spare and would like to volunteer in the home by offering companionship to residents, reading the newspapers, or assisting at mealtimes and with activities we would love to hear from you.

Room Availability

We have a few newly refurbished rooms available for both the residential and nursing care. Please contact Allison Blackledge the Matron at Gainsborough Care and Nursing Home on 01929 422500 or just pop in for a chat.





The Purbeck School
A Specialist Science College

Open Evening

Thursday 9th October 6.30pm – 8.30pm

We would like to extend a warm invitation to parents, carers and children, especially those currently in Year 6 of primary school, to our Open Evening.

Come and visit our exciting brand new facilities, see our unrivalled learning environments, and gain a taste of just how lively, challenging and enjoyable it is to be a student at The Purbeck School.

Please telephone 01929 550077 if you would like to arrange a visit with the Headteacher.

The Purbeck School: aim high, aspire, be successful



Swanage Fire Station Update



Hi and welcome to a look at what has been happening at Swanage Fire station during July and early August. Operationally we have attended the following calls:-

Four fires involving people and property. These included a fire on the electrical intake at one of town's public houses.

We had another that involved the structure and roof of a laundry and shower block at a local outdoor centre, the cause of which after investigation, was found to be of some kitchen towels that had been washed, tumbled dried, and then left overnight, when, due to the internal temperature of the towels, there was enough residual heat for spontaneous combustion to occur, which is very unusual.

Fourteen small fires in and around the town area. These were mostly heath fires in and around the Studland area and fires on the railway embankment, and one field fire.

We attended two road traffic collisions, one of which was in Corfe Castle and we had to release the occupant using our hydraulic cutting equipment. At the other, thankfully, the driver was out of the vehicle on our arrival and was being treated by the ambulance staff.

We made the vehicle safe and absorbed the leaking fuel.

There was one animal rescue involving a dog that was trapped in a ditch, where crews worked with the owner and managed to release the dog without further injury.

We also, with the help of our special rescue team from Poole Fire Station,

assisted an ambulance paramedic to get a very sick patient out of the first floor of his home and into the ambulance so that he could be transported to hospital.

We also attended five false alarms and one standby move to cover Wareham.

My Safety message for this month is all about making sure that your home is safe from fires that are caused by faulty electrical appliances.

Electrical appliances, plugs and cables that are old or badly wired can be a real danger.

There are particular warning signs to look out for on all electrical items you have around your home.

If you think something needs fixing or changing, do it straight away. Don't put you, your family or housemates at risk from fire.

The Electrical Safety Council has many leaflets, information and even an app to keep you safe.

The Socket Calculator has been brought to you by the Electrical Safety Council. For more safety information visit www.esc.co.uk

That's all for now. Stay safe and don't forget to test your smoke alarms

Phil Burridge, Station Commander

Below: This is a picture from a recent incident attended by crews from Swanage that involved a cooker and socket.



The Swanage School



Open Evening

The Swanage School is a new 11-16 secondary school that combines academic rigour with engaging hands-on lessons using the resources that surround us in the stunning Isle of Purbeck and beyond. With smaller class sizes, your child will be well known and

teaching tailored to his or her strengths and needs.

The new school buildings offer state-of-the-art spaces for teaching and learning, including an art studio with panoramic views across the hills, four science labs, ICT suites and a fully-equipped DT workshop. With extensive indoor and outdoor sports facilities on offer your child will have the opportunity to take part in a wide-reaching sports programme and after-school clubs.

Many students have already represented The Swanage School in sports ranging from sailing to horse-riding, cycling to cricket, dance to athletics and many more.

The Swanage School invites you to our Open Day on Wednesday 24 September 6-8.30pm at our brand new, purpose-built school where you can meet the outstanding teachers and students, tour the fantastic facilities and see why parents are choosing our happy, human scale environment for their children's education.

If you are unable to make the Open Evening but would like to arrange a tour of the school please call the office on 01929 500599.

For further information about the school visit www.theswanageschool.co.uk

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You are warmly invited to meet the staff and students at our Open Evening on **Wednesday 24 September, 6-8.30pm** or call 01929 500599 to arrange a tour

Is This Your Ring?



Local 'ringfinder', Richard Higham, found the ring (pictured) in the sea between the small stream at Ocean Bay and the first groin towards Swanage town - level with the groin, on Swanage beach.

Richard was told by the beach hut owners that a middle-aged man was seen looking for the ring, doing head stands in the water around the 23rd July.

No one at Ocean Bay, the Council's beach huts or at Charlie

Water Sports knew who had lost the ring.

Ringfinders are a group of individuals worldwide who assist in finding lost jewellery. We featured Richard's work in Swanage a few years ago in the Purbeck Gazette, thanking him for selflessly giving his time to metal detect and return lost treasures to those who misplaced them.

Well, once again, Richard has come to the rescue, and after hearing about the gentleman searching for his ring, Richard took to the sea with his metal detector, and found the lost item.

Having been unable to trace the gentleman in question, we are now appealing for him to come forwards to reclaim his property!

There is an image engraved on the ring, which has been blurred for publication - if this is your ring, then please contact Swanage Police Station and give the identifying information in order to reclaim your property.

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My War-time Memories.

By Brian Guy



The Escaut Canal. Hell. Sheer Hell.

The next night, after the return from Brussels, we had to make an assault crossing of the Escaut canal near Petit Brogel. Some of us turning up with white gaiters from our Brussels trip to force a crossing at night for, heavens sake!

There was no time to change into our dirty old denims that we used when in action. For me, one of those actions that I look back on with particular distaste. The canal had steep concrete sides and was very difficult to climb, a flat concrete top for a short distance before the water.

We had to ferry the infantry across in our canvas assault boats, in the face of some very determined enemy resistance. Then we had to build a light assault bridge across the top of the canvas boats. This was one of the uglier actions and one that scared the living daylight out of me. The canvas boats had arrived and the crossing was to take place at 1am at night.

The Germans started off proceedings by a dive bombing raid on us, now, I had stated earlier that I hated night actions, and this one fulfilled all of my foreboding. A personal tragedy for me, a brave and trusted friend reached the limit of his endurance. He broke down completely and sat sobbing in the ditch, just under the banks of the canal where we were waiting to go into action. Sobbing his heart out, and shaking like a leaf.

Now I know all about shell shock or battle exhaustion, but this, to me, was quite unexpected, I never thought that this man would eventually succumb to shock. I sat with my arms around his shoulders desperately trying to comfort him, saying "Come on H*** I will look after you" but it was no good, he was too far gone.

The worst part of this episode, was having to leave him there, we had to get the infantry over that canal no matter what. This was a man I could rely on in the toughest of situations, I never dreamed that he would succumb. The silliest thing about all of this is, I still feel guilty for leaving a friend in direst need, all those long years ago. Even today, I sometimes think about that night and still have this lingering feeling of guilt.

He was sent back to a recovery unit, but on return he was a changed man, he was never the same again, not only that, but he appeared to have a personality change. That is tragic. A brave man, although I cannot mention his name, I would dearly like to see him again, that is if he is alive! I have tried several times to trace him without success. I believe that his former experiences at the Chateau de la Londe, "the bloodiest square mile in Normandy" had eventually caught up with him.

At the canal the enemy left behind one of those fanatical SS rear guards, every time we raised our head above the canal side we were greeted by a burst of fire from a heavy machine gun that fired explosive shells, plus mortaring, and another machine gun that fired bursts of fire, down the canal! Small arms fire and a persistent sniper livened the party.

Having got the infantry over in the canvas boats, they set fire to a house on the other side so that we could see what we were doing, it lit up the scene and made it easier for the sniper. Even so, it did make it possible to see where we were going. I remember the scene at night, lit up with towering flames from the burning house. With the swirling smoke and leaping flames, it conjured up a perfect picture of "Dante's inferno". After completion of the Assault bridge, the enemy dropped mortar bombs into the boats so that they had to be replaced.

I remember this as one of the most frightening operations that I had taken part in since landing. We took casualties and then when we were over, we drove on with the infantry and stopped in the early dawn in a convent.

One little cameo I remember very well was that of a German infantry man, very severely injured with half his shoulder blades torn off, in the flickering flames of this Dante's inferno and in the blackness of that night, being helped by two of our infantry men, who half carried him along with both their arms supporting him round his shoulders towards a field dressing station.

He kept shouting "Luftwaff good. Luftwaff good". The two infantry

men humoured him with "That's right old mate, that's right". Killing each other one minute, and helping each other the next. Oh! Lord, will humans never learn.

The Outpost.

When we were on our way to Weert. We had got ahead of the armour and infantry, and were the leading unit (those bloody Sappers again!). The company stopped about a hundred yards short of the bend in the track we were following. A quick recce was made, and in front, about thirty yards from the concealed bend, there was an enemy defensive position; a dugout hole, supported with sandbags, enough to cover above waist height.

Nearby, we could hear the sound of tank engines revving. Enemy tanks, for we knew we were ahead of our own armour. The company withdrew to a safer distance, and sent one man up to the outpost armed with a loaded PIAT, with orders to take out the leading tank. Me!

Anyone that ever handled a PIAT will know what a dog's breakfast of a weapon it was. A cumbersome thing. Specially as the projectile was placed loose in the holding tray. I could never load the blasted spring, it was just too strong. So I got a mate to help me pull on the spring to load it.

My orders were quite simple - take out the lead tank. With the sound of tank engines in the near vicinity, I moved very cautiously forward to the dugout. I placed the PIAT on the rim of the bank, taking care to aim it at the position where the lead tank would be, as it rounded the bend. Now I do know that once I fired, retribution would arrive before I could get away. For all intents and purposes, a suicide mission. Now let me say quite plainly, I am not a heroic man. I never yearned for glory. Far from it.

So I was acutely aware that should they come, I was a goner. But no matter what, I was going to get the first one.

I can recall the very real fear as I waited for the tanks to appear. I can see it now. A track that led round a bend to the right. An area that was concealed with dense green shrubbery, that was high enough to hide what was behind. I recall the wind was making the shrubbery wave in the breeze.

Still the sound of tank engines, quite close. I recall thinking: 'Well I will get the first Jerry', then the sound of tank got louder as they set off. Apparently in the other direction! Isn't life wonderful?! What a great feeling it is to be alive.

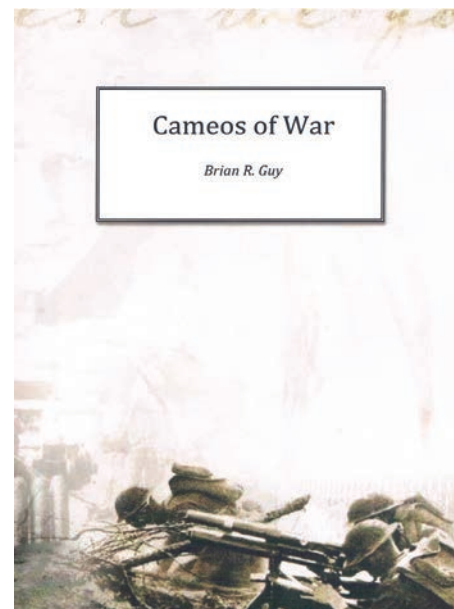
Fear at times can be almost tangible. A monster that dries the mouth, and sickens you. So my chance of great heroism on my part departed with the enemy tanks. Thank God. On several occasions I had the chance of being a hero, not me! OH NO! Not me! That I got involved was due to my inability to be present, but entirely invisible. Something I never managed to perfect. The regulars did it all the time.

All my deepest desires to be a coward, came to nought. Heroism, if I attained it at all, was thrust upon me, rather than having a desire for it. Later that day we drove into Weert.

Thank you David Bishop for your book appreciation, Thankfully I have had some wonderful write ups from those that read it, very satisfying, Brian.

Brian's book, Cameos of War, is available from the Purbeck Gazette in Swanage, priced at £11. All profits will go to BLESMA.

Get yours now while stocks last!



Dorset's War Horses

In 1914 horses were part of everyday life in a way that is hard for us to imagine just 100 years later. Goods were transferred to shops and homes by horse-drawn carts or wagons; many people rode, whether their own horse or a borrowed mount; agricultural work relied on the strength of mighty plough horses. From beer to butter, if it was not delivered by a horse, it probably didn't arrive. However, at the start of World War One, the British Army owned just 25,000 horses and 80 motor vehicles, so mobilisation of horses for transport and war-fare was one of the top priorities in the first days of the conflict.

The folk of Dorset, an agricultural county, had an enormous pill to swallow when their horses were commandeered. The Dorset History Centre holds a photograph of the muster at Broadwindsor, 5th Aug 1914, the very day after Britain joined the war. The image, with many residents named on the reverse, shows shop-keepers and children watching the spectacle of horses gathering in the square DHC reference: D/DPA/1/BDW/19.

We can only wonder at the patriotism and trust that led farmers and gentry alike to hand over their mounts. 165,000 horses were impressed from throughout the British Isles, and the DHC has a number of telegrams and orders evidencing Dorset's contribution to this number, DHC reference: D/DOY/A/10/3.

However, it is estimated that overall 8 million horses died in the course of the war, mainly from disease, starvation and gas attacks. Most of these horses came from throughout the empire, and from allies such as North America.

Finding fodder at the Western Front was a constant problem. The daily ration for a horse was 20 lbs of grain a day – nearly 25% of what a horse in Britain would be normally fed. The first hay nets were made of hemp, in Bridport as part of the rope-making industry, but hungry horses ate these and a new design was produced in cotton.

The story of 'Kitty', is one of the few happier tales to emerge from the carnage. Kitty was a charger, given to Kenhelm Digby of the Coldstream Guards (pictured, below) on his arrival in France. On Wednesday 27th January 1915 he wrote home saying; "Now that I command a Company I am entitled to a charger. I have got quite a nice German one. I am jolly pleased to have a charger to ride about on it makes it much easier for me. With all my love. Your loving son, Kennie."

Kenhelm served throughout the war, and attained the rank of Colonel. He was later the 11th Lord Digby of Minterne Magna, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset and Chairman of Dorset County Council. Kenhelm was injured twice in the course of hostilities, but Kitty never missed a day's service. At the end of the war, Kenhelm bought her at auction, and she lived a long and peaceful life at Minterne.

In the mid-thirties, a fund-raising campaign was launched by the Royal Veterinary College, Camden, to raise money to maintain the Hobday building, named after Sir Frederick Hobday, who was in command of the veterinary hospital at Abbeville, France in the early part of the Great War. Kitty was one of twenty-four old war horses who took part in the campaign, appearing at Olympia in her special saddle cloth and collecting for

the 'World's Largest Nose-bag', as the campaign became known. Then, as now, these horses stirred sympathy, and the campaign raised the equivalent of £16m.

(all images of Kitty and Kenhelm, courtesy of Lord Digby, Minterne Magna)

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K.Digby (left) with fellow officer, France 1917



Dorset's war horses muster at Broadwindsor



Kenhelm and Kitty after the war



Swanage Grammar School Memorial Stone



Members of Swanage Grammar School Association joined together on 19th July 2014 to unveil a Purbeck stone memorial, dedicated to the school which closed in 1974.

Patrons Pat Churchill and David Saville of the association, along with Alan Aldridge, Chairman, attended the unveiling, along with past pupils and interested parties.

The address and history was given by Dick Riding, with a dedication given by the Rev. Ann Butters.

Swanage Mayor, Ali Patrick, attended, as did the now-retired George Willey.

The Purbeck stone was supplied by Trev Haysom, and carved by Brian



Bugler. Inside the stone memorial there is a time capsule.

Gifts from the Purbeck Chocolate Company (Chococo) were then presented by Sonny Angel to the patrons.

The last reunion was held in July 2012, and the Grammar School Association are planning a further reunion for July 2015, which in the past they have hosted in the north end of the old school playing fields.

Check nearer the time for further details and confirmation.

Pictures: left: r: Rev. Ann Butters giving the dedication. Right: r: Pat Churchill, mid: David Saville, l: Sonny Angel.

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Ripening Cornfields, by Anne Elford



Arne Seal, by Donna Derrick



Tyneham Window, by Denise Exon



Wareham Sunset, by Denise Exon

On The Bus!



Children in Year 6 at Wareham St Mary Primary School cruised the streets in style on Saturday 12th July in a huge open top double decker zebra bus hired from Discover Dorset. The children and their families boarded the stripy bus in Wareham and made their way along to Swanage to have fish and chips on the beach and enjoy fun and games. Following the school system reorganisation in Purbeck, this current Year 6 group have been at the top of the school since 2011 when they joined Year 4. A few parents collaborated together to organise a special event for the children and all the families who have gone through the school together since the children joined 7 years ago.

"After completing their SATS, we wanted to give the children something to look forward to and they all liked the idea of the bus to Swanage."

"At one point this week the BBC weather page was predicting thunderstorms which would not be good for an open top bus! Luckily it stayed dry," said Claire Burns, one of the parents.

"We sang all the way to Swanage and all the way back again. We had people waving and smiling at us along the streets of Wareham and Swanage but also tourists at the top of Corfe Castle and birdwatchers out in the middle of a field waved back. I think we must have been making a lot of noise!" said George Moore aged 10.

The event was so much fun that the children in this Year 6 want to do it again every year!

Dorset Artist Wins Award

Paul Matthews from Puddletown has received The Chester Zoo Award for his painting of a chimpanzee at The National Exhibition of Wildlife Artists.

"I am really pleased with this," says Paul. "The painting was chosen from 415 others, by the director and head keepers at Chester Zoo, as their favourite of the exhibition. Winning awards always gives me a confidence boost and it helps sales, too."

He adds: "A large number of paintings do not make it to the exhibition, which makes it an extra privilege to receive the award."

The National Exhibition of Wildlife Artists is an exhibition of some of the top wildlife artists in Britain, being selected from a juried panel of peers and members of the wider art world.



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Rex Players Donate



Rex Players donate iPads to Wareham's Memory Café

Wareham's Memory Café played host to the Rex Players to celebrate the donation of two iPads for use by members of this locally based Alzheimer's Society service.

The Memory Café provides an opportunity for people with Dementia, their families and carers to meet with others ask questions of professionals and learn from the experiences of others. They also provide an informal and social environment in which to learn new skills, including using technology like iPads.

The donation was made possible by money raised by the Rex Players at their annual variety show held earlier this year.

The Memory Café service runs on the first and third Monday of the month from 10.30am-12pm in the URC hall.



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Purbeck Good Neighbours – Monthly Update

As I write this it is still the middle of summer, we have just finished the Carnival and the town is bursting. We find the tasks required by people fall away as family members are staying and they are helping out and fixing things.

However, you will be reading this at the beginning of September when the holiday makers have left town and so if you find you need a helping hand to fix a small job in the home, don't forget we have many volunteers with different skills able to help. All we ask is a minimum donation of £2 to cover expenses.

We celebrate our Project Leader, Jean Gibbs, who has been awarded the prestigious recognition by Swanage & Purbeck Rotary in becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. This award is given to local people who have given their time and service above and beyond to the local community.

Jean certainly fits the bill as she is not only involved with our group but also works for Save the Children and is about to help Swanage to become a Dementia Friendly Community. Well done, Jean!

As always – A very big thank you to all our volunteers.

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Swanage Senior Forum

Introducing the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust.

After a wonderful, sunny summer (despite a few miserable hiccups), Swanage Area Senior Forum launch their autumn programme on Wednesday 10 September at The Emmanuel Community Hall, Victoria Avenue. Kick-off at 7pm.

Many have been asking: "What is this Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust that people have been talking about?" "What does it mean for us?" Well, we welcome Kim Gallagher from the Trust to speak. Kim will explain the Trust's origins, its exciting aims and ambitions and how they could enrich the lives of all our community, whether older people, families or our young people.

Your input and contributions are very important, so don't miss this meeting. Find out how you can play your part in its development. All residents are welcome.

Refreshments & car parking are available. Also assisted travel for those less able. Please ring 426127. Before Tuesday 9th September if transport is required.

On Another Topic – Computers/IT

How often do you hear people, mainly over 40, say: "Don't like computers, managed all our lives without them thank you very much. All that new technology's for the young. If I want to send an e-mail or order something

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30 Years Of Helping

Reflections from the 'Communicare' Special Thanksgiving Service
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We had a splendid Service of Thanksgiving, held on Thursday 5th June 2014 at the new Emmanuel Baptist Church and Community Centre. We had 'Looking Back' over all the thirty years by various people who had gone through the various stages of Communicare, which opened up a lot of peoples' eyes and showed the full extent of our work. So many people said what a very happy and joyous time it was, thanking God, together for all that wonderful work done all voluntary by so many people.

We produced a brochure which included the Order of Service - a list of 233 names of people who had served with us from the very beginning - together with thirty years of statistics which showed our growth over those years....from 200 jobs being done per year in 1984 to 1,656 jobs being done in 2014 per year - with a grand total of 21,464 over thirty years.

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Our feature this month provides a wealth of suggestions to entertain you, from great days out, exhibitions, events, and hobbies, through to mouth-watering wining and dining.

Of course not forgetting the ever popular pastimes of retail and beauty therapy – What's not to like?!

Don't forget that in every issue of the Purbeck Gazette, the Spotlight Diary at the rear of the magazine contains an amazing array of events and activities to tempt even the most jaded palate - get out there, get involved and join in!

Enjoy the very best that Purbeck has to offer this September!

Great Days Out Aboard The Paddle Steamer Waverley!



Step Aboard Paddle Steamer Waverley this September for a Great Day Out! Sailings from Swanage Pier start on September 11th and continue until September 25th.

Recapture happy memories or create new ones as you visit the seaside at Bournemouth, Weymouth or Ryde. Sail round Portsmouth Dockyard and see historic ships or cruise along the stunning Jurassic Coast towards Lulworth Cove.

This year you can also visit Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight or steam right round the Island!

Andy O'Brian, Waverley's Captain, said: "We are delighted to be able to continue offering sailings on the South Coast aboard the world's last sea going Paddle Steamer. As well as taking passengers on Great Days Out from Swanage we bring many passengers to the town each year. There is a trip for everyone – young and old – to enjoy and we look forward to welcoming you onboard this year."

Waverley has excellent onboard facilities including a restaurant serving hot and cold snacks, two bars, heated lounges and a souvenir shop. Meals can now be pre-ordered and a brand new menu has been launched with Platters, Afternoon Teas and Pirate Treasure Chest lunches for children added to the classic lunch and dinner menu.

Prices start at £19 for adults and there are discounts for senior citizens, Children under 18 half fare & under 5s travel free. To receive a brochure or book tickets call the Booking Office on 0845 130 4647 or find out more and book online at www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk. Tickets can also be purchased at Swanage Pier or Tourist Information Centre.

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	Leave 12noon back 7.45pm
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Art Exhibition

Viewpoints: Mapping the Coast from Durlston to Durdle Door

Durlston Castle – Fine Foundation Gallery

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Saturday 13th September – Sunday 5th October

Antonia Phillips & Cathy Veale

Both Cathy and Antonia are established and well known professional artists and both are drawn to the coast and fringes of land. They now look forward to presenting an exciting new collaborative Art exhibition dedicated to our relationship with maps.

They explore the intricacies of our coastline, inspired by grid reference squares from Ordnance Survey Explorer map 15.

Antonia and Cathy have strong links with the area, celebrating Dorset's unique coastline in very different styles, yet with a common goal. Cathy's seascapes are immensely evocative, full of light and atmosphere.

Antonia paints (and prints) with freedom and energy; her work is about the sea, bird flight and movement along coastlines.

Looking at aspects of geology, geography, history, flora and fauna from a fresh angle, this new body of work by these two professional artists will attract a wide audience.



The Fine Foundation gallery, part of Durlston Castle's refurbishment in 2011, is situated in a beautiful and breath-taking location, offering the visitor a truly enjoyable educational and cultural experience.

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Inside Out Dorset



Inside Out Dorset, the South of England's biggest festival, specialising solely on large-scale outdoor theatre, dance, installation, acrobatics and contemporary circus, brings site-specific high impact performance to Poole, Blandford, Bournemouth, Studland and the South Dorset Ridgeway this autumn.

Produced by Activate Performing Arts, the biennial Festival presents two UK premieres: *Boo* by CirkVOST, one of the world's leading aerial circus companies, and *Le Chas Du Violon* by pioneering tightrope dancers Les Colporteurs. Other works include a re-staging of Periplum's *The Bell*, near Blandford Camp, Requardt & Rosenberg's *The Roof*, a special co-presentation with Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival and Pavilion Dance South West, and *Ridgeway Responses*, nine specially commissioned artworks responding to the history, culture and natural environment of the South Dorset Ridgeway.

Inside Out Dorset opens with CirkVOST's *Boo* in Poole Park, a Victorian recreational area overlooking Poole Harbour. In contrast to the formal setting, twelve aerial acrobats run amok on a 15m high monumental structure made from nearly 400 Bamboo sticks tied together by 2000 knots and assembled in less than a week. The narrative follows the gradual break up of a family clan, played out in chaotic airborne movement ranging from deformed swinging to Korean catching.

Over the same weekend in Studland Bay, *Up in the Air* presents a feast of contemporary Anglo-French Circus featuring Les Colporteurs' *Le Chas du Violon*, a high-wire story of mother and daughter performed in cowboy boots, stiletto heels and barefoot to violin accompaniment; *La Serre*, a beastly circus set in a greenhouse; *Rime*, a haunting tale told in human towers and group acrobatics inspired by Coleridge's epic poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*; and wheel acrobatics in *Frantic*.

Inside Out Dorset closes at the end of September on Bournemouth sea front with Requardt & Rosenberg's *The Roof*, a 360 degree panoramic performance of free running following the story of a reluctant hero inside a brutal and unforgiving computer game brought into epic 3D life.

The Perfect Companion



Walking Ballard Down with my grandchildren and other walkers, above the calling of the gulls can be heard 'By gum that's a view' or 'Are they dolphins dad?' and 'Cor look at that boat'

I know we live in a beautiful part of Dorset, but to hear other people say it makes you feel proud, and as I have said

before 'It's free'.

It took me a while to get my walking binoculars back from 'Dad' to whom I had said 'Would you care to look through my binocs?' It made one group of visitors happy.

I use a low mag pair of binoculars for walking - 6X or 8X - these give a good field of view and a nice steady image if walking over rough ground. For bird/wildlife watching in Purbeck why not try the high power of 11X, 15X, 20X binoculars.

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Views To Dine For



Wow we can't believe it is September already! Time has flown by this year and what a year it has been. The whole of the country has been hit with an amazing spell of good weather which means spirits are up and everyone is out enjoying the pleasures that beautiful Purbeck has to offer.

With the last of the holiday season still remaining what better way to enjoy this than to take time out to explore the tastes of Dorset, weather this be a cheeky Dorset Cream Tea or Dorset Apple Cake after a stroll around the always stunning Durlston Country Park or Coastal paths.

Or for those of you that want to sit back and enjoy the view over Durlston Bay, out towards Bournemouth and the Isle of Wight, why not try some of our locally sourced produce from our specials board or daily menu.

Our Summer menu offers lightbites and more substantial dishes which can be washed down by a Purbeck Ice cream from our Kiosk or a pint of Dorset Draft from the bar.

Why not enjoy these delights into the evening and join us on a Friday or Saturday night for dinner? Serving from 6pm until 9pm our restaurant offers a relaxed atmosphere where you can reflect on the year that has whizzed by.

Look forward to seeing you soon, The Seventhwave Team

A Fabulous Yarn...



Hi – I hope you have all had a great summer – and as the season draws to a close I wanted to let you know about the great new range of knitting yarns and autumn and winter stock now available at Purl- n -Lace, with more due in September and October.

We have beautiful silks from Denmark and Katia to go with their new books. Some lovely yarns from Bergere de France and Rico, along with many new patterns including some fun ones.

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Many thanks one again – Steph. Purl-n-Lace

Busy, Busy Bee!



With the revival of interest in sewing, partly due to the success of programmes like 'The Great British Sewing Bee' the staff at Stewart's House of Fabric have had a busy summer giving advice and encouragement to our customers with their sewing projects. Our facebook page is a great way to share what we're all working on and to keep everyone up to date with the latest news from the shop.

This year we are exhibiting at the Dorchester Show again and have got a great location near the main ring so if you are heading to the County Show please come and say hello! We're in Avenue D2 and are sharing our

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No sooner will we be back from the show and it'll be time to start our autumn class timetable.

We've got a great range of classes on offer from Dressmaking for beginners to a fun Craft Projects Course making handmade items including a bag, needle case, scissor holder and pin cushion and we are pleased to welcome Debs Sheridan onto our professional teaching team.

Debs is a well-known local artist with city and guilds qualifications in dressmaking and creative craft using upholstery.

YHA Host Family Fun!

YHA Swanage to host family fun events celebrating YHA Day

YHA Swanage, based in Dorset, is one of 61 Youth Hostels throughout England and Wales that will be throwing its doors open to the local community on Saturday 6th September and Sunday 7th September from 10 - 5pm to celebrate YHA Day 2014

YHA Day returns for the third year running, but this year it will be for an entire weekend. From 6 - 7 September, YHA (England and Wales) and hosting a range of family-friendly activities. YHA Swanage will be hosting a family fun day in Durlston Country Park to celebrate YHA Day 2014.

All the money raised from the event, and all others held on YHA day 2014, will go towards YHA's Breaks for Kids fund, which helps pay for financially disadvantaged children to take part in school trips to Youth Hostels.

The events are a 'thank you' to the local communities in which the Youth Hostels are based. Last year volunteers from the local communities gave 120,000 hours of help enabling the charity to run the network efficiently and continue to provide outstanding accommodation, learning experiences and facilities for young people and their families.

Importantly, YHA Day is also designed to raise awareness of the 84-year old charity and the dramatic image change it has had in recent years. Since 2011 more than £22 million has been invested in the network, which numbers more than 130 properties.

Today, as well as contemporary styled interiors, many YHAs boast private en suite bedrooms, licensed bars and restaurants, family-friendly public spaces and camping facilities, all a far cry from the last time many adults visited a YHA as a youngster and sheet sleeping bags, draughty dormitories and chores were the norm. Today, however, Youth Hostels couldn't be more different, and you don't have to be a member to stay in one.

YHA's primary purpose is to create unique opportunities for young people and throughout the weekend YHAs will be fundraising for the charity's Breaks for Kids bursary fund which pays for residential breaks for children from financially disadvantaged backgrounds when they take part in a school or community group break away.

The ongoing financial support of members and visitors for Breaks for Kids, means YHA can create more opportunities for more young people to have amazing adventures and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Details of all events being held at Youth Hostels throughout England and Wales on YHA Day 2014 can be found at <http://www.yha.org.uk/yha-day>

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The annual national fundraising day, organised locally by Dorset Historic Churches Trust (DHCT), invites participants to cycle, walk and even horse ride to Dorset's churches and chapels on Saturday 13 September between 10am-6pm.

There is no official route and participants seek sponsorship to visit as many, or indeed as few, as they feel able. Riders and striders taking part in the event will be raising money for the maintenance and repair of Dorset's historic churches, with all sponsorship split between DHCT and their nominated church.

Dorset is filled with spectacular church heritage and the event presents an opportunity to explore the history and architecture of churches, some of which are not regularly open. Over 300 churches across towns and villages will be open throughout the day, providing refreshments and a well-earned rest for hard working riders and striders, alongside the opportunity to admire the history and heritage of these churches.

Experienced riders will plot their route to keep well off the busy main roads and all participants will be able to use the Ride+Stride page of the Trust's website to check the map locations of every church – even downloading them to their Smartphone or tablet. Last year's event raised a record £74,170 in sponsorship, with 183 parish communities taking part in the fundraising event. The Trust is expecting riders and striders from even more communities to take part this year, gathering pledges on the traditional paper forms or through Just Giving on the Trust's website (www.dhct.co.uk).

Since 1991, the Trust has raised over £875,000 from the Ride+Stride event, formerly known as the Great Cycle Ride. The money raised is the main source of income for the Trust, which helped 27 churches in need of repair and renovation in 2013, by awarding grant-aid totalling £99,500.

For more information about the Ride and Stride, please contact Anna Butler (Ride+Stride Coordinator) Tel. 01305 260004 or email: anna-butler@hotmail.co.uk or visit the DHCT website www.dhct.co.uk



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20th and 21st September will see Paddington Bear visiting Swanage Railway just prior to his film preview later this year. Paddington Bear will be making personal appearances at intervals each day.

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This year's event, the fifth, features thirty specialised walks of varying lengths to suit all tastes and abilities, from short strolls investigating haunted Wareham and Victorian Swanage, to twelve mile hikes along the coast or ridge. The Festival is aimed at locals and visitors alike and walks are themed so you can hunt bugs, watch birds, find fossils or find out about the area's wartime history or its historic quarrying past.

If you've ever fancied Nordic Walking, with its well-documented fitness benefits, a full programme runs alongside the main event. Taster sessions with full tuition will be given by expert instructors, followed by a varied series of walks, some more challenging than others.

The Festival's main sponsor is Cotswold Outdoors. Publication sponsors, Coastal Publishing are offering free books to the first three hundred walkers and the first hundred will also receive a unique waterproof Purbeck mini-map. All walkers will be entered into a prize draw to win set of South West coast path books also donated by Coastal Publishing.

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It's 1646 and after five years of bitter civil war Corfe Castle stands as an isolated Royalist stronghold surrounded by Parliamentary forces.

The castle has been under siege since the previous year and the bravery of owner Lady Mary Bankes in defence of her home has made her a Royalist heroine.

But treachery is afoot and the castle's mighty defences are about to be brought low by an act of low cunning. Civil War Academy and Besieged and Betrayed are free events; normal admission charges apply. Admission to Corfe Castle is free to National Trust members



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In previous years any refunded commission was rolled into the earnings from your investments or set against charges, so you may not have been aware of it.

However, from 6 April 2013 the financial adviser must deduct interest from any refunded commission and show the amounts paid and deducted separately on your annual statement.

You should look out for these refunded amounts on your investment statement for 2013/14, as it must be declared on your 2013/14 tax return.

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Housing Sites Needed

Potential sites wanted for housing and employment development

Purbeck District Council is asking local land owners and developers to help identify land that could be used for future housing and employment in the District. The Council is seeking suggestions for suitable sites as it prepares for a review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1. The Purbeck Local Plan Part 1, which guides future development in the District, was adopted by the Council in November 2012. When it adopted the Plan, the Council committed to undertake an early review to explore opportunities for growth in accordance with national planning requirements. Known as the Partial Review, the review will also enable the Council to reconsider existing policies and introduce new policies where necessary.

Councillor Mike Lovell, Housing and Development Spokesperson for Purbeck District Council, said: "The Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 has been vital in guiding future development in the District. We have committed to complete a review of the plan by 2017 and, in order to inform this review, the Council needs to update its schedule of possible land for housing and employment development".

The suggestions from land owners and developers will help the Council to identify options which may exist to meet future needs. The options will then be published for public consultation to help inform the revised Local Plan. Submitting details of potential land doesn't guarantee that it will be included in the Plan, as there are many things to consider, such as the environmental constraints, before the final decisions are made about the use for these potential sites.

People who wish to submit details of land for consideration should complete the site submission form available at www.dorsetforyou.com/localplan/monitoring/purbeck or obtain a paper form by calling the Council's Planning Policy Team (01929 557264).

In addition the Council is also calling for any land that may have potential as a gypsy and traveller site.

Suggestions should be submitted by 5pm on Friday 12 September. For more information please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01929 557359 or email localplan@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

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Thinking of starting up a business and working for yourself? Check out our simple list of pointers to help you decide if it's a goer or not!

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2 Are others already offering what you want to sell? If so, is there enough demand to sustain yet another business offering the same to the local population?

3 If no one is offering the goods or service you wish to provide, why not? There's often a good reason.....

4 Will it cover costs, and what will I live on until it does? Many new business owners forget to include **ALL** costs in their business plans - advertising, insurance, stock, electricity, transport, staff wages/tax/insurance. The rule of thumb is that you shouldn't expect to make a profit until year 3.....

4 Self employed but always broke? Sometimes, we try and make a business out of what should really be a hobby. If you're working all hours and can't cover your basic costs, then it's a hobby. Stop flogging a dead horse and apply for a job!

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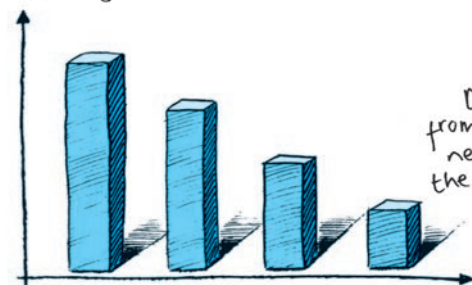
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if it's high pressure selling for anything from a packet of dusters to building work.

Uninvited doorstep traders will use all sorts of techniques to try to get you to say yes, that's their job after all, and they are experts at it. Perhaps you've heard the patter 'We're only in the area today', 'We've some material left from a job up the road', 'You'll have to agree now to get this price', 'My livelihood depends on this sale'. Perhaps you've fallen for it in the past?

Over the years many Dorset residents have decided to say 'No' to uninvited doorstep traders by displaying one of our bright doorcards. Now refreshed and updated the 'We do not deal with uninvited traders' doorsticker comes in two parts.

There is an outside sticker for your front door with a clearly visible message to uninvited traders. There is an inside sticker to act as a reminder with phone numbers for who to call if you need advice, assistance, or to report a caller.

Recently it's become a criminal offence for a trader not to leave your home when asked, or to return again another time. We and those we work with, Dorset Police and district and borough council Community Safety teams, hope the newly refreshed stickers will help you to say 'No' by deterring uninvited traders from knocking at your door.

We've made them for you so why not pick up a pair of stickers at your district or borough council office reception, or by sending a small letter sized stamped addressed envelope to: No Uninvited Doorstep Traders, Trading Standards Service, Colliton Annexe, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ.

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Care Homes What is the cost?

You may have heard that in April 2016 the proposed Care Bill will become law.

The Care Bill, in its current form, will revamp the current rules regarding funding for long term residential or nursing care.

Government statistics claim that 16 per cent of people have care costs of more than £72,000 in their lifetime, and only 1 in 5 of us will not need to pay for care at all.

Amongst other measures, the Care Bill introduces a 'cap' on the costs that an individual should contribute towards their care.

The amount of that cap is suggested as £72,000, but problematically the issues regarding income and capital have not been ironed out. It is thought that the £72,000 cap will only relate to capital costs, and that income will continue to be taken into account.

Therefore, in the case of a person receiving a good income, it may take some time to reach the capital cap of £72,000, and in certain cases may mean that an individual spends more on their care under the new system than on the current system.

Furthermore, there is concern that if an individual selects a care home that is deemed more than their needs require, then the additional fees spent will not count towards the cap. So, for an individual with a good income wishing to reside in a nice care home, they may never reach the capital cap. Assuming the cap is reached, the state will then become liable for 'further reasonable care costs,' although it is unclear quite what that will mean and how such costs can be claimed.

The Care Bill also introduces a scheme to replace the existing Deferred Payment Scheme (where Social Services will place an interest free charge on the property in cases where it cannot be sold). The new system will not be interest free, in order to allow the state to reclaim the running costs. The new rate of interest is currently unknown, but is said to be 'not for profit.' As yet, it is unclear quite what that means.

The idea of implementing change and bringing together several complex areas of funding is to be welcomed, however it is not clear as yet how the proposals will transform into law, and then how the law will be implemented. What is clear, is that the complexity surrounding the current funding rules is unlikely to be cleared up by these new proposals.

The rules regarding care funding, the pitfalls of gifting assets and the government's obligations to the public purse and the individual are necessarily complex. At Humphries Kirk we can help you with informed advice on all aspects of residential care. For more information or to make an appointment to discuss your situation, please call our Wareham office on: **01929 552141**

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The Next iMust-Have?

by David Hollister

Most of us have an iPod, an iPad, or an iPhone. My mother had an i-ron. The next must-have i-product is simply this. A Hyundai i-10. Let me explain. This is a 'city car'. Up against the VW-up, the Ford Ka, the Toyota Aygo, the Citroen C1, and a few horrible Vauxhalls. When I say 'up against' what I really mean to say is 'entering their market' because actually there's no competition.

This is a new release straight in at number one. It's a 'must have' for anyone looking for a small, inexpensive, easy-to-drive, cheap-to-run smart and reliable small 5-door car. It simply ticks all the boxes. £9610 on-the-road, plus £495 for metallic paint if that's your thing. Comes in five tasteful colours – for some reason they have withdrawn the bright blue and orange versions!

Clearly you are now thinking I've gone right off my trolley, suffering from sunstroke, or had one G&T too many. Could this be the Gazette reviewer who's addicted to 'whoomp' and 'style'? Yup. Same person. This car's that good.

Strangely, after driving the MX5 across to Bournemouth to Westover Hyundai through the worst traffic jams I've seen this year, I was in no mood to jump into another untried car and be prepared to like it. I do hope that it didn't show too much..... Anyway, off we went in the i-10 SE, and not until my evil mood had subsided did I realise that actually, I was quite enjoying the absence of engine- and road-noise, the progressive throttle, the presence of cool conditioned air, and actually not 'putting the boot in'. The seats are supportive without being too hard, the head-restraints just right, and the seat (maximum height as usual!) perfect for good clear all-round vision.

We went to Blandford that night to visit friends. Gradually on the journey I really 'got the hang' of it. If you want to really accelerate like an idiot, the little 3-cylinder 1.0 engine just asks 'why?' and does the best it can. On the way home, in the dark, we came upon a fallen tree-branch in the middle of the road and thanks to the excellent headlights, brakes, and road-holding were able to avoid most of it and carry on with no damage! I am sure that, had I hit it, the 6 airbags would have deployed and the only lasting damage would have been to my no-claim bonus..... or Westover's!

Usually when we review a car, we do long journeys up motorways but this is, after all, a 'city car' so we meandered through Poole and Bournemouth to the Captain's Club in Christchurch, a lovely lunch in the sunshine, by the river, and meandered home again. Like, relaxed and not a 'wellie' in sight. Brilliant day.

Where the i10 leaves all its rivals standing is in the amount of passenger space it offers; this is a car that can keep four grown-ups comfortable. The boot is bigger than those of most rival city cars; storage space is good; with well-laid out cubbyholes and bottle holders. It's really solidly built; the doors shut with a resounding 'clunk' reminiscent of a car twice its cost. It just feels solid without feeling bulky.

I was impressed with the simple AM/FM CD-radio, which had auxiliary inputs for jack-plugs and USB. Not flashy, just totally functional. And easy. We had electric front windows, central locking, and electrically adjustable heated door-mirrors.

I was always taught to review what the car did have and not what it didn't have. The few things it didn't have could be easily rectified by buying the Premium model; an additional £700 for Bluetooth, steering-wheel mounted audio controls, alloy wheels instead of steel, and a number of other cosmetic bits and bobs.

But actually, for most of my life I have managed without these gismos, so I guess I could manage without them for a bit longer. You're buying an inexpensive functional car to get from A to B. Does it really matter if you have to tune the radio by hand? If you don't have alloys? And you



shouldn't be on the phone when you're driving anyway.

A few nitty-grittys from the spec sheet; road tax £20, Insurance group 1 (ideal for learners), 108 CO2's, P11D tax 14%, and claimed 60.1 mpg combined. I managed 49.8 mpg which is 82% - remarkably good in my book. Boot space 252 litres or 1046 litres with the rear seats folded down flat. Convert that to Sainsbury's bags still quite impressive!

I had to laugh when I read in the brochure "the optional space-saver spare wheel means you'll never be caught out by a puncture" meaning that the manufacturers themselves recognise that the squirty kit is useless. But this space saver's only £50 as opposed to over £100 on my Mazda. I wonder when they'll dispense with squirty kits altogether!

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And finally. Astonished and disappointed to read the Which report on children's car seat retailers who offer a fitting service. Some stores made such serious errors that in a crash, with the car seat used as fitted, a child sitting in it could be in serious danger.

Correct fittings – out of 12 – were : Mamas & Papas 1, Babies R Us 1, Halfords 2, Mothercare 3. A total disgrace. Local independents did better with 7/12. So if you're thinking of a car seat for your precious toddler, do bear this in mind. Your nearest local independent is Baby Birds of Dorchester, 01305 853799.

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"It's quite an operation getting 75 plus cars out of the showrooms and into place at Wilton but the result is a great display of cars and a good day out for local car enthusiasts and families alike. In addition to our very own supercars - like the Lotus Evora, Lotus Evija and Jaguar's F-Type Cabriolet - we've introduced a flurry of new vehicle launches in recent weeks and we had all the latest models with us."

"It was a great chance for people to see them all in one place for the first time. Supercars is one of just two events we attend where all our cars are out together (the other being our own motor show in Bournemouth), so it was a rare opportunity to get a complete overview of today's car choices."

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Deep Fried Oysters

If you go back through the cook books of the past you will find that generally pre-1900 everything was pretty damned dull. We are talking about offal stews and nonsense like that. However, I discovered an interesting Oyster recipe, dating back to Roman times, where they were fried rather than eaten raw.

Today oysters are considered a delicacy, a special treat, and even a status symbol. But a few thousand years ago they were basic everyday peasant food. I'm assuming that wealthiest guy in Sicily didn't go rummaging along the shore at low tide for his next meal.

By the 1800s a recipe from the west coast of the USA shows that oysters had been promoted to posh food. "Hangman's Fry" was some unlucky chap's last meal before execution, consisting of the rarest ingredients in San Francisco at the time; eggs, bacon and oysters, cooked together in a single pan. But back to the Romans for now...

Don't let not liking oysters put you off this recipe. The oyster as you know it (wet and floppy) is transformed by the ultra-hot cooking technique into the most delicious thing imaginable. You get a crunchy batter outer with a mouse like interior that is almost void of structure and full of flavour. The oyster almost disappears leaving a delicious taste. I cannot overstate this point, words fail me, this is my favourite meal ever. It can happily be my last meal.

Ingredients

Fresh oysters (I gave my local fishmonger a day's notice and they were ready and fresh the next morning, about £1 each)

Good lager - we use lager as it adds to the taste, it's a great excuse to open a bottle, and the bubbles give you a light crispy batter.

Plain flour

Chilli pepper finely chopped

Garlic finely chopped

Spring onion finely chopped

Salt (good sea salt is best -thank you Jerome)

Ground black pepper

Sauce: I served with soy sauce and some sweet chilli sauce.

Equipment: A whisk and a deep fryer, or sauce pan and sunflower/veg oil. However I cooked mine at Kimmeridge over a fire in a shallow metal tray. It almost all went wrong when the oil sloshed on to the fire, flames went everywhere, but no one was hurt and the oysters were cooked to perfection.

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Here's what you do...

Don't chop your fingers off getting your oyster out of its shell; they can be reluctant to vacate. You can buy short bladed oyster knives that make it easier and safer.

Go in with the blade from the hinge end of the shell, wiggle around horizontally, this will sever the hinge, and then twist... Ta-dah, and its open. Discard the shell.

The batter: take the salt, pepper, chopped chilli, garlic and spring onions and throw them in a bowl, add a couple of heaped table spoons of plain flour, then add a dash of beer, then whisk it up, add more beer, and whisk again. You are aiming for a consistency not quite as thick as custard, not as runny as a pancake mix.

The oil in your pan or fryer should be damned hot. Test it by dropping a dollop of batter in and it should pretty much jiggle and dance if it is hot enough.

Dunk the oysters in the batter, carefully drop into the oil and within a minute of two they are ready. A bit of kitchen roll to soak up excess oil is good. Serve with the sauces.

I bet you have some batter left over: try the cooking skinned whole cloves of garlic, or courgettes. The garlic is particularly good

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Collette Drayson

It won't have escaped your notice that eating local, seasonal food has become a recurring topic in the press. The politics of food, its impact on the planet, the economy, the landscape, on livestock and communities is a big, sometimes sticky subject. There are some for whom keeping it local is something to strive for, but life is busy; an online Tesco order is a helluva lot easier. Others make the harder choice to live out their principles, knowing it's an absolute necessity if we are to progress to a sustainable way of living.

Collette Drayson is one such person. The question - 'why did you get involved with the markets?' took us deep into the issue of sustainability, the concepts of community, "permaculture" and local resilience. Collette isn't a producer as such, (though she's pretty nifty with a spinning wheel and creates knitted lovelies using local wool). Rather she is a supporter, a champion for the producers and their markets.

She hopes to help Purbeck Products to expand and connect with the rest of the community. 'For me' Collette says, 'you can't separate food from community. It's all about treading lightly on the environment and working together to make the best of the place we live'. There can't be many people in the town better placed to get our stall owners connected; Collette is a member of Education Swanage/The Swanage School, Langton Matravers Allotment Association, Swanage and Purbeck Hospitality Association, the Purbeck Society, PEAT (Purbeck Environment Action Team - Transition Purbeck), Langton Parish Council and Purbeck Society.

Born at Swanage hospital, Collette has three children and lives with partner Richard in Langton. 'The Isle of Purbeck is in our bones' she says. Her love of the area, coupled with a strong belief in local democracy and collaborative communities has led to Collette's involvement with Purbeck Products.

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It's really just about caring. Caring less for the pounds saved by buying cheap and more about who benefits from your money. Caring less about how easy life can be for you and more about how we can look after our little part of this planet. With people like Collette making their voices heard, who knows, might Purbeck one day feed itself?



We Faced Dragons!



We rarely, if ever, 'give' editorial space to anyone selling anything, but it's not often that a local faces four dragons and lives to tell the tale...

Dorset boy, Alex Dixon, was featured on Dragon's Den on Sunday 3rd August as co-founder of Victor's Drinks. Alex was born in Poole and raised in Wareham and is proud to still call Dorset his home as he often returns to see his family. Alex spent all his childhood in the county until moving to Manchester at the age of eighteen to attend university, where the story of Victor's Drinks began.

Victor's Drinks is a range of easy-to-make cider and ale kits that redefine the way people view the current homebrew market. The product has been developed to be as simple as possible taking home brewing away from the confines of the devoted hobbyist.

The idea for Victor's Drinks started at University when co-founder Alex would make his own cider to cater for their parties. Everyone loved the cider and they were always interested to hear how it was made but didn't want to do it themselves because of the high start-up costs, variable results and large storage requirements afterwards.

Alex and fellow co-founder Ralph saw a gap in the market and over the next five years developed a make-it-yourself drinks kit to solve all these

problems. That solution is Victor's Drinks.

Victor's Drinks received an offer of investment from appearing on Dragon's Den, as seen on August 3rd episode. After initial worries, all but one of the Dragon's opted out and they rejected a sole offer from Duncan Bannatyne.

However Alex and Ralph returned with a counter-offer and a deal was agreed for £40,000 for 25% share, which if after three years all profit targets are hit, will reduce to 15%. Following the programme (filmed in April) Ralph and Alex have been working hard on the brand and are excited about re-launching in the coming months.

Watch the episode online: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04d4nbc>

Well done boys - keeping the Dorset tradition of drinking alive and well! Best of luck to you for the future.

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Natural Matters

Weakness Exposed In Navitus Imagery



Major changes to the guidance on visualisations for wind farms have been announced by Scottish Natural Heritage, author of the old guidance used by developer (NBDL) during the consultation on the Navitus Bay wind farm.

The old methods typically gave a misleading impression of the size of developments so the new guidance specifies larger-scale images to make them more accessible and realistic.

"At last SNH's guidance has been updated to try to give people a more accurate idea of what a wind farm would look when built", said Andrew Langley of Challenge Navitus. "Controversy over the existing guidance has run for years, and it is regrettable that the changes have come too late for the Navitus Bay consultation. As a result, the public has been denied

a fair chance to assess this and many other proposals."

"Over a year ago Challenge Navitus published images in the formats now adopted by SNH. NBDL chose to stick with the old guidance although one of the new formats had already been applied to a similar offshore wind farm in Scotland. NBDL may claim that the change makes no difference to its visual impact assessment, and that they were only following industry protocol, but the public just wanted realistic images from the developer to judge for themselves."

"A few people still think that the wind farm would be barely visible from the coast, perhaps because of the old-style images, but that is not borne out by photo-montages to the new guidance, our videos, or the conclusions of many of the statutory consultees and NBDL itself."

SNH Press release

<http://www.snh.gov.uk/news-and-events/press-releases/press-release-details/index.jsp?id=1044>

David Lloyd

Unexpected Eagle Encounter!



Members of Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) were greeted by an unexpected visitor when a Russian Steppe Eagle interrupted a wildlife walk on Upton Heath in August.

The giant bird of prey, which had a wingspan of over four feet, made its dramatic appearance after escaping from a falconer at a landfill site near Beacon Hill. The eagle, known as Storm, made national headlines several weeks ago when it once again escaped and flew into the living room of a Dorset resident in Upton Heath.

DWT Urban and East Dorset Warden, Nigel Brooks said, "We were out on our 'Walk with Nature' at Upton Heath when out of nowhere this large, dark shadow appeared. We all scrambled to get our binoculars in focus, as this huge bird perched itself on a sand mound in front of us. It was an unbelievable surprise when we realised it was in fact a Russian Steppe Eagle!"

DWT member and volunteer, Richard Agg said, "We actually went on the walk to look at all the reptiles and small insects that live on the heath, so it was a total shock to see such a big bird of prey. It was actually my wife Rosemary who first spotted it, and it was really interesting to be able to see such a fantastic bird in action. It's not the sort of thing you see every day!"

After its foray onto the heath, the bird was eventually reunited with its falconer James Moore, who had been using it to scare off seagulls at the nearby SITA landfill site.

Russian Steppe Eagles originate from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and have been known to grow up to 32 inches in height and can have a wingspan of up to 7 feet, making them rather a formidable bird of prey.



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While on Sunday 7th September at 2.30pm the Quangle Wangle Choir will be performing at Durlston Castle, so come along to join the voyage in song and poetry, celebrating the sky, weather and migration through South African Gospel, English folk and more. Tickets £6

If music isn't your thing then perhaps fishing is, we have managed to get one of the country's leading authorities on fish behaviour as well as a renowned author, scientist and Bass angler Dr Mike Ladle, to run a sea angling course, so why not join Dr Mike Ladle's Sea Angling Course, four evenings on Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd September (7.00pm – 8.30pm).

Throughout the course Mike will be sharing his knowledge and skills obtained through his lifelong experience of angling and his work in marine ecology – if you know a keen angler then tell them, as opportunities like this don't come along very often! Suitable for all ages and levels, the course will include some practical sessions.

Cost £75 - booking essential.

Dorset Bird Week runs from Thursday 4th – Sunday 14th September, with guided walks, talks, canoe trips, demonstrations and exhibitions taking place across Dorset. Whether you are slightly curious, a beginner to birdwatching or an 'expert' there will be something for you – have a look at our website www.durlston.co.uk for details.

Exhibition 'Viewpoints : Mapping the coast from Durlston to Durdle Door every day Saturday 13th September – Sunday 5th October 11am -4pm.

Local artists Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale explore our relationship with maps through this innovative art exhibition, their paintings and prints have been inspired by the grid squares from the OS maps. Why not pop along to see their work which is for sale?

September is a lovely time to enjoy walking across Durlston, with the butterflies fluttering across the downs and the meadows, which have been cut and baled for hay. The herd of Hereford cattle are aftermath grazing the fields and the autumn flowers are in their last blooms. Of course bird migration is now in full swing with Warblers galore, Birds of Prey and masses of Swallows amongst others. So there is always something different to see – drop into the castle for an update of the latest news and sightings.

Visit us at Durlston Country Park, call 01929 424443 or email info@durlston.co.uk.

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Thank you to everyone who came to our Companion Dog Show and Family Fun Day on Sunday 3rd August (left). The day was a great success as visitors from all over came to enjoy the dog show, demonstrations, attractions and refreshments.

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Reasons To Welcome September by John Garner



As I write this, a month prior to publication, this has been a fantastic summer. Now I know this will probably be the jinx equivalent of the last time an official drought was called and it rained in biblical proportions for the next six months, but so far so very good in terms of sunshine and general summeriness.

September can therefore engender mixed feelings. For some it's a return to normality after the urgency of August and for others the beginning of the end and the inevitable onset of shorter and colder days. Well here are ten wildish things that we can definitely look forward to not having to deal with.

Wild things are generally a

good thing, but whilst we don't have the dangerous deadly beasts that inhabit the wilds and not so wilds of, say Australia, there is room to celebrate the seasonal demise of some quite annoying predominantly, but not exclusively, airborne pests.

1) Earlier this summer I was bitten by a Blandford Fly. Now Blandford is a perfectly pleasant place. They make a fine beer of the same name so I'm told and the general feeling about Blandford is that you could do a lot worse than find yourself there. They do, however, do a bloody awful fly. Or a bloody good fly if your definition is a winged b***** that seems to serve no purpose other than to annoy. Almost immediately after the bite my leg started to blister and swell and the itching feeling didn't let up for about three days. As summer ends so does this menace disappear, but for future reference and for the benefit of others, Blandford, keep your flies under control please if you don't want Shaftsbury or Wimborne bad mouthing you behind your back.

2) This also seems to have been a very significant mosquito year. Mosquitos are, at best, bloody irritating and if the best thing you're known for is being bloody irritating you need to sharpen up your act or get some better PR.

3) I've also had the odd unpleasant experience with Hornets this year. Unlike wasps (of which more shortly) they often appear to arrive in isolation or only in small numbers, although I may just have been lucky. They can be big, aggressive and whilst single stings aren't fatal, multiple stings can be. So to recap, even without an allergy, multiple stings from a hornet can kill you. They sound like motor scooters with broken exhausts. That's how tough they are- they announce their noisy arrival as if to see, 'Yeah. I'm here and I'm going to do whatever I want and there's nothing you or your mates can do about it. I am not afraid of you, but I know you are completely freaked out by me'. If they were represented in films they would be wearing dark glasses and black suits. You don't mess with

your Hornets.

4) What the wasp lacks in size compared to its bigger cousin it makes up for by travelling in a gang. Most people think the full name of the wasp is the f***** wasp as they are rarely referred to without some form of uncomplimentary adjective preceding their name. Possibly even more annoying than the mosquito, but without the stealth element that the Mossie possesses so just misses out on the dubious accolade of most annoying.

5) I have also been assaulted by flying ants whilst walking the dog in the evening. They don't seem to bite, but cover you and get in your hair and clothes and ears and even on a couple of occasions the eyes and just make a pleasant evening walk turn into something you return from and head straight into the shower and then a change of clothes. There just a bit crap, but crap all the same.

6) The next one might not work and it's probably just because I spend more time outside in the summer, but the seagulls especially when the young are getting ready to fly can awaken the dead with their screeching and wailing. That said they remind me sometimes of living by the sea and what a privilege this still is, so I won't be too hard on them (at least I won't in this column, but secretly...well).

7) Likewise the crow that seems to sit outside my window at dawn every day crawling its lungs out. It still seems to do it in the winter, but as dawn is much later in the winter this could well be blaming the symptom not the cause.

8) And then there are the largely nameless bugs that you find yourself eating on your bike rides without really wanting to. Well obviously without really wanting to otherwise you'd ride around with your mouth wide open like an air breathing basking shark and then skip regular meals.

9) Two other summer annoyances are worthy of mention. In the sea there seems to have been a blooming of jellyfish and although these haven't really bothered me on my swims, I know that some have been inconvenienced by them so I suppose I'd better include them.

10) The last, which has all but gone by July, but gets a mention anyway because I have in the past stepped on one twice (that is, I have stepped on one on two separate occasions. I didn't step on one and then do it again straight away to make sure it poisoned me) and they can be very unpleasant. They are weaver fish. Sneaky sand dwellers that have the temerity to protect themselves with spiny venomous fins that needle into your feet as you wade into the sea. The first time it happened to me I thought nothing of it and carried on regardless until my leg started to ache and finally sought out treatment as the pain moved steadily upwards towards more potentially tender areas. Immerse your foot in hot water and vinegar the experts said. So I did and it worked. Urine works as well apparently, but I stuck to the old Sarsons and hot water method the second time as trying to wee on the sole of your foot is an acquired art that I'm not ready to put in the necessary hours to acquire.

So there you are really. No matter what you think of September it will undoubtedly be better for not having many of the above to bug you. Crap bug joke I know, but maybe the lack of sun beating down on the aged cranium may well improve the jokes throughout the winter.

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They form a clump of tall upright stems from three to five feet high, topped with big daisies in shades of pink, lilac and mauve from September to October.

They prefer moist soil in sun to part shade, and unlike other asters, are relatively mildew-free! Cut back to the base after flowering, and propagate by division in the spring



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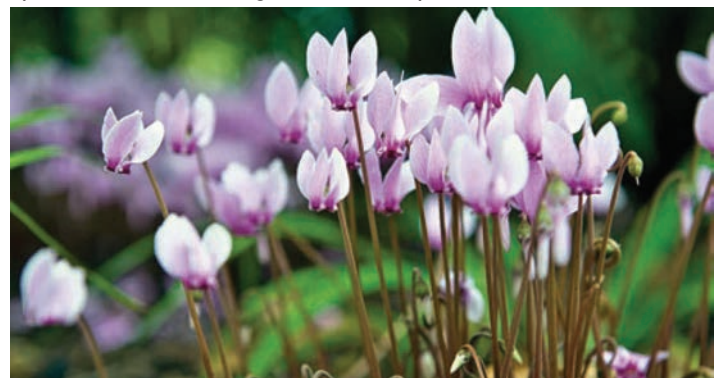
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Swanage Folk Festival 2014



Swanage Folk Festival, 5th-7th September

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The festival, on 5th to 7th September, brings you folk music concerts, a ceilidh dance, traditional dancing displays featuring around sixty dance sides, workshops, sessions, children's activities, a Craft Fair and trade stalls.

The Festival 'Village' is on Sandpit Field, above the sea front, with the Craft Fair and stalls, a Festival Bar, and entertainment in the marquee.

Highly colourful Morris dancers provide displays all around the town Saturday and Sunday, with a Grand Parade on Saturday afternoon at 3.30pm through the streets of the town, ending on the sea front.

Some of the top folk music acts appearing at the festival concerts this year include The Urban Folk Quartet, The Lucy Ward Band, Blackbeard's Tea Party (in concert Friday and ceilidh band Saturday), O'Hooley & Tidow, Gilmore & Roberts, Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver, and the Saturday night

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Gala Concert Of Young Talent



Following their acclaimed evening of songs and music in September last year, more young individual singers and instrumentalists from Swanage and Wareham, together with the popular 'Four Dees' barbershop harmony quartet will be performing another evening of music to delight all tastes at a Gala Concert on Saturday 6th September at Swanage High Street Methodist Church.

Admission to this event is FREE.

Refreshments will be available and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the church hall roof repair fund and the Richard Ely Trust for young musicians, which will be represented by Jennifer Armitage (17) an experienced third trumpeter in the Wessex Youth Orchestra, which recently won an award at a festival at the Symphony Hall Birmingham, and by Sam Brown Araujo (15) on piano.

Sam has performed in various show orchestras and was the keyboard player in the musical 'We Will Rock You' at the Purbeck School in July. Also, Lola Brown Araujo (13) clarinet, who played in the 'Dorset Movies Mash Up' at the Royal Albert Hall last year, and with Lydia Bennett, has just won first prize in the intermediate woodwind category in a music festival.

Other individual soloists will be Jemima Bennett (16), who earlier this summer sang with a chamber choir in Tuscany and last year at the Royal Albert Hall with Dorset Youth Voices, Lydia Bennett (13) clarinet, who is a member of the Dorset County Wind Orchestra, with whom she played at the Royal Albert Hall last year.

Imogen Knott (18) joins them, who has performed in various musicals, dance formats and pantomimes, and has just appeared in her first farce 'It

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Ranger School Of Dance 'Prodigy' Returns

Connor McCrory is back in town for the summer - Caroline's son, June's grandson - the latest heir or pretender to the Ranger dynasty. It seems safe to say he was already dancing and performing in the cradle. More unusually, he was making primitive home movies with his kid brother at the age of seven.

And so it comes about that at the present time, he is variously dancer, actor, film-maker, photographer - wavering as the gifted tend to do at age sixteen among a plethora of career choices. But when you have just won the school prize for your interpretation of the greatest soliloquy in the English dramatic repertoire, you don't suffer too much heartache about whether 'to be or not to be' an actor.

So it is not surprising to learn that he is leaning towards stage and screen as he completes his intensive training at the Tring School of the Performing Arts, where he has earned scholarships for the last four years. Recently he was awarded another prize for best performance, playing the title role in "Alfie".

Connor is yet another product of that hive of talent and nursery of infant prodigies that so distinguishes our town - The Ranger School of Dance - and he seems destined to prove a pioneer and leader of their third generation.



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Threads @ The Grand Exhibition



THREADS at the GRAND 11th to 17th September - 10am to 4pm

The Purbeck Embroiderers are holding their third exhibition of contemporary and traditional needlecraft at the Grand Hotel, Burlington Road in Swanage.

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Swanage Blues Festival

Swanage Blues is proud to announce two Special Events in September.

The Big Purbeck Party in a fabulous marquee.

Sunday 14th September from 3:30pm at Wilkswood Farm, Valley Road, Swanage, BH19 3DU. This is a special fundraising event for Swanage Blues and was a great success last year.

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Tickets from Kings Arms, Stoborough; Replayed Records, Swanage; and more to be advised.

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Saturday 27th September, 8:30pm at The Legion, High St, Swanage. Sons of the Delta - "Britain's Jelly Roll Kings", providers of fine Juke Joint Blues and Americana www.sonsofthedelta.co.uk. Free admission, non-members sign in. Restaurant open 5pm-9pm. Comfy seats, club price drinks, dance floor, stage and lights.

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Swanage Regatta and Carnival Committee pulled out ALL the stops this year, producing a carnival which topped previous years and then some!

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The week was jam-packed with action, events, music and competitions, delighting visitors and locals alike.

The weather held out, the beer tent at Sandpit Field was drunk dry (several times, apparently!) and lots of lovely money was raised for charity.

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The Bishop Reviews

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

The Wreck of the Halsewell - William D Wilson

We cannot be reminded too often of the Halsewell disaster which stunned the nation, Dorset in particular, in 1778. A tragedy not to be repeated until the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. On the 6th January the Halsewell was driven ashore at Seacombe in a blizzard with winds approaching hurricane force. Many of the 74 survivors, from a total of 240 souls, spent the night clinging to the sides of a shallow cave before being hauled half-dead up the vertical cliffs at daybreak. She was an East-Indiaman under Captain Pierce who elected to stay onboard and perish with his two daughters and several other young ladies bound for the India marriage market.

Indeed, a contemporary article in The Lady magazine laments this practice more than the wreck itself. The tragedy lives on in Purbeck folk music circles and I am indebted to Robin Plowman for sight of his file on the Halsewell, which contains photocopies of the original account compiled by two survivors, Henry Meriton and John Rogers, which in turn forms the basis of this narrative.

The book is well presented with useful background, photos, diagrams, and an invaluable glossary of terms. I would have liked more speculation on the reason for the partial mutiny - or at least gross dereliction of duty - which appears to have occurred among the sailors on board and must carry some blame for the disaster.

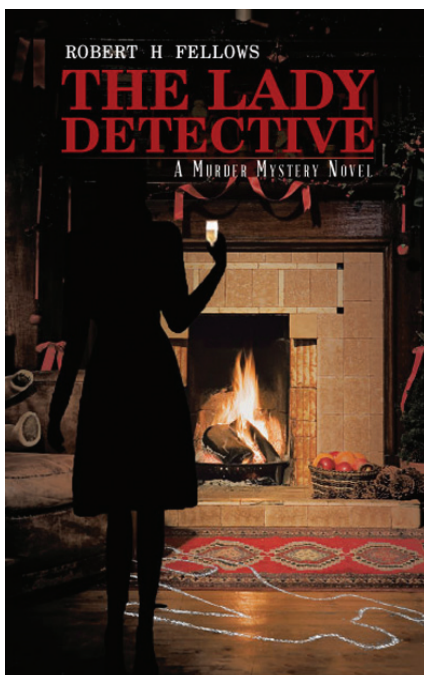
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The Wreck of the Halsewell



A contemporary account explained

William D Wilson



The Lady Detective by Robert H Fellows

This novel, set in the early seventies, tells the story of a girl who decides to become a private investigator, acquires an office and discovers a body in the office down the corridor. Think Kate Winslet doing Modesty Blaise. She is, of course, arrested but thanks to considerable help from her boyfriend, who just happens to be a senior police inspector, she gets bail and solves the crime.

The style is curiously dated and the pace laboured. Indeed, the first half deals with choosing the decor for the office, having the phone installed by BT (who didn't exist until 1980) and hearing the author's views on the EU and the criminal justice system.

However the main character, Jessica, is irresistible in her 'high denier' stockings (which are in fact what Nora Batty wears) and she enjoys Hughie Green hosting 'A Star is Born' on TV (actually a '76 Streisand film).

Some elementary proofreading would have removed the obvious howlers such as 'taken into custody', 'pasticcio' nuts, chapter 58 titled 'Prooving the Point' and the continued use of 'Belgium' as an adjective. I blame the vanity publishing house AuthorHouse for taking Robert's money and delivering a substandard package.

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Matron's Round Our Local Hospitals' Monthly Column



Farewell from Matron Jane

This will be my final column as Hospital Matron as I am now leaving the NHS and a nursing career that has spanned thirty years to pursue a childhood dream of becoming a priest in the Church of England.

There can be no doubt that being Matron of these two hospitals is one of the best roles any nurse can aspire to and I have been immensely blessed to have had this opportunity.

Whilst I am looking forward to my future role it will be a huge wrench to leave nursing and particularly working in beautiful Purbeck, I will miss it all enormously. The patients, staff,

'Friends' and governors of Dorset Healthcare are all wonderful and it has been good to be part of it all.

Looking back it is extraordinary to see how far things have come in a relatively short space of time, there have been appeals, reorganisations and refurbishments; new ways of working together across both sites and also most departments, increased responsiveness to patient and public feedback and national accreditation gained for community endoscopy services at Swanage Hospital, a first in Dorset. Our end of life care is next in line for gaining gold standard accreditation hopefully achieving this by the end of the year.

Both hospitals are in good heart and great shape and the senior staff who oversee the day-to-day running are well equipped to deal with the inevitable changes ahead. The process for appointing a new Matron is already underway and in the meantime Matron Darren Wickwar will be undertaking the role. Darren is an experienced Matron who knows both hospitals well so we can be confident that they will continue to provide the excellent standards of care for which they have become renowned.

I would like to end with a BIG thank you to everyone who supports the work of both hospitals for all their hard work and commitment which enables staff to continue to provide care all of us would recommend to family and friends. It really has been an honour and privilege to serve you as Matron.

With every good wish for the future, Matron Jane



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Sport

Record Breaking Time At SSRC!



July and August are some of the busiest periods in the calendar for the rowing Club with our regattas and events as well as the carnival activities and extra numbers of holiday makers wanting to take part in our 'Open Rowing' sessions on a Saturday morning and a Tuesday evening. The good weather has brought many newcomers to the sessions and allowed them to appreciate Swanage from a different perspective as well as giving them a taste of traditional rowing.

Many visitors have also commented on the new Boathouse which they have seen for the first time, and they have been universally positive and supportive about the development. The success of the new Boathouse project was acknowledged in July in a video made by the Chalk and Cheese Local Action Group as the community organisation which supported the Rowing Club towards our funding total - it can be seen by typing 'Swanage Sea Rowing Club - A Dorset LEADER case study' into YouTube.

The regatta activities took place at Rame near Plymouth on the 26th July, where several crews participated in a busy event with some 27 gigs taking part. The Mens 'B' crew came 10th out of 20 gigs rowing in the men's A race, the Ladies A came 6th out of around 20 gigs, and the Ladies B came 3rd in their race, The Mens vets came 6th out of 13, the Ladies Vets 7th, and the Mixed crews came 4th and 16th out of 20 gigs - all in all a very satisfactory event for the Club and the members.

Many of those who took part had to be back for the Carnival Parade the next day when the Club put in 2 gigs with the members dressing up in uniform, and a great day was had by all.

On the 28th July several Club members took part in attempting to break and set new records on rowing machines. Skip Graham and Max Burrridge had already set a new World Ultra Distance Record last November for completing 1,000,000 metres together, and this time were looking to set individual records. Georgia, Esme, Jodie and Robyn set a new continuous record of 36 hours, Ted and Alice Burrridge set a new record for the longest mixed tandem continual row of 48 hours, and Holly, Karina, Lynne, Joy, Dee, Seona, Ali and Maria set a new record for rowing 100 kilometres in 7 hours and 46 minutes.

Max improved the existing record for his category from 8 days, 5 hours 41 minutes to 5:05:05, and Skip improved his category record from 8:1:51 to 5:1:17 - a fantastic set of results for all those who took part. Whilst this was taking place the Club also organised the Carnival Row, where teams of non-rowers and club members take part in the sprint races across the seafront in a thoroughly enjoyable fun challenge for the many novice crews that took part.

Pictures - thanks to Ben Sturch! Top - Skip and Max, bottom - Georgia



Swanage Tennis Club

During Swanage Regatta week, Swanage Tennis Club hosted the increasingly popular Junior and Senior Doubles tournaments. The usually peaceful and tranquil Beach Gardens came alive with the buzz of competition on all courts. Every shady vista was occupied by supporters and onlookers. The clubhouse became the hub for score-tallying and plentiful refreshments.

Pairs were picked randomly from a pool of players of a variety of standards, which added to the enjoyment, unpredictability and excitement of the matches. Several local juniors took part in the event and a very promising junior from Swanage, Paul Marchant and his visiting doubles partner, Louisa Vine battled through against some very competent young players to take the title 6:2 games.

The senior competition attracted some very able competitors, many visiting club players, others from nearer to home. Helen Knight, an STC member played well throughout, using her strong, deep forehand to excellent effect, helping her and her visiting partner through to the semi-finals.

Local talent won through in the end with Nathan Fowler (Swanage's Head Tennis Coach) and Helen Hardy (once a STC member) claiming a decisive victory against visitors Frank Morris and Paul Dyson, 6:2 games.

Nathan Fowler who helped organise the event commented, 'There was a great turnout for both tournaments this year and the games were of a very high standard. Everyone enjoyed it.'



Ladies: Away Melcombe Regis - Diana Dyer/ Sue Tindale and Bridget Burtwell/ Wendy Clark lost 0:4 rubbers. Away East Dorset - Meg Mutter/ Sam Christmas and Diana Dyer/ Sue Tindale 2:2 draw.

Mixed 2: Away Corfe Mullen - Margaret Needs/ Paul Lurie and Bob Needs/ Sarah Fowler lost 1:3 rubbers.

Mixed 1: Home Virgin Active - Meg Mutter/ Charlie March and Jo Kiddell and Ian Marchant lost 1:3 rubbers. Away David Lloyd - Meg Mutter/ Ian Marchant and Sam Christmas/ Paul Lurie 2:2 rubbers (lost on games).

Mens: Home St Leonards - Mike Angell/ Paul Lurie and Andy Mutter/ Kieran Stracey 2:2 (Swanage won on games).

Hockey Promotion!

Ladies gain promotion in the club's 50th year

The ladies 1st team finished last season achieving the highest league status in its 50 year history by gaining promotion to the Premier 2 Division of the West Clubs League. This is just two divisions away from National League and just one below Bournemouth 1st team. A fitting end to the season was a 50th anniversary celebration at the Purbeck House Hotel in April when founder members were delighted to come back and witness the club's growth and share their memories of the beginning of the club.

The hockey club generally has just finished a very successful 2013/14 season. Due to its "Back to Hockey" campaign, assisted by England Hockey, it has attracted many men and women to come back and play hockey after a long or short break. The club now has three ladies teams in the West league and a second men's team will enter the Hampshire league in September.

The ladies have just finished playing in the Bournemouth Hockey Club's Summer League where all players were being tried out for the future season which looks very bright indeed.

The junior section is growing rapidly and we now have over 50 youngsters aged from 7 to 12 training every Wednesday (starting September) from 6 – 7.30pm under the guidance of Junior Coach Simon Goldsack srbgoldsack@aol.com – please contact if your child would like to be involved in this great game.



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Bearing all this in mind we always welcome new players of any level to come and join in our success. If you'd like any information please email secretary@swanage-warehamhc.co.uk Adult training (over 13) for the winter will start again on 20th of August – this is on a Wednesday evening from 7 – 8.30pm.

Pictured: Ladies 1st team celebrating their promotion after the last match

Stoborough Primary School Win Purbeck Cup



The football season never seems to end and this year's Purbeck Cup, contested by Primary Schools in the Purbeck area, was no exception. A combination of bad weather in the winter and the demands of the SATs tests in May delayed the final stages of the competition. Eleven schools played in the Group stages with Bovington, Sandford, Stoborough

and Swanage St Marks emerging to play in the Semi-finals.

The Final took place in the last week of the summer term, just days before many of the players left their Primaries to make the move to Secondary School. The Purbeck School lent one of their astro pitches and a very competent Year 10 referee.

In a close and sporting match that went to extra time, Stoborough finally prevailed 2-1 over Sandford just as players, parents and coaches were preparing themselves for the dreaded penalty shoot-out!

The Cup and medals were presented by sponsor Anthony Muraro, a Purbeck based Wealth Management Consultant representing St. James's Place. Anthony commented "It's really good to see such skilful play and the Purbeck Cup flourishing in its fourth year, with schools in our region getting behind the development of local talent.

Anthony thanked competition organiser Jol Mitchell and the staff at the schools who arrange the matches, pitches and do all the work behind the scenes to make the competition happen. Jol commented "we've had another excellent season of football and it's great for children to have the opportunity to take part in competitive inter-schools sports".

Photo caption: Sponsor Anthony Muraro with the victorious Stoborough Primary team

Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football Club



Swanage & Wareham RFC have been very active in the close season with their purpose built gymnasium getting going for the fitness of the players, which seems to be extremely well used by the members. On the 21st /22nd June the club was involved with the Nat West Rugby Force days where much needed maintenance was achieved.

During this, Swanage and Wareham changed the name of the ground to honour one of the past presidents, naming the field the 'John Procter Memorial Ground'.

John captained Bournemouth after the war and played for Dorset/Wilts more than forty times. He moved to Swineham Farm in the fifties and he set up the Purbeck Colts side in 1964. He was President of Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club from 1978 to 1994. John was the driving force

who enabled the club to occupy the magnificent fields that the club enjoys to this day.

Swans started their pre-season fixtures against Trojans, from Eastleigh, on the 23rd August (at home), followed by another home game against old friends and rivals from South West 1, High Wycombe on the 30th August.

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the Edna Paisley Triples League and are comfortably fourth in the Dorset Women's Bowling League, Division 2. Our men are in fourth place (with three games remaining) in the Bournemouth and District League, finished third in the Percy Baker Trophy League, just six points behind the winner, and competing valiantly in Bowls Dorset Division 1.

We are soon to act as hosts to the Dorset Women's League Singles Final, a prestigious event.

We are an active, fun and very friendly club as you will observe if you come and meet us.

We are always pleased to hear from prospective new bowlers or those just interested to have a try on our Club nights, Friday evenings at 5.00 p.m.

To arrange this or just to hear more telephone Jean Thomas on 426795.

Swanage Bowls Club

at the Pavilion, Beach Gardens, Northbrook Road.

What a glorious summer for bowling and a brilliant first year for our new canopy and decking! Flushed with the success of an al-fresco impromptu event we are further investing in a barbeque of our own. The enhanced frontage of our Club attracts passers-by who enjoy sitting and watching our games.

The bowls drive organized as part of the Carnival programme attracted a good number of visitors and members and resulted in a £175 donation to this year's Swanage Charity. We were pleased to welcome the Carnival Queen and her attendants who presented the cups to the winning lady and gentleman bowler.

Since then we have also had a wonderful Captains' Day, a game played with a great deal of sunshine and laughter followed by a traditional English cream tea. The proceeds of the day resulted in a donation of £400 to Julia's House, the Children's Hospice.

The next momentous event on our social calendar was our President's Day on 17th August, a hogroast with all the trimmings, the theme Country and Western.

Meanwhile our in-house competitions continue, as do the inter-club leagues we take part in. At the time of writing the ladies are tying for top place in



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Swanage Football Club



At our latest committee meeting it was decided that a minibus is our number one priority this season (off the field). It is hoped that by concentrating all efforts into raising the funds necessary we will have enough money to purchase a second-hand minibus by Christmas.

We have already raised £3.5k towards a target of £7k and are hoping that a number of new initiatives will help us reach the target as soon as possible. The Swanage20 is on offer to local businesses and companies looking to advertise pitch-side at Day's Park at a cost of just £50 a season plus the cost of a 8ft x 2ft banner supplied by jason@signimages.co.uk for just £55.

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Another big event with the profit going towards the minibus is on Saturday 18 October when the country's number one David Bowie tribute band are set to play in the hall at Day's Park. 'Pop up Bowie' won the National Tribute Awards 2013. They play all over the country to large crowds and, with two members of the band living in the Town,

they approached us to see if we could accommodate them. So this proves to be a special evening for raising funds towards our minibus and we hope that you can support us in this.

Tickets are on sale at £10 each direct from the football club or ETICKETS :popupbowie.ticketsource.co.uk. The season has just begun for our 1st team and although losing our first game to Sherborne Town Res. there were many encouraging signs for manager Alan Lay and his coaching staff to work on. The Reserve side is starting to take shape as Manager Simon Kidby has been working hard putting his squad together. Simon is really encouraged by the youngsters (U18s) he has at his disposal and is looking for a really encouraging season.

Our Youth section were really grateful recently as Tom Holmes from Synergy Housing handed a cheque for over £900 to our Youth Chairman (pictured above) This money will be put to good use within the set-up, to help maintain the teams with the latest training equipment and anything they require throughout the forthcoming season. As regular readers will be aware, we have 13 youth teams with over 150 players signed on and it's the job of our Youth Secretary Alison Newell to organise this whole process.

This is no mean feat, as it requires each player to have a photo ID card, signed by the player and parent, which is then sent to Dorset FA. Although it's signing on time now it is possible to sign on at any time throughout the season and if this is of interest the first point of contact is Alison on 07545 762401 or alinewell@swanagefc.com

This week the Club are privileged to host the Dorset FA level 1 training course. With so many youth managers within the club, Dorset FA have decided to run the course from Day's Park. As a Charter Standard Club one of the many requirements is that all the youth coaches must be FA qualified. Within this course a CRB check is done, basic first aid and of course a basic introduction into the coaching of football.

As mentioned in last month's article we now find ourselves preparing the final touches for the FA Vase fixture on Saturday 6 September. In what proves to be a huge day for the Club, we welcome Downton from Wessex League 1 for this Qualifying round, and it would be great to see a really big crowd cheering on the Swans for this 3:00 KO.

Come on you Swans!

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Swanage Cricket Club



"Swanage Cricket Club continues to go from strength to strength"

The Saturday 1stXI currently occupy 5th place in Premier Division One having won seven of their twelve games. The highlight of the batting has been Ian Booth's three half-centuries, Francis Kerins (twice), Ben Baczala, Dan Salmon, Mike Salmon and Matt Thomas have also registered half-centuries.

The highlight of the bowling was Jem Warner's five wicket-haul at Wimborne. Rob Hatchard (twice), Ricky King, Mike Hernandez and Warner have also taken four wicket-hauls.

The Saturday 2ndXI have won eight of their eleven matches to currently lie second in Division 4. The highlights of the batting have been half-centuries by Tim Ives,

of the College/University students with the Sunday 2ndXI having to forfeit their place in Division 3.

However, there have been some excellent performances in the Sunday 1stXI as they just managed to secure their position in Division One for another season.

The highlights of the batting were half-centuries from Ben Baczala, Matt Beard, Ian Booth, Matt Jobi, Ryan Norman, Matt Thomas, Roger Wilcox and Charlie Wycherley. With regards to the bowling, there were four wicket-hauls for Steve Kent and Terry White.

Youth Section

The entire youth section from the six year-olds playing KWIK-CRICKET right the way through to the 15 year-olds have had a fantastically enjoyable summer recording some memorable performances/results - as well as attending their first-ever T20 Blast match at the Rose Bowl.

The Under 15s recently completed their 4th victory-in-a-row, with some outstanding performances from Cameron Beard, Rufus Dorey, Will Hutchings, Ryan Stearn, Alex Wood, Tom Woolen and Steve Wooley.

The Under 13s have also played some excellent games with Henry Counsell, Callum Dimarco, Matt Dunster, Charlie Dyke and Sam Willcocks all performing brilliantly.

The Under 11s have been a revelation this summer with Reuben Bennett, Isaac Christmas, Safia Nadaf, Ryan Lander, Tia Normam, Mia Werndley, Lily Wood and Ben Wright all excelling.

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Paul Norman and Mike Nash.

The highlight of the bowling has been Pete Barker's two five wicket-hauls and also Elliott Baczala, Matt Beard, Dave Morton, Mike Nash and Andy Tillman have claimed four wicket-hauls.

The Sunday sides have been decimated this season with the unavailability

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 Oct is noon, 10th Sept

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.

SEPTEMBER 2014

- Mon 1st
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10:00 Art Exhibition At The Catholic Hall, Rempstone rd, Swanage.
- Tue 2nd
10:00 'A Dorset Woman at War' At Dorset County Museum, Dorchester. 'Mabel Stobart and the Retreat from Serbia 1915'. Ffi: 01305 262 735
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
20:00 Andy Broad Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Thu 4th
* Dorset Bird Week At Durlston Country Park. Ffi: www.durlston.co.uk
- Fri 5th
* Vintage Transport Rally Next to Harmans Cross Station. Ffi: www.swanagerrailway.co.uk
* Swanage Folk Festival Concerts, displays, workshops, craft fair, festival bar and more! Ffi: www.swanagefolkfestival.com
18:30 Isle of Purbeck Model Railway Group Meets at Furzebrook Village Hall, Furzebrook Road, Wareham, BH20 5AR. Entrance £2, children 50p. For further information contact Terry Jenkins -07960 691479.
19:45 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
- Sat 6th
* Vintage Transport Rally Next to Harmans Cross Station. Ffi: www.swanagerrailway.co.uk
* Swanage Folk Festival Concerts, displays, workshops, craft fair, festival bar and more! Ffi: www.swanagefolkfestival.com
* Civil War Academy At Corfe Castle. Ffi: 01929 481294 / www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle.
10:00 Cottees Collectable Toy & Model Railway Sale Viewing on Friday prior to sale 10am - 5pm and morning of sale from 9am. Catalogue online www.cottees.co.uk For further information contact 01929 552 826
19:30 Gala Concert At Swanage High Street Methodist Church. Free admission, refreshments available. Ffi: 01929 427979.
- Sun 7th
* Vintage Transport Rally Next to Harmans Cross Station. Ffi: www.swanagerrailway.co.uk
* Swanage Folk Festival Concerts, displays, workshops, craft fair, festival bar and more! Ffi: www.swanagefolkfestival.com
* Civil War Academy At Corfe Castle. Ffi: 01929 481294 / www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle.
10:00 Chasty Cottage Antiques Fair At Corfe Castle Village Hall. Admission £1, free parking and refreshments.
14:00 Abbie Budgens Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
14:30 Quangle Wangle Choir At Durlston Castle. Tickets £6.
- Mon 8th
10:00 Wareham Area Senior Forum At Wareham Parish Hall (on Wareham Quay). A talk on the Royal Navy's activities during WW1.
- Tue 9th
19:30 Wareham Camera Club Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. Maureen Toft - "Straight and not so Straight". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
19:30 Belvedere Singers "Come & Sing" Evening At All Saints Church, Ulwell, Swanage. Come and enjoy a friendly workshop rehearsal with the Choir and our new Musical Director, Rebecca Bruton. No experience is necessary, just come and meet us and enjoy a fun sing. We sing a variety of music - classical, folk, show tunes and some pop. We meet on Tuesday evenings at All Saints for two-hour rehearsals (with a break for refreshment and chat) preparing for our twice yearly concerts. Money raised from these concerts goes to a designated charity. Come along for an evening of singing with tea, coffee and cake!!
- Wed 10th
14:00 Stoborough WI At Stoborough Village Hall. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - Esme James.
19:00 Swanage Senior Forum At The Emmanuel Community Hall, Victoria Ave. Kim Gallagher from The Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust to speak.
- 19:30 Studland WI Meets at Studland Village Hall. Harvest Supper followed by games. Competition: Three Homemade Biscuits.
- Thu 11th
10:00 'Threads' Exhibition At The Grand Hotel, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423353
14:00 The Craft Group Meeting at Winfrith Village Hall, to learn about Crazy Patchwork. All are welcome.
19:00 Talk: C Class Catamarans 'The Little America's Cup' At Weymouth College. Team Invictus is a Bristol-based team sharing a common vision to produce a highly efficient and exceptional craft to compete in the next International C-Class Catamaran Challenge. The lecture will cover the event, how it started and how it has evolved over the years.
19:00 Purbeck Arts Choir Welcoming new members to their first rehearsal this term for Karl Jenkins "The Armed Man" at Swanage Primary School 7.00 - 9.30pm. For more info ring 425865.
- Fri 12th
* Dorset Buildings Group Exhibition At Wareham Library, South Street. Architectural Heritage Week. Children welcome, cameras welcome, no dogs. Drop in clinic on the Saturday -Living with old buildings. Fri 12-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm.
* Inside Out Dorset art festival Ffi: www.insideoutdorset.co.uk
10:00 'Threads' Exhibition At The Grand Hotel, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423353
19:00 Purbeck Railway Circle Meets in Harmans Cross Village Hall, Haycrafts Lane, Harmans Cross. Peter Foster will deliver a slide presentation entitled "London's Railways" 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
- Sat 13th
* Dorset Buildings Group Exhibition At Wareham Library, South Street. Architectural Heritage Week. Children welcome, cameras welcome, no dogs. Drop in clinic on the Saturday -Living with old buildings. Fri 12-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm.
* Civil War Academy At Corfe Castle. Ffi: 01929 481294 / www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle.
09:00 Purbeck Produce Farmers Market At Commercial road, Swanage. Local produce from local producers. Ffi: www.purbeckproducts.co.uk
09:30 Freebay Tabletop Sale At The URC, Swanage. Free table and entry. Ffi and to book a table: 01929 422406.
10:00 'Threads' Exhibition At The Grand Hotel, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423353
10:00 Ride & Stride National Fundraising Day Organised by Dorset Historic Churches Trust. Cycle, walk or even horse ride to Dorset's chapels and churches and raise sponsorship for the maintenance of Dorset's historic churches. Ffi: 01305 260004 or email anna-butler@hotmail.co.uk.
11:00 Art Exhibition At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.
- Sun 14th
* The Purbeck Marathon "The UK's No.1 Marathon!" - Runners World 2013. Ffi: www.thepurbeckmarathon.co.uk
11:00 Art Exhibition At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.
14:00 Jim Etherington At The Black Swan Inn, Swanage. Ffi: 01929 423846 www.blackswanswanage.co.uk
15:30 The Big Purbeck Party At Wilkswood Farm, Valley rd, Swanage. Tickets £10 advance, (£12 on the day) available from Kings Arms Stoborough, Replayed Records. To include hog roast.
- Mon 15th
10:00 Dorset Buildings Group Exhibition At Wareham Library, South Street. Architectural Heritage Week. Children welcome, cameras welcome, no dogs.
11:00 Art Exhibition At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.
20:00 Kirstin Andreassen & Jefferson Hamer Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Tue 16th
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
11:00 Art Exhibition At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.
14:00 New Christian Spiritualist Church At The Community Hall at Queensmead Swanage.

- 19:30 Wareham Camera Club Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "Royal Photographic Society & PAGB CD's". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
- Wed 17th
- 11:00 **Art Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.
- 14:30 **Studland History Group** Meets in the Village Hall for a talk by Stewart Rainbird, "The Role of the National Trust at Studland". All welcome. Ffi 01929 439245.
- 19:30 **Swanage Garden Society** At Herston Hall, Swanage. A talk- 'Rockeries', by Neil Lovesey.
- 19:30 **Wareham & District Archaeology & Local History Soc** Meets at Wareham Town Hall. Talk by Dr. Miles Russell of Bournemouth Uni on: The Durotriges Project. Visitors welcome, £2.
- Thu 18th
- 19:00 **Dorset Button Industry** - Talk At the Dorset History Centre, Dorchester, local Dorset button expert Anna McDowell will be presenting a fascinating talk about the Dorset Button industry, there will also be a display of Dorset Singleton buttons created by an array of buttoners across the world.
- 19:30 **Purbeck Arts Choir** Rehearse at Swanage Primary School 7.30 - 9.30pm. For more info ring 425865.
- Fri 19th
- 14:00 **Whitetop Mountain Band** Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- 19:30 **Bourne2Sing Male Voice Choir** At Winfrith Village Hall, £5. Tickets on the door, available from Winfrith Village Stores or call 01305 852117 to reserve (leave a message). In aid of Winfrith Village Hall improvements (charity no 286849).
- 19:30 **Swanage Photographic Society** Meets in the Rectory Classroom, Church Hill at 7.30pm. For: 3 linked Images 'Open'. Judge: Members Outing Images 'Open' Judge: Bob Hollister. Visitors welcome. ffi Colin Brixton - 423841
- Sat 20th
- * **Paddington Bear** at Swanage Railway Ffi: www.swanagerailway.co.uk / 01929 425800.
- * **Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival** Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
- * **Little Green Festival** At California Barn, Swanage. Celebrating all things green, food, energy, wildlife and conservation, gardens, produce, music and camping. Free entry, parking £3. Ffi: www.californiabarn.co.uk
- 10:00 **Books, Coffee and Cake** At Moreton Village Hall (DT2 8RF) 10am to 12 noon FREE ENTRY Huge selection of books for just 25p a book. Home made/grown produce and crafts too. Donation of books always welcome. 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
- 20:00 **Woman Wants Tall Man** Live Music at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.
- Sun 21st
- * **Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival** Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
- Tue 23rd
- * **Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival** Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
- 19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. "League Competition No 1". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.
- Wed 24th
- 06:00 **Swanage School Open Evening** Call 01929 500599 to arrange a tour. Ffi: www.theswanageschool.co.uk
- Thu 25th
- 19:30 **Langton Matravers Preservation Society** In the Village Hall - Reg Saville will give an illustrated talk on 'Langton Matravers Rectories and their occupants'. Everyone welcome ---Members £ 2.50 and non-members £ 3.50
- 19:30 **Purbeck Arts Choir** Rehearse at Swanage Primary School 7.30 - 9.30pm. For more info ring 425865.
- Fri 26th
- * **Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival** Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
- 10:00 **Coffee Morning** At The Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue. As part of the McMillan 'Biggest in the World' scheme. Come along and enjoy superb cakes and coffee and bring a friend for company!
- Sat 27th
- * **Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival** Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
- * **Sausage & Cider Day** At Holme Nurseries, Wareham. Local suppliers, stalls, music, taster tables and more! Ffi: 01929 554716
- * **Besieged and Betrayed Re-enactment** At Corfe Castle. Ffi: 01929 481294 / www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle.
- 09:30 **Big Breakfast Bazaar** At Emmanuel Baptist Church, 160 Victoria Avenue. Loads of bargains in household goods, gifts, glass, china, ornaments, clothes, toys, books and more PLUS delicious croissants and bacon rolls for breakfast! Come and enjoy it all!
- 10:00 **"Who do you think we are"** Wareham Town Council Open Day. Attendees: Wareham Town Council, Purbeck CAB, Swanage and Wareham RFC and Safe Partnership. Contact Details: 01929 553006
- 20:00 **Damarham Live Music** at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.

20:30 **Sons of the Delta** At The Legion, Swanage Free admission.

Sun 28th

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Swanage and Purbeck Walking Festival Ffi: www.walkswanage.com
Besieged and Betrayed Re-enactment At Corfe Castle. Ffi: 01929 481294 / www.nationaltrust.org.uk/corfecastle.

10:00 **'Together For Alzheimers'** 5k The annual 5k family walk and fun run is set to go ahead from Hyde Lodge, Hyde, Wareham Forest, Wareham. Last year's event saw 67 people take part, raising £2,300 for the Alzheimers Society. Walkers and runners that would like sponsorship forms can contact 01929 553642 or email getfitwithalex@yahoo.co.uk.

14:00 **Ben Waters Live Music** at The Square & Compass Inn, Worth Matravers. Ffi: 01929 439229.

Mon 29th

10:00 **'A Dorset Woman at War'** At Dorset County Museum, Dorchester. 'Mabel Stobart and the Retreat from Serbia 1915'. Ffi: 01305 262 735

11:00 **Art Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.

Tue 30th

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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

11:00 **Art Exhibition** At The Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale. Free Admission.

19:30 **Wareham Camera Club** Meets at Parish Hall, Wareham. Rosemary Wilman - "A Bit of This & A Bit of That". Visitors welcome. Contact Roger Starling on 01929 553822.

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 Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Offering peer support and breastfeeding counsellor advice. Till 12 noon. Ffi: 552864
- 11.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Swanage Library till 1pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities
- 12.30 Young Parent's Group at Wareham Children's Centre, Streche Road, Wm. Ffi: 552864. Till 2pm. Transport Available.
- 13.15 EBC TOTS meet Emmanuel Baptist Ch, Victoria Ave, Sw. Til 2.45. £1 per child.
- 14.00 Herston Senior Citizens meet Herston Hall, Jubilee Rd, Sw. All welcome
- 14.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 3pm. With Penny at the Mowlem Community Room, Sw. Ffi 07969925502
- 16.15 Swanage Football Club U-7s Training til 5.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 17.15 Swanage Football Club U-9s Training til 6.15pm. £1. Ffi: 426346
- 18.00 Swanage Youth Club. School years 7&8. Till 8.30pm
- 18.45 Sw Hockey Club Training Wm Sports Centre. Till 8. 424442
- 19.00 Sw Town Band rehearsals. Town Hall Council Chamber. Till 8.30. 426926
- 19.00 Wm Bridge Club at the Library, South St. 552257
- 19.00 Wareham Short Mat Bowls Club Roll-up evening Furzebrook VH. 401799
- 19.30 Swanage Musical Theatre meet Swanage Bay View Complex Rehearsal Room. All welcome. Ffi: 426161
- 19.45 Badminton Group meet at the Purbeck Sports Centre until 9.15pm for games of mixed doubles. Ffi, please call Kate on 01929 421806 or email katespurling@btinternet.com
- 20.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 10
- 20.00 Sw Royal British Legion BINGO. High St, Sw
- 20.15 Dorset Buttons Morris Practice. URC Hall, Wm. 423234/421130
- 20.30 Wm Swimming Club Adults. All standards + stroke improvement. Till 10
- 22.00 Sw Youth Centre Club Night (16+) Till 11.59
- EVERY THURSDAY**
- 08.30 Wm Home Producers Veg, cakes, plants, flowers, handicrafts. URC. New producers/helpers welcome. Till 11. 553798
- 09.00 Swanage Painting Club. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Rd, Sw. Friendly group. New members including beginners welcome. Till 1pm. Ffi: Jan on 01929 480471
- 09.30 Pottery Classes held in Wareham. Till 11.30am. For details contact Rachel 01929 480455 to book 15pw.
- 10.00 PEEP for 2 year olds at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. A six week course in early childhood learning. Please call to book a place on 552864. Till 11.30am
- 10.00 Wm Parent & Toddler Group During term Parish Hall, Quay Till 11.45. 556806
- 10.30 Isle of Purbeck Arts Club Drop In Coffee Morning. Arts Centre, Commercial Rd, Sw. Til 12 noon. Come see find out what the Arts Club does.
- 10.00 Wool Country Market D'Urbeville Hall. Cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, vegetables. Coffee & biscuits available.
- 10.00 Sw Tennis Club Associate Club Session. Til 11am. 426312
- 10.00 Tea, Coffee, Biscuits at Queensmead Hall, Sw. Til 11am. Adm 50p
- 10.00 Volunteer Centre Drop-In at Wareham Library till 12pm. Find out about volunteering to support community groups & charities.
- 10.30 Harman's Cross Village Hall Chinese Art Group
- 10.30 Mid-Week Market Morning Service URC, Church St, Wm. Prayer requests to
- Revd. Simon Franklin 556976
- 13.30 Under 1 year olds at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Anti-natal mums welcome. Till 3pm. Ffi: 552864.
- 13.30 Toddler Group. All Saints' Church, Sw. 423937. Till 3pm (Term times)
- 14.00 Life drawing classes at Harmans Cross Village Hall from 2pm till 4pm. For further information, ring 427621.
- 14.15 Sw Over-60s Meet in the URC Hall, High Street, Sw. All Welcome.
- 15.00 Guided Church Tour at Bere Regis Parish Church. Volunteer-lead tour of this wonderful medieval church. No charge, but donations gratefully received.
- 17.45 Swanage Youth Club. Learning Difficulties and disability (age 11-25) night. Till 7.30pm
- 18.00 Five High Singers, United Reformed Church Hall, Swanage. 11 - 18 years. Till 7pm
- 18.15 Sw Cricket Club Practice till 9pm
- 18.30 Swanage Sea Rowing Club Circuit Training at Swanage Middle School. Ffi: 07776 201455
- 19.00 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 8pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 19.00 Purbeck Gateway Club meets at Wareham Youth Centre until 9pm. Purbeck Gateway is a club for adults with learning difficulties. We meet during term time and have fun! All welcome. Ffi: Lew on 552173. Email: Lewisbell1@aol.com
- 19.15 Wm Town Band Brass & Woodwind players welcome. 551478/01202 242147
- 19.30 Short Mat Bowls in the Durbeville Hall, Wool. All standards welcome, till 9.30pm. Ffi: 552682
- 19.30 Sw Conservative Club Line Dancing
- 19.30 IoP Arts Club Choir meets till 9.30pm at Swanage First School (NOT Dec 14, 21, 28, Jan 4, Feb 22, Apr 5, 12) till May 10
- 19.30 Swanage Youth Club Youth Action (year 7 - sixth form). Till 9.30pm
- 20.00 Swanage Conservative Club Shove Ha'penny.
- 20.00 Herston Hall OAP Committee Bingo Sw
- EVERY FRIDAY**
- 09.00 Stay & Play at Wareham's Children's Centre, Streche Rd, Wm. Till 10.30am. Ffi 552864.
- 09.30 Health Qigong: Fitness and relaxation. Till 10.30pm. With Penny at Furzebrook VH, Wm. Ffi 07969925502
- 09.30 Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group. Catholic Church Hall, Rempstone Road, Swanage. Term time only. Until 11.30am. Ffi: Alex on 07904 412067.
- 10.00 Table Tennis Club Sw FC All ages/abilities £2.50 Till noon. 480093
- 11.00 Toddler Time For Under 5s And Carers. Wareham Library. Stories, songs and crafts. Every Friday, including school holidays. Ffi: 01929 556146
- 14.00 Pottery Classes held in Corfe Castle. 2 - 5pm. Call Rachel 01929 480455 to book. £10pw
- 14.30 Short Mat Bowls at Durbeville Hall, Wool. Till 4.30pm. All standards welcome. Ffi: 552682.
- 18.00 Purbeck War-Game & Model Club. Lower Salvation Army Hall, Kings Rd East, Sw. 426096 (shop hours)
- 18.00 Sw Youth Centre Club 12-13 (Yr 7-9) Till 8
- 18.00 Sw Tennis Club Senior Club Session. 426312
- 18.15 Sw Bridge Club Mowlem Community Room. 423497
- 19.00 Sw Youth Centre Seniors Club Night (Yr 9+) Till 9.30pm.
- 19.00 Swanage Scouts meet during term time at the URC Church Hall, Sw. Open to boys & girls aged 10-14 years. Ffi: swanagescouts4th@hotmail.co.uk
- 19.30 Short tennis for adults at Swanage Football Club. All welcome. Equipment supplied. Till 9.30pm. £3.
- 20.00 BINGO & TEXAS Hold'em Poker at R.B.L. Club, Swanage.
- 20.00 Sw Youth Centre Live Bands (as advertised) Till 10pm.
- 22.00 Sw Youth Centre Late Session (Yr 9+) till 11.59pm (members free)
- EVERY SATURDAY**
- 09.00 Sw CC U11 - U15 Practice till 10.30
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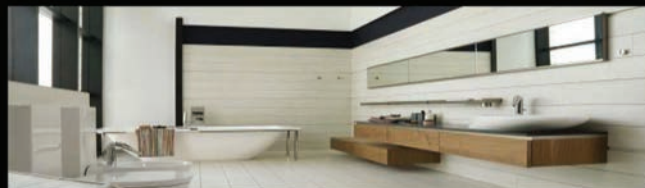
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